



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 24, 2014

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

Meeting Location: Extra Space Storage Meeting Room - 658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

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

- 7:30PM – Welcome and Introduction of Reconstituted Committee – see VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee to see member names and review neighborhoods.
- Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick		Kathryn Nelson	
Bill Boyd		Lydia Pelosi	Present
Carolyn Rios	Present	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Daniel Pinedo	Present	Marianna Aguilar	Present
DeDe Audette	Present	Mark Kanights	Present
Jay Cole		Michael Nelson	
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Joan Wrede – Arrived 8PM	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Present
Joe Verrone	Present	Sarah Shoup	Present
John Weston	Present	Tom Elliott	
Guests: Nancy Feinberg		Nick Antonicello	
Judy Goldman		Matthew Beltran	
Carmen Navarro		IlanaMorosi	

- Approve Agenda [MA / CR Approved Unanimously](#)
- ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
 - DOT Traffic Signal Installations
 - [AB222](#) introduced in State Assembly to modify [SB1818](#) (which requires density bonuses for projects with affordable housing),
 - Venice BBQ on August 2nd
 - [LCP for Venice an announced goal for CD11 office](#)
 - The Oakwood Park Advisory Board is looking for a member. Next meeting will be 7/29 at 6:30PM at Oakwood Park Rec Cntr.
- PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.

[Parking overflow from Whole-Foods is a persistent problem in the Rose / Lincoln area.](#)
- Approve minutes from previous meetings – [06/12/2014](#) – NHC / LP Approved Unanimously
- Report on Last VNC Board Meeting
- Neighborhood Committee Member Training
 - [Mission and Purpose](#) of Neighborhood Committee and Venice Neighborhood Council
 - [Standing Rules](#) of the Venice Neighborhood Council
 - [Ethics and Brown Act](#) – The training at this link is highly recommended but not required
- Neighborhood Borders and representation
- New Business
 - Discussion and possible action re: Endorsement of Cushy Tushy Diaper Drive at Venice Lutheran Church next to Fire Station 63. See below for description. This drive is likely to be an annual event if successful.
Description:
Nancy Feinberg and Faith Spelbring of First Lutheran Venice are planning a diaper drive on Saturday October 11 next to Fire Station 63 from 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.

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 NHC / LP – Approved Unanimously

- b. Review and possible action re: Neighborhood Committee Goals (see Exhibit 1) – To be acted on at next meeting (Aug 28)
 - c. Neighborhood Reports
 - Mariana Aguilar – East of Lincoln – North: There was a stabbing in the area on July 17th. Mariana suggested that a Sr. Lead Officer (SLO) be invited to future NC meetings.
 - Lydia Pelosi – East of Lincoln – South: Discussion of graffiti. Nick suggested that residents take a picture of graffiti be taken and submitted to SLO. Carolyn Rios will write-up how to use MyLA311 to report graffiti & request removal.
 - John Weston – Marina Peninsula West – Discussed potholes in allies on peninsula between Speedway and Pacific. He also brought up problem of people parking in allies and blocking traffic (Marc will add this to a future agenda as a discussion item). Other issues – large volume pot cultivation and distribution in apartments and condos / public nuisance from peanut shells and bird feeding debris.
11. Next Meeting – August 28th at ~~8AM??~~ **7:30AM** – discussion of future meeting dates. Decided to try 7:30AM for morning meetings.
 12. 9:00 – Adjourn

EXHIBIT 1
PROPOSED GOALS: 2014 - 2015

- 1) Continue & expand dialog with CD11 (example: quarterly meetings with Cecilia Castello).
- 2) Improve working relationship with VNC Land Use and Planning Committee with activities such as:
 - Monthly discussion of LUPC Cases / Neighborhood concerns (need to determine best plan.)
 - Improve outreach to neighbors regarding pending LUPC cases (publish on VNC website?)
 - Improve understanding of Venice Specific Plan and other neighborhood plans affecting development
 - Improve understanding of City ordinances and processes that control development
- 3) Identify and prioritize street repairs, sidewalk repairs and street flooding issues in Venice
- 4) Identify traffic safety improvements (crosswalk installations, bike lane placement, signage and signal improvements) to reduce transportation and traffic hazards.
- 5) Obtain city funding for projects of concern to Neighborhood Committee such as:
 - Canal bridges, currently a public safety hazard.
 - 3-way stoplight at Pacific and Brooks
 - Stoplight at Abbot Kinney and Coeur d'Alene
 - Via Dolce Park
- 6) Review / make recommendations regarding Grand Canal Plan (improvements south of Washington to Hurricane):
 - Strongs Drive – parking and directionality
 - Restoration of Grand Canal (cleanup, culverts and landscaping)
 - Proposed park and walking path
- 7) Improve Community Improvement Project processes
 - Increase number of applications
 - Provide "coaching" on grant writing for applicants
 - Improve evaluations and ranking
- 8) Explore funding alternatives for projects the City can't / isn't moving forward on:
 - Grants
 - Special assessment districts
 - Corporate support (Google, tour companies, film companies, etc)
 - Community fundraising events
 - Crowd Sourcing
 - Establishment of tax-deductible non-profit foundations.
- 9) Work with VNC Public Safety Committee to increase Neighborhood Watch programs
- 10) Work with VNC Public Safety Committee to expand emergency neighborhood preparedness programs
- 11) Work with City to explore sea level rise issues for Venice and potential mitigation
- 12) Work with VNC committees and other entities (LUPC, Safety, L.A. County, private non-profits) regarding issues arising from proliferation of liquor licenses such as noise abatement, traffic safety, sanitation, crime.
 - Work with LUPC and other committees to identify areas where concentration should be limited.
 - Develop motion to recommend City Policy on concentration and a definition of "public convenience vs necessity."
- 13) Address the impacts of MDR/County expansion on Venice.
- 14) Seek funds for park benches.
- 15) Expand committee outreach via personal contacts, brochures and web contacts.