



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: July 24, 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

1. 7:30PM – Welcome and Introduction of Reconstituted Committee – see VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee to see member names and review neighborhoods.
2. 7:45PM – Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick		Kathryn Nelson	
Bill Boyd		Lydia Pelosi	
Carolyn Rios		Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	
Daniel Pinedo		Marianna Aguilar	
DeDe Audette		Mark Kanights	
Jay Cole		Michael Nelson	
Joan Wrede		Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Joe Verrone		Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	
John Weston		Sarah Shoup	
Guests:			

3. 7:50 – Approve Agenda
4. 7:55 – ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
 - a. DOT Traffic Signal Installations
 - b. [AB222](#) introduced in State Assembly to modify [SB1818](#) (which requires density bonuses for projects with affordable housing),
 - c. Venice BBQ on August 2nd
5. 8:00 – PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.
6. 8:05 – Approve minutes from previous meetings – [06/12/2014](#)
7. 8:10 – Report on Last VNC Board Meeting
8. 8:15 – Neighborhood Committee Member Training
 - [Mission and Purpose](#) of Neighborhood Committee and Venice Neighborhood Council
 - [Ethics and Brown Act](#)
9. 8:30 – Neighborhood Borders and representation
10. 8:45 – New Business
 - a. Discussion and possible action re: Endorsement of Cushy Tushy Diaper Drive at Venice Lutheran Church
 - b. Review and possible action re: Neighborhood Committee Goals (see Exhibit 1)
 - c. Neighborhood Reports
11. 8:55 – Next Meeting – August 28th at 8AM?? – discussion of future meeting dates
12. 9:00 – Adjourn

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EXHIBIT 1
PROPOSED GOALS: 2014 - 2015

- 1) Continue & expand dialog with CD11 (example: quarterly meetings with Cecilia Castello).
- 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.