



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** February 25, 2016

**Meeting Time:** 7:30AM to 9:00AM

**Meeting Location:** The Terrace Café, 7 Washington Blvd. Marina del Rey CA 90292

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1. 7:30AM – Welcome and Introductions – see [VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee](http://VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee) to see neighborhoods
2. 7:50AM Call to Order & Roll Call: Note: Daniel Pinedo temporarily suspended pending new address

Adam Glick	Arrv 7:45	John Montgomery	
Bill Boyd	Present	John Weston	Present
Carmen Navarro		Lydia Pelosi (on leave)	
Carolyn Rios	Present	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Daniel Pinedo (temp suspended)		Mariana Aguilar	
DeDe Audette	Arrv 7:50	Mark Kanights	
Jay Cole	Present	Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	
Joan Wrede	Present	Sarah Shoup	Present
Guests: Taylor Bazley			

3. Approve Agenda Motion: AG/CR      8-0-1    APPROVED
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
  - a. VNC Board Elections      Marc - Candidates Meet & Greet at 6:00PM 2/25
  - b. Kim's Mrkt      Sarah – Permitting for Mrkt only, no restaurant, no bar
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.
  - a. Sand on Bike Path      Carolyn
6. Approve minutes from previous meetings – [1/28/16](#) Motion: JHW/CR      8-0-1    APPROVED
7. Report on Last VNC Board Meeting
8. Old Business:
  - a. Discussion of Neighborhood Committee accomplishments and priorities      5 min      Marc
  - b. Discussion and possible action regarding Sidewalk Repairs      10 min      Marc
    - The City's Small Asphalt Repair Truck will be in Venice 3/24 – we will be
    - Creating an inventory of Venice Sidewalk repairs. Surveys (see Appendix 1 for sample smartphone form) must be complete by 3/14. Sidewalk uplifts or .5"to 4" are "minor repairs." And can be fixed now with asphalt. "Major Repairs" will have to wait for City program to repave.
    - The results will submitted 3/17
    - Sidewalk repairs on 3/24
    - We won't survey Lincoln (state maintenance, not City), sidewalks adjacent to City Property (includes Milwood Walk Streets which are technically City Park – these are being repaired on a separate program).
9. New Business:
  - a. Introduction of Taylor Bazley, new Venice Field Deputy for Venice      15 min      Marc
  - b. Discussion & Possible Action re: Big Blue Bus Route changes      10 min      Marc

Public Comment. Organizing effort by Angela Campbell. Concerns about notification process, state law permitting the route changes, impact on property values, traffic safety, alternative routes

MOTION: SS, JC, JW, JHW / CR 8-0-1

See: Appendix 2 - Big Blue Bus Motion for Text
  - c. Discussion and Possible Action re: City of LA Homeless Strategy      15 min      Marc

Marc discussed City Homeless Strategy; The City's plan consists of 62 Services, and Governance. The full report is over 259 pages (a 256 megabytes download) and

includes separate strategies addressing Preventive Services, Case Management, Housing, Supportive. It can be found at: [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-1138-S1\\_misc\\_02-05-2016.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-1138-S1_misc_02-05-2016.pdf).

Because the full report is so information dense, Marc created two smaller documents that focus on the suggested implementation timeline for the strategies. The first can be found at: <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Year-1-City-Homeless-Items-.pdf>. These twelve strategies are suggested for implementation this fiscal year. In some case, funding would have to be diverted from existing budgets to implement a strategy; in some cases, the cost to the City is negligible and the item can be implemented without juggling the budget.

The second document can be found at <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Year-2-City-Homeless-Items-.pdf>. These 13 strategies (4 are carried over from year 1) are the strategies recommended for implementation in the 2016-2017 budget year – the Mayor will have to include them in his budget request and/or the City Council will have to approve them as budgeted items for the next fiscal year. Presumably, any items that did not make it into the current fiscal year would be added to the recommendations for 2016-2017.

The County has created its own Homeless strategy document. It was developed in consultation with the City so the City strategy and County strategy are complementary with each other. The County’s 240 page document can be found at: <http://priorities.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/02-09-16-BL.pdf>

Again, since this document is daunting in size, Marc created a subset of the County’s plan, excerpting the “Phase 1 Strategies.” It can be found at:

[http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/CountyHomelessInitiative\\_160209\\_Phase1\\_Strategies\\_.pdf](http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/CountyHomelessInitiative_160209_Phase1_Strategies_.pdf) and is described as: “a sub-set of ... strategies ... that will have the most impact in the shortest time, [the County] recommends that implementation of these strategies commence by June 30, 2016.”

