



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officer Meeting Minutes

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 6:30 PM--PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (6:40PM – 5 minutes)**
PRESENT: LL, MS, HS, TE, IK, HH, MK, JK, OK, AM, EM, ESW, MSo, MSI, SA, BJ, SK
ABSENT: KV, CR, SG, TW
2. **Approval of the Agenda (6:35PM – 5 minutes)**
ACTION: 9.C. moved to 9.A.
7.A. inserted here.
4. and 3. Switched.
Amended Agenda approved unanimously (MS/SK)
3. **Old Business (6:40 PM - 60 minutes)**

Presentation and Q & A re: Proposed Overnight Parking Districts Settlement -
Marc Saltzberg, Vice President; vicepresident@Venicenc.org

Presentation to explain the OPD settlement to VNC Board and stakeholders. Representatives from the City Attorney's Office; Tamara Martin and Felix Valde from LA Department of Transportation; Arturo Pina, District Director, CD11, the California Coastal Commission and knowledgeable others are invited to provide information and respond to questions. NOTE: No motion has been put forward on the subject of the OPD settlement. This item is for discussion only. Any motions dealing with the OPD settlement will be heard at the Board's May meeting.
Tamara Martin explained OPD history and possibility of PPD.



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Arturo Piña on how OPD's work.
Jane Usher on current status of lawsuit.
Sara Wan on Coastal Commission processes.

4. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:40 PM – 5 minutes)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/130319BoardMinutes.pdf>
ACTION: Minutes approved unanimously (ESW/HH)
5. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:45 PM --10 minutes)**
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
Public Comment: DeDe, Christopher, Garcia, Eden, Jim, Lydia
6. **Consent Calendar (7:55 PM -- 0 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment. Items may be removed and they will go to the end of the agenda]
7. **Scheduled Announcements (7:55PM – 50 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment]
- A **Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Kristan Delatori 32914@lapd.lacity.org *This report includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
- B **Government Reports (10 minutes)** (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)
 - **City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl:** Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Arturo Pina, District Director (Arturo.Pina@lacity.org)
- C **Community Improvement Projects (3 minutes)** Ivan Spiegel
Report on projects completed and number of new applications received.
- D **Bicycle Facility Improvements in Venice (10 min)** Paul Backstrom
Paul.Backstrom@lacity.org
LADOT to present on forthcoming bicycle facility improvements in Venice,
- E **VNC SM Airport Forum - Saturday, April 27 (2 mins)** Abigail Myers, Co-chair,
abigail.myers@venicenc.org (2 minutes) **[EXHIBIT]**

The Venice Neighborhood Council will hold a forum on the health impacts of the Santa Monica Airport (SMO) on Los Angeles residents. The forum will be held Saturday, April 27, 2013, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Penmar Park Recreation Center, Auditorium, 1341 Lake St., Venice CA.



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Expert speakers will be featured from various specialties and government agencies. Topics for discussion will include the effects from SMO on health and safety, including research findings on pollution from lead, noise, and fine particulates. Los Angeles, State and Federal political representatives have been invited to speak about their position regarding this airport. The community will participate in a Q&A to voice areas of concern and suggest solutions. For more information please contact Mindy Taylor-Ross, mindytr101@gmail.com, or by phone at (310) 592-0742.

- F **Valet Ordinance (15 minutes)** Don Novack presented.
Discussion of pending ordinance and issues relating to Venice valets **[EXHIBIT]**
- 8. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (9:20 - 5 minutes)**
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
Darryl Barnett
- 9. **Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC)** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC
Jake.kaufman@venicenc.org (8:45 - 95 minutes)
- A **1205 Abbot Kinney Blvd. “Local 1205”. ZA-2012-3443-CUB & ENV-2012-3444-EAF (30 minutes)**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the project noting that the only changes presented to the community by the applicant are (A) the addition of a Type 41 CUB with on site and off- site sales privileges and (B) a more restricted set of hours (listed below), and important to note that our support is based on the business following each of the conditions included in the LUPC Staff Report:

- 1) 5 year plan approval.
 - 2) Hours of Operation:
Hours of Operation- Interior 7 am-2am, daily
Hours of Operation- Front and Rear Patio 7 am-11pm, daily
Hours of Operation-Juice Bar 7 am-3am, daily
Hours of On Site alcohol Service 11am-1am Mon-Fri; 10 am-1am Fri-Sat
Hours of Off Site Alcohol Sales 11 am-11pm, daily
- LUPC MOTION MADE BY MIA HERRON, SECOND BY JAKE KAUFMAN
PASSED LUPC BY VOTE: 9-0

