



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** April 25, 2013

**Meeting Time:** 8am – 9:30am

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

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1.8:00am - Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick	Present	Joshua Blacker	Present
Antoinette Reynolds	Present	Linda Lucks (ex-officio)	
Bill Boyd	Present	Lydia Pelosi	Present
Colleen Saro	Present	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Daffodil Tyminski	Present	Margot Michon	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
Jessica Martinez	Present	Ron Sittler	

2. Approve Agenda MOTION: DeDe / Second: Collen – Approved unanimously

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice

[Margot – Neighborhood Meeting](#)

[Marc – Santa Monica Airport Forum on April 23rd](#)

[Mayoral Debate at Sinai Temple in Westwood on April 29th](#)

[LAX Expansion Plan Approval Meeting at City Hall on April 30th](#)

[Michael Stenger – 3rd Annual WAVE Presentations on May 1st](#)

[Bill Boyd – MDR "Visioning" Meeting on April 25th](#)

[Jessica Martinez is expecting a baby boy in August!](#)

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

5. Approve minutes from [03/28/2013 MOTION: Colleen / Second: DeDe - Approved unanimously](#)

6. Report on last VNC Board Meeting – OPD's and LUPC Cases

7. Old Business

a. Neighborhood Committee introduction flier at printer – [Flier in final stages – will go to printer in a few days and be available by next meeting. Discussion of Emergency Preparedness booklet from American Red Cross that will be part of introduction. Nick received requests totaling 3500 requested](#)

b. 2013 – 2014 Community Improvement Projects – [11 submitted](#)

i. [Special Budget Committee Meeting to consider application approximately May 9th](#)

ii. [Project Applications distributed approximately May 18th](#)

iii. [Special Neighborhood Committee Meeting May 30th at 6:30pm to rank projects \(plan on 3 hours\) - Bill, Daffodil, Jessica, Robin, Josh cannot attend](#)

c. [Planning for presentation by LAPD re: Bars and Alcohol enforcement issues – Adam is thinking about meeting in 6 weeks \(June 4th or the following week?\). He'd like SLOs, Council Ofc, City Planning, ABC to attend. Suggestion: hold at Oakwood and contact Pastor at church to arrange parking](#)

d. [Possible locations for trash cans in Venice – Daffodil will submit locations](#)

e. [Discussion and possible action re: traffic on Abbott Kinney between Venice & Washington and in the neighborhood surrounding Coeur D'alene Elementary School see resolution below:](#)

MOTION to approve resolution: Josh / Second: Adam      Approved unanimously – 18-0

### **Traffic Signal at Coeur d'Alene and Abbot Kinney**

Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council is concerned about child safety, and has received numerous complaints about the intersection of Coeur d'Alene Ave. and Abbot Kinney Boulevards, the location of the main crossing route for hundreds of elementary school children and families who cross Abbot Kinney Blvd to attend Coeur d'Alene Elementary School, and

Whereas this intersection, with the existing traffic driving patterns, triangulation problems, cross walk deterioration, vehicle speeds and ineffective current mitigation efforts have made the intersection of Abbot Kinney Blvd. and Coeur d'Alene Ave. unsafe, and

Whereas, this intersection is the location of continuing accidents involving vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists, Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council calls on the Los Angeles Mayor's office and LA City Council District 11 office to work with the LA Department of Transportation to develop a Safe Passages grant application to place a traffic signal light system enabling students to cross the street on demand while controlling vehicle traffic at the intersection of Abbot Kinney Blvd. and Coeur d'Alene.

This motion shall be sent to: Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager Jaime de la Vega; Los Angeles Department of Transportation Sr. Transportation Engineer Brian Gallagher, Los Angeles City Council District 11 Councilman Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles City Council District 11 Southern District Director Arturo Piña, Los Angeles City Council District 11 Field Deputy Cecillia Castillo.

## 8. New Business

### a. Neighborhood Reports

- i. Daffodil Tyminski, Oakwood West: increase in RV's parking on Brooks between Pacific and Speedway (no OVO on that block), RV's parking at Westminster Sr. Center at Westminster, problems with "commercial" dog walkers walking multiple dogs at dog park. Oakwood Park becoming de facto dog park for everyone else.  
Accidents continue to occur at Pacific and Brooks
  - ii. Lydia Pelosi, East of Lincoln South – CicLaVia a good event as it passed Venice HS
  - iii. Colleen Saro, OFW North: Many motorcycles parking on Westminster between Pacific & Speedway with "for sale" signs taking up much of available parking.  
Police response time (& presence on OFW) seems to have improved since Colleen started emailing SLO's & calling 877-ASK-LAPD.
  - iv. Adam Glick, Marina Peninsula, North: petty crime problems in area are being attributed to students at Westside Leadership Magnet School (Principle denies problem). Illegal business being run out of building on Anchorage
  - v. Michael Nelson, Westminster: Rock Paper Scissors on Pacific losing lease (after 26 years). Site will reopen in future as a bar.
  - vi. Jay Cole, Canals: CD11 (Arturo) looking for funding to repair canal bridges and to restore hedge "safety net" that functions as barrier to prevent falls into canals. Jay was asked to speak to Canals Assn about trimming foliage that encroaches on sidewalks.
  - vii. Bill Boyd, Silver Strand: annual Silver Strand picnic being planned for July. He will discuss having an EP table at picnic with Nick
  - viii. Nick Hipplesley-Coxe, Rose Ave Corridor: 15% decrease in crime attributed to closing windows and garage doors.  
Problems with Bicycles ignoring traffic laws.
  - ix. Jerry Jaffe, Milwood: ABK businesses catering to non-locals, resulting in locals staying away. Chain stores are coming in and food trucks continue to be a problem.
  - x. Margot Michon, Walk Streets: Food trucks ignoring parking tickets (Jerry will follow up on Brig Parking lot problems and Food Trucks with Carol Tantau.)
  - xi. DeDe Audette, Oxford Triangle: Organizing neighborhood kids to distribute neighborhood relevant literature (instead of causing problems with skateboards) – kids get community service hour credit from school
  - xii. Micael Stenger, East of Lincoln, North: Walgrove Wildlands project very successful w/190 people participating. Ralph's on Lincoln is finalizing plans for refurbishment. Michael will report next month on Lincoln Place.
  - xiii. Robin Rudisill, OFW South: the Pam trees on OFW were trimmed and look very good. Problems with tenants who rent on short-time basis and then refuse to leave. Only way to get them out is eviction which can take 90 days. Simzy's appeal still pending at planning.
  - xiv. Antoinette Reynolds, Oakwood South: Massion-style development hitting Brooks, Indiana and Sunset (example is 743 Brooks) between 7th and Lincoln.
- b. Next Meeting on May 23rd at 7:30pm

## 9. Adjourn