



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** September 24, 2015

**Meeting Time:** 7:30PM to 9:00PM

**Meeting Location:** Oakwood Rec Center, [767 California Ave, Venice, CA 90291](#) (enter from Oakwood)

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1. 7:35PM – Welcome and Introductions – see [VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee](http://VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee) to see neighborhoods
2. Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick		John Montgomery	Present
Bill Boyd		John Weston	Present
Carmen Navarro	Present	Lydia Pelosi (on leave)	
Carolyn Rios	Present	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Daniel Pinedo	Present	Mariana Aguilar	Present
DeDe Audette	Present	Mark Kanights	Present
Jay Cole	Present	Michael Nelson	
Jerry Jaffe	Arrv 7:45	Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Joan Wrede	Arrv 7:45	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	
Joe Verrone		Sarah Shoup	
Guests: Chuy Orozco		Liz Wright	
Chuck Rosen		Yolanda Gonzalez	

3. Approve Agenda **MOTION: CR/JM APPROVE 9/0/1 (Chair abstains on all motions)**
  - a. 7:35 – ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
    - Chuy announces RFI asking for non-profits to operate Westminster Sr. Center.
    - An RFI concerning operations at Vera Davis is being considered but has not been released yet.
    - Chuy also announce that a “state of emergency” has been declared regarding homelessness in the City. This will enable emergency spending –the City Council has been asked to find \$100 million for current Fiscal Year – 10 million has been identified.
    - A hearing on STR’s will be held 9/29 in Mar Vista by City Planning aimed at formulating regulations for STRs
4. 7:40 – PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.
5. 7:45 – Approve minutes from previous meetings – [08/27/2015 MOTION: John W /MK APPROVE 11/0/1](#)
6. 7:47 – Report on Last VNC Board Meeting
  - a. STR Motion passed
  - b. Street Vending Motion defeated
7. 7:55 – Old Business:
 

Small Truck Street Repairs Priorities – <a href="#">click to review list</a>	5 min	<a href="#">Marc Saltzberg</a>
7 locations repaired on 9/21/15 – Nxt visit 3/2/16 – Chuy Stated Venice has 10% of repair requests with 1% of city population		
8. 8:00 – New Business:
  - a. Resolution to Sponsor 2015 Vera Davis Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway
 

The Neighborhood Committee recommends the Venice Neighborhood Council sponsor the 2015 Vera Davis Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway & donate \$500 for the purchase of Turkeys <b>MOTION: MA/John M Approve 11/0/1</b>	5 min	<a href="#">Mariana Aguilar</a>
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  - b. Chuy Orozco: Discussion of Neighborhood Concerns with CD11 Deputy
 

<p><a href="#">Chuy &amp; Marc reported that:</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New trash cans on ABK wk of 9/30 - program from Mayor (more coming)</li> <li>• Stop Lt being installed on at ABK &amp; Couer d'Lean as well as crosswalk signals at Pacific &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> and ABK &amp; Marr– complete by Dec 2015.</li> <li>• Crosswalk report sched to present to VNC at 10/20 Board Mtg</li> <li>• Lighthouse Bridge repairs are number 12 priority for City Engineering. No</li> </ul>	15 min	<a href="#">Marc Saltzberg</a>
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repairs likely in 2016 – reevaluate next Fall

- Canal Bridges engineering is complete with cost estimate of 180K. Funding is being determined.
- Via Dolce Park re-design nearing completion

Discussion of other issues:

- City Parking Lot at 1600 Electric is being paved with construction scheduled to end in Jan, 2016 – Chuy was asked to provide updates as previous construction seemed endlessly delayed.
- Mariana brought up construction truck staging on Lincoln Blvd. This has been a long-standing problem that originates with Santa Monica construction projects and SM not providing adequate staging for trucks. Chuy will report back - Daniel Osztreicher in CD11 Office is taking lead in talks with SM. Mariana will be Neighborhood Committee contact.
- Joan asked for evaluation from DOT on the effectiveness of “mini road-diet” implemented on northbound Ocean at South Venice, where two lanes were collapsed into a single lane. This has resulted in massive rush-hour traffic problems and vehicles cutting through neighborhood side-streets (often at high speeds) to avoid the traffic on Ocean. The Neighborhood Committee suggested that follow-up on DOT changes to evaluate effectiveness will be especially important as the City’s new mobility plan, with its emphasis on traffic calming to protect bikers and pedestrians, is rolled out. CD11 will report back.
- John Weston asked what the City is doing to prepare for El Nino.

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| c. Drug Enforcement in Venice   | 5 min  | <u>Marc Saltzberg</u> |
| This item will be discussed at length with LAPD SLO Kristan Delatori see: <a href="#">Linked Attachment</a> and <a href="#">Washington Post Article</a> |        |                       |
| d. Neighborhood Reports   | 40 min | <u>Committee</u>      |
| e. Next Regular Meeting – October 22 at 7:30AM  | 1 min  | <u>Marc Saltzberg</u> |
| 9. 9:00 – Adjourn   |        |                       |