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Board of Officers Meeting Minutes Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Tuesday, January 20th, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

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DISABILITY POLICY: See last page.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 1 minute)**

Thank you to Whole Foods, Abbot's Habit, and Jessica Blumenthal for the food and refreshments. Meeting called to order in memory of Robert Valentine, grandfather of Kristopher Valentine: a WWII veteran and local business owner for over twenty-five years in Santa Monica.

PRESENT: Mike Newhouse (MN), Marc Saltzberg (MS), Hugh Harrison (HH), Sylvia Aroth (SA), Jed Pauker (JP), Abigail Myers (AM), Kristopher Valentine (KV), Robin Rudisill (RR), Mike Bravo (MB), George Gineris (GG), Ira Koslow (IK), Eduardo Manilla (EM), Bud Jacobs (BJ), Melissa Diner (MD), George Francisco (GF), Kelley Willis (KW), Joe Murphy (JM), Max Sloan (MSLO), Erin Darling (ED)

ABSENT: Tommy Walker (TW), Matt Kline (MK)

2. **Pledge Of Allegiance (7:01PM -- 1 minute)**

3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:02PM – 1 minute)**

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/141215BoardMinutes.pdf>

ACTION: Minutes approved 15-0-1 [IK/HG].

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse



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4. Approval of the Board Agenda (7:03PM – 1 minute)

ACTION: Agenda approved as amended approved 15-0-1 [AM/IK].

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Abigail Myers, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

5. Declaration of Ex Parte Communications or Conflicts-Of-Interest (7:04PM -- 1 minute)

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda

Syliva Aroth has a short-term rental and will recuse herself from the item

Max Sloan (MSLO) arrived

6. Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (7:05PM – 41 minutes)

A Public Safety - LAPD Report (5 minutes): Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori (32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, Lt. Lydia Leos 23216@lapd.lacity.org , OFW Beach Detail Supervisor. *Includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

B Government Reports (15 minutes) (Representatives have standing place on the agenda, but are not always available to attend)

- City Councilmember Mike Bonin, Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy, Cecilia.Castillo@lacity.org (310-568-8772)
Homeless Count coming up on Wednesday the 28th. The more volunteers the better.
- Congressman Ted Lieu, Representative Janet Turner
- State Senator Ben Allen, Representative Sam Liu 310-318-6994
- State Assemblyperson Autumn Burke, Rep Odysseys Bostick 310.412.6400
- LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Representative _____
- Mayor Eric Garcetti, Westside Deputy, Daniel Tamm, (Daniel.Tamm@Lacity.org) 213-978-0836

C VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- President - Mike Newhouse (President@VeniceNC.org)
Cancellation of Spaghetti on OceanFront Walk CIP
- Vice President Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)
- Westside Regional Alliance of 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: Carl VP VCC (Catherine@notmaurice.com)

Joe Murphy (JM) arrived.



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D **2015-2016 CIP Applications (5 minutes)** (Ivan Spiegel parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

The applications for the 2015-2016 Community Improvement Projects are now available. The submission date is April 1, 2015.

Amount is now up to \$5000. We need more Outreach to get them out.

E **BONC Code of Conduct (1 minute)** (Ivan Spiegel parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

All Board members shall sign the new BONC Code of Conduct

JP is taking an iPad around to collect signatures at current board meeting.

F **Airport Committee Report on Environmental Impact (10 minutes)** (Abigail Myers abigail.myers@venicenc.org)

ACTION: Postponed to next month by Committee

7. **General Consent Calendar (7:46PM -- 1 minute)**

[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 **Green Venice Expo Town Hall** (Sylvia Aroth chair.outreach@venincenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board approves a Town Hall: Green Venice Expo to be held on February 28, 2015.

B **Community Improvement Project extension** (Ivan Spiegel, Program Administrator parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board grants Kiss The Ground an additional 60 days to acquire a permit so that the project can move forward. If the applicant does not receive their permit within the next 60 days the funding allocation will expire.

