



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** June 27, 2013

**Meeting Time:** 8am – 9:30am

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

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### 1. Call to Order & Roll Call

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

### 2. Approve Agenda [MOTION to Approve by Jessica, 2nd – Dede – Pass unanimously](#)

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice

- a. [Venice BBQ Flyers will be available for Distribution at next month's meeting](#)
- b. [Bill Rosendahl retirement ceremony at City Hall on June 28, 2013](#)
- c. [Mike Bonin has appointed 3 people important to Neighborhood Committee:](#)
  - i. [Tricia Keene, Planning Director, will start August 1](#)
  - ii. [Noel Hyun, Senior Planner, will start July 1](#)
  - iii. [Debbie Dyner Harris, District Director starts July 8](#)
  - iv. [NOTE: Field staff for Venice will be Mark Grant, responsible for OFW and the Marina Peninsula; and Cecilia Castillo, responsible for the rest of Venice.](#)
- d. [The zipline attraction will include a summer day camp for kids operated by Oakwood park.](#)
- e. [DeDe starting funds for poor kids to be able to go.](#)
- f. [Latino resource center at Oakwood is also providing summer day care](#)
- g. [Mildred Cursh Foundation scheduled a deep-sea angling trip for July 16](#)

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only

### 5. Approve minutes from previous meetings – 05/23/2013 and 06/06/2013

- a. [5/23/2013 MOTION to Approve by Adam, 2nd – Antoinette – Pass unanimously](#)
- b. [6/06/2013 MOTION to Approve by Antoinette, 2nd – Jay – Pass unanimously](#)

### 6. Report on last VNC Board Meeting – Neighborhood Committee Motion / Zipline

- a. [Zipline hopes to start July 1st - construction started the 26th – the zipline's 3 mos. permit ends last day of September. Venice residents, users of Bike Corral, people who come to Venice on Public Transportation and users and people who use the MDR parking lot will receive 10% discounts on rides \(normal price for rides is \\$20\).The zipline is hiring workers at \\$10/hr. see zipline website at <http://flightlinezvenicebeach.com/>](#)
- b. [The VNC Board approved the Neighborhood Committee's motion to install a cross walk on Abbot Kinney at the French Market.](#)

## 7. Report on Coastal Commission Meeting re: OPD's

- a. The City's latest permit application for OPD's in Venice was denied. It's been reported the City will withdraw from the OPD lawsuit.

## 8. Neighborhood Reports

- a. Lydia Pelosi, East of Lincoln – South: She's been walking her Neighborhood with new Neighborhood Committee flyer. Some neighbors complaining about fence height of new resident. Another resident complained of encroachment of private resident on Penmar Park land with new fence
- b. Ron Sittler, Silver Triangle: Walking his Neighborhood with new Neighborhood Committee flyer. Asked abt how "pocket park" in canals was renovated – Jay responded that Canals Association was involved.
- c. Margot Michon, Walk Streets: waiting on status of jurisdiction – now it looks like Rec & Parks may be taking responsibility for walk streets. Neighbors are concerned about First Fridays food trucks on ABK. Will work with Cecilia to determine current enforcement rules and status of enforcement. Marc reported that Councilman Bonin will reconvene the City's Food Truck Task Force. Robin has lots of research on food trucks and will look for it to provide to Margot.
- d. Antoinette Reynolds, Oakwood North: Walking her Neighborhood with new Neighborhood Committee flyer. Vets 2nd hand store at Brooks and Lincoln has moved. The "Hood Picnic" went well - low-level of LAPD presence and clean-up after the event left street looking good.
- e. Nick Hippisley-Coxe, NoRo: Rose Ave traffic congestion continues to worsen and bicycle riders are riding without regard to rules & stop-signs. LAPD SLO Kristen Delatore suggests that West Traffic do a traffic study and that resident write letters directly to them regarding situation.
- f. Jessica Martinez, Venice Beach – Central: Everyone excited about 26th street crosswalk. Trash on OFW a huge problem during the summer- standards
- g. Jay Cole, Canals: Usual summer canal problems. Canal visitor boats being tied to salt bushes; skateboarders and bike riders are hazards to themselves and others on canal paths – especially when they ignore the one-way signs on Dell (seemingly no LAPD enforcement). Non-conforming unpermitted docks are proliferating – city is not policing the problem, at the same time, it refuses to issue new permits until the .nonconforming docks are removed.
- h. DeDe Audette: Continuing Bike safety concerns – existing ordinances need to be enforced.
- i. Robin Rudisill, OFW South, Good presentation from Alexander Bustamonte, LAPD Inspector General. He is tough and inclusive. After-hours drug dealing/ partying occurring at OFW residential construction site, need LAPD enforcement. LA liquor licenses have become a free-for-all with LA Prosecutor recommending that planning no longer condition permits. Robin working with LUPC on the problem and will talk with Adam and Linda about a Town Hall.

## 9. Old Business

- a. Progress / Issues / Training re: Neighborhood Committee Door-to-Door Introductions  
Walking is a slow process according to Lydia, Ron Antoinette and DeDe. It's also difficult to collect email addresses. Antoinette has been tabling with Red-Cross booklets – while DeDe has trouble getting people interested in Disaster Preparedness. Marc talked about need for training.

## 10. New Business

- a. Possibility of joint meeting with LUPC re: Development and CUB Issues – Robin and Gogi are organizing
- b. Review of Community Improvement Project Ranking Process **POSTPONED** to next meeting
  - i. Outreach – Number of Applications Received
  - ii. Rules – Eligibility, Deadlines, Ongoing Activities
  - iii. Process – Ranking Criteria, Ranking Meeting, Balancing Diversity with Application Quality
- c. Next Meeting on July 25th at 7:30pm

## 11. Adjourn