



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** April 23, 2015

**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. 7:31 – Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick	Arrv 8:20	John Weston	Y
Bill Boyd	Y	Lydia Pelosi (on leave)	
Carmen Navarro		Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Y
Carolyn Rios	Y	Marianna Aguilar	
Daniel Pinedo		Mark Kanights	Y
DeDe Audette		Michael Nelson	Arrv 8:20
Jay Cole	Y	Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Jerry Jaffe	Y	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Y
Joan Wrede	Y	Sarah Shoup	Y
Joe Verrone	Y		
Guests: Stacy Morrissey		Love Mando	
Matthew Beltran		Eleanor Long	
Joanne McCollough		John Montgomery	

3. 7:33 – Approve Agenda **CR/NHC 10-0-1** (Chair abstains from all votes unless chair's vote changes decision)
4. 7:35 – ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
5. 7:40 – PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.  
 Mathew talked about sidewalk repairs  
 John W commented on topless sunbathing motion  
 Mike N Comments regarding needed trash receptacles and prompt graffiti removal at Post Ofc
6. 7:45 – Approve minutes from previous meetings – [03/26/2015](#) MOTION: NHC/MK 10-0-1
7. 7:47 – Report on Last VNC Board Meeting
8. 7:50 – Old Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding Short Term Rentals 20 min Marc Saltzberg  
 (click [HERE](#) for new AirBnB report from LAANE, click [HERE](#) for Curbed LA article on report and [HERE](#) for Neighborhood Committee Report from 2013).  
 Discussion amongst Committee members and public: Comments were: Owner occupied short term rentals are OK / absentee owners are a problem / "strangers" as neighbors is not good for neighborhood / additional income for mom & pop operations is a benefit / change from a residential community to transient community is negative / short terms should be regulated but not eliminated / conversion of garages to short term units and other impacts to parking is an issue / short term rentals can be a problem in a condo / no \$ for health and safety inspections / party renals are a problem / LAANE report was useful information / impact on affordability of rental units needs to be minimized / revenue to city via transient occupancy tax is a benefit / registration of units needs to be required / ArBnB activities need regulation  
 Discussion continued to July meeting to focus on suggested regulations (inspections, posting, health, safety requirements)

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding bike rental distribution of safety info 10 min Sarah Shoup

MOTION: SS/CR 12-0-1

### Bicycle Safety and Bicycle Rental Facilities

The Venice Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Committee recommends that the VNC Board pass the following bicycle safety motion:

**Whereas** Venice Beach attracts millions of tourists each year, many of whom rent bicycles, and

**Whereas** bicycle rental shops rent their equipment without regard to riding ability, knowledge of local ordinances intended for bicycle safety, or knowledge and understanding of lane striping intended to protect bike riders, or knowledge of where bicycle paths go and potential hazards along them, and

**Whereas** bicycle riders who violate Los Angeles City bike safety and traffic ordinance are a hazard to both motor vehicle operators and pedestrians, and

**Whereas** California state law requires that anyone under the age of 18 riding a bicycle (or using inline skates) wear a helmet on a street, bikeway or public bicycle path or trail, including children who are sitting in restraining seats or are being towed in a trailer behind the bicycle and such helmets are provided at no charge by bike rental facilities while but the law does not require such helmets for adults,

**Whereas** hundreds of bicycle accidents involving rented equipment occur in Los Angeles each year that could be avoided with better bike rider education while injuries arising from such accidents could be mitigated with protective equipment;

**Therefore be it resolved** the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that:

1. The Los Angeles City Council request the Department of Transportation to develop a guidebook of basic road regulations and bicycle safety tips and further requires Bicycle Rental Facilities to distribute it to each individual renter/bike rider.
2. Bicycle rental facilities be required to obtain a signed waiver from each rider stating they have read, understand and will abide by California bicycle laws.
3. Los Angeles bicycle vendors / rental companies be required to supply each bicycle rider, regardless of age, with a safety helmet before leaving the location.

- c. Neighborhood Committee Outreach Program and Introduction Cards 5 min Mark Kanights  
Info and picture gathering is in process – Cards will be printed in English – additional cards can be printed in Spanish on request

- d. Report from Neighborhood Committee Goals Coordinators **POSPONED** 5 min

9. 8:30 – New Business:

- a. Report on CIP applications and set date for ranking meeting 10 min Marc Saltzberg  
Several dates / times proposed, 5/28 at 6PM was selected by Marc after input from entire committee.

- b. Neighborhood Reports 30 min Marc Saltzberg

- c. Next Regular Meeting – May 28, 7:30PM (start time changed to 6PM) 1 min Marc Saltzberg

10. 9:00 – Adjourn