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Joint Board & Administrative Committee Minutes

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, 90291

Monday, August 10th, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

ACTION: No Board quorum. Meeting proceeds as Administrative Committee meeting.

PRESENT: Mike Newhouse (MN), Marc Saltzberg (MS), Kristopher Valentine (KV), Ira Koslow (IK), Hugh Harrison (HH), Melissa Diner (MD), Eduardo Manilla (EM)

ABSENT: Abigail Myers (AM)

2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/150713AdComMinutes.pdf>

ACTION: Agenda approved, IK/HH 5-0-2

FOR: MS, IK, HH, MD, EM

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: MN

3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

ACTION: Agenda approved, IK/MD 5-0-2

FOR: MS, IK, HH, MD, EM

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: MN

Kristopher Valentine arrived.

4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Ivan Spiegel

5. Old Administrative Committee Business



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[Discussion and possible action.]

6. New Administrative Committee Business

[Discussion and possible action.]

A Committee Motions Melissa Diner (melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that all committee motions if any, from herein after will be presented on the monthly board agenda after consent calendars before any old or new business LUPC items.

If for some reason there is an issue with this or some law I don't know about then at minimum committee motions that were postponed should be heard first at next meeting but I as a board member am requesting a permanent change. We drive so many away who we have had a shot at having come back to another meeting by exhausting them with process and other matters that by the time we get to committee motions no one is there. We have a civic duty to inspire not deter. When I came to my first Board meeting 3/4 years ago I was so overwhelmed with all standard procedure at the beginning and the LUPC terminology and felt stupid for not understanding what was going on. I can only imagine the majority of stakeholders feel the same.

ACTION: Motion for Committee motions go to beginning of New Business fails (MD/KV 3-4-0)

FOR: MD, EM, KV

AGAINST: MN, MS, IK, HH

ABSTAIN: None

B LUPC consent calendar amendment Matthew Kline (matt.kline@venicenc.org)

MOTION: When items are pulled from the LUPC consent calendar they should be move to the top of the LUPC agenda, instead of last as a sign of respect to the applicants.

ACTION: Motion fails for lack of motion made.

C Consent calendar process amendment Matthew Kline (matt.kline@venicenc.org)

MOTION: When items are removed from the consent calendar they should be moved to the earliest possible location in the agenda following approval of the amended consent calendar as a sign of respect to the applicants.

ACTION: Motion fails for lack of motion made.

D LUPC consultation with Mass/character/Scale ad hoc committee Matt kline (matt.kline@venicenc.org)



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MOTION: Whereas the LUPC committee deals with cases that involve issues of Mass, character, and scale, and the VNC has an ad hoc committee dedicated completely to such matters, I would like to propose that LUPC must consult with the committee to put in place clear guidelines on how to apply mass, character and scale issues to LUPC cases and until that time cannot use mass.

ACTION: Motion fails for lack of motion made.

E **Three hour time limit on standing committees** Nick Antonicello (nantoni@mindspring.com)

MOTION: WHEREAS, the standing committees of the Venice Neighborhood Council have an obligation to the public and to their members to construct agendas that are reasonable and timely in discussion and length, and

WHEREAS, each committee should make a reasonable attempt to construct an agenda that can fully entertained without a situation where the meeting becomes so lengthy the audience as well as members of the committee cannot stay for the full duration, and

WHEREAS, the VNC as a board has made a concerted effort over the last two years to limit the length of those meetings without compromising the content, conversation and dialogue discussed, and

WHEREAS, each standing committee has an obligation to follow the basic rules of governance under ROBERT'S RULES and the By-Laws of the VNC, and

WHEREAS, each committee chair follow these guidelines of basic meeting governance and alike, and

WHEREAS, committee chairs make an attempt to utilize and understand the basics of parliamentary procedure and chair that committee accordingly,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the VNC place a three-hour time limit on all standing committee meetings and that each chair recognize the importance of running a responsible and organized meeting that respects all, maintains decorum and adheres to this three-hour rule of engagement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this three-hour rule be incorporated into the BY-LAWS of the Venice Neighborhood Council.

