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Administrative Committee Agenda

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

Monday, December 9th, 2013 at 7:00 PM

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****ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA VOTED UNANIMOUSLY UNLESS NOTED****

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
Present: LL, KV, ESW, MS, IK, HH, SK
Absent: TW
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
ACTION: Agenda approved HH/MS
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
ACTION: Minutes approved HH/ESW
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
Hugh – contract signed with Union Bank
Ivan – four new BONC Commissioners
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**
[Discussion and possible action.]
- A** **ACTION: Send Challis' write-up of Developer Non-Grata to LUPC to reaffirm the policy therein or develop a substitute policy. MS/IK**
- B** **Selection of Committee for Monthly Committee Report**
ACTION: Arts Committee selected
- C** **Consideration and approval of December 17, 2013 Proposed Board Agenda**
ACTION: Proposed board agenda approved KV/IK
7. **Adjourn**
ACTION: Meeting adjourned (8:45PM)



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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, December 17, 2013 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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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:05PM -- 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**
4. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:15PM – 5 minutes)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/131202BoardMinutes.pdf>
5. **President's Report (7:20PM-- 5 minutes)** (Linda Lucks president@venicenc.org)
6. **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. Lt. Steve Lurie, OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
7. **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]
8. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:45PM – 30 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 (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Mark Grant (Mark.Grant@lacity.org)



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- **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
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- **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, Maria Chong Castillo mCCastillo@bos.lacounty.gov,
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- **Mayor Eric Garcetti**, Daniel Tamm, Westside Deputy (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org)
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B **VNC Monthly Committee Report: Arts Committee (5 minutes)**

[A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]

C **Presentation by Tom Donovan, West LA Area Planning Commission (45 minutes)** Ivan

Spiegel parliamentarian@venicenc.org Tom Donovan, West LA Area Planning Commission will speak to the VNC about how to be more effective at the APC and some thoughts about working with the ABC on liquor license conditions. Includes Q & A.

ACTION: Postponed to January meeting.

9. **Consent Calendar (7:45PM -- 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.]

10. **Old Business (7:50PM -- 15 minutes)** *[Discussion and possible action]*

A **Creation of Visitor Impact Committee (5 minutes)** (Ivan Spiegel, VNC parliamentarian)

MOTION: The VNC Board shall create the Ad Hoc Visitor Impact Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee:

MISSION STATEMENT: The Visitor Impact Committee shall cooperatively develop protocols and create VNC Board agenda items that can be used to better manage the community wide affects produced by the number of visitors coming to Venice.

Additionally, the committee shall research, develop, advise, and report on potential sources of revenue that are generated from visitors as well as suggest ways in which these funds might be directed back to the community.

11. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:05PM -- 5 minutes)** *[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

12. **LUPC (8:10 PM -- 100 minutes);** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org

A **835 E. Milwood Ave, Venice, CA; SFD construction**

Case: DIR-2013-3500-VSO

CASE SUMMARY:

This application was submitted to the City of Los Angeles Planning Dept-ZA-2013-2464- (ZAA) LAMC 12.28.



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Requesting Zoning Administrator adjustments:

1. An adjustment from section 12.09-c3 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to permit a 7'-8" reduced rear yard setback in lieu of the required 15 feet.
2. An adjustment from section 12.21-C (6) a passage way width of 3'6" in lieu of the required 10 feet from the street to the new second dwelling in the back.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of this single family dwelling construction project, as presented, with the following conditions:

