



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Administrative Committee Agenda**

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room  
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Monday, February 10th, 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 7:05 PM**  
**PRESENT: LL, MS, HH, IK, SA, ESW, SK**  
**ABSENT: KV**  
**GUESTS: IVAN, LIZ WRIGHT, EORGE GINERIS, MARK KLEIMAN, DONTE, + TONS MORE**
  2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**  
**ACTION:MS/SA 6-0-1 AS AMENDED**
  3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/140113AdComMinutes1.pdf>  
**ACTION: Postponed to remember stuff**
  4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**  
Ivan – BONC voted to change the posting policy.  
DONE reorganizing, Amber leaving Thomas Soong replacing her  
Contract for checking accounts approved  
Google meeting report
  5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
- A Report from Vice President on Committee Chairs Compliance with Rule 24, requiring regular meetings and posting requirements.**
- B Remove Ad Hoc and Standing Committee Chairs not in Compliance with Rule 24, Linda Lucks, [President@venicenc.org](mailto:President@venicenc.org)**
- MOTION:**I move that the following Committee Chairs at the VNC Board meeting be removed from their Chairmanships for the reason that they have not met on a regular basis as evidenced by review of the VNC web site on 2.9.14 (per Rule 24 of the VNC Standing Rules - draft agenda item):  
List:  
**ACTION: REMOVED**
- C Rescind Vote Putting Sylvia Aroth In Charge of Outreach Committee (Matt Kline [matt.kline@venicenc.org](mailto:matt.kline@venicenc.org))**



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**MOTION:** Whereas the Administrative committee has no authority under standing rules or bylaws to subvert the authority of the Outreach Committee Chair, I move that the earlier vote by AdCom to place Sylvia Aroth in charge of the Committee being rescinded.

**ACTION: REMOVED**

**D Report on Status of CPRA Requests-** Linda Lucks, [President@Venicen.org](mailto:President@Venicen.org)

**6. New Administrative Committee Business**

*[Discussion and possible action.]*

**A Change of Dates for April meeting** (Ivan Spiegel [parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The date of the April AdCom meeting shall be Monday, April 21, 2014 and the date of the April Board meeting shall be Tuesday, April 29, 2014 due to a conflict with the celebration of religious holidays.

**ACTION: HH/SA – 6-0-1**

**B Selection of Committee for Monthly Committee Report**

February: Elections Committee

**March – Parking & Transportation**

**C Consideration and approval of February 18th, 2014 Proposed Board Agenda**

**ACTION: HH/IK**

**7. Adjourn**

**ACTION: SK/MS**



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## **Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, February 18th, 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 "Speaker Card" 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.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:05PM -- 5 minutes)**
3. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications (10 minutes)**  
All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications relating to items on the meeting's agenda
4. **Approval of the Agenda (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**
5. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:15PM – 5 minutes)**  
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/140121BoardMinutes.pdf>
6. **President's Report (7:20PM -- 5 minutes)** (Linda Lucks [president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))  
Report on Updating of VNC committee minutes on website per last month's request that Standing and committee chairs shall bring their committee's minutes up-to-date on the VNC website by Monday, February 9, 2014 in accordance with VNC Standing Rule 24:  
*"The VNC Standing & Ad Hoc Committees chairs are responsible for public posting of minutes on the VNC website no later than seven (7) days after the meeting at which they are approved but not more than 45 days after the meeting at which the minutes were taken"*  
**ACTION: REMOVED**
7. **Public Safety - LAPD Report (7:25 -- 10 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing ([25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org)), Kristan Delatori ([32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org)), Gregg Jacobus, [35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org). Lt. Steve Lurie, OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*