ACTION: Motion approved (JK/EM 13-2-2)



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B **1900 S Lincoln Blvd; “Superba Bread Company”. ZA-2012-3590-CUB-CU-ZV & ENV-2012-3591-EAF (20 minutes)** **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the project as presented (2080 sq.ft restaurant, 580 sqft retail/takeout, 1100 sqft commercial kitchen, 1100 sqft restaurant kitchen; 81 total seats), with all conditions included LUPC Staff Report, which include:

- 1) Hours of Operation limited to Sunday-Thursday 7:00AM to 10:30PM and Friday-Saturday 7:00AM to 11:30PM, with the patio closing one hour earlier on each night,
- 2) Loading hours between 9AM and 3PM and no deliveries on Sunday,
- 3) 12 onsite parking spaces including 1 ADA, and at least 20 bicycle spaces,
- 4) Type 41 CUB (beer and wine, onsite only)
- 5) Compliance with the Lincoln Blvd Community Design Overlay on the entire project site,
- 6) All abandoned curb cuts filled in,
- 7) No music to be played on the patio at any time,
- 8) Noise mitigation elements including extensive landscaping, particularly in the outdoor patio,
- 9) 5 year plan approval from the Certificate of Occupancy on the CUB.

LUPC MOTION MADE BY JAKE KAUFMAN, SECOND BY JORY TREMBLAY
PASSED LUPC BY VOTE: 8-1

ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (JK/HH 16-0-0)

C **2 Breeze Ave (Change of Use); ZA-2012-2841-CDP-CU-ZV-MEL (15 minutes)** **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The VNC approves this project as presented (change of use from Apartments to Hotel) and appreciate the applicant’s sensitivity to preserving the building.

ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (JK/IK 14-0-0)

D **Community Care Facilities Ordinance (CCFO) (30 minutes)** **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The VNC opposes the current WRAC Motion, which reads:

We, the members of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, oppose Amending Motion 31B, submitted January 30, 2013 to Council File 11-0262, on the following grounds:

1. Lack of sufficient staff support and lack of a funding mechanism
2. Inability to presently enforce codes
3. Anticipated 10% across the board budget cuts to all City departments slated for FY 2013-2014
4. Complete lack of transparent fiscal analysis

We further strongly oppose the continued gutting of the R1 and other low density residential zones in the City of Los Angeles. The General Plan of the City of Los Angeles protects the residential character of these zones. The City is therefore required by law to prepare a General Plan Amendment and to produce a full Environmental Impact Report in compliance with CEQA



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to establish any ordinance adding boarding houses as a by right use into low density residential zones.

LUPC MOTION MADE BY JORY TREMBLAY; SECONDED BY JOHN REED
PASSED 7-0

ACTION: Motion approved (JK/IK 15-0-1)

10. New Business (10:20 -- 15 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

- A** **Change to VNC Bylaws Article IV.A. and Article X. Sections 2 B & 2C.** Ira Koslow on behalf of REC ira.koslow@venicenc.org (requires a 2/3 vote for approval) **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The VNC Board amends the Bylaws Article IV.A. and Article X. Sections 2.B. and 2.C. to correct errors in the last election, and returning to the procedures outlined in Appendix B. which were used in the election four years ago run by the City Clerk's Office. See Exhibits - A (marked up bylaws) & B (Board Structure and Voting).

ARTICLE IV: STAKEHOLDER

A. *"Stakeholder are defined as Non-Factual Stakeholders and Factual Basis Stakeholders.*

- a. *"Non-Factual Basis Stakeholders" are defined as individuals who live, work, or own property within the VNC boundaries*
- b. *"Factual Basis Stakeholders" are defined as those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm a factual basis for it.*

ARTICLE X: ELECTIONS Section 2: Governing Board Structure and Voting

B. Community Officers:

- 1. Thirteen (13) Community Officers are elected at-large by the non-factual-basis Voting Members.*
- 2. One (1) factual-basis Community Officer is elected by all voting members.*
- 3. Factual-basis Voting Members shall be entitled to run only for the one (1) factual-basis Community Officer.*

