



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Meeting Minutes** **Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)** **1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291** **Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 7:00 PM**

**BOARD MEETINGS:** The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**

The Meeting is dedicated in honor of Dexter O'Connell, the youngest elected VNC board member on the occasion of his graduation from the University of Chicago on Sat. June 15.

**PRESENT: LL, KV, IK, HH, TE, ESW, BJ, OK, SA, HS, MSol, EM, SG, JK**

**ABSENT: MS, SK, MK, CR, AM, TW, MSo,**

2. **Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 5 minutes)**

**ACTION: Agenda approved unanimously (IK/HH)**

3. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/130522BoardMinutes.pdf>

**ACTION: Agenda approved unanimously (IK/OK)**

4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:15PM --10 minutes)**

*[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Yolanda Gonzalez, Michele Winkler, Fred Crostio, Gogi Overhoff, DeDe Audet, Selwa Sweidan, Erin McMorrow, Danni Washington**



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**5. Consent Calendar (7:25PM -- 5 minutes)**

*[No discussion or Public Comment. Items may be removed and they will go to the end of the agenda]*

**Crosswalk at Abbot Kinney Blvd. between Marr, Boccaccio and Victoria** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee [VicePresident@venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@venicenc.org)

**MOTION:** Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council is concerned about the potential for injury accidents resulting from pedestrians crossing Abbot Kinney Blvd. between Marr St., Boccaccio Ave., and Victoria Ave. because there are no crosswalks at any corner along that section of Abbot Kinney Blvd., and

Whereas, this is a frequently used, secondary crossing area for Coeur d’Alene Ave. Elementary School Students making their way to and from school, as well as the main crossing location for patrons frequenting the businesses on either side of Abbot Kinney Blvd. and

Whereas, this is a heavily trafficked area and a blind corner for vehicles traveling in either direction on Abbot Kinney Blvd.,

Therefore, be it resolved the Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City of Los Angeles to install a crosswalk in the location of Marr St., Boccaccio Ave. and Victoria Ave. crossing Abbot Kinney Blvd. and

This resolution shall be sent to Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles Department of Transportation General Manager Jaime de la Vega; Los Angeles Department of Transportation Sr. Transportation Engineer Brian Gallagher, Los Angeles City Council District 11 Councilman Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles City Council District 11 Southern District Director Arturo Piña, Los Angeles City Council District 11 Field Deputy Cecillia Castillo. Motion passed by the Neighborhood Committee, 11 to 0, at its May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ACTION: Consent Calendar approved unanimously (HH/SA)**

**6. Scheduled Announcements (7:30PM – 55 minutes) [No discussion or Public Comment]**

**A Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing ([25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org)), Kristan Delatori [32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org) , *This report includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*  
**NO REPORT GIVEN**

**B PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) (5 minutes)** Update on Councilman Rosendahl’s Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel Roberts, [Joel.Roberts@epath.org](mailto:Joel.Roberts@epath.org), Tomasz Babiszkiwicz ([tomaszb@epath.org](mailto:tomaszb@epath.org)); *This report includes statistics on the number of people*



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*placed in permanent and temporary housing (from Venice) as well as the numbers of people in process.*

**C VNC Monthly Committee Report: Outreach Committee (5 minutes)**

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

This month's report will be from the Outreach Committee.

**NO REPORT GIVEN**

**ACTION: Postponed to July's meeting.**

**D Community Improvement Projects (10 minutes)** Ivan Spiegel [parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

Presentation of the rankings of the 2013-2014 CIPs as recommended by the Neighborhood Committee. NOTE: The Board will vote on this at the July meeting.

**E Coastal Commission Meeting re: OPDs in Venice (5 minutes)** Arturo Pina, District Director

[Arturo.Pina@lacity.org](mailto:Arturo.Pina@lacity.org)

Report on the disposition of the City of Los Angeles application to establish Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) in Venice as decided by the California Coastal Commission at its meeting on June 13.

**NO REPORT GIVEN**

**F Zipline Status and Planned Kickoff, (10 minutes)** Cristian Ubilla and Alicia Marie on behalf of Greenheart [zipfeedback@venicenc.org](mailto:zipfeedback@venicenc.org)

Update on the new Zipline from the operator of the attraction about plans, activities, events, and status. Members of the community can send feedback about the attraction to [zipfeedback@venicenc.org](mailto:zipfeedback@venicenc.org). That email will go directly to the attraction operator and to members of the VNC Zipline oversight group.

