



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, October 15, 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/2012/12/130917BoardMinutes.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; Several board members Ethics Training needs expired and about to expire.
 - LUPC members have completed Ethics training;
 - Interns Application
 - Congratulations to the winners of the " Spirit of Venice " Awards at the Abbot Kinney Festival
 - Report on actions of the Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners and City Council
 - Thanks to volunteers working the VNC booth at the Abbot Kinney Festival.
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]



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7. Consent Calendar (7:35PM -- 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.]

8. Scheduled Announcements (7:35PM – 50 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.

Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.

B VNC Town Hall on Ocean Front Walk Public Safety (5 minutes) Tom Elliot chair of the Ocean Front Walk Committee

The VNC will hold a Town Hall on October, 29 about Public Safety issues on Ocean Front Walk.

C VNC Monthly Committee Report: Education (5 minutes) Bud Jacobs, Chair

[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 Bradford** 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 213 446-4009
- **City Councilmember Mike Bonin**, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Mark Grant (Mark.Grant@lacity.org)

E The Great Venice Toy Drive is Back! (5 Minutes) Mariana Aguilar vnc_toydrive@venicenc.org

Get ready for The Great Venice Toy Drive & Holiday Festival! We will begin collecting new, unwrapped, nonviolent toys on November 1 at locations around Venice including the November 19, 2013 VNC Board meeting. 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.) To make this event happen, Volunteers needed. Please email gvnc_toydrive@venicenc.org if you are interested in helping.

F Zipline Status Report (5 minutes) Marc Saltzberg Vicepresident@venicenc.org

Final presentation of the Zipline Status report for operations. Q&A will be available at the Neighborhood Committee meeting.

[EXHIBIT]



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- G** **Donate a Bench (5 minutes)** Judith Kieffer judith@laprksfoundation.org
Honor a friend or family member, while providing lasting beautification to our city parks. The Los Angeles Parks Foundation's "Donate-A-Bench" program aims to enhance and beautify our more than 400 Los Angeles city parks. Any individual, family, business or community group can purchase a bench with a personal message on an engraved plaque to be placed in a city park of the donor's choice.
- H** **Ballona Wetlands Venice Tour (2 minutes)** Erin Sullivan Ward on behalf Environment Comm
There will be a walking tour of the Ballona Wetlands on October 20 at 9am. The public is invited. Meet at the parking lot behind Gordon's Market on Culver Blvd. at 9am
- I** **Cleanup of Windward Circle (3 minutes)** Erin Sullivan Ward on behalf of Environment Comm
The VNC Environment Committee will be spearheading a cleanup of Windward Circle on Sunday, October 20 (following the Wetlands tour) from 12-2. Meet at the gondola at noon. Stop by and help improve our community. For more information go to VNC website www.VeniceNc.org.
- 9. Old Business (8:25PM -- 15 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]
- A** **Appointment of Open LUPC Seat (15 minutes)** Ira Koslow, chair Rules & Elections Committee
Introduction of any candidates for LUPC present at the meeting.
The VNC Board of Officers will vote to appoint one of the following candidates to LUPC:
William Battey
Marc Castleman
Tony Coscia
J. K. Dahlin
Robin Rudisill
Thomas R. Sauer
- Applications can be found [HERE](#).
- 10. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:40PM -- 5 minutes)**
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
- 11. New Business (8:45PM -- 70 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]
- A** **Support for the Creation of a "Development Services Department" by consolidating LA City Planning with Department of Building (45 min)** Marc Saltzberg for WRAC **[EXHIBIT]**

This motion will be preceded by a presentation by Gary Goelitz, VP, Matrix Consulting Group.

Matrix has been hired by the City to advise it on the planned reorganization of City Planning and the Department of Building and Safety that will combine the two into a single department. Other units to be included in the new department include the Land Planning units residing in DOT, Fire, Department of Public Works and Bureau of Engineering. The new department would be called the "Development Services Department" The single Unit would streamline the permitting process



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and provide integrated enforcement services. The City's timeline for creation of this new department calls for reorganization to begin Jan 1, 2014.

MOTION: The VNC supports the consolidation of departments, per [Council File 13-0046](#), with the understanding that to fully implement the consolidation, it is necessary to establish a financing mechanism (or fee) to grow the Condition Compliance and Code Enforcement units. A CIS will be sent to the City Clerk.

