



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 29, 2015

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

Meeting Location: Oakwood Rec Center, 767 California St., Venice, CA 90291 Venice, CA 90291

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

1. 7:30PM – Welcome and Introductions – see VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee to see neighborhoods
2. 7:31 – Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick		John Weston	Present
Bill Boyd	Present	Lydia Pelosi	
Carmen Navarro	Present	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Carolyn Rios	Present	Marianna Aguilar	Present
Daniel Pinedo	Present	Mark Kanights	Present
DeDe Audette	Present	Michael Nelson	Present
Jay Cole	Present	Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Nicholas Hippiisley-Coxe	
Joan Wrede		Sarah Shoup	Present
Joe Verrone			
Guests: Dennis Hathaway		Pamela Bower -ABK Triangle Watch	
Nancy Feinberg		Russ Cletta - ABK Triangle Watch	
Marsha Hanscom		Roy Van de Hoek	
Sylvia Aroth			

Thanks to Carolyn Rios for taking minutes

3. Approve Agenda [MOTION](#) – DD/MNAPPORVED 12-0-1 (MS abstains)
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
 - Lizka Mendoza has been promoted from her position as Oakwood Park Director and has been transferred to Mar Vista Rec Center. Congrats Lizka – we'll miss you!
 - The Oakwood Park Advisory Board meets 2/3 at 6:30PM at Oakwood Rec Cntr
 - Joshua Blacker will be the nonvoting alternate to the Neighborhood Committee for Mark Kanights
 - Homeless Count took place on Weds 1/28 – Marc explained the process
 - The Venice Green Expo will be held 2/28 from 12 til 6 at Mark Twain Midle School – click [HERE](#) for flyer
5. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.
 - Pamela and Russ announce formation of Abbot Kinney Triangle Neighborhood Watch
 - Cecilia Castillo, Venice Representative for Council Member Mike Bonin
 1. Money for Canal Bridges Repair, Via Dolce Park and other projects may have been found – prioritization of projects and allocation of funds in process
 2. Encampment clean-ups have increased and will include the area around the City parking lot where the Farmers Market takes place - she also explained "warn, bag, tag" process
 3. CM Bonin has introduce motion to prohibit leaving bulky items in parks has been introduced – discussion of bulky item pickup – use 311 to request
 4. New Rose Ave bathrooms on OFW in final design stages, should go to CCC for permitting soon
 5. CM Bonin has introduced motion to increase funding for conditions
 6. Cecilia can be reached at 310-568-8772 or Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org
6. Approve minutes from previous meetings – [12/04/2014](#) and [1/08/2015](#)
 - 12/4 Minutes [MOTION](#) to approve as amended CR/JW 12-0-1
 - 1/08 Minutes [MOTION](#) MK/MN 12/0/1 – MS abstains in both votes
7. Report on Last VNC Board Meeting
 The VNC Board approved a CIS on Short Term Rentals
8. Old Business:

- a. Neighborhood Committee Outreach Program and Introduction Cards - 5 min Mark Kanights
[Waiting for design from Outreach](#)
- b. Report from Neighborhood Committee Goals Coordinators 5 min
[Sarah & Mark reported that they are waiting for LUPC to provide process for development project notification](#)
9. New Business:
- a. Discussion and possible action regarding placement of markers, plaques, etc. to designate the original Venice canals that were paved over--Grand, Cabrillo, Altair, Market, etc. 15 min Dennis Hathaway
MOTION: [The Neighborhood Committee approves the concept of installing markers \(plaques/signage\) showing the location of the Venice Canals that have been paved over and recommends that a VNC Ad Hoc Committee be formed to investigate, work with the city and other groups \(such as the Venice Chamber of Commerce, Venice Historical Society and Venice Heritage Foundation\) and participate in implementing the idea. MK/CR Vote 12-0-1](#)
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding the "Cushy Tushy Diaper Drive" 10 min Nancy Feinberg
 They seek the endorsement of the VNC for the purpose of promoting the event via the weekly VNC eblast and flyers on the table at the September Board meeting. They are happy to place the VNC logo on their fliers. Also, The Cushy Tushy Diaper Drive will have its own Facebook page and the VNC logo can be placed there as well
MOTION: [The Neighborhood Committee of the VNC recommends that the VNC Board agree to be a sponsor of the Cushy Tushy Diaper Drive DA/DP](#) Vote:12/0/1 (MS abstains)
 Description: [Nancy Feinberg and Faith Spelbring of First Lutheran Venice are planning a diaper drive on Saturday, May 2 in front of First Lutheran Venice at 815 Venice Blvd 10-1. They will be accepting diaper donations and distributing 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.](#)
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding bike rental distribution of safety info 15 min Sara Shoup
 This was discussed at our last Neighborhood Committee Meeting – the thought is to have an ordinance that requires bike rental shops to distribute safety information to renters. MS passed around a handout he received when renting a bike in New Orleans that had a bike route map on one side and safety information on the other side. Mark Kanights has family member who is involved with a chain of bike rental companies – he'll get information on what they do. DOT has been invite to attend our next meeting to describe the City's bicycle program and speak to signage and ordinances applicable to bike and bike / traffic interactions. Motion language will be proposed next month or the following month after we hear from DOT
- d. Discussion of distribution plans for [Community Improvement Project Applications](#) 15 min Marc Saltzberg
[Sylvia Aroth, Outreach Chair discussed Outreach efforts to distribute applications for CIPs. General discussion about the best way to contact organizations and advertise the program. The committee members discussed who the would be approaching to apply for projects.](#)
- e. Neighborhood Reports
[Postponed due to time constraints of meeting](#)
- f. Next Meeting: Feb 26, 7:30AM at Terrace Restaurant (Washington and OFW)
10. 9:05 – Adjourn