



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Administrative Committee Minutes

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291
Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Note (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.

****ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA VOTED UNANIMOUSLY UNLESS NOTED****

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
Present: LL, MS, HH, ESW, IK, SK
Absent: KV, TW
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
ACTION: ESW/IK Agenda approved
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/130909AdComMinutes.pdf>
ACTION: IK/HH Minutes approved
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
Ivan Spiegel
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**
[Discussion and possible action.]
- A **Ocean Front Walk Town Hall Series** Thomas Elliot & Melissa Diner on behalf of OFWC
thomas.elliott@venicenc.org

The Ocean Front Walk committee would like to have the VNC host a series of Ocean Front Walk Town Halls on the following topics in the following order:

- 1) Public Safety
- 2) Revenue enhancement
- 3) Mobility
- 4) Beautification

OFW Committee motion made by Tom Elliot, second by Ron; Approved 4-0-0

ACTION: Moved TO 8.B. as an announcement



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B Interns Application LMU Melissa Diner

Agenda motion Request: Internship website where you can find info, as well as submit an employer webform. <http://sftv.lmu.edu/studentresources/internships/employers/>

Contact:

Matt Mills

Internship Specialist

Loyola Marymount University

School of Film and Television

1 LMU Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90045

Xavier Hall 216

[310-338-6048](tel:310-338-6048)

Can you please help me fill out this form so we can all get some much needed help!

ACTION: Moved to President's report as an announcement

C Selection of Committee for Monthly Committee Report

October: Education Committee

ACTION: November – All ad hoc committee chairs will make a short presentation to get redesignated.

D Consideration and approval of October 15, 2013 Proposed Board Agenda

ACTION: Proposed board agenda approved- HH/IK

7. **Adjourn**

ACTION: Meeting Adjourned (8:30 pm)



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DRAFT Board of Officers Meeting Agenda **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 6:30 PM**

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**
2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:05PM -- 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of the Agenda (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**
4. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:15PM – 5 minutes)**
<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/130917BoardMinutes.pdf>
5. **President's Report (7:20PM 5 minutes) (Linda Lucks president@venicenc.org)**
 - Board members who have not taken the DONE funding training, will not be allowed to vote on budgetary items beginning with tonight's meeting; Several board members Ethics Training needs expired and about to expire.
 - LUPC members have completed Ethics training;
 - Congratulations to the winners of the " Spirit of Venice" Awards at the Abbot Kinney Festival
 - Report on actions of the Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners and City Council
 - Thanks to volunteers working the VNC booth at the Abbot Kinney Festival.
6. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:25PM --10 minutes)**
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7. Consent Calendar (7:35PM -- 5 minutes)

[All agenda items on the Consent Calendar will pass when the Consent Calendar is approved. No discussion or Public Comment is allowed on any item. Items may be removed by any board member or stakeholder. Removed items will go to the end of the agenda and be treated as regular agenda items with discussion and public comment.]

A Encourage SLO Replacement Authorizations in Pacific Division Mariana Aguilar msmarianaaguilar@hotmail.com

MOTION: Whereas, Senior Lead Officers ("SLOs") are essential to effective policing of the Venice community; and

Whereas, as of Sept. 7, 2013 the East of Lincoln area no longer has its own SLO; and

Whereas, SLOs are currently in short supply elsewhere in Pacific Division,

Be It Resolved that The Venice Neighborhood Council requests the LAPD to authorize a replacement SLO for the East of Lincoln area as soon as possible.

ACTION: Removed by requester.

8. Scheduled Announcements (7:40PM – 45 minutes)

[No discussion or Public Comment]

A Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori 32914@lapd.lacity.org, Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org.

Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.

B Report on Townhall

ACTION: Added to agenda

C VNC Monthly Committee Report: Education (5 minutes) Bud Jacobs, Chair

[A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]

The committee will to give an update/report about the work they have been doing.

D Government Reports (10 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- **Congressman Henry Waxman**, Representative Lisa.Pinto; Lisa.Pinto@housemail.gov.
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov
310-318-6994
- **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford** 310.412.6400
- **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, Flora Gill Krisiloff 213-974-3333
- **Mayor Eric Garcetti**, Daniel Tamm, Westside Deputy
Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org 213 446-4009
- **City Councilmember Mike Bonin**, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772);
(Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Mark Grant (Mark.Grant@lacity.org)

E The Great Venice Toy Drive is Back!(5 Minutes)(Mariana Aguilar vnc_toydrive@venicenc.org)



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Get ready for The Great Venice Toy Drive & Holiday Festival! We will begin collecting new, unwrapped, nonviolent toys on November 1 at locations around Venice including the November 19, 2013 VNC Board meeting. Toys will then be distributed on a first come, first served basis as part of a fun-filled day at Oakwood Recreation Center on December 7, 2013 from 10am-2pm. (Children must be present with a parent or guardian to receive a toy.) To make this event happen, we need volunteers. Please email vnc_toydrive@venicenc.org if you are interested in helping.