B **Standing Rule 26 – Duties and Responsibilities of Outreach Officer (10 minutes)** Ira Koslow for REC ira.koslow@venicenc.org

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the following as Standing Rule 26:

Standing Rule 26

Outreach Chair Duties / Responsibilities

Mission: To engage the broad spectrum of stakeholders for collaboration and deliberation on matters affecting the community including events, issues and projects.

1. Chair Outreach Committee Meeting and Maintain Outreach Committee web page.

Holds regular monthly meetings and special meetings as needed.

Creates Outreach Committee meeting agenda and ensures the posting of the agenda and minutes in accordance with the Brown Act and VNC policy.

2. "Organize quarterly Stakeholder meetings and special events" (from Bylaws).

Three of the quarterly Stakeholder meetings are generally organized as "Town Halls"; the fourth meeting is the annual Venice BBQ, held in the summer. Event topics are selected by the Town Hall subcommittee of the Outreach Committee composed of the Outreach Chair, the President, the Event Producer (see below) and one or more Board Members.

The Event Producer (appointed by the Outreach Chair) provides continuity of supervision, expert knowledge, communications coordination and a single point of responsibility for all Town Halls. The Event Producer oversees all areas of the events including approval of expenditures, programming, promotion, and physical arrangements.

Town Hall content and planning is often delegated to one of the VNC's Standing or Ad-Hoc Committees. During the first stages of planning for each Town Hall, the Outreach Officer and Event Producer meet with those helping to organize the event and an event plan is agreed to and put in writing.

3. Coordinate VNC Tabling Activities

The Outreach Committee staffs a table at events throughout the year. The tables distribute literature about VNC and City events, issues and services; provide for direct interaction between



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stakeholders and VNC representatives; and provide a means for stakeholders to sign up for VNC emails.

a. Venice Farmers' Market (currently weekly on Fridays)

b. Other regularly-scheduled tables are located at the Venice BBQ, Abbot Kinney Festival and other events as determined by the Board or Outreach Chair.

4. VNC Press Releases and email blasts

Coordinate the design, printing and distribution of VNC literature such as press releases, email blasts, and descriptive pamphlets

The Outreach Chair is responsible for providing and distributing all press releases and edited content for email blast articles. All press releases and email blast articles must be approved by the President. The Outreach Chair is also responsible for relationships with the press, ensuring that the press has access to the Board as necessary, answering press questions and conducting outreach to the press.

5. VNC Newsletter

Ensures that a printed newsletter is prepared according to a schedule determined by the Board; works closely with the Newsletter Editor (appointed by the Outreach Chair) to determine editorial budget and helps with copy-editing newsletter content. Responsible for relationships with newsletter vendors (layout, print, distribution), expediting payments and troubleshooting problems.

6. Outreach Budget

Works with the Treasurer to budget for Outreach activities.
Monitors expenses charged to Outreach budget.

C Support for reevaluating future costs of DWP's FIT-100 program (15 minutes) Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports additional cost evaluations for the declining future tranches of the FIT100 program.

According to the DWP's Ratepayer Advocate, the DWP's FIT-100 (Feed-in-Tariff) program needs to be re-evaluated. FIT programs seek to encourage renewable energy development within the Los Angeles Basin by purchasing excess power developed by consumers from roof-top solar projects (this will also help meet the 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard mandate by 2020). The Ratepayer Advocate's research indicates that the price the DWP is proposing to pay for solar power under the FIT-100 program will cost about \$250 million above market over the next 20 years. For the first 20 megawatts of the 100 megawatt program, DWP is proposing to pay 17 cents per kilowatt hour. For the second 20 megawatts purchased, the price would decline by 1 cent to 16 cents, 15 cents for the third 20 megawatts and so on. But when these prices are compared to current market prices, the DWP will have paid \$250 million over market.



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12. **LUPC (9:55 PM -- 55 minutes);** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org

A Building Code Enforcement (5 minutes) [EXHIBIT]

MOTION: The VNC shall send a letter to Councilman Mike Bonin and the City Attorney requesting that all building codes shall be enforced in Venice, including billboard regulations. LUPC motion made by Jake Kaufman; seconded by Sarah Dennison and passed 6-0 on 9-7-13.

