



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 25, 2013

Meeting Time: 7:30PM to 9:00pm

Meeting Location: Extra Space Storage Meeting Room - 658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

Contact: Marc.Saltzberg@VeniceNC.org see: VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee for more information

1. 7:30 – Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick	Present	Joshua Blacker	Present
Antoinette Reynolds	Present	Linda Lucks (ex-officio)	
Bill Boyd	Present	Lydia Pelosi	Present
Colleen Saro	Present	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Daffodil Tyminski	Present	Margot Michon	Present
DeDe Audette		Michael Nelson	Present
Gogi Overhoff		Michael Stenger	Present
Jay Cole	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Present
Jerry Jaffe		Robin Rudisill	Present
Jessica Martinez		Ron Sittler	
<i>Guests:</i>			
Carolyn Rios		Sgt. Dan Gonzalez, LAPD	
Barkley Griggs		Jake Kaufman	

2. Approve Agenda – Motion: MM / LP - Approve unanimously

3. 7:35 – ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice

- a. Venice BBQ on 8/3Volunteers requested for cooking / "ambassadors"
- b. Free Breakfast & Lunch Mon thru Thurs for low-income children (18 & under) at 1st Baptist Church, 685 Westminster. Call: 424-249-2276 for information
- c. Zipline has opened for business
- d. For problems / concerns re: trash on OFW contact Roberto.Inocencio@lacity.org

4. 7:45 – PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.

5. 7:50 – Approve minutes from previous meetings – [6/27/2013](#) Motion: NHC / MS - Approved unanimously

6. 7:55 – Old Business

- a. Discussion with Sgt. Daniel Gonzalez, LAPD re: Bicycle Enforcement Issues
Sgt has come to hear Committee's input and concerns. Since bicycles are generally treated as vehicles under the motor vehicle code (with biggest exception that they are allowed to ride on sidewalks), he'll take our comments back to West Traffic to be addressed by traffic enforcement.

Problems noted: >Wrong way-bike riders on Dell, Speedway; > Lack of reflectors and lights on bicycles make them extremely unsafe at night; > Poorly trained and irresponsible bike riders weave thru traffic, ignoring stop signs (Ocean Ave, Rose and other streets), ignoring road direction conventions and cross walks; > towing dogs on-leash.

Similar complaints heard about skate-boarders. > OFW has problems w/ Segway riders. > At the same time, the bike path is frequently unsafe to ride on due to un-swept sand, pedestrians and unsafe skateboard and Segway riding (encouraging bikers to use OFW and Speedway) > Cars blast through stop-signs (Lake St. and Oxford Triangle mentioned) and ignore bike safety needs. > Drivers and riders are often disrespectful of each other, putting both at risk.

Suggestions: > Training and education of riders on becoming better riders; > posting and / or flyers (with traffic rules) as part of bike rental experience (and bike sharing when implemented in Venice); > improved sweeping of bike path; > Bike path on Speedway; > Enforcement efforts aimed at bike safety on city streets, bike path and OFW, ticketing both riders and drivers for infractions.

Contact Sr. Lead Officer Kristen Delatorre email at 32914@lapd.lacity.org

- b. Discussion w/ Jake Kaufman. Chair of VNC Land Use and Planning Committee re: Alcohol permitting. LUPC (meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in Oakwood Rec Center at 6:45pm) looks at each Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application as to determine how it will impact community; whether it will benefit community (nightlife can decrease crime); whether granting or withholding permit is "fair" to a business, and the conditions already in place on other CUPs in a particular "zone."
Concerns: Washington OFW, is saturated with CUPS; too many, too dense. Other areas – Windward, Abbot Kinney and parts of Rose have similar problems; CUPS (both restaurants and bars) are too dense in these areas.
Jake says that LUPC welcomes this input because they need to know when an area has too many CUPS. He suggests we "put a map on the wall" and work together on an by area basis. We'll schedule a joint meeting with LUPC to talk further.
 - c. Report on Lincoln Place Apartments (Michael Stenger) -- 795 new and refurbished units to be completed by end of 2014. One-third have been completed and are renting w/ one bed room unit (650 sf) going for 2000 per month. 1/7 of units (113) are reserved for low income. 50 units are reserved for current tenants and illegally evicted tenants. Garage parking for 1 car per unit – all other parking is on street.
 - d. Review of Community Improvement Project Ranking Process
 - i. Outreach – Number of Applications Received
 - ii. Rules – Eligibility, Deadlines, Ongoing Activities
 - iii. Process – Ranking Criteria, Ranking Meeting, Balancing Diversity with Application Quality
 Main problem appears to be with definitions / application of criteria to projects. Need better differentiation between "build community" and "enhance the community." Ivan / Marc will work on criteria.
- 7. 8:30 – New Business
 - a. Discussion of unpermitted (and therefore illegal) boat docks in the Canals Neighborhood **POSTPONED**
 - b. Neighborhood Reports **POSTONED**
 - 8. Next Meeting – August 22nd at 8am.
 - 9. 9:00 – Adjourn