Title: Three-Hour time limit on committee meetings

ACTION: Motion fails for lack of motion made.

F **Importance of READING Board Mtg Materials** Marc Saltzberg (VP@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The last Board Meeting was marred by Board Members who proposed amendments to a



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motion when they had not read the underlying materials. Other Board Members voted on amendments when they had not read the underlying materials. This behavior detracts from the credibility of the Board and leads to poor decisions. Ways must be found to detect such problems and defer motions when Board Members have not read the materials.

ACTION: Motion fails for lack of motion made.

G Consideration and approval of August 18th, 2015 Proposed Board Agenda

ACTION: Agenda approved, IK/HH 6-0-1

FOR: MS, IK, HH, MD, EM, KV

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: MN

7. Adjourn

ACTION: Meeting adjourned, KV/EM 7-0-0

FOR: MS, IK, HH, MD, EM, KV, MN

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

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DRAFT Board of Officers Meeting Agenda Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, August 18th, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

BOARD MEETINGS: The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS: Any action taken by the Board may result in the filing of a related CIS

DISABILITY POLICY: See last page.

ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**
Thank you to Whole Foods, Abbot's Habit, and Jessica Blumenthal for the food and refreshments.
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/150721BoardMinutes.pdf>
4. **Approval of the Board Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)**
5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:04PM -- 1 minute)**
All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.
6. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM – 30 minutes)**
- A **Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, Lt. Lydia Leos 23216@lapd.lacity.org, OFW Beach Detail Supervisor.
Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.
- B **Government Reports (15 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
 - City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Field Deputy, Jesus "Chuy" D. Orozco, 310-568-8772



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- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, 213-978-0836 (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)
- Ejjah Cooper – Oakwood Rec Park Director, 310-452-7479 (ejjah.cooper@lacity.org)

C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)
- Vice President - Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. (Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel
(Parliamentarian@VeniceNC.org)
- VNC Representative to DWP: Dede Audet
- Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Catherine Chevalier, President (Catherine@notmaurice.com)

D Short presentation/Q&A with the L.A. Affordable Housing Commission, who will be coming to Venice for a tour that afternoon, just prior to the Board meeting. (10 minutes)

E THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES' AUTHORITY TO REGULATE ALCOHOL RETAILERS: A Legal Opinion in Response to Mike Feuer's January 2014 Letter to the VNC Sarah Blanch (sblanch@publicstrategies.org) (10 minutes)

IPS would like to present to the VNC a legal opinion authored by California alcohol policy expert and JD, James Mosher, articulating a counter response to Mike Feuer's opinion that the City of Los Angeles does not have the authority to condition retailers' alcohol sales and distribution practices.

ACTION: Postponed to next month, will contact city attorney's office to check availability for next month to provide alternate opinion.

7. General Consent Calendar (7:35PM -- 1 minute)

[All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.]

8. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar (1 minute)

[All agenda items on the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar will pass when the LUPC Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any



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9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:36PM -- 25 minutes)
[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

10. Old Business (8:00PM – 25 minutes) *[Discussion and possible action]*

A Revise paragraph a. of Standing Rule 9 (5 minutes) (Ira Koslow on behalf of REC)
(ira.koslow@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC shall amend paragraph a. of SR 9 to read:

“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 the Venice Neighborhood Council.”

RECOMMENDED BY REC 2-0

B “No support” for Council file 13-1493: Street Vending, (10 minutes) (George Francisco & Melissa Diner) (george.francisco@venicenc.org, melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) requests that the following statement of “no support” be attached to [Council File 13-1493: STREET VENDING](#).

The Venice Neighborhood Council does not support CF 13-1493: STREET VENDING for the following adverse impacts it will have upon the Venice community:

1. The City of Los Angeles is not adequately policing these activities currently.
2. There is a public safety hazard with Street Vendors blocking sidewalks and parkways.
3. There are documented public safety problems with current Street Vendor food preparation and storage throughout Los Angeles.
4. There are inadequate public toilet facilities in Venice to satisfy customers of Street Vendors selling food .
5. Venice Brick and Mortar Businesses have to pay for services for their customers; Street Vendors pay nothing.
6. Sales Taxes are not necessarily collected from Street Vendors.

