



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

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	Present	John Weston	Present
Bill Boyd	Present	Lydia Pelosi	
Carmen Navarro	Present	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Carolyn Rios		Marianna Aguilar	Present
Daniel Pinedo	Present	Mark Kanights	
DeDe Audette	Present	Michael Nelson	
Jay Cole		Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Arrv 8:20
Joan Wrede		Sarah Shoup	Present
Joe Verrone			
Guests:		Cecilia Castillo, CD11 Venice Field Rep	

- 7:40 – Approve Agenda – **AG/DP Unanimous**
- 7:45 – ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
Holiday Announcements – Mariana – Turkey Giveaway 11/24 at Vera Davis Cntr; Toy Drive 12/20 at Oakwood Rec Cntr (10am-2pm)
- 7:50 – PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.
- 7:55 – Approve minutes from previous meetings – **08/28/2014 DD/AG Unanimous**
- 8:00 – Report on Last VNC Board Meeting (see <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/VNC-140916-Board-Minutes.pdf>)
- 8:05 – Report from Cecilia Castillo, Venice Field Representative from Mike Bonin's Office
 - LED Street Lights installed on OFW** - help of Rec & Parks funds accelerated multi-year project to weeks
 - Pacific & Brooks Traffic Signal installation in progress; completion in mid-October
 - Plan for decorative bollards installation at end of Wlak Streets dead-ending at OFW to be presented at VNC mtg on 10/21/14
 - Rose Ave restroom reconstruction design completed to be presented to VNC at mtg on 10/21
 - Dual Force Main pipeline project** will be presented at VNC mtg on 10/21
 - Venice Canals pipeline replacement will take place west of Dell** – temporary parking arranged in lot 731 between North and South Venice
 Cecilia took questions about (she will report back about these):
 - status of Via Dolce Park Construction
 - Strong's Drive Swales (reconstruction project)
 - Problem of Lincoln Blvd construction truck parking (for Santa Monica projects)
- 8:15 – Report from LAPD – Postponed to meeting of 10/30
- 8:25 – Old Business:
 - Review and possible action re: Neighborhood Committee Goals see: Exhibit 1

The following Goals for the 2014-2015 term will be considered at next Neighborhood Committee Meeting:

1. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Improvement Program that will identify, prioritize and advocate for:
 - Street repairs, sidewalk repairs and infrastructure improvements to address street flooding
 - Traffic safety improvements such as crosswalk installations, bike lane placement and signage & signal improvements to reduce transportation and traffic hazards
2. Completion of city projects initiated and / or prioritized by the VNC Neighborhood Committee and approved by the Venice Neighborhood Council such as:
 - Canal bridge repairs
 - Traffic / Pedestrian improvements near Washington Blvd and Pacific Ave
 - Traffic Signal installation at Abbot Kinney and Coeur d'Alene
 - Installation of a park on Via Dolce
3. Explore funding alternatives for projects the City can't / isn't moving forward on such as:
 - Grants
 - Special assessment districts
 - Corporate support (Google, tour companies, film companies, etc)
 - Community fundraising events
 - Crowd Sourcing
 - Establishment of tax-deductible non-profit foundations.
4. Work with VNC Public Safety Committee to increase Neighborhood Watch programs
5. 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."
- b. Discussion of Alley Parking (illegal with people receiving citations – but sometimes needed for drop-off)

Parking is not allowed in alleys – but Venice Walk Streets need vehicle access for deliveries in the alleys serving the backs of houses. While deliveries create obstacles to through traffic and must be limited, they need to be tolerated by LADOT personnel. An LADOT enforcement program has been initiated that tickets private vehicles but not delivery trucks. *Topic to be continued at next meeting*
- c. Discussion and Possible Action re: Neighborhood Committee Outreach Program and Introduction Cards

Discussion of translating cards into Spanish and alternatives to door knock introduction of NC members. *Topic to be continued at next meeting*
- d. Discussion and possible action regarding Motion from Carolyn Rios, Oakwood South:

Support for Installation of New Bathrooms at Oakwood Park *Postponed to Oct 30*
11. 8:30 – New Business:
 - a. 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." *Postponed to Oct 30*
 - b. Approve Holiday Mtg Schedule: 10/30 AM, 12/4 PM, 1/08 AM, 1/29 PM *Continue as planned*
 - c. Neighborhood Reports
12. 8:55 – Next Meeting – October 30th at 7:30AM
13. 9:00 – Adjourn

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.