



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: October 24, 2013

Meeting Time: 8am – 9:30am

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

1. 8:00am - Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick		Joshua Blacker	Y
Antoinette Reynolds		Linda Lucks (ex-officio)	
Bill Boyd	Y	Lydia Pelosi	Y
Colleen Saro		Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Y
Daffodil Tyminski	Y	Margot Michon	
DeDe Audette	Y	Michael Nelson	
Gogi Overhoff		Michael Stenger	Y
Jay Cole	Y	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Y
Jerry Jaffe	Y	Robin Rudisill	Y
Jessica Martinez		Ron Sittler	
Guests:			
Marquis Olison	Y	Pamela Kratochvil	Y

2. 8:05 - Approve Agenda

3. 8:10 - ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice

Jerry Jaffe reported on a meeting between the Lincoln Blvd. Community Design Overlay with CD11 Director of Planning Patricia Keene. Joshua Blacker announced the Open House at Mark Twain Middle School for 10/24

4. 8:15 - PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only
Pamela Kratochvil introduced us to LA Golf Academy operating out of Penmar Golf Course

5. 8:20 - Approve minutes from previous meetings – 9/26/13 - Postponed

6. 8:25 - Report on last VNC Board Meeting – New LUPC Member Robin Rudisill / Zipline Report available at: http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/130906_Zipline_Status_Final.pdf

7. 8:30 - Old Business

- a. Discussion and Possible Action re: NextDoor to facilitate Neighborhood contact and interaction –Presentation by Marquis Olison on how NextDoor works and maps that have been developed for Venice Neighborhoods. NextDoor is a social networking web application that focuses on neighborhoods, providing information to residents. The network has not yet been monetized – it will probably move to hyper-local advertising (Marquis talked about Handy Man services as an example). Committee members were skeptical of the model with concerns regarding security and privacy but largely agreed that if it were accepted by residents it could provide a large benefit to neighborhood watch facilitation and community building. Marquis gathered information from members to fine-tune maps.
- b. Discussion and Possible Action re: Placement of Trash Receptacles – Marc reported. On Jan 14, 2013, the VNC passed a motion directing the Neighborhood Committee "to work with governmental entities and private entities to secure proper waste receptacles for Venice's major streets." See: <https://mapsengine.google.com/map/edit?mid=zj2YT7Z7PYUQ.khxztK6xLanc>, for the map created by the Neighborhood Committee suggesting locations for Trash receptacles on Venice Blvd, Abbot Kinney and at all

bus stops in Venice. This map was discussed with CD-11. The Dept of Sanitation's program that placed grey steel mesh and brown plastic trash receptacles in public areas in front of commercial properties has been cancelled. Trash cans are being removed in some locations. This eliminated many of the suggested locations on Abbot Kinney. There is no equivalent program in residential areas – eliminating many of the locations on Venice Blvd. There IS a program for bus stops with green benches – these benches are provided by advertisers under contract to the city. If there is no trash receptacle next to a green bus bench one can be requested. Contact Cecilia Castillo (cecilia.castillo@lacity.org, 310-568-8772) in Councilman Bonin's office to make the request. The Neighborhood Committee will monitor their neighborhoods for receptacle needs.

- c. Discussion and Possible Action re: Short-Term Vacation Rentals – Marc reported on research he did on the motion which was originally passed by the Neighborhood Committee in August and was twice postponed by the VNC Board. Marc's research is summarized at: <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Short-Term-Vacation-Rental-Report.pdf>. Based on that research, Marc proposed rescinding the original motion and replacing it with:

Whereas, short-term vacation rentals are rapidly increasing in Los Angeles as the result of internet-based brokerages listing available dwellings and facilitating rental reservations - one online site lists 746 short-term rentals in Venice; and

Whereas, the demand for short-term rental units has resulted in long-term rental units being withdrawn from the market; and,

Whereas, the City's regulatory agencies contradict each other regarding short-term vacation rentals, with the Department of Public Safety enforcing the city's ordinance prohibiting short-term vacation rentals in R1 and R2 zones (\$336 fine for each violation with no mechanism for escalating penalties in cases of repeat violations) but the Department of Finance requiring the operators of short-term vacation rental units to pay the Transient Occupancy Tax (14% on revenues received from rental of units under 30 days); and

Therefore, be it resolved, The Neighborhood Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the Board of the VNC pass the following motion:

Resolved, The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Councilperson for the 11th City Council District, Mike Bonin, introduce a motion to the full City Council requesting that the conditions surrounding short-term rental of dwellings in Los Angeles be investigated by appropriate City Departments, that an ordinance be drafted regulating such rentals, and that the ordinance be submitted to a vote of the City Council.

Motion passed 6-1-3 and 1 recused

8. 9:00 - New Business

Neighborhood Reports

DeDe Audette, Oxford Triangle: Decline in awareness of VNC and its activities – Need better information about what is the VNC doing

Daffodil Tyminsky, West Oakwood: Participation in VNC seems to be going down as well. Part of problem is that Venice has such a transient population and new people moving in don't know about us.

Suggestion: More focus on realtors to pass along VNC info to new residents. Marc will pass this along to Matt and ask him to attend our next meeting.

9. Next Meeting on November 21 at 7:30pm

10. 9:30am – Adjourn