



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Minutes

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, March 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.

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

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**

Congratulations to VNC LUPC Chair Jake Kaufman on his marriage to Wendy Ciovacco

PRESENT: LL, MS, KV, IK, ESW, SA, HS, EM, TW, BJ, SG, AM, MSo, HH, MSlo, MK, TE,

ABSENT: JK, OK, SK, CR

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:05PM -- 5 minutes)**

3. **Approval of the Agenda (7:10PM – 3 minutes)**

ACTION: Move Items 14 & 15 before LUPC Items

Added: Short Report on Lending Support to the CCU: Ensure Alcohol Outlet

Compliance in Venice by Sarah Blanch (5 minutes) (11-4-1 MS/IK)

Agenda approved as amended (11-1-4 MS/SG)

PUBLIC COMMENT BY CONGESSIONAL CANDIDATES: Wendy Greuel & Ted Lieu

4. **Presentation by Councilmember Mike Bonin on Proposed Venice Beach Winter Ice Rink (7:13 – 10 minutes)**

This year the Department of Recreation and Parks in partnership with the LA Parks Foundation plans to present Venice Beach on Ice. The ice skating rink will be open to the public and will be the only place in Los Angeles where you can ice skate at the beach. The operation will run from approximately mid-November to mid-January.



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5. **Public Safety - LAPD Report (7:23 -- 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*
 6. **Special Guest: Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer (7:45PM -- 45 minutes) [EXHIBIT]**
Deputy City Attorney who oversees our NC, Carmen Hawkins came in lieu of Mike Feuer to discuss various issues including public records requests, brown act, and people who interfere or disrupt Neighborhood Council meetings.
- INTRODUCTION BY THOMAS SOONG, NEW REP FROM DONE.**
7. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications (7:33PM -- 2 minutes)** All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications relating to items on the meeting's agenda.
[1414 Main Street:](#) Matt Klein, Kristopher Valentine (phone), Bud Jacobs (phone), Hugh Harrison (phone), Helen Stotler (phone), Erin Sullivan-Ward (phone), Thomas Elliot, Sylvia Aroth (phone)
[3223 Washington Blvd:](#) Thomas Elliot
 8. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:35PM – 5 minutes)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/VNC-140218BoardMinutesDRAFT.pdf>
ACTION: Minutes Approved (15-0-2 HH/IK)
 9. **President's Report (7:40PM -- 5 minutes)** (Linda Lucks president@venicenc.org)
Update on California Public Records Act requests
Mark Kleiman has been appointed Co-Chair of the Public Safety Committee
 10. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:30PM --10 minutes)**
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
PUBLIC COMMENT: Yolanda Gonzalez, DeDe Audett, Carolyn Rios, Ivonne Guzman, Jordan England-Nelson, Isabel Portillo, Jaymi B , Deborah Lashever, Robin Price, Leticia Martinez, Stephen Gries, Paul Kats, Charlotte Purein, Lydia Ponce,
 11. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (8:40PM – 25 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)
 - **Venice Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library**, Rachel Bindman, Librarian (rbindman@lapl.org)
 - B **Election Report (5 minutes)** (Alisa Smith-IEA, Liz Wright, Ivan Spiegel-Election Committee)
Last recruitment event - Saturday, March 22 from 1-3 PM at Venice Abbot Kinney Library.
Western Region Town Hall - Wednesday, March 26 from 6-9:30 PM at Venice High Auditorium. The topics will be westside traffic abatement and SB1818/small lot subdivision. Guest will be Michael LoGrande - General Manager, LA Planning Department



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C Art Projects Presentation (5 minutes) (Eduardo Manilla on behalf of the Arts Committee)
(Eduardo.manilla@venicenc.org)

- A) OOMO LA
- B) Beautify Lincoln
- C) #VNCarts contest announcement of winner and next topic.

D Venice Heritage Foundation (5 minutes) (Stephen Pouliot savenezia@aol.com)

The Venice Heritage Foundation (VHF) will update the VNC and stakeholders about the Venice Heritage Museum with its proposed campus in Centennial Park. The VNC endorsed the project in 2009 along with Councilman Bonin.

E Lending Support to the CCU: A Solution to Better Ensure Alcohol Outlet Compliance in Venice and across the entire City of Los Angeles (5 minutes) (Sarah Blanch sblanch@publicstrategies.org)

Representing a city-wide group of prevention organizations, IPS lends support to the CCU for better proactive enforcement of CUBs in Venice.