C **ABC Alcohol-Related Notices and Correspondence** (Robin Rudisill Chair-LUPC@venicenc.org) for LUPC (to be reviewed and made into a Motion to the VNC Board at a LUPC meeting prior to the Board meeting)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board requests that the 11th District City Council Office forward a copy of all ABC alcohol-related notices and correspondence received that are related to Venice, directly to the VNC President, the VNC Vice-President and the Land Use and Planning Chair, within 48 hours of receipt, via both email and U.S. mail.

Jeffery Solomon in favor



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D **Housing and Caring for Homeless Veterans** (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LAANC
parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, Los Angeles has the largest homeless Veteran's population in the United States, and
Whereas, Los Angeles also has the largest VA Veteran's Home property in the United States, and
Whereas, Mayor Garcetti has pledged to end Veteran homelessness in Los Angeles by the end of 2015 without ever mentioning the utilization of nearly 400 acres of land at the West LA VA property as a solution, and
Whereas, the challenge to end Veteran homelessness in less than 12 months must require immediate supportive housing and healthcare which can only happen at the WLA VA property where there is plenty of space and an existing VA hospital
Therefore be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council joins other Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils in recognizing that Los Angeles is in a "state of emergency" for homeless Veteran and hereby requests that the Los Angeles City council direct the City of Los Angeles, with all of its resources, and the Veteran's Administration to unify and open a large-scale Crisis Humanitarian Relief Project on VA land to immediately house and care for the thousands upon thousands of disabled homeless Veterans in the City of Los Angeles.

Shelly Gomez in favor.

ACTION: Consent calendar approved 17-0-1 [AM/IK].

FOR: Mike Newhouse, Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Abigail Myers, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

8. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar

[All agenda items on the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Consent Calendar will pass when the LUPC 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 agenda item 11. Land Use and Planning Committee and will be treated as regular LUPC agenda items, with discussion and public comment.]

NONE

9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:47PM -- 10 minutes)

[No more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

Mariana Aguilar – toy drive was successful

Lydia Ponce – Will be holding events for DACA on Feb 21st and 22nd. Info on Venice High School website.

Yolanda Gonzalez – Wanted to thank Denis Hathaway for work done down at City of LA.

Shelly Gomez – Utah had solved homelessness by giving people homes. Pro-housing first.

Abraham – City charging disabled to pay for parking on the weekends.

Benton Quin – Concerned about a possible housing violation, and it will be reported and followed up by to Councilman Bonin

Elizabeth Wright – She has items for children used over the holidays to give away.



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Erin Darling has (ED) arrived.

10. Old Business [Discussion and possible action] (7:58PM -- 10 minutes)

~~A Pavilion on Windward Plaza (5 minutes)~~ (Melissa Diner on behalf of the OFW Committee melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

~~**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the installation of a permanent pavilion on Windward Plaza that can be used for multiple activities including dance hall, ice rink, roller rink, central market, movies etc. APPROVED BY OFW COMMITTEE 3-0-0~~

~~Public Comment: Nick Antonicello (Against)~~

ACTION: Motion pulled my maker of the motion

Abigail Myers (AM) left.

B Pagoda Beautification (5 minutes) (Melissa Diner melissa.diner@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council support the formation of an "Adopt- A-Pagoda" project and adjacent benches project.

The pagodas currently serve as a gathering place for a wide range of locals and tourists and function as a true community amenity that could be improved by hosting local artists as muralists who adopt the space on a rotating basis.

Artists would have the ability cover the entire pagoda space, surrounding mini wall, bench and trashcan with their work.

Artists submit their Pagoda rendering via online form below. Pagoda rendering required to be considered. No additional applications of fixtures or structural applications allowed.

Residents and Businesses can submit interest to adopt a pagoda and collaborate with artists but artist must ultimately submit rendering and application in order for application to be considered. All adoptees will be included in credits.

Once online form is completed, Concepts or interest are sent via email to Arts Committee, OFW Committee and Venice Neighborhood Council. After artists have presented projects in front of art and ofw joint committee, OFW and Arts will make recommendation to support or not support said projections and VNC will vote to support or not support implementation 8 projects for the 8 padogas for a 1 year installation. After 1 year, projects will be reviewed and decided on whether they will continue based on community feedback and artist experience.

