



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Neighborhood Committee Minutes of October 26, 2016 Meeting Bank of Venice, 80 Windward Ave, Venice CA 90291

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:26am. Present were George Francisco (GF), Abi Myers (AM), Josie Scibetta (JS), John Weston (JW); Jay Cole (JC); Joan Wrede (JW), Brittany DeBeikes Teague (BDT), Sarah Shoup (SS), Isabelle Duvivier (ID), Christina Marquez (CM).
2. The agenda was approved as presented. (JW, JS; 9-0-1: JW, JS, JW AM, BDT, ID, JC, CM, SS//GF)
3. Minutes of the Sept 28, 2016 Neighborhood Committee meeting were approved. (JW, JC; 9-0-1: JW, JC, AM, BDT, JS, ID, JW, SS, CM//GF).
4. There were no Announcements.
5. There was no Public Comment.
6. Chair Report.
  - a. Clean Streets LA Challenge: VNC partnering with Eagle Rock Yacht Club to clean up Rose Ave to Sunset and 7<sup>th</sup> to Lincoln on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – volunteers welcome
  - b. L2050.org' VNC partnered with Synaccord to develop online outreach and engagement tools for NCs – vote at LA2050.org under “Connect” category for group “Engage Your Neighborhood.”
7. Presentation – The Department of Public Works in the Community
  - a. Commissioner Joel Jacinto ([joel.jacinto@lacity.org](mailto:joel.jacinto@lacity.org))
    - i. Sidewalk Incentive Program for rebating homeowner improvements to sidewalks
    - ii. Looking for CD11 liason to Public Works Dept
  - b. Q+A
8. Item for Discussion and Possible Action: Motion (GF, JW - motion to postpone passed (JW, ID; 9-0-1. JW, ID, AM, BDT, JW, JC, CM, SS, JS//GF)
  - a. *Whereas Windward Avenue west of Pacific Ave, the Venice Boardwalk and the Venice Beach Recreation Center are historically high crime areas and;  
Whereas the installation of blue colored lighting has been correlated to crime reduction in Glasgow, Scotland and Nara, Japan and suicide reduction in Yokohma, Japan and;  
Whereas research has demonstrated that blue (short wavelength) light is a potentially effective treatment for seasonal affective disorder and has helped reduce stress-response in non-human subjects and;  
Whereas blue light has been proven to temporarily improve cognition and enhance responses to emotional stimuli:  
Therefore the The Neighborhood Committee proposes that the VNC recommend to Councilman Mike Bonin, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, the City of Los Angeles Department of Street Lighting, and the Los Angeles Police Department to replace the white LED street lights with blue lights on Windward Boulevard west of Pacific Ave and in the Venice Beach Recreation Center and Boardwalk.*
9. Task Force Reports
  - a. Traffic safety and abatement between LADOT, Culver City, and LA County: Closer to arranging meeting. (JW)
  - b. Remapping Neighborhoods for Committee representation – postponed (JW)
  - c. Re-striping Ocean & Mildred for left turn lane – postponed (SS)
  - d. Installation of bike/don't bike lights – postponed (BDT)
  - e. Contact list for city-county jurisdictional problems – postponed (Josh Blacker)
10. Old Business.
  - a. Robin Murez – Report on progress of CIP to beautify Centennial Park and future plans to install Carousel in park.
11. New Business.
  - a. Janitorial service for Ocean + S Venice
  - b. Prop HHH Discussion
12. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30am.