C. Voting:

- 1. Voting for election of Officers shall be by ballot.*



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2. *If more than two (2) candidates are running for an Executive Officer position, a plurality shall be sufficient to elect unless the election procedures direct otherwise.*
3. *No voting by proxy is allowed.*
4. *Each factual-basis Voting Member shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for a factual- basis Community Officer candidate. If more than one (1) factual-basis candidate is on the factual-basis ballot, the factual-basis candidate with the highest vote total shall be elected. In the event that there are no factual-basis candidates, the Community Officer receiving the next highest vote total shall be elected.*
5. *Each non-factual-basis Voting Member shall be entitled to cast votes as follows: • One (1) vote for President • One (1) vote for Vice President • One (1) vote for Secretary • One (1) vote for Treasurer • One (1) vote for Communications Officer • One (1) vote for Community Outreach Officer • One (1) vote for Land Use and Planning Committee Chair • One (1) vote for only one (1) Community Officer. This may be either a Factual Basis Community Officer or a Community Officer. The Community Officer candidates with the thirteen (13) highest vote totals shall be elected; EXCEPT, if there is no factual-basis candidate, the Community Officer candidates with the fourteen (14) highest vote totals shall be elected.*

Section 3: Minimum Voting Age

Any Stakeholder who is sixteen (16) years or older, or a junior or senior in high school, may vote.

Passed on 3/27/13 by REC 3-0

ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (IK/HH)

- B** **Standing Rule regarding posting of minutes** Ira Koslow on behalf of REC
ira.koslow@venicenc.org

MOTION: The VNC Board shall add the following Standing Rule regarding posting of minutes:

Standing Rules

24. Posting of Minutes

The VNC Secretary is responsible for producing accurate minutes of Stakeholder, Board of Officers and Administrative Committee meetings. The VNC Standing & Ad Hoc Committees chairs are responsible for producing accurate minutes of their respective committees. The VNC Secretary and the VNC Standing & Ad Hoc Committees chairs are responsible for submitting the minutes for public posting 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.

Passed on 3/27/13 by REC 3-0

ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (IK/ HH 15-0-0)



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11. Treasurers Report (10:35 PM -- 20 minutes); Hugh Harrison (Treasurer@Venicenc.org)
[Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

A MOTION: The VNC Board approves the attached the report on expenditures for the period February 22, 2012, through March 21, 2013, and the itemized purchase card invoice.

ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (HH/IK 15-0-0)

B MOTION: It is resolved that the budget for the Venice Neighborhood Council for the 2012-2013 fiscal year shall be as amended to reallocate funds as follows:

- 1 The \$515 allocated to Newsletter Production to be reallocated to General Outreach.
- 2 \$1,550 of the funds allocated to Newsletter Printing to be reallocated to Web-Site and e-mail. Of these funds, \$1,350 is allocated for the establishment of Webcasting of VNC Board meeting and \$200 is allocated for on-going costs of web and e-mail service.
- 3 \$350 of the funds allocated to Newsletter Printing to be reallocated to General Outreach.
- 4 The \$1,500 allocated for Newsletter Delivery to be reallocated to General Outreach.
- 5 Of the funds reallocated for General Outreach, \$1,500 is allocated for the purchase of branded Farmer Market bags.
- 6 The \$2,000 for the Community Improvement Project for the Safe Place for Youth, Volunteer Fair, which has been canceled, to be reallocated to the 2013 Venice Community Barbeque.
- 7 The \$1,075 for the Venice Mozaic-Youth Poetry & Spoken Word Project, to be reallocated to the 2013 Venice Community Barbeque. This change is contingent on the original project failing to be completed by the April 15, 2013, deadline.

The motion was voted affirmatively by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4-0-1.

ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (HH/SA 15-0-0)

C "Introducing the Venice Neighborhood Council's Neighborhood Committee" flier Marc Saltzberg vicepresident@venicenc.org **[EXHIBIT]**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves printing 5000 each of the "Introducing the Venice Neighborhood Council's Neighborhood Committee" flier (see Exhibit _ for example) at a total cost of approximately \$700 (quoted price is \$660 or .132 each + \$40 reserve). The flier will allow 10 Neighborhood Committee members to distribute 500 personalized fliers in each of their neighborhoods. The Budget Committee met 04/01/13 and found that the funds exist in the current VNC budget.

ACTION: Motion approved (MS/HH 14-0-1)

D All Board members and especially committee chairs are encouraged to provide input on their budget needs for the remainder of this fiscal year and for the up-coming budget year.



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12. VNC Announcements (10:55PM -- 10 Minutes)

- **President:** Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)
May VNC Board Meeting to Wednesday, May 22
Retreat Planning Committee formed: Erin Ward, Sylvia Aroth, Marc Saltzberg, Ivan Spiegel:
Date: May 19
- **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg (Vicepresident@Venicenc.org)
- **LA Alliance of NC's Representative:** Ivan Spiegel, (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
- **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Erin-Sullivan Ward, (erin.ward@venicenc.org)

13. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

[20 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

**14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction
(11:05 PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**

15. Adjourn (10:45 PM)

ACTION: Meeting adjourned (IK/HH)