F [Donate a Bench](#)

G [Ballona Wetlands Venice Tour](#)

H [Cleanup of Windward Circle](#)

I [Zipline Status Report \(5 minutes\)](#) (Marc Saltzberg Vicepresident@venicenc.org)
Final presentation of the Zipline Status report for operations. Q&A will be available at the
Neighborhood Committee meeting. **[EXHIBIT]**

J [Trash Receptacle Report \(5 minutes\)](#) Stewart Oscars stewart.oscars@gmail.com
Report from the Neighborhood Committee of its actions to secure trash receptacles for our major streets.

K [HomeWalk 5k Run/Walk to End Homelessness in LA County \(5 minutes\)](#) LiAnn Ishizuka
The United Way of Greater Los Angeles (UWGLA). is conducting some outreach activities for HomeWalk 2013 – their annual 5K run/walk to end homelessness in LA County. I would like to see how the Venice Neighborhood Council might support and become involved with our efforts. This family-friendly walk will take place on November 23rd at Exposition Park. The event opens with a brief program featuring Honorary Chair Kobe Bryant and continues with an educational journey along the route to learn about the issue of homelessness, and finally ends with food trucks, fun, and music!

Los Angeles is the homeless capital of our nation with 58,000 homeless – including more than 20,000 women and children and 7,000 veterans. Over the past 6 years, HomeWalk has mobilized 38,000 walkers, raised \$3 million, and moved 13,000 people off the streets and into permanent, supportive housing.

Homelessness affects all communities in Los Angeles and ending it will only be possible if everyone gets involved, including the nonprofit sector, public and private sectors, the faith, philanthropy, labor and community members in every region, which is why we need the involvement of your community members.

More information regarding tools, resources for registration, recruitment of teams members and fundraising can be found at www.homewalkla.org. I have also attached some promotional materials that I can bring to the meeting to share with your members.

ACTION: Removed to agenda. To be a public comment announcement – 2 minutes

9. [Old Business \(8:25PM -- 25 minutes\)](#)
[Discussion and possible action]

A [Appointment of Open LUPC Seat \(15 minutes\)](#) Ira Koslow, chair Rules & Elections Committee
Introduction of any candidates for LUPC present at the meeting.
The VNC Board of Officers will vote to appoint one of the following candidates to LUPC:



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William Battey
Marc Castleman
Tony Coscia
J. K. Dahlin
Robin Rudisill
Thomas R. Sauer

B **Short-Term Rentals (10 minutes)** (Marc Saltzberg, on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee)
Vicepresident@venicenc.org

MOTION: Whereas, short-term vacation rentals are rapidly increasing in Los Angeles as the result of internet-based brokerages listing available dwellings and facilitating rental reservations – one online site lists 746 short-term vacation rentals in Venice; and

Whereas, the demand for short-term vacation rental units has resulted in long-term rental units being withdrawn from the market; and,

Whereas, the City does not regulate the short-term vacation rental market as it does hotels and motels, but the City has a duty to protect both the proprietors of such dwellings and their customers; and

Whereas, the City has an opportunity to add revenues from the licensing of short-term vacation rentals by licensing such rental units, applying taxes to renters and putting in place enforcement personnel to assure such fees and taxes are properly calculated and collected.

Therefore, be it resolved, The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Councilperson Mike Bonin introduce a motion to the full City Council requesting that the conditions surrounding short-term rental of dwellings in Los Angeles be investigated by appropriate City Departments; that an ordinance be drafted regulating such rentals; and that the ordinance be submitted to a vote of the City Council prior to 02/15/2014 with implementation of the ordinance taking effect prior to May 26, 2014.

ACTION: Postpone to next meeting.

10. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:50PM -- 5 minutes)
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

11. New Business (8:55PM -- 65 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

A **Support for the Creation of a “Development Services Department” by consolidating LA City Planning with Department of Building (30 min)** (Marc Saltzberg for WRAC) **[EXHIBIT]**
This motion will be preceded by a presentation by Gary Goelitz, VP, Matrix Consulting Group.

Matrix has been hired by the City to advise it on the planned reorganization of City Planning and the Department of Building and Safety that will combine the two into a single department. Other units to be included in the new department include the Land Planning units residing in DOT, Fire, Department of Public Works and Bureau of Engineering. The new department would be called the “Development Services Department” The single Unit would streamline the permitting process and provide integrated enforcement services. The City’s timeline for creation of this new department calls for reorganization to begin Jan 1, 2014.



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MOTION: The VNC supports the consolidation of departments, per [Council File 13-0046](#), with the understanding that to fully implement the consolidation, it is necessary to establish a financing mechanism (or fee) to grow the Condition Compliance and Code Enforcement units. A CIS will be sent to the City Clerk.

Note change in wording order.

B **Standing Rule 26 – Duties and Responsibilities of Outreach Officer (10 minutes)** Ira Koslow for REC ira.koslow@venicenc.org

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the following as Standing Rule 26:

Standing Rule 26

Outreach Chair Duties / Responsibilities

Mission: To engage the broad spectrum of stakeholders for collaboration and deliberation on matters affecting the community including events, issues and projects.

