



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 31, 2016

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

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

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

- 7:30AM – Welcome and Introductions – see VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee to see neighborhoods
- Call to Order & Roll Call: Note: Daniel Pinedo temporarily suspended pending new address

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

- Approve Agenda **MOTION: Joan W / AG 8-0-1 PASSED**
- ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
 - VNC Board Elections – [Politics Ain't for Sissies](#) Town Hall tonight, 3/31, 7 to 9pm at Westminster Elementary!!
Candidate Filing Deadline on 4/6/16 – Click [HERE](#) for information and forms
 - [Green Venice Expo 2.0](#) on April 9th at Mark Twain from 12pm to 5pm
- PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.
- Approve minutes from previous meetings – [Feb 25, 2016](#) **MOTION: AG / DD 8-0-1 PASSED**
- Report on Last VNC Board Meeting
- Old Business:
 - Possible action based on report from Jesse Holzer, CD11 Transportation Assistant re: placing Bike Lanes on Rose Ave between Lincoln and Pacific
Jesse reported the new plan results in only 2 parking spots and one loading zone lost at 7th & Rose. Committee Discussion – no action taken 5 min Jesse H
 - Discussion and Possible Action re: Neighborhood Committee accomplishments and priorities
Document changes proposed – action postponed to next meeting 5 min Bill B
 - Report on Sidewalk Repairs. 25 locations were patched 3/24
367 locations submitted for repair; 208 minor repairs (for immediate, temporary repair), 159 major repairs (require repaving; as needed tree removal, curb replacement and other improvements prior to repair. These will be long term projects requiring city prioritization and funding)
Identification of additional locations continues. The list is growing into a respectable inventory. 10 min Marc S
 - Status of Big Blue Bus route changes in Venice
A Town Hall style meeting was held on March 9th with Big Blue Bus (BBB) See: <http://argonautnews.com/bus-routes-cut-an-economic-divide/> for the Argonaut's story. Representatives (Mike Bonin moderated) – an estimated 250 residents attended. BBB explained new routes were required to bring passengers to new Expo Line (where there is limited parking). Alternative routes we proposed for BBB Route 1 (one route used ABK to get to MDR; another used Pacific – others presented) and BBB pledged to review the alternatives. Problems with Route 18 were also discussed. 10 min Marc S/Sarah S

Sarah reported an alternative for BBB Route 1 using ABK is receiving further review by BBB and ABK Merchants will be weighing in. The Canals and Ocean Ave, and Silver Triangle residents continue to be involved in asking for changes. No action has been taken to review Route 18.

- e. Discussion of Homeless Town Hall held 3/29/16 10 min Marc S

CD11 Councilmember Mike Bonin held a Town Hall 3/29 to present his plan for implementing the City's new homeless strategy in Venice. See: http://www.11thdistrict.com/venice_homelessness_plan for video and a news release from Mike's office describing the plan. The committee had time for only a few comments; opposition was heard to the idea of placing housing for homeless individuals on the city owned parking lot between North and South Venice (between Pacific and Dell). Taylor explained that this would be a long term process that is just at the beginning – the city will need to determine the number of homeless individuals to be housed. The committee observed that money – lots of it, will be required. The Argonaut story can be found at <http://argonautnews.com/bonin-its-time-to-take-action-on-homelessness/>

- 9. New Business:
 - a. Neighborhood Committee Reports 10 min Committee
 - b. Next Regular Meeting – April 28, 2016 at 7:30AM 1 min Marc
- 10. 9:00am - Adjourn