



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint Meeting of the Board & Administrative Committee Agenda

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room

658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

Monday, August 11, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

ACTION: No Board quorum. Meeting proceeds as Administrative Committee meeting.
Present: Marc Saltzberg (MS), Helen Stotler (HS), Hugh Harrison (HH), Abigail Myers (AM), Eduardo Manilla (EM)
Absent: Mike Newhouse (MN), Melissa Diner (MD), Ira Koslow (IK),

2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**

ACTION: Agenda approved, as amended to include 6B (HH/EM, 4-0-1)
For: HS, HH, AM, EM
Against: None
Abstain: MS

3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/VNC-140707AdComMinutes.pdf>
ACTION: Minutes approved (HH/AM, 3-0-2)
For: IK, MS, HS
Against: None
Abstain: EM, MS

4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**

Ivan Spiegel reminds everyone about the Congress of Neighborhoods at City Hall on September 20, starting at 8:30 am. Looks like Empower LA may be able to keep unused budget from 2013-14 fiscal year.

5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**

None.

6. **New Administrative Committee Business**

[Discussion and possible action.]

A **Consideration and approval of July 15, 2014 Proposed Board Agenda**

ACTION: Board Agenda approved as amended. (IK/EM, 4-0-1) [IK joined and AM left during consideration of Board Agenda]
For: IK, EM, HS, HH
Against: None



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Abstain: MS

B Explanation of AdCom deadlines

AdCom agenda is Tuesday before Monday AdCom. That is also effectively Board deadline as the Board agenda comes from AdCom. For some projects, we have “placeholders” to keep transparent when exigencies require.

7. Adjourn

ACTION: Adjourned. (HS/HH, 5-0-0)

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DRAFT Board of Officers Meeting Agenda **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM**

BOARD MEETINGS: The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

TRANSLATION Services: Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de notificar a la oficina 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Si necesita asistencia con esta notificación, por favor llame a nuestra oficina 213.473.5391.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: The public is requested to fill out a "**Speaker Card**" to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on these agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other agenda matters or on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless modified by the presiding officer of the Board. No new speaker cards will be accepted once Public Comment has begun.

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ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 2 minutes)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:03PM – 2 minutes)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/140617BoardMinutes.pdf>
4. **Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 1 minute)**
5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications (7:06PM -- 1 minute)** All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications relating to items on the meeting's agenda
6. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:07PM – 45 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment]
 - A **Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, Sgt. Theresa Skinner, Lt. Lydia Leos, OFW Beach Detail Supervisor.
Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.
 - B **Government Reports (10 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
 - **City Councilmember Mike Bonin**, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org);



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- **LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors: OFW Safety**, John Kelly 310-305-9532
- **Congressman Henry Waxman**, Representative Lisa Pinto; Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, 310-318-6994
- **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford** 310.412.6400 Matt Stauffer Matt.Stauffer@asm.ca.gov
- **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, Maria Chong mccastillo@bos.LACounty.gov
- **Mayor Eric Garcetti**, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) 213-978-0836
- **Venice Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library**, Rachel Bindman, Librarian (rbindman@lapl.org)

C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- **President** - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)
- **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)
- **Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils**- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)** Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- **Venice Chamber Of Commerce**: Eduardo Manilla, (Eduardo.Manilla@VeniceNC.org)
- **Ivan Spiegel to announce Congress of Neighborhoods**
- **Hugh Harrison to report on Budget Day**

D Presentation by Los Angeles Alliance for New Economy (LAANE) with respect to Trash Industry Reform (10 minutes) (Cristal Hermosillo from LAANE, chermosillo@laane.org)

Recently, The LA city council voted to implement the zero waste franchise system, which will transform the structure of waste and recycling for local business and apartment buildings. This reform will surely help towards meeting the city of LA's zero waste goal and stopping our dependence on landfills. This new system will stand as a national model - with robust competition, highest possible standards and accountability - for greater recycling; fair rates; quality services; clean trucks; and good, safe jobs for everyone. LAANE will make a presentation to inform the council about the up and coming reform to the trash industry in our area and how everyone can be a part of these exciting changes.

