



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 29, 2012

Meeting Time: 7:30pm – 9:00pm

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

Contact: Marc.Saltzberg@VeniceNC.org

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick	Present	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Bill Boyd	Present	Margot Michon	Present
Colleen Saro	Present	Maxine Leral	Present
DeDe Audette		Michael Nelson	
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Michael Stenger	
Jessica Coakley		Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Present
Linda Lucks (ex-officio)	Present	Robin Rudasill	Present
Loveday Ziluca		Tom Sauer	
Guests:		Jay Cole	
Antonio Cruz			
Jessica Haye			

2. Approve Agenda [MOTION to Approve Agenda made by Colleen, second by Adam, Approved Unanimously](#)

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice

- a. [VNC Holiday Sign Lighting takes place on Dec 4th](#)
- b. [LAPD Pacific Division Toy Giveaway on Dec 4th](#)
- c. [Abbot Kinney Holiday Party on Dec 8th](#)
- d. [VNC Great Venice Toy Give Away on Dec 8th](#)
- e. [Fun Run on Dec 8th](#)
- f. [MDR Boat Parade on Dec 8th](#)
- g. [Venice Canals Boat Parade on Dec 16th](#)

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

5. Approve minutes from previous meetings – 10/25/12 – [POSTPONED to Next Meeting](#)

6. Report on last VNC Board Meeting

- a. Standing Committee Formation
- b. Ad Hoc Committee Formation

7. Old Business

- a. Neighborhood Committee 2012-2014 Membership and Application see: <http://www.venicenc.org/node/2904>.
- b. VNC Holiday Toy Drive
- c. Neighborhood Reports
 - i. Discussion & possible action regarding First Fridays on Abbot Kinney – [The Abbot Kinney Merchants Association has stopped advertising First Fridays. They are concerned that the event has turned into Food Truck Fridays and is no longer benefitting most businesses. They are working with the City to find a way to regulate the Food Trucks. Marc and Jerry Jaffe will meet with them and report at our next meeting](#)

- ii. Robin Rudisil – Ocean Front Walk South: Spoke about uneven enforcement of Parking regulations on Speedway. This is becoming a real problem for neighbors who park behind their homes to drop off groceries and pick up passengers who return to their cars to find they have received parking tickets. Meanwhile, delivery trucks park on Speedway much longer with no enforcement action taken. Possible Committee action in January.
- iii. Jessica Martinez – Ocean Front Walk Central: Neighbors are thinking in terms of forming a "Beach Walk Association" modeled after the Walk Streets Association. Stakeholders need better education on how city works (Organization - Departments – Council – Mayor). Possible Town Hall topic?
- iv. Adam Glick – Marina Peninsula Northeast: Enforcement of existing ordinances relating to commercial activity is a continuing problem – Noise, public drunkenness, DUI, littering, etc. We may organize a City Hall visit to Rosendahl and staff. **Marc will invite to ABC investigators and LAPD for January meeting to discuss enforcement issues.**

d. Neighborhood Committee recruitment and next meeting start time (January 3, 2013 at 8:00am)

e. Neighborhood Committee member communications with neighbors & community

8. New Business

a. 2013 – 2014 Community Improvement Projects – Ivan discussed next round of CIP projects.

- i. Applications will be available at February Board Meeting
- ii. Special Neighborhood Committee Meeting in May to rank applications
- iii. Ranked Applications will go to VNC Board in May for approval

We discussed current "sunset" rule that weans applicants from VNC support after 3 years as follows:

- i. 1st year application: Eligible for 100% of maximum funding
- ii. 2nd year application: Eligible for 75% of maximum funding
- iii. 3rd year application: Eligible for 50% of maximum funding
- iv. After 3rd year: Funding from VNC not available

No objection to current sunset rule was heard; rule will continue in force for next funding cycle.

We discussed maximum funding level for 2013-2014 Projects

Until the City sets Neighborhood Council Budget we will be uncertain about the amount of funding available for CIP Projects. In 2012-2013 the VNC was able to provide \$13,200 for CIP projects. The Neighborhood Committee voted that the maximum funding available for a project would be \$2000. We anticipate that our budget will be cut again – if the cut is 10% we can assume (for now) that there will be \$11,880 available.

If we make the maximum funding per project \$2000 we'll be available to fund more projects (6 ~ 10, depending on requested / approved amount) but will have fewer applications. If we make the maximum higher, \$5000 for example, we'll be able to fund fewer projects but are likely to receive more applications.

MOTION: by Margot, second by Jerry – Approve \$5000 maximum funding / project. Motion **DEFEATED:** 3 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstaining

MOTION: by Bill, second by Loveday – Approve \$2000 maximum funding / project. Motion **APPROVED:** 4 in favor, 2 opposed, 4 abstaining

9. 9:00pm – Adjourn