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Administrative Committee Agenda

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room

658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

Monday, September 9, 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: MS, IK, KV, HH, SK
Absent: LL, TW, ESW,
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
ACTION: Agenda approved HH/IK
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/130812AdComMinutes.pdf>
ACTION: Minutes approved as written HH/SK
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
Ivan Spiegel
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**
[Discussion and possible action.]
- A. **Selection of Committee for Monthly Committee Report**

September: Mass, Scale & Character
ACTION: Education Committee will report in October IK/SK
- B. **Consideration and approval of September 17, 2013 Proposed Board Agenda**
ACTION: Proposed board agenda approved. IK/HH
7. **Adjourn**
ACTION: Meeting Adjourned 9:05PM IK/KV



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DRAFT Board of Officers Meeting Agenda **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 6:30 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)**
Meeting called to order in memory of Alberta Albertano, Mother of Linda Albertano, Venice musician/poet; Larry Parker aka "Big Daddy"
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/2012/12/130820BoardMinutes.pdf>
5. **President's Report (7:20PM 5 minutes)** Linda Lucks president@venicenc.org
 - Board members who have not taken the DONE funding training, will not be allowed to vote on budgetary items beginning with tonight's meeting
 - Report on the Mayor's Visit to Venice on Saturday, Sept 7.
 - **Re-appointment of Budget Reps**
ACTION: President has appointed two Budget Representatives for the next term.
6. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:25PM --10 minutes)**
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
7. **Consent Calendar (7:35PM -- 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.]



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- A** **Establish a Monthly Clean-Up Venice Day** (Erin Sullivan-Ward on behalf of the Environment Committee) Erin.Sullivanward@venicenc.org

Motion: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall establish a regular monthly "Clean Up Venice Day". Board and Committee members as well as Venice Stakeholders can participate in the clean-up. Clean up sites (overflowing trash cans, discarded objects in alleys) will be suggested via the VNC website by our community. The VNC Environmental Committee will chose the site to be cleaned and will post a before and after picture.

- B** **Encourage SLO Replacement Authorizations in Pacific Division** Mariana Aguilar
msmarianaaguilar@hotmail.com

MOTION: Whereas, Senior Lead Officers ("SLOs") are essential to effective policing of the Venice community; and
Whereas, as of Sept. 7, 2013 the East of Lincoln area will no longer have its own SLO; and
Whereas, SLOs are currently in short supply elsewhere in Pacific Division,
Be It Resolved that The Venice Neighborhood Council requests the LAPD to authorize a replacement SLO for the East of Lincoln area as soon as possible.

ACTION: Postponed to next month's agenda

- C** **Motion for 901 Abbot Kinney Blvd**
ACTION: Motion placed on the Consent Calendar SK/HH

- D** **320 Sunset Ave; Change of Use to Bakery/Restaurant**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the attached letter (to hold the case open and not determine on the application) because the VNC and Community has not had an opportunity to fully understand the details of the project.

MADE BY Jim Murez; Seconded by John Reed; Passed 5-0

ACTION: 10A moved from LUPC to Consent HH/KV 3-2-0

- 8. Scheduled Announcements (7:40PM – 60 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment]

- 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. Paola Kreeft, Beach Detail (lapdpaola.kreeft@gmail.com)
Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.

Report on promotion of Captain Jon Peters to Commander in the SFV and appointment of Captain Brian Johnson and new leader of LAPD Pacific Division.

- B** **PATH** (People Assisting the Homeless) **(5 minutes)** Update on Councilman Rosendahl's Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel Roberts, Joel.Roberts@epath.org, Tomasz Babiszewicz (tomaszb@epath.org); *This report includes statistics on the number of people*



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placed in permanent and temporary housing (from Venice) as well as the numbers of people in process.

- C** **VNC Monthly Committee Report: Ad Hoc Committee on Mass, Scale and Character (5 minutes)** Sue Kaplan chair.massandscale@venicenc.org
[A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]

The committee will to give an update/report about the work they have been doing.

- D** **Government Reports (10 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
- **Congressman Henry Waxman**, Representative Lisa.Pinto; Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov
 - **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov 310-318-6994
 - **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradfov** 310.412.6400
 - **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, Flora Gill Krisiloff 213-974-3333
 - **Mayor Eric Garcetti**, Daniel Tamm, Westside Deputy Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org 213
 - **City Councilmember Mike Bonin**, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Mark Grant (Mark.Grant@lacity.org)

- E** **Ballona Wetlands Presentation (10 minutes)** David Jacobs of UCLA
Presentation on the history of Ballona Wetlands and how it relates to Venetians.

- F** **The Great Venice Toy Drive is Back (5 minutes)** Mariana Aguilar msmarianaaguilar@hotmail.com
Get ready for The VNC Great Venice Toy Drive and Holiday Festival! We will begin collecting new, unused, nonviolent toys on November 1 at locations around Venice including the November VNC Board meeting on November 19, 2013. Toys will then be distributed on a first come, first served basis as part of a fun-filled day at Oakwood Recreation Center on December 7, 2013 from 10am-2pm. Children must be present with a parent or guardian to receive a toy.

- G** **LA Triathlon (10 minutes)** Paul Smith pablosmith123@gmail.com
LA Triathlon staff will make a presentation to the Board in regard to the September 29th race event that starts at Venice Beach, including mitigation measures. City staff will also attend.

- H** **Zipline Status Report (5 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg Vicepresident@venicenc.org

Presentation of the Zipline Status report for operations in August. Q&A *will be available the Neighborhood Committee meeting.*

[EXHIBIT]

- 9.** **Old Business (8:40PM -- 5 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]

- A** **Vacant LUPC Seat Nominations Close** Linda Lucks president@Venicenc.org



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10. LUPC (8:45 PM -- 60 minutes); Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org

A 320 Sunset Ave; Change of Use to Bakery/Restaurant [EXHIBIT]

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the attached letter (to hold the case open and not determine on the application) because the VNC and Community has not had an opportunity to fully understand the details of the project.

MADE BY Jim Murez; Seconded by John Reed; Passed 5-0

Letter attached.

ACTION: Moved to Consent Calendar HH/KV 3-2-0

B 809 Brooks; Small Lot Subdivision; (20 minutes – 5 minutes for applicant, 5 minutes for LUPC Staff, 5 minutes for public comment, 5 minutes for board comment) [EXHIBIT]

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council does not support the Small Lot Subdivision request at 809 Brooks Ave because:

- 1) The VNC does not support the concept of an applicant filing for a Duplex with a VSO and De Minimis Coastal Clearance, commencing construction, and then, applying for a Small Lot Subdivision.
- 2) No community outreach or input from neighbors or community was taken before the VSO designs were approved.
- 3) The project is significantly out of Character or Scale of the neighboring community.

Motion made by John Reed; Seconded by Jim Murez; Approved 5-0-1; 8-28-2012

Background Information Available at:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=31148&UGP=Anonymous>

C 1023 Abbot Kinney (Joe's Restaurant); Change of CUB conditions. (20 minutes – 5 minutes for applicant, 5 minutes for LUPC Staff, 5 minutes for public comment, 5 minutes for board comment) [EXHIBIT]

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project ONLY with the following conditions:

- 1) Hours of Operation: Outdoor dining area shall close at 10PM Sunday thru Thursday and 11 PM Friday and Saturday. Indoor Dining shall close midnight daily.
- 2) Employee Parking: Free off-street parking shall be provided top employees who drive wehile they are on shift – either on site or a designated offsite location
- 3) Valet Parking: Valet parking shall be provide free of charge –(same condition as the adjacent restaurant Primitivo)
- 4) Incentive Program: Applicant shall create an incentive program for employees who walk, bike or take transit to work.
- 5) Plan approval: is required in 5 years.



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MADE BY John Reed; Seconded by Jake Kaufman; Passed 5-0-0

Background information:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=32882&UGP=Anonymous>

- D** **245 Main Street "Komodo Restaurant"; New CUB for existing restaurant space in Renaissance Building. (20 minutes – 5 minutes for applicant, 5 minutes for LUPC Staff, 5 minutes for public comment, 5 minutes for board comment) [EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the new CUB application for the existing restaurant at 245 Main Street (formerly Baja Taco) only if all Conditions of the Renaissance Building Home Owner Association are taken into account and applied to the Conditional Use approval. Further, there should be no relief from required on-site parking (including 1-hour validation) of the Mixed Use Building and includes all Standard Best Management Practices and Conditional Use Beverage Conditions.

