



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Minutes of March 28, 2018 Meeting Bank of Venice, 80 Windward Ave, Venice CA 90291

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:55am. Present were George Francisco (GF), Reta Moser (RM), John Weston (JW), Bill Boyd (BB), Noel Johnston (NJ), Isabelle Duvivier (ID), Christina Marquez (CM), Stewart Oscars (SO), Nathan Court (NC).
2. The agenda was approved as presented (SO//NJ; 7-0-1; NC, BB, JW, RM, ID, SO//GF)
3. Minutes of the February 28, 2018 Neighborhood Committee meeting were approved as presented. (JW, NC; 7-0-1, BB, SO, NJ, RM, SO,, ID//GF)
4. Public Comment
 - a. Peter Ruiz will be undertaking bike registration drive
5. Chair Report
 - a. Bill Boyd announced the death of longtime committee member and great guy Jay Cole
6. Consent Calendar – Passed.
 - a. **ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – MOTION. Storm Drain Grates**
The Neighborhood Committee proposes that the VNC recommend to Councilman Mike Bonin, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, LA Sanitation, Bureau of Street Services, LA County Dept of Sanitation the Department of Public Works that all county-operated storm drains on Venice streets be covered with gratings to prevent unnecessary passing of rubbish into the drain system.
 - b. **ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – MOTION. Proper Cyclist Illumination**
The Neighborhood Committee proposes that the VNC recommend to Councilman Mike Bonin, LAPD, and LADOT that all operators of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller blades and other forms of alternate mobility devices be strictly subject to fines and penalties when operating at night without the proper illumination.
 - c. **ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – MOTION. Marina Peninsula Lighting.**
The Neighborhood Committee proposes that the VNC recommend to Councilman Mike Bonin, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, The Los Angeles Department of Public Works, The LA County Department of Public Work and the Bureau of Street Lighting that a study be undertaken to determine appropriate locations to install additional street lighting on Pacific Avenue south of Washington Blvd.
 - d. **ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – MOTION. Newspaper Rack Removal.**
The Neighborhood Committee proposes that the VNC recommend to Councilman Mike Bonin, The Los Angeles Department of Public Works, and the Bureau of Street Services that all abandoned, unused and decrepit newspaper boxes and racks be removed from Venice sidewalks.
7. **ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – MOTION. VHS Swimming Pool. Approved 8-0-1. (NJ, JW; NC, BB, RM, CM, JW, ID, SO//GF)**
Whereas the swimming pool of Venice High School has proven to be a valuable amenity to the Venice community at large and various city departments such as the Department of Recreation and Parks and; whereas the Summer Olympics Games will take place in the city of Los Angeles in 2028; therefore the Neighborhood Committee proposes that the VNC recommend to Councilman Mike Bonin, Mayor Eric Garcetti,, the United States Olympic Committee, the International Olympics Committee, LA2028, and LAUSD that any modernization plans for the campus of Venice High School include the reconstruction of the Venice High School swimming pool to Olympics size and standards.
8. Community Impacts Discussion – Taylor Bazley, CD11 Venice Deputy
 - a. enforcement of the 3 foot clearance rule on sidewalks
 - b. enforcement of the 60 gallons of storage on public property ordinance
 - c. bulky item pick up and speeding up so as to discourage transients from collecting this stuff and knowing they will have it for at least a week
 - d. proliferation of bicycle chop-shop operations on public property and what can be done about it.
9. **ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – MOTION. Couer d’Alene Sidewalk Repair. Approved 8-0-1. (SO, ID; NC, BB, CM, JW, NJ, RM//GF)**
The Neighborhood Committee proposes that the VNC recommend to Councilmember Bonin, Los Angeles Department of Public Works, LA Bureau of Street Services (including Special Projects Division), Los Angeles Unified School District VICE PRESIDENT Nick Melvoin, LA Department of Disability, LA City Attorney Feuer, LA Mayor Garcetti, and Los Angeles Safe Routes to Schools that the SIDEWALKS of Coeur D Alene Ave between Abbot Kinney Bl and Lincoln Bl be repaired to establish a level Safe Route for the Students of Coeur D Alene Elementary



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and St Mark Elementary Schools WITH careful coordination between departments to ensure preservation of existing trees by widening the sidewalk onto LAUSD property.

11. There were No Guests
12. There was No Old Business
13. There was No New Business
14. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20am.