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### Administrative Committee Minutes

Oakwood Recreation Center 767 California Ave., Venice, 90291 Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 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 proceeding as Ad Com Committee. PRESENT: Linda Lucks, Marc Saltzberg, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Scott Kramarich
- 2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda ACTION: Agenda approved (SK/ESW – 7-0-1) For: Marc Saltzberg, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Scott Kramarich Abstain: Linda Lucks
- 3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes <u>http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/140310AdComMinutes.pdf</u> ACTION: Minutes approved (IK/HH – 7-0-1) For: Marc Saltzberg, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Scott Kramarich Abstain: Linda Lucks
- 4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda Ivan Spiegel, Annie Zak (OC Register) ACTION: Request for REC to take up CPRA process
- 5. Old Administrative Committee Business
- 6. New Administrative Committee Business [Discussion and possible action.]
- A Discussion of Use of the VNC web site as the official repository of basic Land Use documents (staff reports, motions and letters), as legally required by DONE as per the City Attorney and possible drafting of motion to the Board on this topic.

MOTION: All documents presented for consideration by the VNC Board or by a VNC committee shall be posted on the appropriate page of the VNC web site within the time requirements of the Brown Act. The consequences of failure to comply with this requirement shall be determined as a Standing



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Rule and/or by-law change by the Rules and Election Committee. ACTION: Motion made and approved to go on the board agenda. (HH/SA – 8-0-0) For: Marc Saltzberg, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Scott Kramarich, Linda Lucks

- B <u>Selection of Committee for Monthly Committee Report</u> May: Election Committee placed on the agenda (HH/IK – 7-0-1) For: Marc Saltzberg, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Scott Kramarich Abstain: Linda Lucks
- C <u>Consideration and approval of April 29th, 2014 Proposed Board Agenda</u> ACTION: Proposed board agenda approved (KV/HH – 6-0-1) For: Erin Sullivan-Ward, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Scott Kramarich Abstain: Marc Saltzberg
- Adjourn
   ACTION: Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM (SK/HH 6-0-1)
   For: Erin Sullivan-Ward, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Scott Kramarich
   Abstain: Marc Saltzberg



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### Board of Officers Meeting Agenda Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 Tuesday, April 29th, 2014 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.

**TRANSLATION** Services: Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de notificar a la oficina 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Si necesita asistencia con esta notificación, por favor llame a nuestra oficina 213.473.5391.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**: The public is requested to fill out a "<u>Speaker Card</u>" to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on these agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other agenda matters or on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless modified by the presiding officer of the Board. No new speaker cards will be accepted once Public Comment has begun.

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

**DISABILITY POLICY:** The Venice Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Venice Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request.

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

- 1. <u>Call to Order and Roll Call</u> (7:00PM 5 minutes)
- 2. <u>Pledge Of Allegiance</u> (7:05PM -- 5 minutes)
- 3. <u>Approval of the Agenda</u> (7:10PM 3 minutes)
- 4. <u>Declaration of Ex Parte Communications (7:13PM -- 2 minutes)</u> All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications relating to items on the meeting's agenda
- 5. <u>Approval of Outstanding Board minutes</u> (7:15PM 5 minutes) March 18th <u>http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/140318BoardMinutesv2.pdf</u> April 8<sup>th</sup> http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/140408BoardMinutes.pdf
- 6. <u>President's Report</u> (7:20PM -- 5 minutes) (Linda Lucks <u>president@venicenc.org</u>) CPRA Report (Added)
- Public Safety LAPD Report (7:25 -- 10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, Sgt. Theresa Skinner, Lt. Lydia Leos, OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.
- 8. <u>Special Guest: Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer</u> (7:35PM -- 60 minutes) [EXHIBIT]
- 9. <u>Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda</u> (8:35PM --10 minutes) [5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]