E Free Storage Venice Update (10 minutes) (Steve Clare, sclare@vchcorp.org)

Presentation only: Free Storage Venice will show a video (6:05 minutes) followed by an update presented by Steve Clare.

7. Consent Calendar (7:52PM -- 1 minute)

[All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.]

A Cushy Tushy Diaper Drive Sponsorship (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Neighborhood Committee, VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board agrees to be a sponsor of the Cushy Tushy Diaper Drive to be coordinated by Nancy Feinberg and Faith Spelbring of First Lutheran Venice. The event will be held on Saturday, October 11, next to Fire Station 63 from 10-1. They will be accepting diaper donations and distributing



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them to local Venice organizations that have a client population that would be in need of this service. All recipients will need to submit an application specifying the needs of their clientele and be approved. The VNC logo will appear on their fliers and Facebook page.
APPROVED BY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE 12-0 on July 24, 2014.

- B** **ACTION: Moved to New Business 11A (MS/HH, 3-1-1)**
For: HH, EM, AM
Against: HS
Abstain: MS

Board and Committee Agenda Posting Policy (Ira Koslow on behalf of Rules & Elections Committee, ira.koslow@venicenc.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS, BONC and EmpowerLA have changed the posting policies as follows (see http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Neighborhood-Council-Agenda-Posting-Requirements_Policy-2014-01_Adopted-05-06-14.pdf for full text):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the VNC Board shall adopt Standing Rule 28 in compliance with the new policy:

Standing Rule 28 – Board and Committee Agenda Posting Policy

1. The agenda shall be posted or linked on the appropriate Board or Committee page and posted or linked on the Calendar on the VNC website.
 2. Posted at Beyond Baroque as the 24 hour accessible site, and the Venice Library.
 3. A copy of all regular and Special Board and Committee agendas shall be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at: NC Support ncsupport@lacity.org to be posted through the Early Notification System (ENS).
8. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:53PM -- 5 minutes)**
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

IK arrived. AM left.

9. **Old Business (7:58PM -- 5 minutes)** *[Discussion and possible action]*

Creation of Ad Hoc Business Committee (5 minutes) (George Francisco, Community Officer, George.Francisco@VeniceNC.org)

MOTION: The VNC hereby creates the Ad Hoc Business Committee with the following Mission Statement, as approved by AdCom:

Mission Statement: The AdHoc Business Committee shall enhance the vitality of life in Venice by supporting existing local businesses, encouraging entrepreneurship and attracting new business and employment opportunities to Venice and Venice residents, and to advocate for the development of



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public policy and strategies that result in balanced and sustainable economic growth. The Committee shall expire after one year or the seating of a new Board, whichever comes first.

10. LUPC (8:03PM – 2:05 minutes) (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

- A 2536 Lincoln Blvd; Case No: ZA-2014-1613-PAD; 15 mins**, Addition of a 440 sf outdoor patio with food and alcoholic beverage service to an existing 2,317 sf music venue: Under 12.24M, a Plan Approval to allow the 19% expansion of a deemed-approved conditional use for on-site existing bar/music venue with on-site alcohol sales that has been operating continuously since 1969; and under 12.24L, a request to establish deemed-approved status for an existing bar/music venue with on-site alcohol sales that has been operating continuously since 1969. **LUPC vote, 6-0-1, July 29, 2014, need link to docs, RR to provide**

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends ~~that~~ the project as set forth on Exhibit A, page A.1 of the Plot Plan as of 7-29-14, with the following conditions:

1. HVAC installed, which is enclosed to baffle noise to the neighborhood
2. Rear door to be used for emergency exit only, which will remain closed when not in use, which has an alarm and will be enclosed by a protective wall on the outside.
3. Plan approval within one year of approval; unless all residential property owners within 200', as well as the first 3 property owners across Lincoln on both sides of Grant, sign off that they have been no complaints.
4. A parking covenant for the additional 4 spaces (and not a contract), and that there will be no leasing of the parking lot to other uses besides the tenants on the property.
5. A free bike valet will be implemented.
6. Security cameras will be installed on the alley side, and the video feed will be made available to nearby residents on request.

