

Venice Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Committee

2014-2016 Accomplishments

Mission of the VNC Neighborhood Committee: The committee shall promote greater awareness of available City resources and services and act as a conduit between the Board and Venice neighborhoods, assisting in community outreach and bringing neighborhood issues to the attention of the Board.

Note: The Neighborhood Committee cannot act in its official capacity without VNC Board approval, but encourages its members to contact city departments and council offices directly, acting as individuals, to resolve concerns. The Committee Chair often gets involved on the behalf of Venice neighborhoods.

- 1) Conducted evaluations and rankings for CIP projects in 2014 and 2015 (\$24,000 value of projects).
- 2) Passed resolutions regarding:
 - Short Term Rentals – our motion became the model for the VNC and in turn had an extraordinary influence on the Draft Home Sharing ordinance from LA City Planning; resubmitted by VNC with comments on Draft Ordinance – awaits planning consideration, committee and city council action
 - Stationing DOT Traffic Control Officers at entrance streets to Beach Parking Lots – taken up by CD-11 office and included in 2015-2016 Budget.
 - Improving crosswalks and traffic flow in the Washington, Pacific, Strongs Drive area – LA DOT approved scramble crosswalk at Washington & Pacific; funding in proposed 2016-2017 budget
 - Big Blue Bus (BBB) route alignment – our initial hearing on the subject lead to a public, well-attended meeting with BBB representatives (hosted by Councilmember Bonin) that has resulted in a proposed alternative route that BBB is considering
 - Haul truck idling on Lincoln Blvd – resulted in motion from CD11 – awaiting Transportation Committee hearing, report from Public Works and City Council action
 - Loss of RSO Units due to weak Ellis Act controls – HCIDLA report calling for amending city ordinances to strengthen protections and enforcement – awaits committee and council action
 - Better enforcement of condition compliance restrictions on City Planning Permits – city has increased funding & staffing for Condition Compliance Unit (CCU) but has restricted its activities to Beverage (CUB) and Entertainment (CUX) conditions; needs new motion
 - Bike Safety – awaits City Council motion
 - Sidewalks on Mildred – motion requires new construction on Mildred to include sidewalks; passed by Neighborhood Council – awaits city action
- 3) Worked with residents, DOT, LAUSD and CD11 to develop plans for improving traffic flow near Westside Global Awareness Magnet, resulting in approval of a Scramble Crosswalk at Washington and Pacific
- 4) Provided CD11 and DOT with a list of crosswalk and intersection recommendations
- 5) Provided Bureau of Street Services with a list of recommended street repairs
- 6) Identified over 400 sidewalk maintenance issues and requested repairs

7) Worked on getting more trashcans in Venice

8) Engaged with various City departments to address the following neighborhood issues:

- Oakwood: Speeding and tree trimming along Brooks, worked with LAPD and community activists to understand police actions at Oakwood Park
- Silver Strand: The installation of new electrical transformers, greatly reducing the number of power outages. Maintained pressure on Bureau of Engineering and CD11 to initiate construction of the Via Dolce Park.
- Venice Canals: Bridge repairs – completing a five year effort, City finally repaired walk bridges over Venice Canals.
- Silver Triangle: Street Repairs and installation of traffic signal near Coeur d'Alene School; Prioritizing re-paving of McKinley
- Marina Peninsula: Lighthouse Bridge repairs
- East of Lincoln: Parking issues on streets surrounding Lincoln Place
- Rose Ave Corridor: Bike lanes on Rose Ave
- Silver Triangle and Canals: worked to stop construction of a restaurant proposed for Ocean Ave. and Mildred that was inconsistent with the residential neighborhoods