B CUB Condition Clarification (10 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC insists that the Chief Zoning Administrator and the City Attorney create for the VNC a description of conditions that can legally be included in the approval of a CUB, and a description of conditions that not legally allowed to be included in the approval of a CUB, and a description of the grey area where the law is unclear as to whether a condition can legally be included in the approval of a CUB. LUPC motion made by Robert Aronson; seconded by Jake Kaufman and passed 8-0 on 10-2-13.

C 417 Sunset Ave; Small Lot Subdivision with 2 homes. No request for Variance or Exception. AA-2013-953-PMLA-SL (20 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC recommends approval of the project as presented noting:

- 1) The buildings meet the character and mass intent of the Specific Plan because of the 15ft front yard setback, the light well atrium and the transparent front elevation.
- 2) Each home has 2 covered and 1 uncovered parking space, which complies with the intent of the VCZSP.
- 3) No variance or exception is requested.

LUPC motion made by Mehrnoosh Mojallali; seconded by Jake Kaufman and passed 8-0 on 10-2-13

Background Information:

<http://cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=31849&UGP=Anonymous>

D 613 Rose Ave; TWO-STORY; MIXED-USE PROJECT CONSISTING OF TWO DWELLING UNITS; RESTAURANT AND RETAIL SPACE WITH A CUB TO PERMIT A FULL-LINE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION; ZA-2013-1061-CDP-CUB-ZAA-SPP-MEL (20 minutes)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the 2 story Mixed Use Project with the following conditions and noting this project is in full compliance with the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan:

- 1) Hours of Operation: Outdoor dining area shall close at 10PM Sunday thru Thursday and 11PM Friday and Saturday. Indoor Dining shall close at Midnight daily (doors to close at outdoor dining hours).
- 2) Employee Parking: Free off-street parking shall be provided to employees who drive while they are on shift either on site or a designated off-site location.
- 3) Attendant Parking: Attendant parking shall be provided with free 90 minute validation for restaurant and retail customers.
- 4) Incentive Program: Applicant shall create an incentive program for employees who walk, bike or take transit to work.
- 5) Parking: Parking shall comply with the Venice Coastal Specific Plan one parking space per 50 SF of restaurant service floor area. Restaurant Service Floor Area is 912 sf of total



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service floor area with 18 required parking spaces. Building has 26 physical parking spaces and 14 bicycle parking spaces.

- 6) Sculpture garden and patio are not to be used for restaurant food service
- 7) Type 47 (on-site sales only) CUB with Plan Approval required in 5 years.
- 8) Restaurant to meet all standard BMP and CUB requirements.
- 9) Loading/Deliveries to be non-peak hours.

LUPC motion made by Mehrnoosh Mojallali; seconded by Jake Kaufman and passed 5-0 on 9-18-13 (NOTE: John Reed, architect not in attendance/recused)

Background Information:

<http://cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=31993&UGP=Anonymous>

13. Treasurers Report (10:50PM -- 10 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 August 22, 2013, through September 21, 2013, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.

B MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council allocates \$100 from Board Community Improvement Projects for the first Venice clean up event.

C MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate \$500 from General Operations in the currently approved budget and move that \$500 to the Staffing line item to assist the President and Chair of LUPC to produce timely letters, reports, and other paperwork.

D MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council allocates \$500 from Board Community Improvement Projects to the Vera Davis Thanksgiving event.

E MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account for November in the following amounts:

<u>VNC Budget Item</u>		<u>DONE Vendor (if Known)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Office Supplies/Copies	OFF	Office Depot	\$ 75.00
Microphones/camera	OFF		
\$ 350.00			
Refreshments	EVE	Smart & Final	\$ 50.00
Web Site/E-Mail	WEB	I Power/Constant Contact	\$ 200.00
General Outreach		EVE	
\$ 200.00			
Neighborhood CIPS	CIP		
Canal Landscaping		Mariposa Landscaping	\$1948.00
Board CIPS	CIP		
Vera Davis Thanksgiving		Ralphs	\$ 500.00
Venice Clean-up			\$ 100.00
Total			\$3523.00



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- 14. **VNC Announcements (11:00PM -- 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 (11:10PM -- 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 (11:20PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**

- 17. **Adjourn (approx. 11:25PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Linda Lucks	Santa Monica Airport	Abilgail 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, Nic 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 & Transportation	Erin McMorrow, Abigail Myers