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that all neighborhoods be allowed to opt in to any proposed street vending ordinance as in the precedent set by the murals ordinance and that any proposed street vending ordinances be developed in reference to and in conjunction with the continued enforcement of LAMC 42.15: NO VENDING.



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C **Oppose AB 744 Limiting Local Govt. Auth. Over Parking for SB 1818 Density Bonus Projects**
(Marc Saltzberg, on behalf of WRAC) (vicepresident@venicenc.org) (5 minutes) **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City Of Los Angeles oppose AB 744 which limits local government authority over parking for SB 1818 Density Bonus Projects and requests Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz to introduce a resolution to that effect.

AB 744 would prohibit, at the request of the developer, imposition of a vehicular parking ratio in excess of 0.5 spaces per bedroom on a development receiving density bonuses under SB 1818 that includes the maximum percentage of low- and very low income units, and is located within one-half mile of a major transit stop, and there is unobstructed access to the transit stop from the development. The bill would also prohibit, at the request of the developer, imposition of a vehicular parking ratio in excess of specified amounts per unit on a development that consists solely of units with an affordable housing cost to lower income households, as specified, if the development is within one-half mile of a major transit stop and there is unobstructed access to the transit stop from the development, is a for-rent housing development for individuals that are 62 years of age or older, or is a special needs housing development, as those terms are defined.

ACTION: New language to be provided.

D **Noise and Sound Ordinance Enforcement** (Melissa Diner on behalf of OFW) (5 minutes)
(melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to Councilman Mike Bonin's office and the LAPD strongly urging them enforce all city noise and sound ordinances on Ocean Front Walk. RECOMMENDED BY OFW 7-0-1

11. **LUPC (8:25PM -- 35 minutes)** Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, (Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)
[Discussion and possible action]

A **Legalize Safe and Habitable Bootleg Units (25 minutes)**

MOTION: Whereas the City of Los Angeles has estimated that there are between 40,000 and 60,000 bootleg units in Los Angeles;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles' Systematic Code Enforcement Program (SCEP) requires inspection of every rental unit once every three years, and inspectors regularly uncover violations and order owners to remove bootleg units of every type;

Whereas typically, though not exclusively, these units are occupied by low-income tenants;

Whereas all of these units violate VCZSP requirements, zoning codes and parking requirements;

Whereas in the midst of our current housing crisis, 44,000 people are without any housing and



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hundreds of thousands more are doubling and tripling up to maintain a roof over their heads;

The LUPC recommends that the VNC recommend that safe and habitable bootleg units should be legalized on granting exceptions to the VCZSP, zoning codes and parking requirements, on condition that they are rented to low income tenants at low or very low affordable levels, and that such conditions be recorded on title to the properties and monitored by the City or a designated agent. The process should begin with an amnesty to encourage property owners to apply to legalize their bootleg units, with subsequent imposition of fines for noncompliance.

RECOMMENDED BY LUPC on June 2, 2015 (Robert Aronson, seconded by Maury Ruano, and approved 3-2-2)

B **648 Milwood Ave, Milwood Subarea**, R2-1 zone, Land Use Plan designation: Multiple Family Residential: Low Medium I (**10 minutes**)

ZA-2014-3103-CDP and ENV-2014-3104-CE

<http://www.venicenc.org/648-milwood-ave/>

CITY HEARING TOOK PLACE ON JULY 23, 2015

Project Description: demo of existing SFD & construction of new 2-story, 25' tall, 3,546 sq ft SFD with an attached 524 sq ft garage, on 5,402 sq ft lot

Applicant: Johannes & Harriet Girardoni

LUPC Staff: Todd Darling

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION:

The VNC Board recommends that the project be approved as presented.

