



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint Meeting of the Board & Administrative Committee Agenda

Oakwood Recreation Center
767 California Ave., Venice, 90291
Monday, April 21st, 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**
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/140310AdComMinutes.pdf>
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**
[Discussion and possible action.]
 - A Discussion of Use of the VNC web site as the official repository of basic Land Use documents (staff reports, motions and letters), as legally required by DONE as per the City Attorney and possible drafting of motion to the Board on this topic.
 - B **Selection of Committee for Monthly Committee Report**
 - C **Consideration and approval of April 29th, 2014 Proposed Board Agenda**
7. **Adjourn**



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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, April 29th, 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.

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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 – 5 minutes)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:05PM -- 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (7:10PM – 3 minutes)**
4. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications (7:13PM -- 2 minutes)** All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications relating to items on the meeting's agenda
5. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:15PM – 5 minutes)**
March 18th <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/140318BoardMinutesv2.pdf>
April 8th <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/140408BoardMinutes.pdf>
6. **President's Report (7:20PM -- 5 minutes)** (Linda Lucks president@venicenc.org)
Rising Sea Level Forum in Partnership with Heal the Bay - April 30
7. **Public Safety - LAPD Report (7:25 -- 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.*
8. **Special Guest: Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer (7:35PM -- 60 minutes)** [EXHIBIT]
9. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:35PM --10 minutes)**
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]



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10. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (8:45PM – 20 minutes)**

[No discussion or Public Comment]

- A 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); Mark Grant (Mark.Grant@lacity.org)
 - **LA Parks & Recreation-Venice Boardwalk**, Juan Benitez (juan.benitez@lacity.org)
 - **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**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov 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)

B VNC Monthly Committee Report: Parking & Transportation (5 minutes)

[A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]

C Election Report (5 minutes) (Alisa Smith-IEA, Liz Wright, Ivan Spiegel-Election Committee)

11. **Consent Calendar (9:05PM -- 5 minutes)**

[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 Add 'Children Vision Goal' to SR20 (Joseph D Murphy joedmurphy@ca.rr.com on behalf of VNC Discussion Forum Committee)

MOTION: The VNC shall add the following Vision Goal to Standing Rule 20 – VNC Vision Goals: Consider strategies to enhance and broaden opportunities for children to experience exposure to and involvement in all aspects of the economic and cultural vitality of the community.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by Discussion Forum Committee

B Change the Hours of Muscle Beach on Sundays (Tom Elliott on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks extend the hours of operation of Muscle Beach on Sunday to parallel those of Saturday which are 8am-7pm summer and 8am- 5pm winter. Currently Muscle Beach is only open on Sundays from 12pm-4pm. OFW MOTION: Ron, Melissa Second PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

12. **Old Business (9:10PM -- 0 minutes)** *[Discussion and possible action]*

13. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (9:10PM -- 5 minutes)**

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14. LUPC (9:15PM -- 30 minutes) (Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

A 750 California Avenue

(For clarity, the applicants have referred to the front house as having the address 750 California Ave. and the back house as 752 California Ave., and this Motion follows that usage.)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the proposed Small Lot Subdivision at 750 California Avenue, on the following conditions:

1. The VNC supports the applicants' request, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22.C.27(b), for the back house (752 California Ave.), to designate the front yard as the alley, with the back house orienting its front door to the alley.
2. The VNC supports the applicants' request for a reduction in the front and rear yard setbacks, with a ten (10) foot front yard setback for the front house (750 California Ave.) and six (6) foot front yard setback at second floor line for the back house (752 California Ave.), in lieu of the required 15-foot front yard setback. These setbacks are in accordance with the prevailing front yard and rear yard setbacks on the block.
3. The VNC does not support a reduction in the side yards setbacks, and recommends that the requirement of 5' side yard setbacks set forth in the the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance, LAMC Section 12.22.C.27.(e), shall be followed.
4. The VNC supports the applicants' request for a 4-inch building separation in lieu of the required 10-foot separation between the front and rear buildings,, but only on the first floor of the proposed buildings, and only on the condition that there is a 5' building separation at the second floor between the proposed buildings, and this opening is shown on the building plans approved by the City, as indicated in the area circled in red on page A-5 on the plans for the front house (750 California Ave.).
5. Roof deck railings shall be set back 10' from the property line along both side yards.
6. There shall be no structure on the roof other than mechanical equipment and the roof access structure. Any plants or trees placed on the roof which become hedges shall be maintained in perpetuity so that they are no taller than the height of the guardrails, and shall be maintained so that they are 75% transparent and they do not obstruct the light and air circulation for the adjoining neighbors to the east and west.
7. The VNC supports the applicants' request to allow parking in the side yards, unless the City finds that fire and safety issues are implicated.
8. A fifth, substandard parking space shall be created in the front yard setback of the rear house with access to the alley, where indicated on the plans, with level grasscrete and of dimensions 7½' x 15', as indicated in the area circled in red on page A-3.1 on the plans for the back house (752 California Ave.).
9. If an application is made which requests the modification of the conditions of approval of any kind, however minor or slight, all neighbors within a 100' radius shall be notified by mail, and said