MADE BY Mia Herron; Seconded by Jake Kaufman; Passed 6-0-0

Background information:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=32580&UGP=Anonymous>

ACTION: LUPC Motions placed on agenda HH/SK

- 11. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (9:45PM -- 5 minutes)**
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
- 12. New Business (9:50PM -- 120 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]
- A** **Short-Term Rentals (30 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg, on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee Vicepresident@venicenc.org

MOTION: Whereas, short-term vacation rentals are rapidly increasing in Los Angeles as the result of internet-based brokerages listing available dwellings and facilitating rental reservations – one online site lists 746 short-term vacation rentals in Venice; and Whereas, the demand for short-term vacation rental units has resulted in long-term rental units being withdrawn from the market; and, Whereas, the City does not regulate the short-term vacation rental market as it does hotels and motels, but the City has a duty to protect both the proprietors of such dwellings and their customers; and Whereas, the City has an opportunity to add revenues from the licensing of short-term vacation rentals by licensing such rental units, applying taxes to renters and putting in place enforcement personnel to assure such fees and taxes are properly calculated and collected. Therefore, be it resolved, The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Councilperson Mike Bonin introduce a motion to the full City Council requesting that the conditions surrounding short-term rental of dwellings in Los Angeles be investigated by appropriate City Departments; that an ordinance be drafted regulating such rentals; and that the ordinance be submitted to a vote of the



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City Council prior to 02/15/2014 with implementation of the ordinance taking effect prior to May 26, 2014.

**ACTION: Item placed on the agenda 3-1-1 MS/HH
Moved to Consent Calendar**

- B** **Place-Holder for Alcohol Density Motion(s) (20 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg and Jake Kaufman
The VNC's Neighborhood and Land Use & Planning Committees will hold a joint meeting Tuesday evening, 09/10/13 about the density of alcohol licenses in Venice. One of the motions to be discussed and possibly acted on follows: other motions are possible and will be ready for the agenda Wednesday morning.
- C** **Abbot Kinney Blvd. Parking (30 minutes)** Paul Smith
1. Presentation by LA City Dept. Of Transportation on the Abbot Kinney Blvd. parking Plans. Completion and installation of parking meters; timing; signage; employee parking Q & A
2. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Motions to Recommend: a. meter timing; b. signage; c. employee parking d. other
ACTION: Moved before Scheduled Announcements
- D** **Venice ARTBLOCK Request for Endorsement (10 minutes)** Francisco Letelier
franlete@aol.com
MOTION: The VNC Board endorses the VENICE ARTBLOCK OPEN STUDIOS free event on October 13th. <http://www.venicepaparazzi.com/events/10-13-13-artblock-studio-tours-and-exhibitions/>
ACTION: Moved to Consent Calendar LL/SK
- E** **Tariff on Alcohol Dispensing Outlets in Venice (30 minutes)** Stewart
Oscars stewart.oscars@gmail.com
MOTION: Given:
1) that Venice has twice the number of alcohol dispensing businesses per area than is the Los Angeles County average (reported in "The Argonaut," April 25, 2013, source: Westside Impact Project);
2) that Venice is experiencing a continued growth in establishing new alcohol related businesses (VNC regularly votes to establish new licenses);
3) that neither Los Angeles City Council nor the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control nor Venice Neighborhood Council appear to be determining if this growth is proper for our community;
4) that the City Government recognizes that alcohol dispensing establishments create neighborhood problems, such as: both public and domestic violence, crime, and vagrancy, and has enacted ordinances to address such impacts by banning establishments that become public nuisances; but no city ordinance has been enacted to address the impacts of alcohol and alcohol abuse on patrons of such establishments, nor do current city ordinances address alcohol advertisements on billboards and street furniture that promote alcohol use; and that the easy availability of alcohol can be a factor in teen alcohol abuse;
5) and that between 25% to 35% of gross receipts from alcohol sales is profit;



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Be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council call on the City Councilman Mike Bonin to determine the feasibility of a measure that would apply a tariff to alcohol sales with monies raised used to benefit organizations working to address and correct alcohol abuse on all levels; and that if such an ordinance is deemed feasible, to introduce it for passage by the Los Angeles City Council.

ACTION: Referred to Neighborhood and Land Use & Planning Committees joint meeting.

- 13. **Treasurers Report (11:50PM -- 5 minutes);** Hugh Harrison (Treasurer@Venicenc.org)
[Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

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

B MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to allocated to its NC checking account for October in the following amounts:

VNC Budget Item	DONE	Vendor (if Known)	Amount
Office Supplies/Copies	OFF	Office Depot	\$ 75.00
General Operations	MIS	USPS	\$ 300.00
Refreshments	EVE	Smart & Final	\$ 50.00
Web Site/E-Mail	WEB	I Power/Constant Contact	\$ 100.00
General Outreach	EVE		\$ 200.00
Neighborhood CIPS	CIP		
Film Festival			\$ 2,000.00
Total			\$ 2,725.00

- 14. **VNC Announcements (11:55PM -- 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,
 - **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)** Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
 - **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Erin-Sullivan Ward (erin.ward@venicenc.org)
- 15. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (12:05PM -- 10 minutes)**
[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
- 16. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (12:15PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**
- 17. **Adjourn (approx. 12:20PM)**

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