- B MOTION:** The VNC Board recommends that L.A. City Planning inform AT&T, and any other applicants who are not cooperative in getting the VNC's recommendation on their case, that they must coordinate with the VNC to go through their process in order to receive the VNC's recommendation PRIOR TO the date of their City Hearing. **LUPC vote: 8-0-0, 8/5/14 meeting**

ACTION: Rewritten motion moved to consent calendar (HH/EM, 4-0-1)

For: HH, HS, EM, IK

Against: None

Abstain: MS

- C Presentation of 5 minutes from Tricia Kane, then 5 minutes for Q&A (10 mins total) MOTION:**

The VNC Board recommends that the L.A. City Council support AB2222, currently in the State Senate, which amends SB1818. **LUPC vote: 6-0-2, 8/5/14 mtg, RR to get links to HS to add description**

- D 320 Sunset; Case Nos: ZA-2013-3376-CDP-CUB-SPP and ENV-2013-3377-MND and ZA-2013-1317-CEX and DIR-2013-1314-VSO; Change of use from bakery/bakery accessory to bakery/bakery accessory/restaurant/take-out restaurant/with CUB for on-sale full line of liquor/off-sale beer and wine only. (1 hour) [Placeholder for EXHIBIT for staff report], NEED ACCURATE VOTE: 7-0-1 (RR recused), 8/5/14 meeting**

MOTION:

The VNC recommends denial of the project at 320 Sunset Ave, as it is currently designed.



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The LUPC also recommends that the VNC inform the Applicant that the VNC would SUPPORT a new project application which contains the following terms and restrictions in the application itself:

1. A bakery with sale of baked goods, sandwiches, and accessories, but with no table service;
2. No more than 25 indoor seats without table service, fully enclosed as required, with the service floor area including path of travel commensurate with the indoor seats. No outdoor seating with the area immediately south of the structure to be used instead as dedicated parking for patrons;
3. No sales of alcohol on or off-site;
4. Free parking for all employees during their shift, either on-site or within 750' of the site;
5. The application include provision for a covenant for the lot immediately west of the structure to be used as parking for bakery patrons in perpetuity, so long as 320 Sunset operates as a retail establishment;
6. The curb directly in front of the premises shall not be used as a loading zone or designated as a loading zone or as parking for the exclusive use of the bakery, or as a valet spot;
7. All deliveries to be completed by 9 a.m.
8. All trash collection to be done Monday through Saturday, via Sunset Avenue only.

- E 2404 Boone; Case Nos: ZA-2014-1111-CDP-MEL and ENV-2014-1112-CE (dated 4-3-14) and DIR-2014-2215-VSO-MEL (dated 6-23-14); Demo of (E) SFD & construction of (N) 2-story, 33'10", 2,956 sf SFD, on a 3,599 sf lot (4-3-14) AND with VSO added: w/att 357 sf 2-car garage & 1 uncovered parking, roof deck & RAS, MELLO DIR (6-23-14) (20 mins) LUPC vote: 4-2-2, 8/5/14 [EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The VNC Board recommends the project as presented.

