



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Minutes

Meeting Date: June 12, 2014

Meeting Time: 8:00AM to 9:00AM

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. 8:00AM – Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick		Linda Lucks (ex-officio)	
Bill Boyd		Lydia Pelosi	Present
Daffodil Tyminski		Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
DeDe Audette	Present	Michael Nelson	Present
Gogi Overhoff	Present	Michael Stenger	Present
Jay Cole	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Present
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Robin Rudisill	Present
Joshua Blacker	Present	Ron Sittler	Present
Guests: Ivan Spiegel			

2. Approve Agenda – Motion JB/RR - **Approved Unanimously**

3. Discussion and possible action on Community Improvement Project applications for 2014-2015 funding.

- [Community Demonstration Garden*](#) - **10 approval, 0 against, MSa/GO = 2 abstain**
- [Doggie Bag Dispensers](#) - **11 approve, 0 against, 0 abstain, MSa = 1 recused**
- [Doccupy Film Series](#) - **11 approve, 0 against, MSa = 1 abstain**
- [Spaghetti on Friday*](#) - DD/MS†/MN/NHC/RR/GO/LP = **7 approve, JJ/JB/RS = 3 against, MSa/JC = 2 abstain**

Note: Two of the projects, indicated by asterisk, lacked permits. The Neighborhood Committee therefore recommends the Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council approve funding for all four projects after discussion of permits for the two projects indicated above.

4. Consideration and possible action on motion referred from OFW Committee - postponed from meeting of 5/22/14.

The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council make all future Community Improvement project accessible to all by requiring and providing all applications to be submitted by email and/or mail.

Amendment: Remove “and/” from motion. RR/JB **Pass Unanimously, MSa = 1 abstain**

Amendment: Allow hand delivery. DD **FAILS for lack of a Second**

Motion to Approve:RR/NHC **Defeated Unanimously, GO/JC/MSa = 3 Abstain**

5. LP and NHC leave meeting

6. Consideration and possible action regarding proposed goals for the next term of the Neighborhood Committee (see Exhibit 1) – postponed from meeting of 5/22/14

Motion: Adopt goals as recommendations by new Committee JC/JB **Approved Unanimously, MSa = 1 abstain**

7. Application process to become a member of the Neighborhood Committee for the term beginning July of 2014.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.

10. Next Meeting – July 24th at 7:30PM

11. 9:30AM – Adjourn

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.