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- **10.** Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (8:45PM 20 minutes) [No discussion or Public Comment]
- A <u>Government Reports</u> (10 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
  - **City Councilmember Mike Bonin**, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, <u>Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org</u> (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Mark Grant (<u>Mark.Grant@lacity.org</u>)
  - LA Parks & Recreation-Venice Boardwalk, Juan Benitez (juan.benitez@lacity.org)
  - LA County Department of Beaches & Harbors: OFW Safety, John Kelly 310-305-9532
  - Congressman Henry Waxman, Representative Lisa.Pinto; Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov
  - State Senator Ted Lieu, 310-318-6994
  - State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford 310.412.6400 Matt Stauffer <u>Matt.Stauffer@asm.ca.gov</u>
  - LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Maria Chong mccastillo@bos.LACounty.gov
  - Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) 213-978-0836
  - Venice Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, Rachel Bindman, Librarian (rbindman@lapl.org)

B <u>VNC Monthly Committee Report: Mass, Character, & Scale (5 minutes)</u> [A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.] ACTION: VNC Committee Report changed from Parking Committee to Mass, Character, & Scale Committee (HH/IK – 7-0-0) For: Marc Saltzberg, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Scott Kramarich

**C** <u>Election Report</u> (5 minutes) (Alisa Smith-IEA, Liz Wright, Ivan Spiegel-Election Committee)

### D <u>"Ocean Forum" in Partnership with Heal the Bay</u> - April 30 ACTION: Moved from President's Report to Scheduled Announcements

### 11. Consent Calendar (9:05PM -- 5 minutes)

[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.]

A <u>Add 'Children Vision Goal' to SR20</u> (Joseph D Murphy joedmurphy@ca.rr.com on behalf of VNC Discussion Forum Committee)

**MOTION:** The VNC shall add the following Vision Goal to Standing Rule 20 – VNC Vision Goals: Consider strategies to enhance and broaden opportunities for children to experience exposure to and involvement in all aspects of the economic and cultural vitality of the community. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by Discussion Forum Committee

B <u>Change the Hours of Muscle Beach on Sundays</u> (Tom Elliott on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee)

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks extend the hours of operation of Muscle Beach on Sunday to parallel those of Saturday which are 8am-7pm summer and 8am- 5pm winter. Currently Muscle Beach is only open on Sundays from



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12pm-4pm. OFW MOTION: Ron, Melissa Second PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ACTION: Referred back to OFW Committee for review with recusal of Ron Kramer (a member of the committee and the maker of the committee's motion) who might receive an economic benefit if the city were to extend the hours of operation of Muscle Beach on Sunday. (SK/IK 7-0-0) For: Marc Saltzberg, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh

Harrison, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Scott Kramarich

- 12. Old Business (9:10PM -- 0 minutes) [Discussion and possible action]
- 13. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (9:10PM -- 5 minutes) [5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
- 14. LUPC (9:15PM -- 30 minutes) (Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

#### A 750 California Avenue

For clarity, the applicants have referred to the front house as having the address 750 California Ave. and the back house as 752 California Ave., and this Motion follows that usage.

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the proposed Small Lot Subdivision at 750 California Avenue, on the following conditions:

1. The VNC supports the applicants' request, pursuant to LAMC Section 12.22.C.27(b), for the back house (752 California Ave.), to designate the front yard as the alley, with the back house orienting its front door to the alley.

2. The VNC supports the applicants' request for a reduction in the front and rear yard setbacks, with a ten (10) foot front yard setback for the front house (750 California Ave.) and six (6) foot front yard setback at second floor line for the back house (752 California Ave.), in lieu of the required 15-foot front yard setback. These setbacks are in accordance with the prevailing front yard and rear yard setbacks on the block.

3. The VNC does not support a reduction in the side yards setbacks, and recommends that the requirement of 5' side yard setbacks set forth in the the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance, LAMC Section 12.22.C.27.(e), shall be followed.

4. The VNC supports the applicants' request for a 4-inch building separation in lieu of the required 10-foot separation between the front and rear buildings, but only on the first floor of the proposed buildings, and only on the condition that there is a 5' building separation at the second floor between the proposed buildings, and this opening is shown on the building plans approved by the City, as indicated in the area circled in red on page A-5 on the plans for the front house (750 California Ave.).

5. Roof deck railings shall be set back 10' from the property line along both side yards.

6. There shall be no structure on the roof other than mechanical equipment and the roof access structure. Any plants or trees placed on the roof which become hedges shall be maintained in perpetuity so that they are no taller than the height of the guardrails, and shall be maintained so that



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they are 75% transparent and they do not obstruct the light and air circulation for the adjoining neighbors to the east and west.