- F 1620 Electric: [placeholder] (20 mins)**

ACTION: All LUPC motions added as amended to Board agenda excluding B which goes to Consent Calendar, (HH/EM, 4-0-1)

For: HS, HH, EM, IK

Against: None

Abstain: MS

- 11. New Business (10:08PM -- 5 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]

- A Deterioration of Venice Bike Path (0 minutes)** (Nick Antonicello, nacount@aol.com)

ACTION: Moved to Consent Calendar (HH/IK, 4-0-1)

For: HS, HH, IK, EM

Against: None

Abstain: MS

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Venice Bike Path has fallen into serious disrepair due to the erosion and deterioration of the grassy area that separates OFW from the path and,

WHEREAS, numerous attempts have been made by written and oral correspondence to the 11th Council District Office as well as the Harbors & Beaches Department of the County of Los Angeles, and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council has now mandated Segways to only travel along the bike path making for increased traffic, and



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WHEREAS, erosion of these knolls has resulted in a permanent hazard for bicyclists along the due north access because of spilling sand that forces bicyclists to stray outside of their appropriate lanes, and

WHEREAS, on windy days the sand accumulation stops bicycle traffic in both directions, and

WHEREAS, the best way to get tourists and residents out of cars is to offer a safe and accessible bike path that relieves the strain of surface traffic closest to Venice Beach, and

WHEREAS, the probability of accidents is highly likely given the current condition of a bike path not renovated or upgraded in decades,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) that a letter be sent to the 11th Council District Office as well as the Third District Supervisor's Office that the deficiencies of the Venice Bike Path be addressed with a capital improvement plan in cooperation with both the City and County.

B **City Council Report with respect to Street Vendors (__ minutes)** (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC, VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council is developing a motion regarding Street Vendors described by a report from the Chief Legislative Analyst re: Council Motion 13-1493 http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1493_rpt_cla_5-13-14.pdf, which recommends:

- Adopt, in concept, a Citywide street vending program and provide recommendations to facilitate, fund and improve the formation and implementation of Special Sidewalk Vending Districts citywide
- [A]report on current street vending enforcement efforts and provide recommendations to improve the enforcement of street vendors including personnel and budget impacts
- [And other activities related to a Street Vending ordinance such as education about such an ordinance, vending of healthy food desserts, develop an effective enforcement strategy, and investigate other economic development programs that can be encouraged concurrently with street vending]

BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council **finds the report inadequate** because it fails to study the impact on residential areas and does not acknowledge that existing commercial/restaurants (which pay sales tax) may lose business to street vendors.

MOTION: MS/HH, for: HH, against: 3, abstain: MS, 1-3-1

Motion to move to Neighborhood Committee, IK/HS, for: all but MS 4-0-1

12. **Treasurers Report (10:08PM -- 10 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, Treasurer@VeniceNC.org) **[EXHIBIT]**

Motion on both: HH/IK, 4-0-1

A **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached Expenditure and Reconciliation forms for the period **July 2014**.

APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 3-0-0 August 5, 2014



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B MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account for September 2014 in the following amounts:

<u>VNC Budget Item</u>	<u>DONE</u>	<u>Vendor (if Known)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Recurring</u>
Office Supplies/Copies	OFF	Office Depot	\$50.00	
Microphone cables	OFF	Amazon	25.00	
Refreshments	EVE	Smart & Final	50.00	
Web Site/E-Mail	WEB	I Power/Constant Contact	120.00	Yes, \$90.00
General Outreach	OUT		300.00	
Stickers	OUT	PsPrint	400.00	
Booth-Abbot Kinney Festival	OUT	Ab Kinney Festival Assc	275.00	
Storage	FAC	Extra Space Storage	233.00	Yes
Meeting site rental	FAC	LAUSD	517.48	
Toy Drive	CIP		1,000.00	
Total			\$ 2,970.48	

APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE 3-0-0 August 5, 2014

13. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction**
(10:18PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)

14. **Adjourn (approx. 10:23PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Mike Newhouse	Communications	Jed Pauker
Arts	Eduardo Manilla	Discussion Forum	Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance	Hugh Harrison	Environmental	Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward
Education	Bud Jacobs	Housing	Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler
Land Use and Planning	Robin Rudisill	Mass/Scale/Character	Sue Kaplan
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Parking/Transportation	Abigail Myers
Ocean Front Walk	Melissa Diner	Public Safety	George Francisco
Outreach	Sylvia Aroth	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers
Rules & Election	Ira Koslow		