Approved by LUPC 7/28/15 6-0-0 (TD/MK)

12. New Business (9:00PM -- 25 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

A **VNC Arts Committee Fair** Eduardo Manilla (eduardo.manilla@venicenc.org) (**15 minutes**)

A1 **MOTION:** Whereas Venice, California is the creative soul of Los Angeles and the Mission Statement of the VNC is to improve the quality of life in Venice by building community and to secure support from the City of Los Angeles for the resources needed to achieve our goals.

Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the realization of the first annual VNC Arts Committee Fair at Windward Plaza on the date of September 19th 2015 from 11am – 7pm.

The Arts Committee recommended at a meeting held on July 8th 2015, by a vote of 5-0-0, that the Venice Neighborhood Council pass the following Motion.

The VNC Arts Committee Fair will give the opportunity to local artists to showcase their work at this



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free community event in the heart of Venice.

The VNC shall request to the department of Recreation and Parks to waive the fees for the creation of this free event for the community.

A2 MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves a General Community Improvement Project for a Venice Art Fair and allocates \$2000 for this project.

This motion was approved 3-0-0 by the Budget and Finance Committee on August 4, 2015, and 5-0-0 by the Arts Committee on July 8, 2015.

ACTION: Moved up from Treasurers Report.

B Local artists at Abbot Kinney Festival Eduardo Manilla (eduardo.manilla@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Arts Committee recommended at a meeting held on July 8th 2015, by a vote of 5-0-0, that the Venice Neighborhood Council pass the following Motion.

Whereas Venice, California is the creative soul of Los Angeles and the Mission Statement of the VNC is to improve the quality of life in Venice by building community and Whereas the Abbot Kinney Festival takes place annually in Venice, California with participation of artists and musicians of all over Los Angeles and local artists have been usually under represented.

Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council requests to the Abbot Kinney Festival Organization to team up with the Venice Neighborhood Council Arts Committee so that local artists and musicians can be granted an opportunity to participate on the 31st edition of the Festival on September 27th 2015 and on its upcoming editions.

ACTION: Removed from the agenda

C Challenging Bigotry (aka Jim Crow) Joe Murphy (joedmur@gmail.com)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers poses the following challenge to bigotry and urges others, including the Los Angeles City and its Neighborhood Councils, to do likewise:

We recently experienced the brutal killing of blacks in a black church in a southern state by a white racist.

It was clearly a racist action. Yet a number of politicians, including candidates for President of the United States, characterized it not as 'racist' but as otherwise based.

We condemn this attempted twisting of history.

We hope and urge that voters will openly condemn it as a denial of reality and will seek and support candidates who demonstrate the courage to speak truth to bigotry no matter how it surfaces.



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CONTEXT: Why should the Venice Neighborhood Council consider and pass this motion?

Slavery has been entrenched in human settlements ever since agriculture produced enough excess food to generate cheap labor – which is what made it possible to profit by treating humans as chattel that can be bought and sold. The Americas experienced slave trade since well over 4 centuries ago – before philosophers challenged the monarchical form of government leading to what have become more democratic forms of government.

The first evidence in our United States that slavery might be edged out of our culture was our 1776 Declaration of Independence which states that “All men are created equal” – a toehold that allowed an anti-slavery interpretation to infiltrate the thinking of some. The subsequent adoption of the 1788 US Constitution unfortunately enshrined the racial slavery that then embroiled us in the 1861-1865 Civil War.

Racial bigotry has gradually been **legally** eroded by the Lincoln 1863 Emancipation Proclamation and the 1865 ratification of the 13th Amendment to the US Constitution. But these measures were quickly undermined by **Jim Crow** laws backed by KKK groups in the confederate states – effectively denying blacks all of the rights to which they had become **legally** entitled – a situation which has been politically sustained by **state's rights** arguments – the **Jim Crow** tactic to fend off federal interference with the underlying bigotry.

This was gradually undermined **legally** by the 1954 US Supreme Court decision desegregating schools, the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and the 1965 Voting Rights Act – and by the federal interventions necessary to enforce them. But even that did not stop the racial bigotry evident in politics – President Johnson (LBJ) was politically astute when he recognized that his significant role in getting the Civil Rights and Voting Rights Acts enacted meant he would not be reelected and said “there goes the south” and so he decided not to run for a second term. Racial bigotry continued to play an important political role at all levels of government.