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neighbors shall be given at least 30 days to respond before any decision or determination is made by the City.

B Place holder for **1212 Electric Avenue**

15. New Business (9:45PM -- 40 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

A **Community Improvement Projects (10 minutes)** (Tom Elliott on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee)

MOTION: The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council make all future Community Improvement project accessible to all by requiring and providing all applications to be submitted by email and/or mail.

Melissa Motion: Shelly Second.

Thomas Elliott FAVOR
Melissa Diner FAVOR
Ron Kramer FAVOR
Therese Dietlin Abstained
Shelly Gomez FAVOR
4 in favor, 1 abstained, 0 opposed

B **Support Of People St./LA Dot Projects (10 minutes)** (Tom Elliott on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee) **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: Whereas, the VNC previously voted in favor of the joint committee meeting motions regarding hard street closures to include art, monuments, bike corrals and public seating areas, The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the People St./LA Dot projects, including but not limited to, Westminster and any other street already approved by the VNC for hard street closures financially on the contingency the grant(s) are approved.

More info: <http://www.peoplest.org/>

OFW Motion: Melissa, Second, Shelly PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

C **Reporting of Applications for Use of Ocean Front Walk (10 minutes)** (Tom Elliott on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee)

MOTION: The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends to the Venice Neighborhood Council that Rec and Parks make available to OFW Committee on or before the first of each month all pending, accepted and paid applications of public and private events occurring on OFW.

OFW MOTION: Melissa, Second Ron PASSED 4-0-1

D **Vetting of Ice Skating Rink (10 minutes)** (Nick Antonicello nacount@aol.com)

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Eleventh District Council Office is proposing a seasonal ice skating rink for Venice Beach located west of the plaza, and



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WHEREAS, the details of the skating rink as to it's operation, size, price per skater, security, locker access and other important details have not been vetted at this time, and
WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council, like previously proposed projects, has an obligation to vet this so that the community is properly informed before any final approvals are granted, and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council communicate directly with the 11th District Council Member's Office and gain the answers and the information required to properly review the benefits and challenges of the temporary installation of a seasonal skating rink at Venice Beach.

15. Treasurers Report (10:25PM -- 5 minutes); Hugh Harrison Treasurer@Venicenc.org [EXHIBIT]
[Discussion and possible action]

A MOTION: The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period February 22, 2014, through March 21, 2014, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.

B MOTION: Placeholder for the cash request for May.

C MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate \$300 from Board Community Improvement projects related to the Venice clean-up and \$200 from General Outreach to Staffing.
BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVED 3-0-0.

16. VNC Announcements (10:30PM -- 10 Minutes)

- **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:** Erin-Sullivan Ward (erin.ward@venicenc.org)
- **LADWP Oversight Committee** DeDe Audet daudet@ca.rr.com

17. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (10:40PM -- 10 minutes) *[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

18. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:50PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)

19. Adjourn (approx. 10:55PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Linda Lucks	Santa Monica Airport	Ablgail Myers, Laura Silagi
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Visitor Impact	Joseph Shields, Clabe Hartley
Outreach	Matt Kline	Ocean Front Walk	Tom Elliot,
Budget	Hugh Harrison	Public Safety	Sevan Gerard, Mark Kleinman
Land Use and Planning	Jake Kaufman	Environment	Erin Sullivan Ward, Abigail Myers
Education	Bud Jacobs	Arts	Cynthia Rogers, Eduardo Manilla
Rules & Election	Ira Koslow	2013-2014 Elections	Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel
Communications	Helen Stotler	Parking and Transportation	Abigail Myers
Housing	Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler		