



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Minutes **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, May 20th, 2014 at 7:00 PM**

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting called to order in memory of Venice architect, Steven Shortridge.

PRESENT: KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, HH, AM, TW, CR, BJ, SG, MK (7:30PM), LL (8:30PM), MS (8:30PM), OK (9:15AM)

ABSENT: EM, TE, SK, JK, MSol, MSlo

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance**

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

ACTION: HS/SG motion

For: IK, ESW, SA, HS, HH, AM, TW, CR, BJ, SG

Against: NONE

Abstain: KV

AGENDA APPROVED 10-0-1

4. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications** All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications relating to items on the meeting's agenda

AM walked 320

MS met several times with Google on 320 Hampton



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5. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes**

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/140429BoardMinutes.pdf>

ACTION: IK/AM motion

For: IK, ESW, SA, HS, HH, AM, TW, CR, BJ, SG

Against: NONE

Abstain: KV

MINUTES APPROVED 10-0-1

6. **President's Report** (Linda Lucks president@venicenc.org)

Moved to after LUPC

7. **Public Safety - LAPD Report** 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. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**

[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

Public Comment: Bill Prztlucki from POWER to support Fix LA, Bart Diener as member of Fix LA coalition, Bruce Russell regarding MDR project, Arna Schutz re: 530-532 Grand opposition, Paul Kouri running for State Assembly, Yolanda Gonzalez re: Ken McDonnell, Dallas Fowler o/b/o Gloria Gray 62nd Assembly District, Nick Antonicello re: bike path remediation, Deb Lashever support Fix LA

9. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations**

[No discussion or Public Comment]

A **Government Reports** (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)
- ~~LA Parks & Recreation Venice Boardwalk~~, Juan Bonitez (juan.bonitez@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~~, Representative, Veronica Zendejas Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov 310-348-6994
- **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford** 310.412.6400 Matt Stauffer Matt.Stauffer@asm.ca.gov
- ~~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 **VNC Monthly Committee Report: Elections Committee**

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

Alisa Smith-IEA, Liz Wright, Ivan Spiegel, **Glen Bailey from Empower LA elections.**



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(Matt Kline has joined)

11. Consent Calendar

[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.]

DFC Focus on Children Vision Goal (Joseph D Murphy joedmurphy@ca.rr.com) on behalf of VNC Discussion Forum Committee)

MOTION: The VNC shall add the Focus on Children Vision Goal to SR 20 so that the VNC Vision Goals reads as follows:

To stimulate the vitality of the VNC, the Board and VNC Committees are encouraged to consider the below VNC Vision Goals in their deliberations.

Although the VNC is a political body, and inevitably it may become embroiled in issues that divide the community, these goals are designed to promote a more proactive, collaborative vision for VNC Committees to include in their deliberations as they formulate recommendations for Board consideration. The intent is to create a working framework of integrated strategies capable of achieving, over time, broader consensus and increased:

Focus on Children

Consider strategies that promote and expand opportunities for children to experience direct meaningful involvement in all aspects of the social and economic and cultural activities of the Venice Community. Include this Focus on Children as an integral part of the consideration of strategies in all of the below Vision Goals.

Participation

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate broader involvement of stakeholders, major organizations, community groups, and government institutions, etc.

Walkability

Consider strategies that reduce the use of cars and that promote alternatives such as walking, skateboarding, biking & bike racks, circulation systems (trolleys), park & ride rather than additional parking, street-narrowing/sidewalk widening, walk/bike/skateboard lanes separated from traffic, easier neighborhood pedestrian access to commercial stores, etc.

Diversity

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate realistic recommendations designed to increase economic diversity, including affordable housing, etc.

Creativity

Consider strategies that promote the arts, encourage & facilitate creativity. This can apply to architecture, public art, social events (neighborhood gatherings/street movies/theatre/dance/pottery/...), etc.

Collaboration

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate 'level playing fields' for collaborative negotiation; opt for procedures & policies that 'promote flexibility & dialogue' over 'reacting defensively to rigid criteria', facilitation/mediation training, etc.

Brainstorming

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate exploring of non-traditional options for achieving



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shared objectives, etc.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by Discussion Forum Committee

ACTION: IK/HH motion

For: IK, ESW, SA, HS, HH, AM, TW, CR, BJ, SG, MK

Against: NONE

Abstain: KV

MOITION PASSES 11-0-1

10. **Old Business** [*Discussion and possible action*]

NONE

11. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda** [*5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted*]

NONE

(Linda Lucks and Marc Saltzberg have joined)

12. **LUPC** (Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

[*Discussion and possible action*]

A **34 E 24TH AVE; Case No: ZA-2013-1042-ZAA Description: DEMO OF EXISTING GARAGE AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 2-STORY ADDITION WITH SECOND UNIT AND NEW GARAGE**

LUPC Staff: John Reed

MOTION: The VNC shall approve the project as presented, based on the following:

1. It fits the scale, character, and mass of the Community.
2. It maintains an existing 1900's structure, with minor modifications.
3. It provides four off-street parking spaces (2 being added) on a walk street.

LUPC Motion made by John Reed, seconded by Robert Aronson

LUPC Motion APPROVED 7-0-0

Case Info: <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/34-24thAveCaseInfo.pdf>

ACTION: SA/MK motion

Comment: Lisa Lubchansky, Deb Lashever, Jim Murez

For: IK, ESW, SA, HS, HH, AM, TW, CR, BJ, SG, MK, LL, MS

Against: NONE

Abstain: KV

MOITION PASSES 13-0-1



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B 1511 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD; Case No: ENV-2014-278-CE; CHANGE OF USE FROM ARTIST IN RESIDENCE TO ARTIST IN RESIDENCE (3RD FLOOR) AND RETAIL (1ST AND 2ND FLOORS)

LUPC Staff: Mehrnoosh Mojallali

MOTION: The VNC denies the **project** as presented, based on the following:

1. It does not meet the intent of the Venice Land Use Plan (LUP) or Venice Specific Plan (VSP).
2. It does not address physical parking and the use of in lieu fees as presented is inappropriate.
3. Given the recent (2008) construction, which was built under the VSP, the project does not conform to the Adaptive Re-Use Plan concept, as described in the Venice LUP or VSP.
4. There is no space allocated for trash or recycling, and it should therefore remain as it was built.

LUPC Motion made by Jim Murez, seconded by Robert Aronson

LUPC Motion APPROVED 4-0-2

Case Info: <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/1511-staff-report.pdf>

ACTION: SG/HH motion

Public comment: Jim Murez, Irv Katz, Kelley Willis, Jed Pauker

For: ESW, LL, HS, MS, TW, IK, CR, BJ, MK, SA, HH

Against: SG, AM

Abstain: KV

MOTION PASSES 11-2-1

C 320 S HAMPTON DR-Google; Case No: DIR-2014-148-VSO; ADDITION OF A 13,220 SF MEZZANINE TO AN EXISTING OFFICE COMPLEX

Case No: None **DIR-2014-1718-CE and DIR-2014-1717**

(Linda Lucks and Sylvia Aroth recuse themselves)

Per the Applicant, the prior City case, DIR-2014-148-VSO, was erroneous and has been withdrawn by the Applicant and cancelled by the City, and a new City case application is about to be submitted, in conjunction with an application for a CDP (from the State, not City).

New case numbers: DIR-2014-1718-CE and DIR-2014-1717

Project Description: addition of a 13,220 square foot mezzanine to an existing office complex

LUPC Staff: Jim Murez

MOTION: The VNC recommends support of the concept for an upcoming project at 320 Hampton (the City application for this project is not yet filed), for a 13,220 square foot mezzanine addition to the existing building, subject to the following conditions:

1. The use and development of the property shall be in substantial conformance with the floor plan and site plan submitted.
2. Provide parking plan showing parking layout(s) as required under the VCZSP for the requested uses. (Existing recorded agreements shall remain in effect.)
3. Provide the VNC with a Complaint Contact and policy which defines how quickly the applicant will respond. The policy shall take into account the hours of day and day of the week and address holiday and weekend procedures. The policy and contact information shall be laminated and



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- available for the public to review the Main entrance of the project during business hours.
4. Remove all trash from the sidewalks and landscaped areas shown on site plan on a daily basis.
 5. Install and maintain parking lot and sidewalk lighting to ensure a minimum standard of safety for pedestrians.
 6. Remove all graffiti within 24 hours.
 7. Specify on the site plans where shuttle buses and trucks will load and unload. In particular, truck and trailer rigs that are too large to enter into the existing loading and trash collection area.
 8. The Applicant shall provide sufficient documentation showing that the use of the property was changed from Industrial to Office in 1987 or 1988.

LUPC Motion made by Jim Murez, seconded by Robert Aronson

LUPC Motion APPROVED 6-0-0

Case Info <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/320Hampton4-27-14StaffRptRev2.pdf>

ACTION: MK/MS motion

Public comment: Carl Lambert o/b/o Venice Chamber of Commerce, Lisa Lubchansky, DebLashever, David C. Murphy, Audrey Salzburg, Irv Katz, Nick Antonicello, Laney Kagan, Yolanda Gonzalez

For: TW, IK, CR, ESW, HS BJ, MK, SG, HH, AM, MS

Against: NONE

Abstain: KV

MOTION PASSES 11-0-1

13. New Business (9:35PM -- 20 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

(Oren Katzeff joined)

A New Posting Policy (10 minutes) (Linda Lucks on behalf of Ad Com)

MOTION: The VNC affirms that the Board and its committees will follow the new BONC posting policy stating that all agendas must be posted on the VNC website, at one physical location available 24 hours (which shall be Beyond Baroque), and be sent via e-mail to EmpowerLA's early notification system. All Board agendas shall also be sent by eblast to the VNC mailing list.

Public comment: Jim Murez, Jed Pauker, Jay Handal

ACTION: KV/HS motion

HS/SG motion to postpone the motion until the June board meeting

HH/MS motion to amend amendment to postpone item to July's meeting and refer to Outreach Committee.

For: TW, IK, ESW, BJ, MK, KV, HS, SG, HH, AM, MS, OK

Against: NONE

Abstain: LL

AMENDMENT PASSES 12-0-1



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KV/HS motion w/ HH/MS amendment

For: TW, IK, ESW, BJ, MK, KV, HS, SG, HH, AM, MS, OK

Against: NONE

Abstain: LL

AMENDED MOTION PASSES 12-0-1

B Creation of 320 Sunset Avenue Project Ad Hoc Committee (5 minutes) (Linda Lucks on behalf of Ad Com)

MOTION: The "320 Sunset Ad Hoc Committee" shall be formed to create a staff report on 320 Sunset Ave Bakery/Restaurant/**CUB. CF10-0843 ZA2013-3376(CDP) (CUB)(SPP)** for the board within 30 days (June Board meeting). The Committee shall terminate with the issuance of the report.

ACTION: LL/IK motion

Public comment: Jim Murez, Robin Rudisil, Lisa Lubchansky

For: IK, ESW, BJ, LL, KV, SA, HH, AM, MS

Against: MK, HS, OK

Abstain: SG

MOTION PASSES 9-3-1

C Request for VNC sponsorship of Venice Life Community Forum (5 minutes) (Sarah Blanch sblanch@publicstrategies.org) **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The VNC agrees to co-sponsor a solutions-oriented community forum with the Westside Impact Project, dedicated to the quality of life in Venice. There shall be no financial impact on the VNC.

ACTION: IK/HH motion

For: IK, ESW, BJ, LL, KV, SA, HH, AM, MS, MK, HS, OK

Against: NONE

Abstain: LL

MOTION PASSES 12-0-1

14. **Treasurers Report (9:55PM -- 30 minutes);** (Hugh Harrison Treasurer@Venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**

A **MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period March 22, 2014, through April 21, 2014, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.

ACTION: HH/IK motion

For: IK, ESW, BJ, LL, KV, SA, HH, AM, MS, OK

Against: NONE

Abstain: LL

MOTION PASSES 10-0-1



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- B. MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reaffirm its current Strategic Plan for the next fiscal year as follows:

STRATEGIC PLAN VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL 2014-2015

THE BIG VISION:

Encourage and maintain the diverse community of Venice.

THE BIG GOALS:

1. Involve our diverse community in civic participation.
2. Increase the visibility of the VNC in the community.
3. Improve relationships with elected officials.
4. Create community participation to improve the daily life in Venice.

THE BIG SOLUTIONS:

1. Broaden the involvement beyond the Board officers by increasing community participation in VNC committees and activities.
2. Improve outreach through electronic and personal contact with the Venice stakeholders.
3. Strengthen the effectiveness of the VNC interaction with elected officials by developing a more pro-active relationship.
4. Involve more individuals and community groups in the improvement project process.

THE BIG SCORE:

1. All Board members will participate in the outreach through Farmer's Market and Community events.
2. Development of new outreach materials by the Outreach Committee.
3. Increased public use of the VNC website.
4. Increased number of applicants for community improvement projects.