1. Chair Outreach Committee Meeting and Maintain Outreach Committee web page.

Holds regular monthly meetings and special meetings as needed.

Creates Outreach Committee meeting agenda and ensures the posting of the agenda and minutes in accordance with the Brown Act and VNC policy.

2. "Organize quarterly Stakeholder meetings and special events" (from Bylaws).

Three of the quarterly Stakeholder meetings are generally organized as "Town Halls"; the fourth meeting is the annual Venice BBQ, held in the summer. Event topics are selected by the Town Hall subcommittee of the Outreach Committee composed of the Outreach Chair, the President, the Event Producer (see below) and one or more Board Members.

The Event Producer (appointed by the Outreach Chair) provides continuity of supervision, expert knowledge, communications coordination and a single point of responsibility for all Town Halls. The Event Producer oversees all areas of the events including approval of expenditures, programming, promotion, and physical arrangements.

Town Hall content and planning is often delegated to one of the VNC's Standing or Ad-Hoc Committees. During the first stages of planning for each Town Hall, the Outreach Officer and Event Producer meet with those helping to organize the event and an event plan is agreed to and put in writing.

3. Coordinate VNC Tabling Activities

The Outreach Committee staffs a table at events throughout the year. The tables distribute literature about VNC and City events, issues and services; provide for direct interaction between stakeholders and VNC representatives; and provide a means for stakeholders to sign up for VNC emails.



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a. Venice Farmers' Market (currently weekly on Fridays)

b. Other regularly-scheduled tables are located at the Venice BBQ, Abbot Kinney Festival and other events as determined by the Board or Outreach Chair.

4. VNC Press Releases and email blasts

Coordinate the design, printing and distribution of VNC literature such as press releases, email blasts, and descriptive pamphlets

The Outreach Chair is responsible for providing and distributing all press releases and edited content for email blast articles. All press releases and email blast articles must be approved by the President. The Outreach Chair is also responsible for relationships with the press, ensuring that the press has access to the Board as necessary, answering press questions and conducting outreach to the press.

5. VNC Newsletter

Ensures that a printed newsletter is prepared according to a schedule determined by the Board; works closely with the Newsletter Editor (appointed by the Outreach Chair) to determine editorial budget and helps with copy-editing newsletter content. Responsible for relationships with newsletter vendors (layout, print, distribution), expediting payments and troubleshooting problems.

6. Outreach Budget

Works with the Treasurer to budget for Outreach activities.
Monitors expenses charged to Outreach budget.

C **Traffic and Parking Requirements (10 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports requiring that Traffic and Parking requirements per SB 731 be considered in the discussion and presentation of new building projects including all CEQA projects.

ACTION: Removed as SB 731 was withdrawn from consideration by sponsor.

D **Support for reevaluating future costs of DWP's FIT-100 program (15 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports additional cost evaluations for the declining future tranches of the FIT100 program.

According to the DWP's Rate Payer advocate, Dr Pickel, ratepayers are not getting a fair or reasonable program from DWP on the FIT-100 program. FIT (Feed-in-Tariff) programs seek to encourage renewable energy development within the Los Angeles Basin and help meet the 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard mandate by 2020 by purchasing excess power developed by consumers from roof-top solar projects. The price that DWP is proposing to pay for solar power under the FIT-100 program is over market by about \$250 million over the next 20 years. For the



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first 20 megawatts of the 100 megawatt program, DWP is proposing to pay 17 cents per kilowatt hour. This amount declines by 1 cent for the next 20 megawatts to 16 cents, and so on. But when these prices are compared to current market prices, we are paying \$250 million over market.

ACTION: Placed on agenda MS/HH

12. **LUPC (10:00 PM -- 80 minutes);** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org
[EXHIBIT]

THESE SLOTS ARE PLACEHOLDERS PENDING SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS AND STAFF REPORTS.

- A **Billboard Blight Motion;**
B **CUB Condition Clarification Motion Tzimmsy's**
C **417 Sunset Ave; Small Lot Subdivision**
D **613 Rose Ave; Mixed Use Development**

ACTION: All LUPC motions approved for agenda.

13. **Treasurers Report (11:20PM -- 5 minutes);** Hugh Harrison Treasurer@Venicenc.org
[Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

- A **PLACEHOLDER MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period August 22, 2013, through September 21, 2013, and the monthly EmpowerLA reconciliation report.
- B **PLACEHOLDER MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests cash to allocated to its NC checking account for November in the following amounts:

ACTION: All Budget Committee motions approved for agenda.

12. **VNC Announcements (11:25PM -- 10 Minutes)**
- **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg (Vicepresident@Venicenc.org)
 - **Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. Chair@westsidecouncils.org,
 - **Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC)** Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
 - **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Erin-Sullivan Ward (erin.ward@venicenc.org)
13. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (11:35PM -- 10 minutes)**
[no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
14. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (11:45PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**
15. **Adjourn (approx. 11:50PM)**

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