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8. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:35PM --10 minutes)**  
*[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*
9. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:45PM – 80 minutes)**  
*[No discussion or Public Comment]*
  - A **Government Reports (10 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
    - **City Councilmember Mike Bonin**, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, [Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org](mailto:Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org) (310-568-8772); ([Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org](mailto:Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)); Mark Grant ([Mark.Grant@lacity.org](mailto:Mark.Grant@lacity.org))
    - **LA Parks & Recreation-Venice Boardwalk**, Juan Benitez ([juan.benitez@lacity.org](mailto: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](mailto:Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov)
    - **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas [Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov) 310-318-6994
    - **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford** 310.412.6400
    - **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, Maria Chong Castillo [mCCastillo@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:mCCastillo@bos.lacounty.gov), 213-974-3333
    - **Mayor Eric Garcetti**, Daniel Tamm, Westside Deputy ([Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)) 213-978-0836
    - **Venice Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library**, Rachel Bindman, Librarian ([rbindman@lapl.org](mailto:rbindman@lapl.org))
  - B **VNC Monthly Committee Report: Elections Committee (15 minutes)**  
*[A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]*
  - C **Community Improvement Project Presentation (5 minutes)**  
Presentation of recently completed saltbush plantings by the Venice Canals Association.
10. **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.]*

**MOTION: The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends the Venice Neighborhood Council Support police education and enforcement of no one riding bicycles on Ocean Front Walk, as it is dangerous to pedestrians during daylight hours.**  
**ACTION: Approved MS/HH 6-0-1**
11. **Old Business (9:10PM -- 0 minutes)** *[Discussion and possible action]*
12. **Removal of VNC Committee Chairs Not in Compliance with Rule 24 of the VNC Standing Rule 24: by Linda Lucks, president, [President@Venicenc.org](mailto:President@Venicenc.org)**

Rule 24: "The VNC Standing & Ad Hoc Committees chairs are responsible for public posting of minutes on the VNC website no later than seven (7) days after the meeting at which they are approved but not more than 45 days after the meeting at which the minutes were taken"

**Motion:** I move to remove for committee Chairmanships the following individuals for the reason



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that they have not complied with Rule 24 to meet on a regular basis as evidenced by review of the VNC web site listing dates of Committee Meetings, Agendas and Minutes:

**ACTION: REMOVED**

- 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]**  
**ACTION: REMOVED**

- 14. **LUPC (9:15 PM -- 0 minutes)** (Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org))

**A 758 Sunset Avenue**

Description: Small Lot Subdivision with 3 homes and 6 car parking.

Planning Cases: ZA-2013-1085-CDP-MEL-ZAA; ENV-2013-1084-EAF; AA-2013-1086-PMLA-SL

**MOTION:** While we recognize City Planning has approved projects under the SLSO (Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance), the Venice Neighborhood Council feels that the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan should trump or take precedent (meaning 2 homes or 3 with 1 being a replacement affordable).

Further, we request that no variance, exceptions or adjustments be accepted on completely new developments.

Finally, we do not feel that this project meets the unique character intent of the Venice Specific Plan because:

- 1) 70% homes in surrounding 4 blocks are single story and 22% are 2 story and less than 7% are similar in size;
- 2) this project decreases the density (%) of affordable units in the area.
- 3) the lot coverage is beyond that which Venice would like to see.
- 4) this level of density as specified by the Venice Specific Plan shall require providing guest parking.

LUPC Motion made by Jake Kaufman, seconded by Jim Murez; Approved on 2/5/14 4-0-2

Staff Report:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=31995&UGP=Anonymous>

**ACTION: Placed on agenda HH/MS/ 6-0-1**

**B 3223 Washington Blvd: Firestone Walker Brew/Pub Restaurant**

Description: Restaurant, Brew Pub, and Retail store with new CUB and on-site parking.

Cases: ZA-2013-3173-CUB; ENV-2013-3174-EAF

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented with the following conditions:

- Hours of Operation:
  - Restaurant Use 11am-11pm Sunday-Thursday; 11am-12am Friday-Saturday
  - Retail Use 11am-6pm daily
  - Office(s) Unrestricted
- Any future operator or owner for this site must file a new Plan Approval Application to allow the City of Los Angeles to review the mode and character of the usage.
- The authorized use shall be conducted at all times with due regard for the character of the surrounding district, and the right is reserved to the Zoning Administrator to impose additional corrective Conditions, if, in the Administrator’s opinion, such Conditions are proven necessary for the protection of persons in the neighborhood or occupants of adjacent property.