One pagoda will be dedicated to Alicia Gruppioni **and other Venice residents** as a permanent installation on Sunset Ave.

The project will follow the secretary of interior guidelines on restorative properties.



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Link to draft form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1z_L30UwJaa7Rrq0h0XcNlsxX9a8T6WTVoW8rp2RXgPI/viewform?usp=send_form

APPROVED BY OFW COMMITTEE (Shelly Motion, Gail second) 5-0-0

Public Comment: In favor: Abraham, Shelly Gomez, Jeffery Solomon
Against: Amanda Seward

ACTION: Amendment to add “The project will follow the secretary of interior guidelines on restorative properties.” 15-1-3 [MD/EM].

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Erin Darling

AGAINST: Ira Koslow

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, George Gineris,

ACTION: Amendment to add pagoda dedication to “other Venice residents” passes [MB/EM 8-4-5]

FOR: Robin Rudisill, Mike Bravo, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis,

AGAINST: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Ira Koslow, Bud Jacobs,

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, George Gineris,

ACTION: Motion to reconsider amendment to add dedication to “other Venice residents” fails to get a 2/3 vote. 11-5-2 [KW/MD]

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis,

AGAINST: Robin Rudisill, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Eduardo Manilla, Bud Jacobs,

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Ira Koslow,

ACTION: Motion approved as amended 14-2-2 [MD/EM].

FOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: Sylvia Aroth, Ira Koslow,

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Marc Saltzberg,

11. LUPC (Robin Rudisill on behalf of LUPC, Chair-lupc@VeniceNC.org)

Short report by LUPC Chair on recent land use projects in Venice.



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12. New Business (8:08PM – 35 minutes) *[Discussion and possible action]*

NOTE: TWO DIFFERENT MOTIONS (FOR ITEM A) HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED ON THIS ISSUE. THE BOARD MAY DECIDE BETWEEN THEM OR TO WRITE A COMPROMISE MOTION.

ACTION: 12A & 12B tabled while makers of motions try to come up with a joint motion.

Sylvia Aroth recuses herself.

~~A1 — Support for Short Term Vacation Rentals Motion in City Council (15 minutes) Marc Saltzberg~~ ~~marc.saltzberg@venicenc.org~~

~~**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Los Angeles City Council motion 14-1635 requesting that the Council direct the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst, in conjunction with the relevant City Departments and the City Attorney to work with stakeholder groups to make recommendations for an ordinance regulating the legal operation of short term rentals in Los Angeles that (a) protects residential neighborhoods from large numbers of or a concentration of short term rentals in any particular neighborhood at a given time; (b) provides for collection of the Transit Occupancy Tax; and (c) prohibits the removal of large numbers of units from the City's stock of rental or affordable housing. We agree that it makes sense to examine the experience of other states and municipalities in developing such regulations.~~

~~The VNC urges LA City to compile more information on the number of short term rentals in residential zones throughout the City, and in Venice in particular. The VNC passed the following motion on 10/21/2014: The VNC Board shall request the CAO to compile and provide information on the number of short term rentals in Venice, including the number of single family dwellings where only one dwelling unit exists on the lot, the number of multi family dwellings, including duplexes and condominiums, and the number of listings, whether registered or unregistered properties, that fall under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.~~

~~Per our request to involve stakeholder groups, the VNC sent a letter to the Los Angeles City Council on September 24, 2014 regarding Council File Council File 14-0593, which created the Sharing Economy Work Group. The letter stated, in part: "the Venice Community deserves to be included in preparing the Work Group's report and recommendation to the City Council; and that the VNC Board recommends that... the Work Group focus on the positive and negative impacts of the recent exponential expansion of the short term rental market on Venice..., and that they carefully research and analyze the impact of non owner-occupied short term rentals on the availability of longterm housing stock in Venice, the number of rent controlled units in Venice, and on the quality of life and socio-economic diversity in Venice's residential neighborhoods (including commercial zones with rent controlled properties).~~

