



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: October 22, 2015

Meeting Time: 7:30AM to 9:00AM

Meeting Location: The Terrace Café, 7 Washington Blvd. Marina del Rey CA 90292

Contact: Marc.Saltzberg@VeniceNC.org see: VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee for more information

1. 7:30AM – Welcome and Introductions – see VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee to see neighborhoods
2. 7:31 – Call to Order & Roll Call (NOTE: Resignation of Joe Verrone from Committee)

Adam Glick	Present	John Weston	Present
Bill Boyd	Present	Lydia Pelosi (on leave)	
Carmen Navarro		Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Carolyn Rios	Present	Mariana Aguilar	
Daniel Pinedo		Mark Kanights	
DeDe Audette	Present	Michael Nelson	
Jay Cole	Present	Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Present
Joan Wrede	Present	Sarah Shoup	
John Montgomery			
Guests: LAPD SLO Kristan Delatori		Ivan Spiegel	

3. 7:33 – Approve Agenda
4. 7:35 – ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
 - a. Great Venice Toy Drive on Dec 19th from 10AM to 2PM at Oakwood
 - b. VNC Board Elections coming
5. 7:40 – PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.
6. 7:45 – Approve minutes from previous meetings – [09/24/2015](#)
7. 7:47 – Report on Last VNC Board Meeting
8. 7:55 – Old Business:

Drug Enforcement in Venice and Discussion with LAPD SLO Kristan Delatori See: [Drug Enforcement – Unintended Consequences of Prop 47](#) and [Washington Post Article "Virtual Get-Out-of-Jail-Free Card"](#)

- Officer Delatori described LAPD activity at an Oakwood Park Birthday Party on 10/16. Five people were detained (4 were ultimately charged) under a [Gang Injunction](#) which subjects various gang activities (including the association of identified gang members) to a civil suit. According to Officer Delatori, those detained had received verbal warnings in the preceding days that a crackdown was coming.
- Drug sales occur all over Venice... she didn't identify a particular hot spot. "Abatements" take place when a particular property is targeted for enforcement; she mentioned one on the 1100 block of Palms over the summer.
- Violent Crime is up 36% on Venice Beach and 42% in the area east of Abbot Kinney. For LAPD crime stats see: <http://assets.lapdonline.org/assets/pdf/pacprof.pdf> and LA Times Crime Map for Venice: <http://maps.latimes.com/neighborhoods/neighborhood/venice/crime/>. Comparisons are difficult to make because of differences in timing and locations but it's clear that the biggest segment of violent crime, by far, is aggravated assaults. Much of the violence is transient vs. transient and related to mental health issues as well as drugs & alcohol. Call LAPD non-emergency number 818-734-2223 if you see an incident.
- LAPD is making efforts to better respond to reports of people with mental problems. Increased number of SMART Teams (see: <http://www.scp.org/news/2015/03/09/50245/police-and-the-mentally-ill-lapd-unit-praised-as-m/>) and increased training city-wide.

Officer Delatori was asked about:

- parking lot operations at the Magnet School on the MDR Peninsula
- a homeless encampment at Lincoln and Superba
- increased bar patrols on Washington near the Beach and concerns about people drinking in their vehicles

- Traffic congestion at Palawan and Washington

Best contact for Kristan is by e-mail at 32914@lapd.lacity.org

9. 8:30 – New Business:

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding CIP process for 2016,
Our last set of recommendations to the VNC Board re: CIP rank and budget was drastically changed by the Board. We attributed these problems to the Board acting without reading the applications and a need for better "selling" of our recommendations.

Suggestions from Committee to help with selling and lobbying for our recommendations:

- Provide better documentation of the CIP process & rules the Neighborhood Committee uses for ranking
- Dedicate more Board time to the CIP discussion
- Provide short summaries of each project to simplify Board analysis that includes the Neighborhood Committee's reasoning behind the scores
- Ask Board if we are using the correct ranking rules

Suggestions for Standing rules changes:

- Assign Board Delegate observers to our ranking meeting
- Change the Board approval process to a two meeting process that would encourage more study if the Board desired to change the rankings / funding recommendations
- Ending Neighborhood Committee involvement in the CIP approval process and let Board do the ranking and funding recommendations
- Ending the current CIP program all-together

These changes (and any other suggestions) will be further discussed at our next meeting with a recommendation to the Board for action on our preferred alternative(s). If you have suggestions other than those listed, please send them to me so I can include them on our agenda. Additional ideas would be welcome!

- b. Neighborhood Reports
c. Next Regular Meeting – November 19 at 7:30PM (avoid Thanksgiving conflict)

10. 9:00 – Adjourn