7. The VNC supports the applicants' request to allow parking in the side yards, unless the City finds that fire and safety issues are implicated.

8. A fifth, substandard parking space shall be created in the front yard setback of the rear house with access to the alley, where indicated on the plans, with level grasscrete and of dimensions  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ' x 15', as indicated in the area circled in red on page A-3.1 on the plans for the back house (752 California Ave.).

9. If an application is made which requests the modification of the conditions of approval of any kind, however minor or slight, all neighbors within a 100' radius shall be notified by mail, and said neighbors shall be given at least 30 days to respond before any decision or determination is made by the City.

#### B <u>1212-1222 Electric, Venice, 90291</u>: CASE NUMBERS: ZA-2013-4078-CDP-ZAA-MEL; AA-2013-4076-PMLA; ENV-2013-4077-EAF

Project description: Demolish existing duplex, which re-establishes 2 separate original lots, and construct 3-story, 2-unit condo & 3-story SFD, both w/reduced front yard setbacks to 5 feet, and 2-unit condo w/reduced south side yard setback & reduced rear yard setback (both <=20%).

**MOTION**: The Venice Land Use and Planning Committee recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the proposed project, based on the following:

- 1. It meets the character, mass and scale of the surrounding neighborhood.
- 2. It meets the code (including VSP) for parking requirements.
- 3. The reduced front yard setback observes the prevailing front yard setback along Electric Ave.

4. The minor (<=20%) south side yard and rear yard setback adjustments for the 2-unit condo are justified because of the challenging shape of the lot.

5. It is across the street/adjacent from a commercial zone.

LUPC Motion made by Robin Rudisill, Seconded by Jake Kaufman

LUPC Motion APPROVED 4-0-1 (In favor: JK, RR, RA, MM; Abstain: JR)

ACTION: LUPC motions placed on board agenda (IK/SK 6-0-1) For: Erin Sullivan-Ward, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Scott Kramarich Abstain: Marc Saltzberg

- **15.** New Business (9:45PM -- 40 minutes) [Discussion and possible action]
- A <u>Community Improvement Projects</u> (10 minutes) (Tom Elliott on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee)

**MOTION:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council make all future Community Improvement project accessible to all by requiring and providing all



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applications to be submitted by email and/or mail.

Melissa Motion: Shelly Second.

Thomas Elliott FAVOR Melissa Diner FAVOR Ron Kramer FAVOR Therese Dietlin Abstained Shelly Gomez FAVOR 4 in favor, 1 abstained, 0 opposed ACTION: Referred to Neighborhood Committee as they handle CIPs (HH/ESW 6-0-1) For: Erin Sullivan-Ward, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Scott Kramarich Abstain: Marc Saltzberg

B <u>Support Of People St./LA Dot Projects (10 minutes)</u> (Tom Elliott on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee) [EXHIBIT]

**MOTION:** Whereas, the VNC previously voted in favor of the joint committee meeting motions regarding hard street closures to include art, monuments, bike corrals and public seating areas, The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the People St./LA Dot projects, including but not limited to, Westminster and any other street already approved by the VNC for hard street closures financially on the contingency the grant(s) are approved.

More info: <u>http://www.peoplest.org/</u>

OFW Motion: Melissa, Second, Shelly PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ACTION: Motion not placed on agenda due to lack of clarity (SK/HH 0-6-1) For: NONE Against: Scott Kramarich, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison Abstain: Marc Saltzberg

C <u>Reporting of Applications for Use of Ocean Front Walk</u> (10 minutes) (Tom Elliott on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee)

MOTION: The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends to the Venice Neighborhood Council that Rec and Parks make available to OFW Committee on or before the first of each month all pending, accepted and paid applications of public and private events occurring on OFW. OFW MOTION: Melissa, Second Ron PASSED 4-0-1 ACTION: Placed on the agenda (IK/SK 6-0-1) For: Erin Sullivan-Ward, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Scott Kramarich Abstain: Marc Saltzberg

D Vetting of Ice Skating Rink (10 minutes) (Nick Antonicello nacount@aol.com)

**MOTION:** WHEREAS, the Eleventh District Council Office is proposing a seasonal ice skating rink for Venice Beach located west of the plaza, and



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WHEREAS, the details of the skating rink as to it's operation, size, price per skater, security, locker access and other important details have not been vetted at this time, and

WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council, like previously proposed projects, has an obligation to vet this so that the community is properly informed before any final approvals are granted, and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council communicate directly with the 11th District Council Member's Office and gain the answers and the information required to properly review the benefits and challenges of the temporary installation of a seasonal skating rink at Venice Beach.