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- The applicant shall train staff to provide Designated Driver resources, when appropriate, for restaurant patrons, such as taxicabs, referral services (e.g., [www.designateddriver.com](http://www.designateddriver.com)).
- In addition to the business name or entity, the name of the individual Applicant(s) shall appear on the alcohol license and any related permits.
- Security guards shall be provided as required by ABC License.
- No display window or signage advertising of offsite sales of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted; only permitted signage limited to business identification (e.g., Firestone-Walker corporate logo).
- There shall be no coin-operated games, video machines, pool tables or similar game activities maintained upon the premises at any time.
- Alcohol may only be served to patrons in conjunction with a food order. Must maintain suitable kitchen facilities, and must make actual and substantial sales of meals for consumption on the premises. (As defined in Type 41 license.)
- The applicant shall produce a Transportation Plan that offers incentives to employees to use Public Transportation, bicycle or other alternate means of transportation that do not include driving an automobile to work.
- The applicant shall provide employee parking at no charge for the duration of their shift.
- Any graffiti painted or marked upon the premises or on any adjacent area under the control of the Applicant shall be removed or painted over within 24 hours of being applied, and the paint shall match the original color.
- The Applicant shall be responsible for maintaining free of litter, the area and adjacent to the premises over which they have control.
- Noise generated on-site shall not exceed the decibel levels stated in the Citywide Noise Ordinance.
- The use and development of the property shall be in substantial conformance with the floor plan submitted.
- No tobacco sales allowed on the premises.
- The Applicant shall adhere to Best Management Practices as they pertain to the location. Also see LADBS Green Permit.
- To encourage a walk-friendly environment, the applicant will install bicycle racks.
- Exterior lighting on the building shall be maintained and provide sufficient illumination of the immediate environment so as to render objects or persons clearly visible. Said lighting shall be directed in such a manner so as not to illuminate any nearby residence.
- The Applicant shall regularly police the area under their control in an effort to prevent loitering.
- The entitlement will run with the applicant, not the property.
- Trash receptacles used will be designed to contain odors per Best Management Practices.
- Cleanup and all trash removal will be performed in such a manner as to prevent debris from entering the storm drain system, and will not interfere in any way with surrounding uses.
- No exterior work-related activity will occur either before opening or over one hour after closing.
- Offsite advertising signage will be prohibited.
- Trash pickup will occur between the hours of 8am and 6pm on weekdays as necessary but shall not occur during peak traffic periods as defined by LADOT.
- Loading and unloading hours will be arranged to avoid conflict with surrounding uses, and will in no case occur after 4pm or during peak traffic periods as defined by LADOT.
- The storage/changing room will be clearly marked as such on plans submitted to the



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City, and will not be used as service area.

- The applicant will appear before LUPC twelve months after opening (1-year Plan Approval hearing).
- Upon change or termination of any lease regarding satisfaction of the Conditions of Approval, the applicant will notify the Department of Planning and the Venice Neighborhood Council, and will comply within thirty days.
- Upon change of ownership, the new owner must appear before the City within 30 days of the close of escrow, with a plan approval application to renew the conditions and demonstrate that the required parking can be provided.
- The applicant must obtain approval for all outside signage, or must remove nonconforming signage.
- All bottles will be recycled upon removal from the premises.
- A laminated copy of these Conditions shall be posted in a conspicuous place.

LUPC Motion made by Jim Murez, seconded by Jake Kaufman Approved 1/15/14 6-1-1  
Staff Report:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=34058&UGP=Anonymous>

**ACTION: Placed on agenda HH/MS/ 6-0-1**

## **C 1414 Main Street**

Description: Mixed Use with SB1818 bonus density

Cases: CPC-2013-2377-DB-CDP-SPP-MEL; ENV-2013-2378-EAF; TT-72350-CN

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends denial of the project as presented based on excess of off-menu affordable housing density bonus incentives (five vs. three that are specified by SB 1818); inconsistency with the character, mass, and scale of the surrounding neighborhood; the applicant's failure to show that the off-menu incentives are necessary to make the housing units economically feasible (especially in lieu of cost to develop 89 excess parking spaces); excessive FAR; danger of extremely poor circulation with the parking entrance onto alleyway Toledo Court (except for residences and employees); excessive lot consolidation; missing transportation demand management strategy; and unaddressed historic preservation issues.

