



Venice Neighborhood Council



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Rules & Elections Meeting Draft Minutes

Oakwood Park Rec Center
767 California Avenue
Venice, CA 90291

Tuesday June 23, 2015 - 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call 7:00 PM.

Ira Koslow – Chair Present
Hugh Harrison Present
Erin Darling Absent
Mike Newhouse (ex-officio)

2. Approval of the amended Agenda **HH/IK unanimous**
3. Review & approval of any outstanding minutes (150526) **HH/IK unanimous**
4. Public Announcements and Comments on items not on the Agenda (15 minutes, no more than 2 minutes per person) **None**
5. Old Business
All items for discussion
and possible action. **None**
6. New Business
All items for discussion and possible action.
 - A. Standing Rule 31: The Parliamentarian must sign the Code of Conduct as a condition of holding the position on the VNC. Linda Lucks
lindalucks@gmail.com
Substitute motion amending Standing Rule 9 CHANGE HIGHLIGHTED IN PARAGRAPH a.

9. Meetings: Code of Civility

- a. Collectively and individually, the members of the Board of Officers, *the Parliamentarian, Ad-hoc committee chairs, and all members of Standing and Ad hoc committees of the Venice Neighborhood Council* agree to abide by the following Code of Civility to ensure that our Venice Neighborhood Council's business is conducted in a respectful and courteous manner, and in a way that will generate respect and credibility for our Venice Neighborhood Council.
- b. The freedom to express one's views about public matters is a cornerstone of the democratic process. The Venice Neighborhood Council welcomes the diverse views and opinions of our board members and stakeholders as they relate to the issues before us. In order for these discussions to be meaningful and effective, we must treat others with respect and dignity.

- c. We collectively and individually agree to abide by the following Code of Civility to the best of our abilities.
1. I will conduct myself in a professional and civil manner at all times as a representative of the Venice Neighborhood Council.
 2. I will treat each member of the board and members of the public with respect at all times, regardless of an individual's opinion, ethnicity, race, sexuality, age, disability, or religion.
 3. Even in the face of disagreement or differences of opinion, I will demonstrate esteem and deference for my colleagues and the public.
 4. Under no circumstances during Neighborhood Council meetings, functions, or events will I engage in or threaten to engage in any verbal or physical attack on any other individual.
 5. I will commit to communicate my ideas and points of view clearly, and allow others to do the same without interruption.
 6. I will not use language that is abusive, threatening, obscene, or slanderous, including using profanities, insults, or other disparaging remarks or gestures.
 7. Derogatory language about an individual's ethnicity, race, sexuality, age, disability, or religion is not acceptable.
 8. I will take responsibility for my own actions, and will work to fulfill my role and responsibilities as specified in the bylaws.
 9. I will commit to learn the applicable laws that govern Neighborhood Councils, including bylaws, standing rules, the Brown Act, ethics rules, city ordinances, and the City Charter, and will not knowingly violate any of the above.
 10. I will abide by the Neighborhood Council's meeting procedures or rules in order to create a safe and effective environment for conducting business.
 11. I will promote and enforce a safe meeting environment at all times. At moments when members of the public become disruptive and violate the rules of civility that we have pledged to follow, I will join my fellow board members in demanding that the persons conduct themselves in a respectful and orderly manner even if I agree with the point of view that is being expressed.
 12. I will seek to present information truthfully, and will not knowingly misrepresent, mischaracterize, or misquote information received from others.
 13. I pledge to truly listen to and hear other points of view.
 14. I will practice the art of being able to disagree without being disagreeable.
 15. If I find myself representing my personal interests before my community's interests, I will publicly disclose the differences and recuse myself from voting on such matters.

16. I will commit to good faith efforts to resolve any grievances that come before the board as specified in the bylaws.

17. I owe it to my fellow board members, the public, and the decision-makers who we are trying to influence to make the best possible effort to understand the issues before me. I will “do my homework”.

HH/IK UNANIMOUS

7. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (15 minutes, no more than 2 minutes per person)

8. Adjourn 7:10 PM

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