



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officer Meeting Minutes Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 **Wednesday, May 22, 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)**

Congratulations: newly elected City officers; Councilman Rosendahl in Remission
Judy Baca, founder of SPARC, winner of the Latino Spirit award from CA State Senate
Wedding Bells: former LUPC member Kelli Li married; Tommy Walker will be married on June 15

PRESENT: LL, MS, KV, SK, TE, IK, HH, MK, JK, CR, ESW, BJ, OK, SA, HS, MSI, AM

ABSENT: SG, TW, EM, MSo,

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

ACTION: Move 6H to before Announcements & Public Comment
Agenda approved unanimously (IK/HH)

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

<http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/130416BoardMinutes.pdf>

ACTION: Minutes approved (SA/ESW – 15-0-1)

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: Brady Walker, Linda Alleed, Douglas Fay, Laura Silagi, David Ewing

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]



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- A** **Traffic Signal at Coeur d'Alene & Abbot Kinney** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Neighborhood Committee vicepresident@venicenc.org

[EXHIBIT]

MOTION: Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council is concerned about child safety, and has received numerous complaints about the intersection of Coeur d'Alene Ave. and Abbot Kinney Boulevards, the location of the main crossing route for hundreds of elementary school children and families who cross Abbot Kinney Blvd to attend Coeur d'Alene Elementary School, and

Whereas this intersection, with the existing traffic driving patterns, triangulation problems, cross walk deterioration, vehicle speeds and ineffective current mitigation efforts have made the intersection of Abbot Kinney Blvd. and Coeur d'Alene Ave. unsafe, and

Whereas, this intersection is the location of continuing accidents involving vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council calls on the Los Angeles Mayor's office and LA City Council District 11 office to work with the LA Department of Transportation to develop a Safe Passages grant application to place a traffic signal light system enabling students to cross the street on demand while controlling vehicle traffic at the intersection of Abbot Kinney Blvd. and Coeur d'Alene.

Approved Unanimously by Neighborhood Committee on 4/25/2013

- B** **Ample Advance Public Notice** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC vicepresident@venicenc.org

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board supports the following resolution proposed by the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils: The City of Los Angeles shall provide ample advance public notice to all surrounding NCs/CCs and residents within 1,000 ft. on regional planning issues, including major projects and revisions to Conditions of Approval.

Approved by LUPC 6-0

- C** **Motion to Sponsor E-Waste Program at Venice Farmers Market** Erin Sullivan Ward

MOTION: The VNC Board shall sponsor a monthly electronic waste (E-Waste) pick-up at the Venice Farmers market on the first of the month. E-waste includes old monitors, CPU's, laptops, flatscreens, cell phones and more. There is no cost associated with the sponsorship and the convenient disposal of E-Waste provides a needed environmental service for the Venice Community. Many of these items contain toxic substances and must be disposed of carefully. The company that picks up the E-Waste is ERS (www.ers2recycle.com), and they are



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approved by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. ERS will work with the Venice Farmers Market to have a manned truck with knowledgeable E-waste persons who can take items dropped off by Venice residents and dispose of those items in an appropriate way.

ACTION: Consent Calendar approved unanimously (IK/SA)

6. Scheduled Announcements (7:30PM – 60 minutes)

[No discussion or Public Comment]

A California Coastal Commission (CCC) to hear City's Modified Permit Application to allow

Overnight Parking Districts (OPDs) in Venice (3 minutes) Marc Saltzberg, vice-president
Comments regarding OPD's may be expressed to the CCC at their June meeting scheduled on JUNE 12-14, 2013, in the Long Beach City Council Chambers, 333 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA. 90802. No agenda is posted yet for this meeting; when it is available, the agenda will be posted at: <http://www.coastal.ca.gov>. or email:

Since the Venice Neighborhood Council does not have a motion to either support or oppose the City's modified permit application, the VNC will not be hearing comments about the modified permit. A motion submitted to support Preferential Parking Districts has been withdrawn from the VNC agenda by the it's maker because the CCC has not agendized the matter.

B 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. Lt. Paola Kreeft, Beach Detail(lapdpaola.kreefft@gmail.com) *This report includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

C PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) (5 minutes) Update on Councilman Rosendahl's Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel Roberts, Joel.Roberts@epath.org, Tomasz Babiszkievicz (tomaszb@epath.org); *This report includes statistics on the number of people placed in permanent and temporary housing (from Venice) as well as the numbers of people in process.*

D VNC Monthly Committee Report: 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 Budget Committee.

E Community Improvement Projects (3 minutes) Ivan Spiegel
Report on new applications received.