LUPC Motion made by Mia Herron, seconded by Robert Aronson Approved 1/15/14 7-0-1  
Staff Report:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=33230&UGP=Anonymous>

**ACTION: REMOVED – TO BE COVERED IN A SPECIAL MEETING OR MARCH DEPENDING ON TIME CERTAINTY**

## **D 1033 Abbot Kinney: Hotel**

Description: Mixed Use Hotel Project

Cases: ENV-2012-3355-EAF; DIR-2012-306-VSO-MEL

**MOTION:** Whereas, there has been considerable input and testimony from the community and residents of the immediate neighborhood between August 2012 and December 2013 expressing that any hotel project proposed for this site should fully comply with the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan (VCZSP) with no modifications or exceptions permitted.

Whereas, with any large scale development project it is only reasonable to expect that there will always be a difference of opinion as to the appropriateness of a proposed use and or building type for a specific site.



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Whereas, the applicant has made revisions to the project design 4 times decreasing the scale and mass of the proposed building to address concerns and issues raised during this 17 month community outreach phase.

Whereas, after 6 LUPC meetings, review of testimony from both supporters and opponents of the project, the applicant proposes to lower the building height to fully comply with Section 10F3(a) of the VCZSP. The project architect shall provide revised building elevations to the VNC which demonstrate that the project fully complies with a 30 foot flat roof height and/or 35 feet varied roof line and all other design requirements of the VCZSP.

Whereas, the VCZSP and Venice LUP contain no definitions for the following words and or phrases; Scale, Character and Mass, compatible in character, compatible in scale and character with the existing neighborhood.

Whereas, Section 3F and 8C of the VCZSP read as follows:

VCZSP Section 3 PURPOSES. The purposes of this Specific Plan are as follows:

Section F. To regulate all development, including use, height, density, setback, buffer zone and other factors in order that it be compatible in character with the existing community and to provide for the consideration of aesthetics and scenic preservation and enhancement, and to protect environmentally sensitive areas.

Section 8 C. FINDINGS. In granting a Project Permit Compliance Review in the Venice Coastal Zone, the Approving Authority shall make each of the findings in Section 11.5.7 and the following findings:

1. That the Venice Coastal Development Project is compatible in scale and character with the existing neighborhood, and that the Venice Coastal Development Project would not be materially detrimental to adjoining lots or the immediate neighborhood;

Whereas, Sections 3F and 8C of the VCZSP are subjective and open to interpretation regarding said compliance and compatibility absent definitions of the phrases; Scale, Character and Mass: compatible in character, compatible in scale and character with the existing neighborhood.

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project based upon compliance with the VCZSP, review of the architectural drawings, review of correspondence and testimony from the applicant, applicants representative, architect, supporters of the project and opponents of the project and moves that the VNC adopt the following mandatory findings in order to support a fully compliant VCZSP mixed use project:

The design of the proposed building with a combination of 1, 2 and 3 stories blends into the fabric of the neighborhood by incorporating portions of the existing structures along Abbot Kinney maintaining the existing character of the street by stepping back the building at various locations. Abbot Kinney Boulevard has been undergoing numerous renovations of older buildings which have been very sensitive to the character of the street. The proposed project will continue an aesthetically diverse frontage along Abbot Kinney Boulevard. The architectural style of the proposed mixed use building and materials selected is both sensitive and respectful of the current architecture blending in rather than creating a modern architectural statement. As designed the project is compatible in scale and character with the existing neighborhood and the project would not be materially detrimental to adjoining lots or the immediate neighborhood.