~~We also wish to remind the Los Angeles City Council that on August 8, 2014, the VNC submitted a CIS re: Council File Council File 14-0593 requesting that Sharing Economy Working Group consider a report dated Nov. 7, 2013 by the VNC Neighborhood Committee regarding Short Term Vacation Rentals. The report can be found at <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Short-Term-Vacation-Rental-Report.pdf>.~~



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~~In the meantime, the VNC urges the City to enforce current laws to protect our communities.
link to Bonin motion: http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2014/14_1635_mot_12-02-14.pdf~~

ACTION: Pulled by the maker of the motion

A2 Community Impact Statement (CIS) on City Council’s Short-Term Rental Legislation (15 minutes) (Robin Rudisill Chair-LUPC@venicenc.org on behalf of LUPC)

~~**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Board shall submit the following Community Impact Statement (CIS) in response to City Council File 14-1635:~~

~~The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) wholeheartedly supports Councilmember Bonin’s motion, with emphasis on the following important points:~~

~~Research and evaluate the best practices of S.F., Portland, NY, and other cities to develop the most effective controls/enforcement processes to protect quality of life and right to quiet enjoyment in Venice’s residential neighborhoods, by prohibiting removal of entire long term rental units, especially low income (no conversions of RSO units), and by prohibiting a concentration of short term rentals (STR’s) in a neighborhood at any given time. Work with Stakeholder groups, Community and Neighborhood Representatives as well as platform and hosts/operators to gather input for preparing an Ordinance for the legal operation of STR’s.~~

~~As Venice has already been severely adversely impacted by the actions of operators hijacking the “shared” economy for decidedly non-sharing purposes, and as the difficulty of enforcement cannot be underestimated, the VNC also strongly supports:~~

- ~~1. Genuine peer to peer sharing of homes/rooms as the guiding principle for changes to the framework, controls and Zoning Codes;~~
- ~~2. A dedicated oversight entity, with a budget that grows with the level of activity, funded by the related taxes and fees;~~
- ~~3. STR platforms and hosts/operators held responsible and liable for abuses, and required to provide access to relevant data as well as provide regular required reporting, in order to accurately track trends and impacts and to catch violations; and~~
- ~~4. Minimal disturbance to current laws in making the changes necessary to legalize and regulate STR’s, an immediate Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) to provide basic regulations/controls and collection of the STR-related taxes and fees, and, in the meantime, enforcement of current laws to protect our communities.~~

~~Link to Bonin motion: http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2014/14_1635_mot_12-02-14.pdf~~

~~APPROVED BY LUPC on 1/16/15 by a vote of 5-0-0 (RR/MK)~~

ACTION: MS makes a substitute motion.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board approves the following Community Impact Statement (CIS), in response to City Council File 14-1635 and related short-term rentals (STRs)
Motion:



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Venice Neighborhood Council Community Impact Statement Peer-to-Peer/Sharing Short-Term Rental Motion, Council File 14-1635

The Venice Neighborhood Council wholeheartedly supports Councilmember Bonin’s short-term rentals motion and thanks him for his responsiveness to our prior motions. Venice is one of the City’s most severely impacted neighborhoods, with 1,100 off-season STRs and approximately 2,000 at peak season, and we are losing affordable and RSO housing to STRs at an alarming rate. STR’s are causing a deterioration of Quality of Life in many neighborhoods.

Los Angeles urgently needs City action. Venice can aid in the City’s research of impacts and solutions. We hope you will make use of our stakeholders’ knowledge and firsthand experience.

Additional important information:-

Venice supports:

1. Researching and evaluating the best practices of San Francisco, Portland, New York and other cities to develop the most effective controls/enforcement processes to protect quality of life and the right to quiet enjoyment in Los Angeles’ residential neighborhoods;
2. Prohibiting conversion to STRs of our long-term rental unit stock, especially low income (no conversions of RSO units);
3. Prohibiting a concentration of STRs in a residential neighborhood at any given time; and
4. Working with Stakeholder groups, Community and Neighborhood Representatives as well as platform and hosts/operators to gather input for preparing an Ordinance for the legal operation of STRs.