12. Treasurers Report (9:05PM -- 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 January 22, 2014, through February 21, 2014, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.
ACTION: Motion approved (MS/IK 15-0-1)

B MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account for March 22 through April 21, 2014 in the following amounts:

<u>VNC Budget Item</u>	<u>DONE CATEGORY</u>	<u>VENDOR (if known)</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Office Supplies/Copies	OFF	Office Depot	\$ 125.00
Refreshments	EVE	Smart & Final	\$ 250.00
Web Site/E-Mail	WEB	I Power/Constant Contact	\$ 200.00
Neighborhood CIPs	CIP		
Art Tile Rescue			\$ 2,000.00
Chamber In Action			\$ 950.00
Advertising (Election Ads)	OUT	The Argonaut	\$ 500.00
Newsletter (21,000 copies)	ELE	Valley Printers	\$ 2,000.00
Newsletter (Delivery)	ELE	Walking Man	\$ 1,600.00
Newsletter (Layout)	ELE	Design Graphics	\$ 500.00
Printing/Copying (Flyers/Posters)	ELE	Office Depot	\$ 400.00
Facility Rental - Election Day	ELE	LAUSD	\$ 600.00
Facility Rental – Candidate Forum	OUT	LAUSD	\$ 180.00
TOTAL			\$ 9,305.00

ACTION: Motion approved (IK/MS 14-0-2)



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- C** **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate \$2,500 from Neighborhood Community Improvement projects related to the Cooking for Kids and Venice Surf and Skate Festival, which will not be completed within the funding period, as follows: \$500 for Staffing and \$2,000 for the 2014 Venice Community Barbecue.

ACTION: Motion approved (HH/EM 15-0-1)

ITEMS 14 & 15 MOVED BEFORE LUPC:

- 14. Old Business (10:40PM -- 10 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]

Creation of Standing Rule 27 defining attendance at Board meetings (10 minutes) (Ira Koslow for Rules & Elections Committee 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: Motion approved (IK/MS 15-0-1)

- 15. New Business (10:50PM -- 5 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]

Creation of the Housing Ad Hoc Committee (5 minutes)

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

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Housing Ad Hoc Committee will identify, coordinate and support parties, which provide housing and related resources to those in need within Venice

ACTION: Motion approved (HS/AM 15-0-1)

Abigail Myers and Helen Stotler appointed as co-chairs of the committee

- 13. LUPC (9:10 PM -- 90 minutes)** (Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

- A** **3223 Washington Blvd: Firestone Walker Brew/Pub Restaurant (30 minutes)** **[EXHIBIT]**

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



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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.

- 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).
- 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.
- 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



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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 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

See Staff Report in Exhibits

Public Comment: Jim Murez (on behalf of LUPC), Reta Moser

ACTION: Motion approved (IK/MS 15-1-1)

B 1414 Main Street (60 minutes)

[EXHIBIT]

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.
- Unaddressed historic preservation issues.

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

See Staff Report in Exhibits

- Mia Herron (on behalf of LUPC)

- Presentation by Jason Teague & Brian Silveira representing the project.

- Presentation by group "Organized Opposition to the Proposed 1414 Main Street Development" by Irv Katz and Rick Garvey, Rob Tonkin, Naomi Krumins, Eriks Krumins, Diana Pollard, Steven Fernandez, Jesse Voccia, Nori Takei, Joel Marcus, Kevin Kerslake, Denise Portman, Joel Marcus, Annette Garcia-Kerslake, George Gineris.



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- Presentation by group “Approve 1414” by Brittany DeBeikes, Leah Knight, John Teague, Philip Knight, Ben Buckalew, Micheal Young, Ramsay Dahum, Eric Knight, Christina Hellings, Jamie Brown, Laura Rudich, Sean VanLoozen, Christian Sutubert.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brian Finney, Jonathan Kaplan, Sara Marlene Hall, Michael Wamback, Karen Brodtkin, Stephen Lock, Deborah Lashever, Stan Muhammad, Michael Lipson, Carl Lambert, Steve Bevilacqua, Tibby Rothman, Naimi Cohen, Jules Muck, Kathleen Rawson, Charlotte Purein, George Francisco, Dax Kimbrough, Ivonne Guzman, Tom Williams, Jim Murez, Lydia Ponce, Krista Schwimmer, Barbara Gibson, Todd Darling, Jesse Bernstein, Sue Kaplan, Brent Myers, Erin Darling.

ACTION: Motion approved (IK/MS 14-1-1, Tom Elliot recused himself)

16. VNC Announcements (10:55PM -- 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)
- LADWP Oversight Committee DeDe Audet daudet@ca.rr.com

17. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (11:05PM -- 10 minutes) [no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

18. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (11:15PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)

19. Adjourn (11:20PM)

ACTION: Motion to adjourn approved (IK/KV)