1. The Owner of 835 E. Milwood Ave. HAS TIMELY NOTIFIED the occupants of the five abutting properties (two adjacent and three across the alley), via a certified/return receipt requested mailing, that he has applied with City Planning for adjustments to L.A. Municipal Code for his project at 835 E. Milwood Ave., and that there will be a meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Board on December 17, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westminster School at 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd., where there will be a Public Hearing of this proposal where it will be discussed and voted on by the VNC Board for purposes of a recommendation to the City of L.A. Zoning Administrator; and that the Owner is asking for their support of the adjustments being proposed for his project. The letter will include the Owner's contact information, the LUPC Staff contact information, and the Cityhood url directly to the case for purposes of further details and questions. The mailing documentation, including the letter and the returned certified mailing receipts, shall be provided to LUPC Staff prior to the December 17, 2013 VNC Board meeting.
2. The City's approval of the adjustments to L.A. Municipal Code for this project shall include a condition that the interior garage doors leading into the courtyard parking area shall operate (open and close) without interference from parked cars therein, so that the courtyard parking spaces can be easily and regularly accessible.

LUPC Motion made by Mehrnoosh Mojallali, seconded by Jim Murez

APPROVED 5-1-0

November 21, 2013

Background information:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=34244&UGP=Anonymous>

ACTION: Revised motion required by 12/12 at 5:00PM

- B** **664 E. Sunset Ave, Venice, CA; demo (E) duplex and create a 3-lot small lot subdivision within the RD1.5 zone, with 6 parking spaces per unit (2 per unit)**
Case: ZA-2013-768-CDP-ZV-MEL

CASE SUMMARY:

Existing on site is a duplex to be demolished and replaced with 3 units lot subdivision with 2 covered parking spaces per each new dwelling , pursuant to ORD. No. 176,354. Coastal Requirement Permit and Mello Determination is required. Adjustment is requested to permit 16.5 foot wide common access driveway in lieu of 20 feet in conjunction with the small lot ordinance in the RD1.5-1 Zone.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of this small lot subdivision project, as presented, with the following conditions:

1. The City's approval of the project shall include a condition that the affordable units shall be



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replaced one-for-one, within the Venice Planning Area, and that no tenant shall be evicted until the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued for the new replacement affordable units, and that the current tenants shall be given the right of first refusal to rent a new replacement affordable unit similar to the one they currently occupy.

2. The City's approval of the project shall include a condition that the landscaping opportunities shall be fully maximized for the project.

LUPC Motion made by Mehrnoosh Mojallali, seconded by Jim Murez

APPROVED 4-2-1

December 4, 2013

Background Information:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=31704&UGP=Anonymous>

ACTION: Revised motion required by 12/12 at 5:00PM

13. **New Business (9:50PM -- 10 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]

A **Winter Shelter Storage Program Location** Tom Elliott thomas.elliott@venicenc.org and Marc Saltzberg vicepresident@venicenc.org

This is a place holder. The motion has not yet been drafted.

ACTION: Motion required by 12/12 at 5:00PM

B **Place Holder for Feed In Tariff Motion** Erin Sullivan Ward on behalf of the Environmental Committee erin.sullivanward@venicenc.org

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council favors the creation of the Feed-In-Tariff program, as authorized by the Los Angeles City Council and DWP Commission, because it: 1) Provides clean, local solar energy, thus reducing our reliance on polluting, coal-fired power plants and costly long distance transmission lines. 2) Generates local, well paying jobs in the Green Energy sector. 3) Encourages private investment and provides \$300 million in federal tax credits for local businesses. 4) Will, over time, lead to a decrease in the cost of "going solar" thus increasing its prevalence and lessening the need for incentives. The VNC urges LADWP and the City to maintain FiT energy buy-back prices at a level sufficient to encourage participation in the program, to be mindful of market prices and also, to expand FIT from its current 150 megawatts to 1200 megawatts.