The hard data show that by conversion of an already scarce housing supply into STRs, Airbnb and other major online platforms are rapidly contributing to the affordable housing crisis in L.A. Airbnb rentals primarily occupy units in neighborhoods where affordable housing is either scarce or is becoming scarce, and in neighborhoods that are seeing their median rents increase at paces greater than in other areas. As Venice has already been severely adversely impacted, and as the difficulty of enforcement cannot be underestimated, the VNC also strongly supports:

1. Genuine individual-to-individual (peer-to-peer) sharing of homes/rooms as the guiding principle for changes to the regulatory framework, controls and Zoning Codes;
2. A dedicated oversight entity, with a budget that grows with the level of activity, funded by the related taxes and fees, including an inspection/investigation function and a system of penalties and fines to protect from repeat offenders;
3. STR platforms and hosts/operators held responsible and liable for abuses, and required to provide access to relevant data as well as provide regular required reporting, in order to accurately track trends and impacts and to catch violations; and
4. Minimal disturbance to current laws in making the changes necessary to legalize and regulate STRs;
5. An immediate Interim Control Ordinance (ICO) to provide basic regulations/controls and collection of the STR-related taxes and fees; and



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6. In the meantime, enforcement of current laws to protect our communities.

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“The VNC Board shall request the CAO to compile and provide information on the number of STRs in Venice, including the number of single-family dwellings where only one dwelling unit exists on the lot, the number of multi-family dwellings, including duplexes and condominiums, and the number of listings, whether registered or unregistered properties, that fall under the Rent Stabilization Ordinance.”

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“the Venice Community deserves to be included in preparing the Work Group’s report and recommendation to the City Council;” and that “the VNC Board recommends that... the Work Group focus on the positive and negative impacts of the recent exponential expansion of the STR market on Venice..., and that they carefully research and analyze the impact of non owner-occupied STRs on the availability of long-term housing stock in Venice, the number of rent controlled units in Venice, and on the quality of life and socio-economic diversity in Venice’s residential neighborhoods (including commercial zones with rent-controlled properties).”

We also wish to remind the City Council that on August 8, 2014, the VNC submitted a CIS re: Council File Council File 14-0593 requesting that Sharing Economy Working Group consider a report dated November 7, 2013 by the VNC Neighborhood Committee regarding Short-Term Vacation Rentals. The report can be found at <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Short-Term-Vacation-Rental-Report.pdf>).

Public Comment: David Ewing, Carl Lambert (Against), Ilana Marosi, Judy Goldman, Yolanda Gonzalez, Lydia Ponce

ACTION: Motion to add “residential neighborhood” fails 11-4-2 [MD/GF].

FOR: Melissa Diner, George Francisco, Eduardo Manilla, Max Sloan,

AGAINST: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Joe Murphy,

ACTION: Substitute motion approved 14-1-2 [MS/IK].

FOR: Marc Saltzberg, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Robin Rudisill, Jed Pauker, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Joe Murphy, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: Max Sloan,

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Eduardo Manilla



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B **Support for Turning LA's Streets into the World's Largest Public Arts Gallery (10 minutes)**
(Eduardo Manilla on behalf of the Arts Committee eduardo.manilla@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas, Los Angeles, America's second largest city, has over 6,000 miles of road and 4,400 traffic signal boxes; and

Whereas, Los Angeles, America's most creative city, has over 300 museums, 200 art galleries, thousands of artists, and hundreds of professional arts organizations and nonprofits; and

Whereas, Los Angeles, America's largest provider of arts education, has hundreds of schools teaching the arts and thousands of students studying the arts; and

Therefore be it resolved, that the City of Los Angeles supports The Power of Art's efforts to empower our artists and arts institutions to create 'mini-murals' on every street corner by decorating every traffic signal box.

