



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** May 23, 2013

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

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

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1. 7:30 – Call to Order & Roll Call

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

2. Approve Agenda **MOTION Nick, 2nd Colleen PASSED unanimously**

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice

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

a. **6/5 Appeal of Simmzy's CUP**

5. Approve minutes from previous meetings – **04/25/2013 MOTION Gogi, 2nd Colleen PASSED unanimously**

6. Old Business

- a. CIP Project Applications – Special Meeting on June 6th – [Links to Projects to be distributed before meeting](#)
- b. Neighborhood Committee Flyers – [Distributed by Marc](#)
- c. Tamara White, from American Red Cross: Using Emergency Preparedness booklets as canvassing material [T. White represents communities for the Red Cross, offering training & group volunteer opportunities. Provided small number of EP booklets for distribution by NC. More will be provided depending on success. \(she hoped current stock gone by July 15th\). Canvassing tips were provided \(see: \[http://www.venicenc.org/neighborhood-committee/redcross\\\_canvass\\\_guide/\]\(http://www.venicenc.org/neighborhood-committee/redcross\_canvass\_guide/\)\). We should collect email address of people we give the booklets to.](#)
- d. Report on Lincoln Place Apartments (Michael Stenger) [Postponed to July](#)
- e. Planning for presentation by LAPD re: Bars and Alcohol enforcement issues

7. 8:30 – New Business

- a. Resolution to install crosswalk across Abbott Kinney at Marr, Boccaccio and Victoria (see Attachment 1) **MOTION Joshua, 2nd Adam PASSED unanimously**

Marc discussed lack of City funding & support for Neighborhood Council projects. No money available to fund anything. Adam suggests encouraging private funding like the adopt a highway program. We could work with chamber of commerce. Antoinette thought we'd conflict with others hitting up the well-heeled and corporate interests. Colleen agrees with Antoinette and offers to help. Joshua suggested establishing community fund raising team. Jay will think about whether he will head a drive to raise private funds to

help canal bridges. Gogi suggested crowd-sourcing. Marc suggested lobbying of City Council & Meeting with Bonin.

- b. From Judith McCormack; discussion and possible action regarding Venice Blvd street closures. (see Attachment 2) [Postponed to July](#)
- c. Neighborhood Reports
  - i. Gogi Overhoff, Oakwood South: Excessive development, particularly of large projects, a problem for neighborhood. She testified about this before LUPC. Marc suggested a joint meeting with LUPC – he will pursue with Jake).
  - ii. DeDe Audette, Oxford Triangle: Need alternative transportation with sharing of streets between cars, pedestrians, skateboards, bikes. Problem is streets are designed and regulated by Traffic Engineers (emphasis on cars).
  - iii. Robin Rudisill, OFW South: Simmzy's appeal complex – Ron S will assist. She asked about Public Health & Safety Committee
  - iv. Nick Hipplesley-Coxe, Rose Corridor: Superba restaurant wants to add 20 seats without providing additional parking and no employee parking
  - v. Antoinette Reynolds, Oakwood North: The second-hand store is moving out.
8. Next Meeting – June 27th at 8am.
9. 9:00 – Adjourn

### **Attachment 1 - Crosswalk at Abbot Kinney Blvd. between Marr, Boccaccio and Victoria**

Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council is concerned about the potential for injury accidents resulting from pedestrians crossing Abbot Kinney Blvd. between Marr St., Boccaccio Ave., and Victoria Ave. because there are no crosswalks at any corner along that section of Abbot Kinney Blvd., and

Whereas, this is a frequently used, secondary crossing area for Coeur d'Alene Ave. Elementary School Students making their way to and from school, as well as the main crossing location for patrons frequenting the businesses on either side of Abbot Kinney Blvd. and

Whereas, this is a heavily trafficked area and a blind corner for vehicles traveling in either direction on Abbot Kinney Blvd.,

Therefore, be it resolved the Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City of Los Angeles to install a crosswalk in the location of Marr St., Boccaccio Ave. and Victoria Ave. crossing Abbot Kinney Blvd. and

This resolution shall be sent to Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager Jaime de la Vega; Los Angeles Department of Transportation Sr. Transportation Engineer Brian Gallagher, Los Angeles City Council District 11 Councilman Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles City Council District 11 Southern District Director Arturo Piña, Los Angeles City Council District 11 Field Deputy Cecillia Castillo.

### **Attachment 2 – Letter from Judith McCormack:**

I have been a resident of Venice Beach since the fall of 2011. During this time I have seen street closures in front of my apartment house becoming more and more frequent with the passing years. The street closures seem to be for any and all kinds of runathons, walkathons, festivalthons, any kind of "thons" a committee can think of. While most of the organizations are worthwhile charities, Saturdays and Sundays are the only two days many of us working people have to do our chores in order to prepare for the week ahead. I would like to see no street closures in the future. The organizers of the charities can always choose a route with less impact for their agenda. Please consider my request for agenda item and please realize that I ask with great respect for everyone's enjoyment of the Venice Beach area. Thank you for your time in reading through my email to you.