The Venice Neighborhood Council further recommends the following conditions be imposed on the project:

- 1) The project shall fully comply with all sections of the VCZSP regulating design including but not limited to Height, Access, FAR, Parking, Landscaping, and Lighting.
- 2) That no loading or unloading of deliveries shall be permitted along Abbot Kinney Blvd,





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Electric Avenue and Westminster Street.

3) That loading and unloading of all deliveries and trash pick up shall be limited to a 60 foot yellow curb loading zone on Broadway Avenue. Noise (Receiving, Trash, Storage Areas). Any activities associated with areas devoted to trash compacting, loading and unloading, receiving, and the "tote and bale" enclosure, shall be limited as follows: Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM; except as follows: There should be no deliveries 45 minutes prior to Westminster school commencing and 15 minutes after school commencement time and no deliveries 1 hour after Westminster school ends. Delivery and trash pickup times should be limited based upon peak traffic hours and Westminster school hours. No deliveries, receiving, trash, or storage area use shall be allowed on Sunday or legal holidays.

4) That passenger loading shall be limited to 5 timed passenger loading spaces along Abbot Kinney Blvd. which shall be used by the valet. No other street parking shall be used by the valet at any time.

5) There shall be one valet operator responsible for all uses on site that will be accountable for enforcement.

6) Required parking shall be satisfied with automobile parking only and all bicycle parking shall be in addition to the minimum number of parking spaces required by the VCZSP. The applicant has agreed that no grandfather parking rights or credits shall be applied to any parking calculation for the project.

- a) All restaurants, hotel, retail, spa, and office employees that drive to work shall park on site and free of charge during their employment shift hours.
- b) All hotel guests that arrive to the hotel by automobile shall park free of charge during their stay at the hotel
- c) All restaurant and spa patrons shall receive a free 90 minute parking validation.
- 7) Prior to the commencement of construction the applicant shall provide documentation that 56 temporary parking spaces are available for the restaurant and office uses should these businesses remain open during construction.

8) Prior to construction the applicant shall provide documentation that Construction Related Parking is being provided as follows: Off-street parking shall be provided for all construction related employees generated by the proposed project. No employees or subcontractor shall be allowed to park on the surrounding residential streets for the duration of all construction activities. There shall be no staging or parking of construction vehicles, including vehicles to transport workers on any residential street in the immediate area. All construction vehicles shall be stored either on site unless returned to their owners base of operations or in a designated parking area provided by the applicant.

9) Should this project be phased as currently proposed by the applicant , a separate plan approval shall be required filed no less than 12 months prior to the issuance of the second building permit which shall address the following:

- Compliance with all existing conditions of approval
- Review of all existing conditions of approval to determine if any conditions should be modified for the second phase of the project
- Review of the cumulative effect of any project not considered in the environmental review for this planning application raising a substantial issue regarding the 2nd phase of the project.
- Changes required to the project design based upon the enactment of new zoning or building codes.

LUPC Motion made by John Reed, Seconded by Mia Herron Approved on 1/15/2014 6-1-1  
Background Information:



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<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=30818&UGP=Anonymous>

**ACTION: Placed on agenda HH/MS/ 6-0-1**

**15. New Business (9:15PM -- 60 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A Creation of Standing Rule 27 defining attendance at Board meetings Ira Koslow for REC [ira.koslow@venicenc.org](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.org)**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall create the following as Standing Rule 27: For purposes of Article V. Governing Board, Section 7. Absences only, a full meeting's attendance by a Board member is defined as more than half the duration of the entire meeting. The Secretary shall keep a record of the arrival and departure times of all Board members. Approved 3-0 by REC 1/28/14

**ACTION: Placed on agenda HH/MS/ 6-0-1**

**B Placeholder for resolving conflicting language in bylaws Ira Koslow for REC [ira.koslow@venicenc.org](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.org)**

We will be providing language to resolve a conflict in the bylaws regarding the Factual Basis Community Officer. Remanded by DONE.

