



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Minutes of December 7, 2016 Meeting Bank of Venice, 80 Windward Ave, Venice CA 90291

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:46am. Present were George Francisco (GF), John Weston (JW); Jay Cole (JC); Brittany DeBeikes Teague (BDT), Sarah Shoup (SS), Isabelle Duvivier (ID), Will Kain (WK), Bill Boyd (BB), Nathan Court (NC)
2. The agenda was approved as presented. (JW, NC; 8-0-1: SS, BB, WK, JC, BDT, ID//GF)
3. Minutes of the October 26, 2016 Neighborhood Committee meeting were approved. (JW, ID; 8-0-1: JC, BDT, NC, WK, BB, SS//GF).
4. Public Announcements – Noel Johnston, Peter Ruiz and Lisa introduced themselves.
5. There was no Public Comment.
6. Chair Report.
 - a. Fifth Annual Holiday Sign Lighting was a success.
7. Motion Passed. (GF, JW; BDT, JC, ID, WK, NC, SS//BB)
 - a. *Whereas Windward Avenue west of Pacific Ave, the Venice Boardwalk and the Venice Beach Recreation Center are historically high crime areas and;*
Whereas the installation of blue colored lighting has been correlated to crime reduction in Glasgow, Scotland and Nara, Japan and suicide reduction in Yokohma, Japan and;
Whereas research has demonstrated that blue (short wavelength) light is a potentially effective treatment for seasonal affective disorder and has helped reduce stress-response in non-human subjects and;
Whereas blue light has been proven to temporarily improve cognition and enhance responses to emotional stimuli:
Therefore the The Neighborhood Committee proposes that the VNC recommend to Councilman Mike Bonin, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, the City of Los Angeles Department of Street Lighting, and the Los Angeles Police Department to replace the white LED street lights with blue lights on Windward Boulevard west of Pacific Ave and in the Venice Beach Recreation Center area for one year to determine whether this application will create a reduction in crime.
8. Task Force Reports
 - a. Traffic safety and abatement between LADOT, Culver City, and LA County: Closer to arranging meeting. (JW)
 - b. Remapping Neighborhoods for Committee representation – postponed (JW)
 - c. Re-stripping Ocean & Mildred for left turn lane – postponed (SS)
 - d. Installation of bike/don't bike lights – postponed (BDT)
 - e. Cost for private trash collection to help AK merchants with overflowing public garbage cans – postponed (BDT)
 - f. Contact list for city-county jurisdictional problems – postponed (Josh Blacker)
9. Old Business.
 - a. Report on scope of CFAC (ID) – very much concerned with being in compliance with Willetts Act.
 - b. 30 residents of Flower St working with city to plant new trees under city program.
10. New Business.
 - a. Looking to agendize discussion/motion concerning DBS regarding Oakland “Ghost House” warehouse fire.
 - b. Invite Taylor Bazley as regular monthly Q+A.
 - c. Invite Tricia Keane to explain homeless housig development process
11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00am.