Motion passed 3-0-0 by the Environmental Committee

C **Support for Santa Monica Airport Becoming a Grand Park** Laura Silagi lsilagi@gmail.com

Motion: Whereas the Santa Monica Airport (SMO) is a health hazard to its surrounding communities and the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) supports the mitigation of noise, emission and negative environmental impacts generated by SMO,
Whereas all aircraft departing Santa Monica Airport fly over Venice and the VNC supports the end of this flight pattern practice,

Whereas propeller planes fly over parks, schools and residences causing noise and lead pollution and the VNC supports safe and healthy schools and neighborhoods,

Whereas the Santa Monica Airport poses a continuing danger from accidents, and the VNC supports a safe environment free of the danger of aircraft accidents,



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Whereas the city of Santa Monica is taking legal action against the FAA to determine what the future use of the airport land can be after 2015,
Whereas our City Council representative, Mike Bonin and our State Assembly representative Ted Lieu have called for the airport to be closed.
Therefore the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the green concept of turning the airport property into a grand park to serve all of the entire area, a use that would not increase traffic and would be environmentally healthful to all and would provide badly needed open space in an area that has very little. Many Santa Monica residents and organizations, as well as the Mar Vista Neighborhood Council and the Sierra Club have supported this concept.
Venice is a neighbor of this property on the south and west boundaries. A grand park, approximately one third the size of Central Park would have multiple recreational uses. Walking and cycling paths as well as natural habitats and plants could turn this pollution creating area into a green oasis in the midst of our dense urban communities. The park could serve as an arts and performance center for the area, picnic areas as well as park related business. The vision is just beginning and the VNC to support it.

ACTION: Referred to Airport Committee (or required to be rewritten if from Committee)

D **Arts Committee – Submitted Projects** Eduardo Manilla eduardo.manilla@venicenc.org

Motion: The Arts Committee requests a regular space of 30-60 minutes during the VNC Board Meetings to present a variety of projects which have been presented at the Arts Committee meetings.

Such projects include:

- a) OOMO – Out Of Many One (Public Art on Windward)
- b) Venice Institute of Contemporary Art
- c) Venice Beach Memorial
- d) Award to the Instagram Photo Contest
- e) Bike Rack Competition
- f) Mural Ordinance
- g) Arts Community Announcements
- ... and others.

**ACTION: Motion removed from the agenda
Arts Committee to give December Committee Report KV/IK**

E **Monitoring of Street surfacing in Venice** Nicholas Antonicello nacount@aol.com

MOTION: WHEREAS, many streets have been repaved or resurfaced here in Venice over the last year and,
WHEREAS, the quality of the resurfacing has been poor on several streets in which manhole covers, sewer plates have been paved over while broken and missing curbing as well as cracked aprons have gone unrepaired, and
WHEREAS, the cost of these capital improvements for street resurfacing are being completed in a haphazard and unacceptable fashion, and
WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council should be kept updated to the streets paved and the future schedule of resurfacing by the 11th District Council Member's Office, and
WHEREAS, fluid communication of the status and update of street resurfacing and paving is critical, and that the work completed be done correctly, and



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council request a list of all future resurfacing of streets within Venice and that this information be forwarded to the VNC before the work is completed and that,

IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the 11th District Council Office report the status of repaving activities in general and that this information be reported and updated by the 11th Council Member's representative at the monthly meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council, and a letter be sent to the Councilmember's office requesting the same.

**ACTION: Revised (due by 12/12 5PM) motion place on agenda.
VNC will request presentation by Bureau of Street Services**

F General Manager – Venice Beach Nick Antonicello nacount@aol.com

MOTION: WHEREAS, Venice Beach is an international tourist destination in which the community derives economic commerce, publicity and goodwill from visitors worldwide, and WHEREAS, Venice Beach is operated by a hybrid of city and county agencies and authorities that are responsible for the public safety, maintenance and operation of this sprawling facility, and

WHEREAS, the recent incident resulting in the senseless death of an international tourist has tarnished the reputation of this destination, and

WHEREAS, unlike other public facilities, parks and destinations here in Los Angeles no one is charged with the day-to-day management and operation of Venice Beach, and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles needs to develop a timeline and requirements for a new position of General Manager of Venice Beach in which this individual will be chosen by the Parks & Recreation Commission with the advice and consent of the LA City Council, and

WHEREAS, a national search for the appropriate individual take place as soon as possible so that the safety, commerce and day-to-day challenges that exist can be addressed as well as held accountable,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council endorse this motion and that a copy of the same be sent to the 11th Council District Office, the Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles and LA Parks & Recreation Commission so that a serious attempt to place someone qualified and in-charge of Venice Beach and it's operations take place as soon as possible.