APPROVED BY ARTS COMMITTEE 4-0-0

Public Comment in favor Shelly Gomez, Abraham

ACTION: Motion approved 15-0-3 [EM/IK].

FOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Marc Saltzberg, Robin Rudisill

C **Installation of Topiary Sculptures at Westminster Elementary School (5 minutes)** (Eduardo Manilla on behalf of the Arts Committee eduardo.manilla@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council shall provide a Letter of Support for the installation of Venice Camel Group Topiary Sculptures at the entry of Westminster Avenue Elementary School on Abbot Kinney Boulevard.

The Sculptures bring to life a colorful story of Venice's history. They will surprise, delight, and inspire community pride in the children of Westminster and engage the public in the dialog. The Topiaries are a "green," living, sculptural installation by Venice's own public artist, Robin Murez. No funding is requested; it has been secured by the Artist.

APPROVED BY ARTS COMMITTEE 4-0-0

ACTION: Motion approved 15-0-3 [EM/KV].

FOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Marc Saltzberg, Robin Rudisill



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D Approval in concept of Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (5 minutes) Joe Murphy
joedmur@gmail.com

MOTION: The VNC Board endorses in concept and encourages implementation of the below proposal contained in the Discussion Forum Committee's VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix:

Idea	Submitted by Joe Murphy (310-305-1444 joedmur@gmail.com)	Suggested Implementation Strategy	Generated while Brainstorming
<u>Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO)</u>	Require government departments to prepare & publish a report indicating the impact of their proposed actions on the walkability of the communities in which the actions are to be implemented. Currently, many government departments act without being required to consult a community & without regard to impacts of their actions on community walkability such as: (i) Cutting down trees; (ii) Installing street-lights & telephone poles & bus-stops in sidewalks; (iii) Widening streets; (iv) Unknowns.	Create committee with the necessary expertise to: · Draft & lobby <u>Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO)</u> into all applicable ordinances · Arrange for easy community monitoring of compliance of all departments with the WIDO	Focus on Children Participation Walkability Diversity Creativity Collaboration Brainstorming

APPROVED unanimously (6-0-0) by the Discussion Forum Committee 12/9/2014

ACTION: Motion approved 15-0-3 [JM/IK].
FOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs,
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse, Marc Saltzberg, Robin Rudisill

13. Treasurers Report (8:45PM - 10 minutes) (Hugh Harrison on behalf of Budget & Finance Committee, Treasurer@VeniceNC.org) **[EXHIBIT]**
 [Discussion and possible action]

A **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the attached Monthly Expenditure Reports for December 2014.
 APPROVED by Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 1-6-15

ACTION: Motion approved 17-0-1 [HH/GF].
FOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Marc Saltzberg, Robin Rudisill
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse



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B MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the expenditure for and requests cash to be allocated to its NC checking account in the following amounts for February 2015 to cover the expenses of the Green Venice Town Hall 2014:

VNC Budget Item	DONE	Vendor (if Known)	Amount
Facility rental	OUT	LAUSD	\$ 500.00
Water	OUT	Smart & Final	\$ 20.00
Printing	OUT	Office Depot	\$ 100.00
Total			\$ 620.00

APPROVED BY Budget and Finance Committee 4-0-0 on 1-6-15

ACTION: Motion approved 17-0-1 [HH/IK].

FOR: Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Marc Saltzberg, Robin Rudisill

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: Mike Newhouse

14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (5 minutes)

Jeffery Solomon on broken windows theory.

Sylvia Aroth mention Green Venice Expo

Marc Saltzberg speaks on the homelessness count.

Bud Jacobs on middle school forum at Venice High on Feb 12th.

15. Adjourn

ACTION: Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM 18-0-0 [KV/IK].

FOR: Mike Newhouse, Kristopher Valentine, Hugh Harrison, Jed Pauker, Sylvia Aroth, Mike Bravo, Erin Darling, Melissa Diner, George Francisco, George Gineris, Ira Koslow, Eduardo Manilla, Joe Murphy, Max Sloan, Kelley Willis, Bud Jacobs, Marc Saltzberg, Robin Rudisill

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

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