



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: February 28, 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. 8:00am - Call to Order & Roll Call

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

2. 8:05 - Approve Agenda – [Approved Unanimously](#). Notes for this meeting taken and submitted by Adam Glick.
3. 8:10 - Approve Application of Ron Sittler to represent the Silver Triangle ([Dividing line between Silver Triangle and Canals is Ocean Ave](#)), [MOTION from Robin](#), second by Michael, [APPROVED](#) unanimously.
4. 8:15 - ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice. [Sandi Wise](#) talked about [Walgrove Schools "Wildlands Planting Days"](#) on April 20th and 21st from 8 to 12. See: <http://walgrovewildlands.com/>
5. 8:20 - PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only
 - a. [Playground in the Canals has been completed](#).
 - b. [A service delivering direct-from farm produce has been started](#)
6. 8:25 - Approve minutes from previous meetings – [01/03/2013](#) and [01/24/2013](#) – [Approved unanimously](#)
7. 8:30 - Report on last VNC Board Meeting
8. 8:35 - Old Business
 - a. Review of Neighborhood Committee introduction flier – [Jay](#) passed around samples, needs photos from those [people that want to use the flier](#). [Marc](#) will get an estimate on printing 5000.
 - b. 2013 – 2014 Community Improvement Projects – distribution status – [in progress](#)
 - c. Planning for presentation by LAPD re: Bars and Alcohol enforcement issues. [Adam](#), [Robin](#), [Jay](#), [Margot](#), [Ron](#) volunteered to form a planning committee for the event. The first task is to identify a subset of issues that can be handled in a community meeting setting lasting a couple of hours. Subsequent to NC meeting, [Adam Glick](#) agreed to pull the committee together and will schedule a discussion.
 - d. Possible locations for trash cans in Venice – [none identified yet](#).
 - e. Status of past Neighborhood Committee motions
 - f. Discussion and possible action re: traffic on Abbott Kinney between Venice & Washington and in the neighborhood surrounding Coeur D'Alene Elementary School. [Joshua](#) discussed meeting held with [Brian](#)

Gallagher at DOT. Participants included Joshua, Marc, Stewart Oscars, Harris Levey, Brian Gallagher and Cecilia Castillo. The traffic problems in the area were discussed and several solutions proposed, including a traffic signal at Coeur d'Alene and Abbot Kinney and adjustments to crossing-guard routine at the intersection. Mr. Gallagher promised to get back to the group in 30 days regarding the status of the suggestions.

Joshua noted that at the meeting, a discussion occurred about problems at the intersection of eastbound Venice and Lincoln. At various times during the day, the intersection is blocked by cars turning left onto southbound Lincoln that don't clear the intersection during the green. The problem was identified as people turning right onto Lincoln from eastbound Venice on red, clogging the southbound lanes of Lincoln. Signs were posted within 2 weeks prohibiting right-on-red at the intersection. Marc commented that he'd never seen DOT move so quickly on a problem.

9. 9:00 - New Business

- a. Town Hall April 4th re: Overnight and Preferential Parking Districts in Venice There will be a Town Hall on April 4th on Permit Parking in Venice. It was suggested that the topic be expended to include valet parking ordinance. NOTE: Town Hall was subsequently to a date to be determined.
- b. Neighborhood Reports
 - i. Robin Rudisil – Ocean Front Walk South: Problems with Simmzy's restaurant (serving beer and wine) permit application to open on Washington near Pacific. After much negotiation, the restaurant and neighbors came to an extensive agreement that controlled noise and other factors. The agreement, which was submitted as a list of additional conditions of approval was submitted to the Zoning Administrator. The restaurant and community members spoke in support of the agreement, as did a member of the VNC LUPC Committee. The additional conditions were DENIED by the ZA as being "unenforceable given current resources." The community will appeal and the restaurant will likely pack out given the expense involved of waiting for the appeal to be heard. No one is happy.
 - ii. Joshua – President's Row: Coeur d'Alene area problems with crime from vehicles – street is too dark
 - iii. DeDe Audette – Oxford Triangle" Continued problems with parking as result of high density apartments / condos built adjacent to triangle and accessed by gate that are supposed to be locked.
 - iv. Jerry Jaffe – Milwood: Continued problems with construct impeded traffic – is are being "overbuilt"
 - v. Michael Stenger - East of Lincoln North: The work on the Penmar Park drainage system is almost completed – and work on Lincoln Place is proceeding more rapidly than anticipated.
 - vi. Michael Nelson – Windward: The issue about diagonal parking has calmed down after the proposal was withdrawn.
 - vii. Jay Cole – Canals: The Canal Bridges are still sadly in need of repairs with no action from the City. The community is working on one-way streets to improve traffic flow, animal control on Strong's / Grand Canal (dog problems), Fencing for canals.
 - viii. Margot Michon – Walk Streets: CD11 working on motion to confirm Walk Street status as being responsibility of Street Services (not Rec & Parks). They are also talking about installation of private security cameras in efforts to deter crime.

10. The next meeting of the Neighborhood Committee will take place on Thursday, 3/28 at 7:30pm

11. 9:30am – Adjourn