



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 24, 2013

Meeting Time: 7:30pm – 9:00pm

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

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1. 7:30pm - Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick	Present	Joshua Blacker	Present
Antoinette Reynolds	Present	Linda Lucks (ex-officio)	Present
Bill Boyd		Lydia Pelosi	Present
Colleen Saro		Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Daffodil Tyminski		Margot Michon	Present
DeDe Audette	Present	Michael Nelson	
Gogi Overhoff		Michael Stenger	
Jay Cole	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Present
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Robin Rudisil	Present
Jessica Martinez	Present		
<i>Guests:</i>			
Ron Sittler		Brennan Lindner	

2. 7:35 - Approve Agenda – **Motion: DeDe APPROVED**

3. 7:40 - ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice

4. 7:45 - PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only
Brennan Lindner presented his proposal for a Venice Carnevale 2013, a race thru the canals + Gondola Race to take June 1st, 2013. Brennan will present to the Canals Groups

5. 7:50 - Approve minutes from previous meeting – 01/03/2013 – **POSTPONED until next meeting**

6. 7:55 - Report on last VNC Board Meeting

- **Motion from Stewart Oscars to clean up Venice, all main roads/streets, increase trash-cans. Our mission to keep an eye out where we think additional trash cans should be placed. (to be on Agenda at next meeting)**
- **Winter Storage Project on OFW**
- **Oxford basin is due for re-do/restoration**
- **Radar Signs on Pacific, VNC put \$500 toward one.**
- **Overnight Parking issue with coastal commission. We might have preferential parking. A meeting is being planned to discuss details with the community.**

7. 8:05 - Old Business

- Review of Neighborhood Committee Flier (flier to be posted prior to meeting) – **Fliers in process – we should see a new draft and finalize at next meeting)**
- 2013 – 2014 Community Improvement Projects – Application Available – **Applications distributed – Committee members were asked to spread the word in their Neighborhoods.**
- Planning for presentation by LAPD re: Bars and Alcohol enforcement issues
We explored whether to use most of next meeting to review the problem or set a separate meeting where we can invite the LAPD and other involved parties.

Robin R brought up an example of dysfunction with Simmzy's, a perfect example of collaboration between neighbors and business owner putting together a plan – a plan that was rejected by zoning official because the city supposedly does not have the resources to enforce regulations.

It was then decided to set an additional meeting during the day at city hall with all parties involved. As it shall be a pre-meeting no voting would take place during that meeting.

- d. Meeting with Rec & Parks (Marc) – Marc reported on meeting.
Question: How can we help Rec & Parks get more dollars from City/General Fund. What does OFW want?
How can Venice get more \$\$\$?

8. 8:45 - New Business

- a. Increasing number of break-ins & LAPD recommendations (Margot)
- b. Responsibilities of Neighborhood Committee re: OFW
- c. Neighborhood Reports
 - **DeDe:** Thatcher gets a lot of traffic from hikers, bikers, foot traffic. There is a lot of trash believed to come from commercial businesses.
 - **Jay:** Canal Bridges maintenance continues to be a problem: terrible concern mostly for people who visit that area (Bridges aren't safe). It was suggested that people write individual letters of complaint.
 - **Antoinette:** NO Stop signs on Brooks and 7th, lot of speeding on Brooks, however no \$\$ for speed humps, another Stop sign covered by tree. **Marc will report to CD-11 office**
 - **Jerry and Margot:** reported on the increased number of break-ins in their respective area. Recommendation to call Saven to inquire on how to improve on our Neighborhood Watch. **Marc & Margot will work with Arturo to follow up on status of Walk Street Maintenance**
 - **Josh:** Abbot Kinney in the area of Coeur D'Alene has become a race way. Speed humps were removed from Coeur D'Alene when street was repaved – and not replaced!! AK- Coeur D'Alene intersection is dangerous. Coeur d'Alene school drop off is an increasing safety concern as the school is growing. St Mark has similar problem.
There is a meeting next Tuesday with DOT & Community to discuss how to improve the situation: solutions could include no left turn signs, one way on Coeur d'Alene, speed humps and refresh the crosswalk. Neighborhood Committee may be asked to approve a motion to present to VNC Board at next meeting (after the Tuesday meeting with DOT). **Josh will report at next Neighborhood Mtg**
 - **Nick:** Dewey got some Stop Signs, however one was placed facing the wrong way on Dewey (which is a one-way street) confusing drivers on street direction. De-Linda created a sub-committee of No-Ro to review parking issues.

9. 9:00pm – Adjourn