Conditions from VNC Resolution: [http://venicenc.org/files/Zip\\_Line\\_Motion\\_Final.pdf](http://venicenc.org/files/Zip_Line_Motion_Final.pdf)

**G 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@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lisa.pinto@mail.house.gov)
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas [Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov)  
310-318-6994
- **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford**, Darryn Harris, District Director  
[Darryn.Harris@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Darryn.Harris@asm.ca.gov) 310.412.6400
- **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavy**, Flora Gill Krisiloff 213-974-3333
- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**, Brenda Threatt, 213 379-0662 ([Brenda.Threatt@lacity.org](mailto:Brenda.Threatt@lacity.org))
- **City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl**: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); ([Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org](mailto:Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)); Arturo Pina, District Director ([Arturo.Pina@lacity.org](mailto:Arturo.Pina@lacity.org))



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- 7. **Approval of 2013-2014 VNC Budget (8:25PM -- 10 Minutes)** Hugh Harrison, Treasurer, [treasurer@venicenc.org](mailto:treasurer@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT A]**

**MOTION:** It is resolved that the budget for the Venice Neighborhood Council for the fiscal 2013-2014 year shall be allocated as set forth in Attachment "A."

**ACTION: 2013-2014 VNC Budget approved (HH/SA 13-0-1)**

- 8. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:35PM -- 5 minutes)**  
*[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Farogh Dovlat, Carolyn Rios**

- 9. **LUPC (8:40PM - 30 minutes)**

- A **742 E Brooks Ave (Small Lot Subdivision; 4 homes on 2 lots) AA-2012-2949-PMLA-SL** **[EXHIBIT B]**

**MOTION:** The VNC opposes the project as presented based on the fact the design appears not meet the intent of the SLSO design guidelines with 2 very large 3-story structures, which are out of scale with the neighborhood. The applicant was given the option to alter the design and chose to continue with the plans. Further, we believe Planning Department needs to evaluate the issue of removing affordable housing.

LUPC MOTION MADE BY JIM MUREZ, SECONDED BY JOHN REED,  
PASSED 5-0-3

Background information:

<http://cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=30490&UGP=Anonymous>

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Gogi Overhoff, Nick Anticello**

**ACTION: Motion approved (JK/HH 9-0-3)**

- B **1050 S Frederick St (Lincoln Place Sign) ZA-2012-3473-ZV** **[EXHIBIT C]**

**MOTION:** The LUPC recommends approval of the application with the following conditions:

1. The proposed sign mounted on the wall of the Leasing Center and facing Lincoln Boulevard shall be constructed in substantial conformance with the plans and drawings attached as Exhibit "A," and in exact conformance with the plans and drawings attached as Exhibit "A" with respect to the dimensions of the lettering of the sign facing Lincoln Boulevard.

2. The applicant shall be limited to 8 additional signs on lots which have a boundary on any of the three public streets on the perimeter of the Lincoln Place property (Frederick Street, Penmar Avenue, and Lake Street). There is no limitation on the additional signs, which the applicant can install on lots, which do not have a boundary on any of the three public streets on the perimeter of the Lincoln Place Property. The 8 additional signs on lots which have a boundary on any of the three public streets on the perimeter of the Lincoln Place property shall comply with the signage restrictions set forth in the Municipal Code in effect at the time of this variance approval. This condition does not limit the ability to install, replace, repair, and/or



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maintain any code required, historic, name plate (name of occupant), security, or house/apartment number (address) signage at the Lincoln Place Apartment Community.

MOTION MADE BY ROBERT ARONSON, SECONDED BY JOHN REED, PASSED 8-0  
Background information:

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=30926&UGP=Anonymous>

**ACTION: Motion approved (JK/HH 10-0-2)**

**10. New Business (9:10 -- 10 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**Community Impact Statements Training** Linda Lucks [President@venicenc.org](mailto:President@venicenc.org)

The Parliamentarian will conduct a short Community Impact Statement training session for the Board.

**11. Treasurers Report (9:20PM -- 5 minutes);** Hugh Harrison ([Treasurer@Venicenc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Venicenc.org))

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**[EXHIBIT D&E]**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the attached the report on expenditures for the period April 22, 2013, through May 21, 2013, and the itemized purchase card invoice.

**ACTION: Motion approved (HH/IK 11-0-1)**

**12. VNC Announcements (9:25PM -- 10 Minutes)**

- **President:** Linda Lucks ([president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))  
Appointment of a Zip Line Task Force to oversee summer operations and report back to the president. Chair: Marc Saltzberg,  
Board Retreat June 23
- **LA Neighborhood Council Coalition's Representative:** Ivan Spiegel,  
([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))
- **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Erin-Sullivan Ward ([erin.ward@venicenc.org](mailto:erin.ward@venicenc.org))

**13. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**

*[20 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Ivan Spiegel**

**14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction**

**(9:35PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**

**15. Adjourn**

**ACTION: Meeting adjourned 9:35PM (EM/HS)**