



Venice Neighborhood Council

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MINUTES: EXTRA JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING of VNC LAND USE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CONCENTRATION OF ALCOHOL LICENSES IN VENICE

Meeting Date: September 10, 2013

Meeting Time: 7pm – 8:30pm

Meeting Location: Oakwood Recreation Center, 767 California Ave, Venice, CA 90291

Contact: Marc.Saltzberg@VeniceNC.org • Jake.Kaufman@VeniceNC.org

1. 7:00pm - Call to Order & Roll Call – [A quorum of the Neighborhood Committee was in attendance:](#)

Neighborhood Committee

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

Land Use and Planning Committee

Jake Kaufman	Present	Mia Herron	
James Murez		Robert Aronson	Present
John Reed		Sarah Dennison	Present
Mehrnoosh Mojallali		Steve Traeger	

Guests

Sarah Blanch – Institute for Public Strategies (IPS)
Brenda Simmons – Westside Impact Project

2. Purpose of Meeting / Introductory Comments – Marc Saltzberg & Jake Kaufman
3. Approve Agenda as presented or amended
4. Introductions – [In addition to Committee Members and guests approximately 24 residents were attended](#)
5. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
6. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Alcohol Licensing only
7. Review current map of Conditional Use – Beverage (CUB) license map of Venice
[Map as presented needed revision. DeDe Audette volunteered to update the map. Sarah Blanch from IPS can also get a map produced.](#)
8. Discussion and possible action regarding designating certain areas of Venice as
[Areas of Venice presented by Jake Kauffman:](#)
 1. [Abbot Kinney](#)
 2. [Main Street](#)
 3. [Rose Ave, No-Ro](#)

4. North Lincoln (starting at Casablanca)
 5. South Lincoln to East Washington
 6. Washington Street
 7. Washington Street by OFW
 8. Remainder of OFW
 9. Windward
9. Discussion and possible action regarding motion submitted by Stewart Oscars:
Motion as drafted by Stewart was replaced & passed by the Neighborhood Committee 8 for – 2 against – 1 abstain
Marc Saltzberg will complete the new motion with the committees approved language and send to VNC Board.
Motion follows:

Motion Regarding Alcohol Dispensing Outlets in Venice

Whereas, Venice has 32 alcohol outlets per 10,000 residents while Los Angeles City Council District 11 has only 21.5 alcohol outlets per 10,000 residents, and

Whereas, Venice is experiencing continued growth in establishing new alcohol related businesses, while there do not appear to be adequate local policies regarding findings of public convenience or necessity for such businesses, and

Whereas, it is recognized that alcohol dispensing establishments can create significant quality of life and safety problems in neighborhoods, and

Whereas, enforcement of city and state alcohol laws and conditions of use falls on a number of government agencies including the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, the Los Angeles Department of Planning and the State of California Alcohol Beverage Control Board, leading to uneven, inefficient environment without a single point of responsibility;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council calls on the City Council Member for CD11 to introduce a measure in the Los Angeles City Council that would create an alcohol establishment enforcement / compliance unit, fully funded by a regulatory fee on establishments selling alcohol.

This resolution shall be sent to:

LA City Council Member Mike Bonin
CD11 Planning Director Tricia Keane
CD11 Sr. Planner Noel Hyun Fleming
CD11 District Director Debbie Dyer Harris
CD11 Venice Field Deputy Cecilia Castillo
LA Planning Director Michael LoGrande
LA Planning Condition Compliance Engineer Rocky Wiles
Western Regional Alliance of Councils President Mike Newhouse

10. 9:15pm - Adjourn