



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Meeting Agenda** Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:00 PM**

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

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

**PRESENT:** LindaL; MarcS; KristopherV; BudJ; ErinS-W; HughH; EduardoM; IraK; CynthiaR; OrenK; HelenS; JakeK; TomE; TommyW; AbigailM; SylviaA; MattK; ScottK; MarissaS

**ABSENT:** MaxS; SevanG

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

3. **Approval of the Agenda (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**

**ACTION: Agenda approved (IK/ESW)**

**Councilman Bonin gave a response to the community regarding Winter Storage Shelter. Plans to keep the storage shelter where it is for next six months. He is open to suggestions for possible changes in the future. He clarified reports of turning Westminster Senior Center into a homeless shelter are false.**

4. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:15PM – 5 minutes)**

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/131217BoardMinutes.pdf>

**ACTION: Minutes approved (BJ/EM)**

5. **Declaration of Ex Parte Communications (7:20PM -- 3 Minutes)**

Members shall declare any ex parte communications relating to items on the meeting's agenda.

**No board members declared ex parte communications.**



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6. **President's Report (7:23PM -- 7 minutes)** (Linda Lucks [president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))
1. Report on California Public Records Act Requests/Grievances.
  2. Report on letter sent to Councilman Bonin Re: VNC recommendations on locations of winter storage program. (add letter link)
  3. All VNC committee chairs shall bring their committee's minutes up-to-date on the VNC website by February 1, 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"*.
  4. Report on receipt of the petition for a moratorium on small lot subdivisions in Venice.

## **Outreach Announcement: Feb 22 NASA coming to Venice @ Westminster Elementary.**

7. **Public Safety - LAPD Report (7:30 -- 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/deployment changes in Venice.*
8. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:40PM --10 minutes)**  
*[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*  
**Public Comment: Brad L; Alley B; Nicole M; Stephanie T; Vlad P; Hani S, R Ferguson; Darryl D; Rhoda H; Lindsay D; Esteban G; Michal S; Jay K; Laura L; Juancisco P; Jim M; Susan A; Lauri of Teen Project; Karen W; Steve C; Charlotte P; Penelope D; Jeffery S; Rob D; Noel W; Daniel S; Alex R; Scott M; Gary Shafner**
9. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:50PM – 90 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, Debbie Diner-Harris**
  - ~~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 Brad Stauffer**
  - ~~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 **Introduction of 2014-15 Community Improvement Project Applications (10 minutes)** (Ivan Spiegel [parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))  
The 2014-15 CIP applications are now available. The maximum amount per project will be \$3000.



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- C** **Presentation by Tom Donovan, West LA Area Planning Commission (45 minutes)** (Ivan Spiegel [parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))  
Tom Donovan, West LA Area Planning Commission will speak to the VNC about how to be more effective at the Area Planning Commission (APC) and some thoughts about working with the ABC on liquor license conditions. *Includes Q & A*
- D** **VNC Monthly Committee Report: LUPC (5 minutes)** (Jake Kaufman, Chair)  
*[A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]*
- E** **AdHoc Election Committee Report (5 minutes)** (Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel - Co-Chairs)  
A report on plans for the 2014 VNC Board elections.
- F** **Nextdoor & Venice (5 minutes)** (Marquis Olison)  
Presentation about the new partnership between [Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com) and the City of Los Angeles, LAPD and LAFD.
- G** **Presentation to the Board on City Human Relations Commission (HRC) 2014 Art Initiative (5 minutes)** Sheldon Cruz [Sheldon.Cruz@lacity.org](mailto:Sheldon.Cruz@lacity.org)  
The LA City Human Relations Commission will present its 2014 Arts/Advocacy campaign OOMOLA to the community on the mission/vision of the campaign and provide a timeline.
- H** **Pedestrian Issues, Projects, People St. (LADOT) (5 minutes)** Anne Zimmerman ([azimmerman@azarchitecturestudio.com](mailto:azimmerman@azarchitecturestudio.com))  
Presentation of potential strategies and options for improving the pedestrian experience in Venice. This is a new project of LADOT, and is about to go live to facilitate parklets, plazas and bike corrals.
- 10.** **Consent Calendar (9:20PM -- 0 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.]*
- 11.** **Old Business (9:20PM -- 0 minutes)** *[Discussion and possible action]*
- 12.** **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (9:20PM -- 5 minutes)** *[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*
- 13.** **LUPC (9:25PM -- 0 minutes)**; Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)



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**14. New Business (9:25PM -- 20 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A Selection of 1 Community Officer to the Administrative Committee (10 minutes)** (Ira Koslow, Chair Rules and Elections Committee, [ira.koslow@venicenc.org](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.org))

Nomination and selection of Community Officer to serve on the VNC Administrative Committee chosen by the 14 Board Community Officers

**ACTION: Sylvia Aroth selected to AdCom unanimously by community officers (9-0-0)**

**B Venice St. Patrick's Celebration (5 minutes)** (James Lewi [jim.lewi@redlightmanagement.com](mailto:jim.lewi@redlightmanagement.com))

With your approval, along with neighbors, businesses and city officials, they will be producing a Venice neighborhood street festival celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 16th on Windward Avenue at Pacific.

**ACTION: Item removed from agenda, board cannot endorse an event that is not free to the public.**

**C SB1818 Low Income Housing Inventory (5 minutes)** (Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC)

The Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City Controller, The Department Of Housing, and the City Council to inventory all income restricted units built under SB 1818 and all Rent Stabilization Ordinance units and buildings that replace pre 1978 buildings.

**ACTION: Motion approved (MS/IK)**

**15. Treasurers Report (9:45PM -- 5 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison [Treasurer@Venicenc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Venicenc.org))

*[Discussion and possible action]*

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

**ACTION: Motion approved (HH/IK)**

**B MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate \$200 from General Operations and \$100 from General Outreach in the currently approved budget and add \$100 for Copies [Operations] and \$200 for Staffing.

**ACTION: Motion approved (HH/IK)**



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**C MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account for the period from January 22, 2013 through January 21, 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
Tape Recorder	OFF		\$ 100.00
Refreshments	EVE	Smart & Final	\$ 50.00
Web Site/E-Mail	WEB	I Power/Constant Contact	\$ 200.00
Poster	OUT	Office Depot	\$ 50.00
Banner	OUT	Signs Now	\$ 250.00
Neighborhood CIPS	CIP		
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 775.00</b>

**ACTION: Motion approved (HH/IK)**

**16. VNC Announcements (9:50PM -- 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)

**17. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (10:00PM -- 10 minutes)**  
*[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*  
**Public Comment: Ivan Speigel, DeDe Audet**

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

**19. Adjourn (approx. 10:15PM)**  
**ACTION: Meeting adjourned (KV/CR)**

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

<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, Nick Hippisley-Coxe
<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