JHW recommended that the VNC Neighborhood Committee schedule a special meeting to discuss the plans with CD11 and perhaps County people in attendance to help us understand. Marc polled the committee members in attendance and John’s suggestion was agreed to by all. Marc will organize, getting a date, venue and presenters from both City and County.

- d. Neighborhood Committee Reports - [Postponed](#) 10 min Committee
- e. Next Regular Meeting – March 31, 2016 at 7:30PM (5<sup>th</sup> Thursday) 1 min Marc

10. 9:00 – Adjourn

**Appendix 1 – Sidewalk Repair Survey Form (developed for Smart Phone)**

**Sidewalk Repair Reporting - Template**

\* Required

1. **Street Address of Repair \*** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Is Repair an uplift of .5" TO 4"?**

If repair is misalignment of sidewalk sections due to uplift of one of them, enter displacement in inches

*Mark only one oval.*

- No
- .5" to 1"
- 1" to 2"
- 2" to 3"
- 3" to 4"
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Major Repair Type (skip if minor uplift)**

*Mark only one oval.*

- None
- Broken Sidewalk - multiple breaks in pavement Buckled
- Crumbled / Crushed - multiple cracks with pavement pieces knocked out
- Rough Pavement - uneven pavement or previous repair
- Large Uplift - uplift greater than 4"
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Linear Feet of Major Repair**

Enter length, in feet, of area to be repaired \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Type of Building / Street the Repair is Located in Front of**

*Mark only one oval.*

- Residential
- Residential / Tourist Access Retail / Restaurant / Commercial Offices / Employers
- Medical Facility
- Major Highway / Access Corridor
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix 2 - Big Blue Bus Motion

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council's Neighborhood Committee recommends that the VNC Board approve the resolution below titled: Recommended Los Angeles City Actions re: Big Blue Bus Route Changes of 2/21/2016

**Whereas:** The Big Blue Bus, a City of Santa Monica department providing bus service to adjacent cities and communities, has made major route changes in Venice to its # 1 Bus Route (providing service between Venice and UCLA) effective February 21, 2015 that have created hazardous traffic conditions, as outlined below, both inconveniencing local residents and jeopardizing their safety and that of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers, without holding public meetings in Venice to gather input on the changes prior to their becoming effective, and

**Whereas:** Big Blue Bus Route #1 will operate buses along Ocean Avenue up to 93 times each way per day on the new routing and will make stops in both northbound and southbound directions at South Venice;

- Ocean Avenue is a short, narrow, north-south residential street between Venice and Washington with single traffic lanes in each direction, shared bike lanes, parking only on one side of the street with speed bumps, and is already jammed with traffic going to and from Santa Monica, Marina del Rey and now Playa Vista and therefore hazardous for pedestrians, cars and bicycles wishing to ingress and egress from side streets, and
- There is no room to pass or see around a stopped bus on Ocean Avenue, causing frustration for drivers trapped in traffic and creating more hazardous conditions as traffic moves to less congested but more residential streets and alleys

**Whereas:** Big Blue Bus #18 will operate on Rose Street in Venice, a narrow, single lane in each direction, mixed use corridor that already suffers from heavy traffic and hazardous conditions that generate frequent trips along alternative routes in residential neighborhoods, exacerbating already hazardous conditions, and

**Whereas:** the new Big Blue Bus routes have removed service along California Ave in the Oakwood community to Walgrove Blvd and Venice Blvd, inconveniencing residents who rely on the bus to get to shopping areas on Lincoln and to Animo High School, Mark Twain Middle School and Venice High School.

**Therefore be it resolved:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that no later than March 10, 2016 the City of Los Angeles (including CD11 staff, LADOT representatives and Metro representatives) and Big Blue Bus meet with Venice residents to review the new routes, evaluate the safety, congestion, environmental impact and economic concerns raised by the new routing and develop alternative plans; and, pending completion of this review – discontinue the new routing and restore the pre-existing routing.

**Distribution:** LA District 11 City Council Member Mike Bonin, LA DOT, Big Blue Bus (names to follow)