Title: Creation of the position of General Manager of Venice Beach

ACTION: Referred to OFW Committee

G Ad hoc committee on Outsider Developers Daniel Rothman dbrmus@aol.com

Motion: To form an ad hoc committee on Outsider Developers (“individuals and/or incorporated entities that have no community stake other than for their own economic gain”) examining how such activities can disregard the health and safety of its residents, propose best practices and compliance incentives.

Title: Committee on Outsider Developers

Agenda Announcement Request: To form an ad hoc committee on Outsider Developers, to study their effect, propose best practices and compliance incentives.

ACTION: Removed from agenda MS/IK

H Enforcement Of Measure D (20 minutes) (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC)

MOTION: The VNC moves to demand that the City Attorney, the LAPD, and the City Council



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move forward forthwith to eliminate any and all Post-ICO medical marijuana collectives (MMC) deemed to be operating illegally per measure D.

I Require all Pre-ICO medical marijuana clinics to obtain a Police Permit (10 minutes) (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC)

MOTION: The VNC shall send a letter to Councilman Mike Bonin requesting that a Council File be created to address the possible requirements that all Pre-ICO medical marijuana clinics that comply with Measure D in location and operations be required to obtain a Police Permit to operate.

J Medical Marijuana Testing (10 minutes) (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC)

MOTION: Whereas the City of Los Angeles is enacting regulations to make medical cannabis available to patients in need, and Whereas the City of Los Angeles has failed to enact public health and safety guidelines on the products sold to ensure quality control concerning contaminants, pesticides, molds, or other dangers that could affect patient's health and well-being, Therefore Be It Resolved that the VNC requests that the City Council must act immediately to protect the public health and welfare of patients by enacting regulations that mandate safety measures including, but not limited to, laboratory testing, agriculture inspection, and similar protocols.

K Monitoring Affordable Housing Units In Venice (5 minutes) (Sylvia Aroth venicesylvia@gmail.com)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Councilman Bonin investigate, determine and report back to the VNC information concerning all rental units in the VNC boundaries that have affordability restrictions imposed by law or regulatory agreement. The information requested includes: 1- the address of each restricted unit; 2- The level of restriction (e.g. 30%AMI, 50% AMI etc) 3- The date the restriction was imposed 4- The term of the restriction (e.g. 15 years, 30 years, etc.) 5- The name of the agency or the designee of the agency that is responsible for monitoring compliance with the restrictions. This request is intended to include but is not limited to all rental units restricted pursuant to provisions of the Mello Act, SB 1818, and regulatory agreements of which government agencies are a party. It is also intended to include all housing units owned by local state or federal government agencies.

ACTION: Withdrawn by maker of the motion.

**14. Treasurers Report (10:00PM -- 5 minutes); Hugh Harrison Treasurer@Venicenc.org
[Discussion and possible action]**

A MOTION: The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period October 22, 2013, through December 21, 2013, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.

**B Placeholder for approval of January Expenditures
ACTION: Added to agenda**

15. VNC Announcements (10:05PM -- 10 Minutes)

- **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg (Vicepresident@Venicenc.org)
- **Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. Chair@westsidecouncils.org,



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- **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)** Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
- **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Erin-Sullivan Ward (erin.ward@venicenc.org)

16. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (10:15PM -- 10 minutes)
[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

17. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (10:25PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)

18. Adjourn (approx. 10:30PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Linda Lucks	Santa Monica Airport	Abigail 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, Nick Hippisley-Coxe
Land Use and Planning	Jake Kaufman	Environment	Erin Sullivan Ward, Abigail Myers
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	Erin McMorrow, Abigail Myers