**ACTION: Remanded to REC**

**C EP Ad Hoc Committee Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe [hippisley@earthlink.net](mailto:hippisley@earthlink.net)**

Agenda motion Request: Whereas the VNC agrees to the formation of an Ad Hoc Emergency Preparedness Committee.

**ACTION: POSTPONED AS NO MISSION STATEMENT SUBMITTED**

*(Pending Approval of Mission Statement at 2/9 Adcom Meeting)*

**D Motion from the Stop LAPD Spying Coalition and Request to Present Esteban Gil of the he Stop LAPD Spying Coalition [estebanmgil@gmail.com](mailto:estebanmgil@gmail.com)**

**MOTION:** Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council represents one of the most well-known and historic neighborhoods in Los Angeles,

Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council represents a diverse population of hardworking families and communities,

Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports our community members' right to privacy and civil liberties,

Whereas, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Special Order 1 (formerly Special Order 11) allows the LAPD to collect Suspicious Activities Report (SAR) based on numerous non-criminal observed and/or reported behavior such as, "using cameras in public, shooting video, using binoculars, drawing diagrams, taking notes, walking into an office and asking for hours of operation,"

Whereas, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) iWATCH program encourages the public to file a report even if people are not convinced that witnessed behavior is criminal,

Whereas, the implementation of Special Order 1 allows LAPD to racially profile people of color and immigrants,

Whereas the Venice Neighborhood Council is committed to equality, civil rights and human rights,

Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council strongly supports the Los Angeles City Human



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Relations Commission (HRC) motion dated October 10, 2013 to “hold public forum(s) or hearing(s) be hosted solely by the HRC in the community on the issue of profiling to be inclusive of gang injunctions, SAR and other related public safety issues,”  
Be it therefore resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council is deeply concerned about Los Angeles Police Department Special Order 1 and the iWATCH program that criminalizes innocent behavior, violates our civil rights and liberties, and promotes racial profiling,  
Be it further resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council will actively participate in and promote HRC public forum(s) or hearing(s) to the Venice Beach community,  
Be it further resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council will make an effort to participate in the planning, community outreach, implementation and hosting of HRC public forum(s) or hearing(s),  
Be it further resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls on the Los Angeles Police Department to rescind Special Order 1 and the original Special Order 11 with immediate effect,  
Be it further resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls on the Los Angeles Police Department to terminate the iWATCH program with immediate effect,  
Be it further resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council calls on other Neighborhood Councils to demand that Special Order 1, formerly Special 11 be rescinded and iWATCH program to be terminated immediately by the LAPD.

Background Info: [www.stoplapdspying.org](http://www.stoplapdspying.org)

**ACTION: Remanded to Public Safety – Mark Kleiman appointed co-chair (POSSIBLY IN President’s report)**

- E** OFW motion to ask Rec & Parks and Beaches and Harbors to cooperate on creating a berm on the west side of the bike path to prevent sand from filling the bike path.  
**ACTION: Motion added to agenda SK/MS 6-0-1**
  
- 16. Treasurers Report (10:15PM -- 5 minutes);** Hugh Harrison [Treasurer@Venicenc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Venicenc.org)  
*[Discussion and possible action]* **[EXHIBIT]**
  
- A** **MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period December 22, 2013, through January 21, 2014, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.
  
- B** **MOTION:** March budget placeholder  
**ACTION: All Treasurers items moved before LUPC.**
  
- 17. VNC Announcements (10:20PM -- 10 Minutes)**
  - **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg ([Vicepresident@Venicenc.org](mailto:Vicepresident@Venicenc.org))
  - **Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. [Chair@westsidecouncils.org](mailto:Chair@westsidecouncils.org),
  - **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)** Ivan Spiegel ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))
  - **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Erin-Sullivan Ward ([erin.ward@venicenc.org](mailto:erin.ward@venicenc.org))
  - **LADWP Oversight Committee** DeDe Audet [daudet@ca.rr.com](mailto:daudet@ca.rr.com)
  
- 18. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (10:30PM -- 10 minutes)**  
*[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*



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19. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:40PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**
20. **Adjourn (approx. 10:45PM)**

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

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