ACTION: HH/IK motion

For: IK, ESW, BJ, LL, KV, SA, HH, AM, MS, OK, LL

Against: NONE

Abstain: NONE

MOTION PASSES 11-0-0



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C MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall adopt the attached Proposed Budget for 2014-2015 fiscal year.

DRAFT

	Available to Budget 2014-2015	REALLOCATED Current Yr Budget 2013-2014	EXPENDITURES Current Yr Budget (4/21/14)
ANNUAL ALLOCATION	37,000.00	37,000.00	

100 Operations

Office Supplies	250.00	250.00	226.37
Copies	300.00	300.00	216.67
Office Equipment	350.00	350.00	0.00
Staffing/Apple One	3,000.00	2,900.00	2,777.50
Storage	2,600.00	0.00	0.00
Board Retreat	400.00	0.00	0.00
General Operations	550.00	550.00	517.50
sub Total Operations	7,450.00	4,350.00	3,738.04

200 Outreach

Copies / Printing	1,000.00	300.00	155.16
Facilities For Public	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,429.44
Refreshments	1,000.00	750.00	486.04
Web Site & e-mail	1,800.00	1,800.00	932.94
Advertising & Promotions		500.00	106.25
Newsletter Production		0.00	0.00
Newsletter Printing		0.00	0.00
Newsletter Delivery		0.00	0.00
General Outreach	4,250.00	1,600.00	850.52



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sub Total Outreach

10,550.00

7,450.00

3,960.35

300 Community Improvement

Neighborhood Community Projects

10,000.00

10,500.00

7,341.53

Venice BBQ

4,000.00

General Community Projects

5,000.00

4,000.00

1,811.78

Toy Drive

1,000.00

1,000.00

1,021.20

Others

4,000.00

3,200.00

1,152.27

sub Total Community Improvement

19,000.00

18,700.00

11,326.78

400 Elections

Outreach

5,500.00

355.11

Operations/Facilities

700.00

0.00

Orientation

300.00

0.00

sub Elections

6,500.00

355.11

TOTAL

37,000.00

37,000.00

19,380.28

ACTION: HH/IK motion (with correction to category numbers)

For: IK, ESW, BJ, LL, KV, SA, HH, AM, MS, OK

Against: NONE

Abstain: LL

MOTION PASSES 10-0-1



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D MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account for May 22 through June 15, 2014 in the following amounts:

<u>VNC Budget Item</u>	<u>DONE</u>	<u>Vendor (if Known)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Office Supplies/Copies	OFF	Office Depot	\$ 125.00
Refreshments	EVE	Smart & Final	\$ 100.00
Web Site/E-Mail	WEB	I Power/Constant Contact	\$ 300.00
Microphones, recorder	OFF	Radio Shack	\$ 350.00
General Outreach	EVE		\$ 300.00
Community Barbecue	CIP		
Facility Permit		LA Parks & Rec	\$ 350.00
Insurance		Merriweather & Williams	\$ 449.00
Tables, chairs, tents		AAA Rents	\$ 1,100.00
Toilets		United Site Services	\$ 350.53
Supplies		Smart & Final	\$ 575.00
Flyers, etc.		Venice Blueprint	\$ 350.00
T-Shirts		Next level Apparel	\$ 400.00
T-Shirt Printing		Control Printing	\$ 245.00
Equipment rental		Planet Bouncy	\$ 240.00
Total			\$ 5,134.53

The motion for this motion was 3-0-0 [Harrison, Spiegel, Aroth]

ACTION: HH/IK motion added to agenda
For: IK, ESW, BJ, LL, KV, SA, HH, AM, MS, OK, LL
Against: NONE
Abstain: NONE

MOTION PASSES 11-0-0

E MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall allocate \$1000 for the Congress of Neighborhood Councils and \$500 for the Budget Advocates. The funds would be reallocated from unspent community and Board improvement projects. It is further moved that \$2000 be reallocated from unspent Board improvement projects and advertising to the Venice Community BBQ.

ACTION: HH/IK motion
For: IK, ESW, BJ, LL, KV, SA, HH, AM, MS, OK, LL
Against: NONE
Abstain: NONE

MOTION PASSES 11-0-0



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15. VNC Announcements

- Vice President Marc Saltzberg (Vicepresident@Venicenc.org)

16. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda *[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

NONE

17. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction

NONE

18. Adjourn – 10:25PM

ACTION: KV/IK motion

For: IK, ESW, BJ, LL, KV, SA, HH, AM, MS, OK, LL

Against: NONE

Abstain: NONE

MOTION PASSES 11-0-0