



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** October 25, 2012

**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	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Bill Boyd		Margot Michon	Present
Colleen Saro	Present	Maxine Leral	?
DeDe Audette	Present	Michael Nelson	Present
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Michael Stenger	Present
Jessica Coakley	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	
Linda Lucks (ex-officio)		Robin Rudisil	Present
Loveday Ziluca		Tom Sauer	
Guests:		Guests:	
Mariana Aguilar		Antonio Cruz	
Gogi ???		Ashley Sanchez	

2. 8:05 - Approve Agenda – [Passed Unanimously](#)

3. 8:15 - ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice

4. 8:20 - PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only—

- [Ashley Sanchez](#) briefed the group on the December 8<sup>th</sup> Santa Monica/Venice Christmas run.
- [Mariana Aguilar](#) requested our donations and outreach re. the Great Venice Toy Drive, which runs through December 8th (use wrapping paper). Please let her know if you can help on the project.
- Two candidates running for Outreach Officer introduced themselves to the group: [Gogi ??](#), who is a CPA and [Mariana Aguilar](#), who is a lawyer.
- [Antonio Cruz](#), from the Institute for Public Strategies, informed the group that they have submitted their work plan proposal to the County for approval. Strategies include curbing underage binge drinking.

5. 8:25 - Approve minutes from previous meetings – 9/27/12 **MOTION** – [Passed Unanimously](#)

6. 8:30 Report on last VNC Board Meeting - [The Chair reported on the last VNC Board Meeting.](#)

7. 8:35 - Old Business

a. VNC Elections on October 28th – Impact on Neighborhood Committee

b. Neighborhood Reports

- i. Discussion & possible action regarding Employee Parking for Commercial Development—[postponed until Nic Hippisley-Coxe returns](#)
- ii. Discussion and possible Action regarding the following motion – [submitted by Margot Michon -Milwood/Walk Streets](#). In discussion, it was noted that a letter has recently been sent from the City to the walk street organization to indicate that Rec & Parks does not want the responsibility, as noted in the motion.

**MOTION** by Jerry, seconded by DeDe, **APPROVED** unanimously:

*Whereas* it is the responsibility of the City of Los Angeles to maintain and improve the walk-paths in the Millwood Walk Street Neighborhood in Venice, *and*

*Whereas, the Milwood Walk Street Neighborhood has recently been informed that the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks does not want the responsibility of walk-path maintenance and improvement of the Walk Streets, and*

*Whereas the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering recently provided services in the area, establishing a precedent that the City's Department of Public Works has taken responsibility for Walk Street maintenance and improvement;*

*Therefore be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles officially designate the City's Department of Public Works to take responsibility for the Milwood Walk Street Neighborhood and so designate such responsibility on all City maps and documents, and*

*This resolution shall be sent to City of Los Angeles District 11 City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, the Los Angeles City Council, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and the Los Angeles Board of Public Works.*

- iii. Discussion and possible Action regarding asking the City of Los Angeles to include sufficient funds in its next budget cycle to adequately maintain Ocean Front Park and surrounding neighborhoods, particularly during the summer tourist season, including frequent trash pickup in the park, bathroom repair and maintenance, more frequent trash pickup in the adjacent neighborhoods, and better traffic control on streets leading to the parking lots. It was noted in discussion that there is currently no budget line item for the Venice Beach "park." The only L.A. park that has a budget line item is Griffiths Park. DeDe suggested that we find out how much in tourist dollars Venice Beach attracts by doing a zip code analysis. The tax base of Venice has increased dramatically in the last ten years. The City should use our tax dollars to clean our streets.

**MOTION** by Marc, seconded by Jessica, **APPROVED** unanimously:

*Whereas, the Venice Beach Park welcomes 16,000,000 visitors each year, producing an economic engine benefitting the City of Los Angeles that is driven by sales tax collections and event fees, and*

*Whereas, the future success of Venice Beach Park in drawing visitors and producing revenues for the City of Los Angeles relies on the positive experiences of current visitors who have (amongst other needs) expectations of public safety; clean lawns and sidewalks; expeditious parking and free-flowing traffic patterns; functional, clean and well maintained restroom facilities and public showers; and*

*Whereas, the City's Department of Recreation and Parks is responsible for satisfying many of these expectations yet does not have a line item in its budget relating to Venice Beach Park expenditures;*

*Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council shall work with the City's Department of Recreation and Parks and Budget Line items that lead towards accomplishing those Performance Standards, and*

*Such Standards and Budget Line Items shall be provided to the Mayor of Los Angeles and the City Council of Los Angeles in time for incorporation into the 2013-2014 City Budget.*

- iv. Robin Rudisill, South Venice Beach representative reported that there had been many incidents recently in the neighborhood, such as a "hit and run" (recommends a stop sign at the intersection of the accident, Speedway Alley & 29<sup>th</sup> Place alley), a trespass/sex crime, drug deals and frequent spotting of urination in public areas. She also noted a street sweeper going too quickly on Speedway and will inform City of L.A. Street Services. Other concerns included paving Ocean Front Walk with asphalt instead of the concrete usually used for a sidewalk (the group suggested emailing Arturo to ask him to find out who requested this), trimming of Palm Trees along Ocean Front Walk between Venice Blvd and Washington Blvd, and getting permission from the County for delivery trucks to park in the beach lot on weekday mornings.

c. Neighborhood Committee recruitment and next meeting start time (Nov 29, 2012 at 7:30PM)

d. Neighborhood Committee member communications with neighbors & community

- i. Approaches for building communications networks – collecting contact information
- ii. Alternate networks – word of mouth, posted announcements

8. 9:10 - New Business

a. VNC Holiday Toy Drive (see above)

9. 9:30am – Adjourn