What's different now that justifies Venice Neighborhood Council adoption of the above motion?

Recent events, particularly the South Carolina example of undeniable racial bigotry alluded to in our above motion, together strike us as a significant wake-up call – significant since it seems to have pierced the political **Jim Crow** shell that would have previously explained away and, in effect, denied the racial bigotry basis for what happened.

A native American governor, of the first state to secede from the union in the lead-up to the Civil War, basically said ‘enough already!’ (paraphrase) to the traditional supporters of the Confederate flag and decided it was time to recognize it for what it is – a symbol sustaining ongoing racial bigotry. The state senate immediately went on record supporting the governor, and the state house of representatives – which was entertaining rationales for delaying a decision – found itself being ‘read the riot act’ (paraphrase) by one of its Republican representatives – a woman who is a direct descendent of Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy!



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We find it difficult to not speak truth to bigotry and to fail to encourage others to speak truth to bigotry.

South Carolina had the courage to do so and we'd like to be on that bandwagon – and the more others do the same, the more likely the denial of bigotry can, hopefully, be dramatically curtailed in politics in general, thus eroding the lingering bigotry-based use of **Jim Crow** tactics.

ACTION: Motion to put on consent calendar fails (MD/EM 3-4-0)

FOR: MD, EM,

AGAINST: KV, MS, IK, HH

ABSTAIN: MN

D Support for Cup of Water Law Jared ben Noah (10 minutes)

MOTION: Whereas clean water is the most important factor in public health,

Whereas public health is a significant economic concern,

Whereas restaurants, cafes, and bars are beneficiaries of city, county, and metropolitan infrastructure and whereas such government bodies have authority to regulate and set rates,

Whereas clean water is a fundamental human right under the U.N. declaration,

We the people of Los Angeles require that any bar, restaurant, or cafes open to the general public provide at least one cup of water on request to any member of the public, customer or not, on request.

If the person doesn't meet the "dress code" requirements or other discrimination on basis of socio-economic status, the bar restaurant, cafe, eatery must bring the cup of water to the door and give it to the person.

Document cases for failure to comply should result in a civil penalty.

ACTION: Motion to put on consent calendar fails (EM/MD 5-1-1)

FOR: MD, EM, KV, MS, HH

AGAINST: IK

ABSTAIN: MN

13. Treasurers Report (9:25PM -- 3 minutes) Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, (Treasurer@VeniceNC.org) [Discussion and possible action]

[EXHIBIT]

A MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Reports for July 2015.



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RECOMMENDED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE

B MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves participation in the Annual Abbot Kinney Festival and allocates up to \$300 for the cost of a booth at the festival. This motion was approved 3-0-0 by the Budget and Finance Committee on August 4, 2015.

C MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves a General Community Improvement Project for a Venice Art Fair and allocates \$2000 for this project. This motion was approved 3-0-0 by the Budget and Finance Committee on August 4, 2015, and 5-0-0 by the Arts Committee on July 8, 2015.

ACTION: Merge 13C with 12A

14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:28PM -- 5 minutes)

15. Adjourn (approx. 9:35PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Mike Newhouse	Communications	Jed Pauker
Arts	Eduardo Manilla	Discussion Forum	Joe Murphy
Budget & Finance	Hugh Harrison	Business	George Francisco
Education	Bud Jacobs	Housing	Abigail Myers, Helen Stotler
Land Use and Planning	Robin Rudisill	Mass/Scale/Character	Sue Kaplan
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Parking/Transportation	Abigail Myers
Ocean Front Walk	Melissa Diner	Public Safety	George Francisco
Outreach	Sylvia Aroth	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi, Abigail Myers
Rules & Election	Ira Koslow	2015/16 Election	Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel
Environmental	Abigail Myers, Erin Sullivan-Ward,	Barbara Lonsdale	

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