



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 4, 2014

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

Meeting Location: Canal Club Restaurant, [2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, CA 90291](#)

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

1. 7:30AM – Welcome and Introductions – see VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee to see member names
2. 7:35 – Call to Order & Roll Call - Jay Cole's recuperating from an illness; he's can't attend meetings and has been placed on-leave from Committee. The Canals Association is looking for a non-voting alternate until Jay's return.

Adam Glick		John Weston	Y
Bill Boyd	Lft: 9:00p	Lydia Pelosi	
Carmen Navarro	Y	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Y
Carolyn Rios	Y	Mariana Aguilar	Y
Daniel Pinedo	Y	Mark Kanights	Y
DeDe Audette	Y	Michael Nelson	
Jay Cole on-leave		Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Jerry Jaffe	Y	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Y
Joan Wrede		Sarah Shoup	Y
Joe Verrone			
Guests: Helen Stottler		Matt Beltran	
Sylvia Aroth		Dante Cacace	
Ivan Spiegel			

3. 7:40 – Approve Agenda **MOTION: DA/NHC 11/0/1**
4. 7:45 – ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
 - a. Holiday Announcements – Mariana [Great Venice Toy Drive](#) – Lots of collection Pts – Give-Away 12/20
 - b. Sylvia Aroth – 12/5 - [Venice Sign Lighting](#)
 - c. The next VNC Board Meeting will be held one day early, on Monday, Dec 15th due to Hanukah.
 - d. Marc: Reported on meeting with DOT, LAUSD, CD11 and residents re VNC motions (proposed by Neighborhood Committee) regarding Traffic circulation o Strongs Drive, a crosswalk to be located between Pacific and Villa Dolce on Washington. Marc also reported that 5 new DOT Traffic officers have been budgeted for and will be available for possible stationing on Pacific at entrances to Venice Beach parking lots
 - e. Marc: Reported that [a City Council motion allowing street vendors](#) is going through the City Council. CD11 will brief the Boar on this motion at Dec 15th Board Meeting
 - f. Marc: Mike Bonin has a [introduced a motion at City Council](#) requesting that the new ordinances regulating short term vacation rentals in San Francisco and Oregon be studied and possibly adopted for Lops Angeles
 - g. Marc: Mike Bonin has a [introduced a motion at City Council](#) requesting the City Attorney to draft an amended ordinance to enhance LA's ability to ensure sidewalks are available for their intended purpose and set forth a clearer, faster, and simpler process for removing unattended property form our sidewalks, including the provision of notice and interim storage.
5. 7:50 – PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.
6. 7:55 – Approve minutes [as amended](#) from previous meetings – [10/30/2014](#) **MOTION: BB / NHC 11/0/1**
7. 8:00 – Report on Last VNC Board Meeting _ NC motions passed
 - a. Neighborhood Committee Motion supporting installation of bathrooms at Oakwood Park approved
 - h. Motion supporting Ice Rink at Venice Beach in 2015 Defeated (but will be re-introduced at next Brd Meeting)
 - i. Free shuttle service from beach to ABK approved as one-year pilot
 - j. VNC on record as supporting extension of Baseline Mansionization Ordinance to Venice
8. 8:05 – Old Business:
 - a. Neighborhood Committee Outreach Program and Introduction Cards - Mark Kanights – [Postponed to nxt meeting](#)
 - b. Discussion: alternate representatives at Neighborhood Committee meetings
 - c. Bike Safety and Traffic Enforcement discussion at Jan. 8th meeting – review fatality at South Venice & Speedway
 - [No additional info available regarding fatality on South Venice that occurred 11/27](#)

- Next Neighborhood Committee Meeting will include discussion with LAPD re bike safety and enforcement in Venice. LAPD West Traffic will attend (as will a Venice SLO and newly appointed Beach Detail Supervisor Sgt.Dereck Campbell) – West Traffic is responsible for enforcement at "hot-spots" where infractions are common. Committee members advised to submit a list of hot-spots they are aware of.
9. 8:30 – New Business:
- a. Review of Oakwood Park incident involving LAPD and community – Carolyn Rios & Carmen Navarro
An incident occurred at Oakwood Park during a [repass](#) for a former community member (these events are often held at Oakwood Park). LAPD responded in force with 8 patrol cars and an unknown number of personnel after a tip was received that many gang members would be attending. Some members of the community were upset because of a perceived lack of respect from officers and "unfairness of enforcement." These community members complained of intrusive behavior by LAPD during the event and observed that enforcement at the park is often directed at African American gatherings while infractions by Caucasians are ignored. Captain Johnson has apologized for the behavior of LAPD and described the incident as an "over-reaction" demonstrating "poor judgment."
 - b. Discussion and Possible action re: Community Improvement Projects for 2015-2016
 - i Review Current CIP Program: Ivan Spiegel
 - Required Reading: [COMMUNITY-IMPROVEMENT-PROJECT-APP.pdf](#)
 - See www.venicenc.org/neighborhood-committee/2014-2015-community-improvement-projects/ for additional information
 - ii Possible Action: Future of the Program and Next Year's Timeline
Timeline for 2015-2016 Projects (Final Dates TBD):
 - a. CIP Application Available: January 2015 Board Meeting
 - b. CIP Applications Due: April
 - c. Budget Committee Review: early May
 - d. Neighborhood Committee Review: late May
 - e. Project Presentations to Board: June Board Meeting
 - f. Board Decisions: July Board Meeting
 - g. Project Start: August 2015
 - h. Project Completion: May 2016
 - iii Possible Action: Maximum award & annual updates to the CIP Application
 - a. MOTION: Set Maximum award at \$3,000 NHC/DD DEFEATED:3-8-1
In Favor NHC/DP/DD Against: CN/CR/JJ/BB/JW/MA/MK/SS Abstain: MS
 - b. MOTION: Set Maximum award at \$5,000 JJ/MA PASSED: 9-1-2
In Favor: SS/MK/JW/DD/MK/DD/CR/JJ/BB Against: NHC Abstain: DP/MS
 - c. Bill Boyd leaves meeting
 - d. MOTION: add an additional review criteria to acknowledge the subjective qualitative value of a project
DP/JJ PASSED: 10-0-1
 - c. Neighborhood Reports - **Postponed**
 - d. Next Meeting: January 8th at 7:30AM - CR to coordinate Holiday Mtg Schedule:1/08 - AM, 1/29 - PM

10. 9:10 – Adjourn at 9:10PM

Introduced