



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: October 02, 2014

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

Meeting Location: Extra Space Storage Meeting Room - 658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

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

- 7:30AM – Welcome and Introductions – see VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee to see member names
- 7:35PM – Call to Order & Roll Call – Kathryn Nelson has resigned. She represented Venice Beach South.

Adam Glick		John Weston	
Bill Boyd		Lydia Pelosi	
Carmen Navarro		Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	
Carolyn Rios		Marianna Aguilar	
Daniel Pinedo		Mark Kanights	
DeDe Audette		Michael Nelson	
Jay Cole		Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Jerry Jaffe		Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	
Joan Wrede		Sarah Shoup	
Joe Verrone			
Guests:		Cecilia Casillo, CD11 Venice Field Rep	

- 7:40 – Approve Agenda
- 7:45 – ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
Holiday Announcements – Mariana
- 7:50 – PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.
- 7:55 – Approve minutes from previous meetings – [08/28/2014](#)
- 8:00 – Report on Last VNC Board Meeting
- 8:05 – Report from Cecilia Castillo, Venice Field Representative from Mike Bonin's Office
- 8:15 – Report from LAPD
- 8:25 – Old Business:
 - Review and possible action re: Neighborhood Committee Goals see: [Exhibit 1](#)
 - Discussion of Alley Parking (illegal with people receiving citations – but sometimes needed for drop-off)
 - Discussion and Possible Action re: Neighborhood Committee Outreach Program and Introduction Cards
 - Discussion and possible action regarding Motion from Carolyn Rios, Oakwood South:
[Support for Installation of New Bathrooms at Oakwood Park - Postponed to Oct 30](#)
- 8:30 – New Business:
 - Discussion and Possible action re:
Transient problem on the northwest side of the Penmar golf course, outside the fence. From resident: "There is this strange no-man's land between Frederick Street in Santa Monica going South on a dirt pathway to Rose Ave. There has been a tent camp there for the past several weeks. Additionally, MANY times I have seen drug paraphernalia, as well as spray paint cans and remnants of prostitution."
 - Approve Holiday Mtg Schedule: 10/30 AM, 12/4 PM, 1/08 AM, 1/29 PM
 - Neighborhood Reports
- 8:55 – Next Meeting – October 30th at 7:30AM??
- 9:00 – Adjourn

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EXHIBIT 1
PROPOSED GOALS: 2014 - 2015

- 1) Continue & expand dialog with CD11 (example: quarterly meetings with Cecilia Castillo).
- 2) Improve working relationship with VNC Land Use and Planning Committee with activities such as:
 - Monthly discussion of LUPC Cases / Neighborhood concerns (need to determine best plan.)
 - Improve outreach to neighbors regarding pending LUPC cases (publish on VNC website?)
 - Improve understanding of Venice Specific Plan and other neighborhood plans affecting development
 - Improve understanding of City ordinances and processes that control development
- 3) Identify and prioritize street repairs, sidewalk repairs and street flooding issues in Venice
- 4) Identify traffic safety improvements (crosswalk installations, bike lane placement, signage and signal improvements) to reduce transportation and traffic hazards.
- 5) Obtain city funding for projects of concern to Neighborhood Committee such as:
 - Canal bridges, currently a public safety hazard.
 - 3-way stoplight at Pacific and Brooks
 - Stoplight at Abbot Kinney and Coeur d'Alene
 - Via Dolce Park
- 6) Review / make recommendations regarding Grand Canal Plan (improvements south of Washington to Hurricane):
 - Strongs Drive – parking and directionality
 - Restoration of Grand Canal (cleanup, culverts and landscaping)
 - Proposed park and walking path
- 7) Improve Community Improvement Project processes
 - Increase number of applications
 - Provide "coaching" on grant writing for applicants
 - Improve evaluations and ranking
- 8) Explore funding alternatives for projects the City can't / isn't moving forward on:
 - Grants
 - Special assessment districts
 - Corporate support (Google, tour companies, film companies, etc)
 - Community fundraising events
 - Crowd Sourcing
 - Establishment of tax-deductible non-profit foundations.
- 9) Work with VNC Public Safety Committee to increase Neighborhood Watch programs
- 10) Work with VNC Public Safety Committee to expand emergency neighborhood preparedness programs
- 11) Work with City to explore sea level rise issues for Venice and potential mitigation
- 12) Work with VNC committees and other entities (LUPC, Safety, L.A. County, private non-profits) regarding issues arising from proliferation of liquor licenses such as noise abatement, traffic safety, sanitation, crime.
 - Work with LUPC and other committees to identify areas where concentration should be limited.
 - Develop motion to recommend City Policy on concentration and a definition of "public convenience vs necessity."
- 13) Address the impacts of MDR/County expansion on Venice.
- 14) Seek funds for park benches.
- 15) Expand committee outreach via personal contacts, brochures and web contacts.