ACTION: Motion not placed on agenda public hearing on May 1. AdCom decided, by unanimous vote, to reject the agenda request and asks instead that VNC President request the information from CD11 staff (HH/IK 0-6-1) For: NONE

Against: Scott Kramarich, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison

Abstain: Marc Saltzberg

E <u>Support for SB1273, "Overturn Citizens United Act"</u> Michelle Sutter and Holly Mosher on behalf of "Money Out, Voters In"

MOTION: Whereas, California Senate Bill 1273, the OVERTURN CITIZENS UNITED ACT, introduced and amended by Senator Ted Lieu, would require the California Secretary of State to submit to the voters at the November 4, 2014 election, an advisory question asking whether the Congress of the United States should propose, and the California Legislature should ratify, an amendment or amendments to the United States Constitution to overturn Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (2010) 558 U.S. 310, and other applicable judicial precedents, as specified.

Whereas, the Overturn Citizens United Act clearly states that we have the right to regulate and or limit spending on elections and that the rights and privileges granted by the US Constitution are the rights of natural persons only,

Therefore be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City Council of Los Angeles to support Senate Bill 1273, the OVERTURN CITIZENS UNITED ACT, as introduced and amended by Senator Ted Lieu.

#### ACTION: Motion made asking City Council to endorse SB1272 approved (ESW/IK 4-3-0) For: Marc Saltzberg, Erin Sullivan-Ward, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth Against: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Scott Kramarich

- **16. Treasurers Report (10:25PM -- 5 minutes);** Hugh Harrison <u>Treasurer@Venicenc.org</u> [EXHIBIT] [Discussion and possible action]
- A **MOTION**: The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period February 22, 2014, through March 21, 2014, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.
- **B MOTION:** Placeholder for the cash request for May.



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**C MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate \$300 from Board Community Improvement projects related to the Venice clean-up and \$200 from General Outreach to Staffing. BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVED 3-0-0.

ACTION: Treasures report (16A-C) placed on the agenda (IK/SA 6-0-1) For: Erin Sullivan-Ward, Ira Koslow, Sylvia Aroth, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Scott Kramarich Abstain: Marc Saltzborg

### Abstain: Marc Saltzberg

### 17. VNC Announcements (10:30PM -- 10 Minutes)

- Vice President Marc Saltzberg (Vicepresident@Venicenc.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils- Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. <u>Chair@westsidecouncils.org</u>,
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
- Venice Chamber Of Commerce: Erin-Sullivan Ward (erin.ward@venicenc.org)
- LADWP Oversight Committee DeDe Audet <u>daudet@ca.rr.com</u>
- **18.** Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (10:40PM -- 10 minutes) [no more than 1 minute per person no Board member announcements permitted]
- 19. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:50PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)
- 20. Adjourn (approx. 10:55PM)

#### List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Linda Lucks	Santa Monica Airport	Ablgail Myers, Laura Silagi
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Visitor Impact	Joseph Shields, Clabe Hartley
Outreach	Matt Kline	Ocean Front Walk	Tom Elliot,
Budget	Hugh Harrison	Public Safety	Sevan Gerard, Mark Kleinman
Land Use and Planning	Jake Kaufman	Environment	Erin Sullivan Ward, Abigail Myer <b>s</b>
Education	Bud Jacobs	Arts	Cynthia Rogers, Eduardo Manilla
Rules & Election	Ira Koslow	2013-2014 Elections	Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel
Communications	Helen Stotler	Parking and Transportation Abigail Myers	
Housing	Abigail Myers, Helen Stotle	er	