



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: August 22, 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	Present	Joshua Blacker	Present
Antoinette Reynolds	Present	Linda Lucks (ex-officio)	
Bill Boyd	Present	Lydia Pelosi	Present
Colleen Saro		Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Daffodil Tyminski	Present	Margot Michon	Present
DeDe Audette		Michael Nelson	
Gogi Overhoff	Present	Michael Stenger	Present
Jay Cole	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Present
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Robin Rudisill	
Jessica Martinez		Ron Sittler	
Guests: Judith Goldman			

2. 8:05 - Approve Agenda – **MOTION AG/NH Approved Unanimously**

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

- a. [Safe Passage to School on May 8th](#)
- b. [BBQ and Coffee with a Cop both excellent, well attended events](#)

4. 8:15 - PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only

5. 8:20 - Approve minutes from previous meetings – [07/25/2013](#) – **MOTION AG/NH Approved Unanimously**

6. 8:25 - Report on last VNC Board Meeting – OFW / Zipline / 522 Venice

7. 8:30 - Old Business

- a. Joint Meeting on September 10th with LUPC re: Alcohol Permits
- b. Discussion of unpermitted (and therefore illegal) boat docks in the Canals Neighborhood
- c. Placement of Trash Containers in Venice
 - i. Suggested to Date: Trash Cans at all bus stops
 - ii. [Daffodil to suggest list of potential oocations](#)

8. 9:00 - New Business

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding Short-Term Vacation Rentals
MOTION NH/AG Approved 10 for / 1 against / 2 abstain

Short-Term Vacation Rental Motion

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Whereas, the demand for short-term rental units has resulted in long-term rental units being withdrawn from the market; and,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 does not regulate the short-term rental market as it does hotels and motels, but the City has a duty to protect both the proprietors of such dwellings and their customers; and

Whereas, the City has an opportunity to add revenues from the licensing of short-term vacation rentals by licensing such rental units, applying taxes to renters and putting in place enforcement personnel to assure such fees and taxes are properly calculated and collected.

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, that the ordinance be submitted to a vote of the City Council prior to 02/15/2014 and that such ordinance would take effect prior to May 26,2014.

Discussion: Judith Goldman spoke of Vacation Rentals on Dudley between Pacific & Speedway. Six houses that she's identified now vacation rentals and advertised on AirBNB on her block alone. Discussion of regulations – Hotel Tax 19% - but only collected if renters identify the units they are renting. No one was sure about regulations (our expert, Robin, was out of town!). Jerry says he's seen corporate buyer come in to buy houses for the purpose of vacation rental market – they can make more in that market. Marc is concerned about loss of housing stock. Loss of available units will raise prices, making rentals in Venice less affordable.

9. 9:10 - Neighborhood Reports

- a. Margot Michon – Walk Streets: Progress on status of Walk Street maintenance responsibility – appears Rec & Parks will take responsibility. Still needs letter from Council Office confirming
- b. Bill Boyd – Silver Strand: Bike Theft occurred in Silver Strand
- c. Jay Cole – Canals: Street Svcs now issuing tickets for unpermitted docks in Canals
- d. Daffodil Tyminski – Oakwood West: New project proposed for Brooks and Main - a gymnasium
- e. Lydia Pelosi – East of Lincoln South: Venice & Walgrove intersection hazardous – she will call DOT

10. Next Meetings:

- a. September 10th at 7:00pm Joint Meeting w/LUPC on Alcohol Licensing at Oakwood Rec Cntr
- b. September 26th at 7:30pm – Regularly scheduled meeting of Neighborhood Committee

11. 9:30am – Adjourn