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

- G** **Presentation by Alan Bell, Planning Dept** Challis Macpherson challis.macpherson@verizon.net (20 minutes)
Alan Bell is Senior staff to Michael LoGrande, LA Planning, and he will discuss the consolidation of city Planning and B&S departments.

- H** **Venice Community BBQ (5 minutes)** Barklie Griggs, Chair BBQ Committee

- 7. Old Business (0 minutes)**

- 8. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:30PM - 5 minutes)**
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

- 9. LUPC Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC** Jake.kaufman@venicenc.org (8:35PM - 25 minutes) **[EXHIBIT]**

220 Rose Avenue “Rose Café”. APPEAL OF ZA-2011-1278-CUB

MOTION: The VNC supports the project with the additional conditions requested in the appeal:

- Site survey provided (prepared by licensed surveyor or Civil Engineer) from curb face to 10ft within the property line along Rose Ave and Main Street including all fences and physical structures, and improvements.
- 18-month Plan Approval in 18-months (Condition 1 on Page 4 of the appeal)
- Applicant and VNC support the final conditions noting 47 physical parking and 20 bike racks
- Applicant and VNC support Conditions 2 and 3 on Page 4 of the appeal.

MOTION MADE BY JAKE KAUFMAN, SECONDED BY MIA HERRON
APPROVED 7-0

Public Comment: Jim Murez, Ivan Spiegel, Carolyn Rios

ACTION: Motion is approved (JK/IK 9-1-5)



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10. New Business (9:00PM - 25 minutes)
[Discussion and possible action]

A Revision of Standing Rule 10 Ira Koslow for REC

[EXHIBIT]

MOTION: Revise SR10 to read:

10. Meetings: Code of Ethics

Any member of the Board of Officers of the VNC who has a financial or material pecuniary interest in an item, as defined by State, Federal or local laws, shall recuse themselves from voting on any item in question.

Board members must receive a certificate of completion for the mandated Ethics training within 55 days of taking office, whether by appointment or election, or they will be prohibited from voting on any land use issues or financial expenditures of any city funds. This Standing Rule shall also apply to all members of the Budget Committee and Land Use and Planning Committee effective August 1, 2013.

ACTION: Motion is approved (16-0-1 IK/HH)

B Approve creation of an Ad Hoc 2013-2014 Election Committee Ivan Spiegel
parliamentarian@venicenc.org

MOTION: The VNC Board shall create an AdHoc Election Committee to administer the VNC Elections during the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee: The 2013-2014 AdHoc VNC Election Committee shall be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the 2013-2014 VNC Elections including, but not limited to: development of local election rules; setting the timetable for and programing election events and deadlines; recruitment and orientation of candidates; election outreach; coordination with Independent Election Administrator, DONE, and the City Clerk; supervision of polling place and tabulation of ballots; and providing orientation for the newly elected Board. The Committee shall expire one year from the date of creation. The completion of the Stipulation Worksheet for Board approval shall remain under the jurisdiction of the Rules & Elections Committee.

ACTION: Motion is approved unanimously (KV/HH)

C Community Impact Statements for Committees Linda Lucks

[EXHIBIT]

MOTION: The VNC Board instructs that all VNC Committees shall submit Community Impact Statements (CIS) in addition to submitting motions that go before the LA City Council for easy reference.

ACTION: Motion is approved unanimously (LL/AM)

Public Comment: Carolyn Rios



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11. Treasurers Report (9:25PM -- 15 minutes); Hugh Harrison (Treasurer@Venicenc.org)
[Discussion and possible action] **[EXHIBIT]**

A MOTION: The VNC Board approves the attached the report on expenditures for the period March 22, 2012, through April 21, 2013, and the itemized purchase card invoice.

ACTION: Motion is approved (HH/KV 15-0-1)

B MOTION: It is resolved that the budget for the Venice Neighborhood Council for the 2012-2013 fiscal year shall be as amended to reallocate funds as follows:

1. The \$500 allocated to Advertising & Promotions to be reallocated to the Congress of Neighborhood Council and Budget Advocates [See attached motion].
2. \$1,000 of the funds allocated to the Centennial Park Community Improvement Project, which has been cancelled, to be allocated to the 2013 Toy Drive.
3. \$125 of the funds allocated to the Centennial Park Community Improvement Project, which has been cancelled, \$545 in unspent funds for completed Neighborhood Improvement Projects, the \$500 in the funds allocated to the speed signs on Pacific Ave., which will not be completed this year, and the remaining \$1,451 in undesignated Board community improvement projects [total of \$2,721] to be allocated to the costs of storage.

It is further moved that should additional unspent funds be identified before the Board meeting, this motion shall be amended to include additional reallocations.

The motion was voted affirmatively by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4-0-0.

ACTION: Motion is approved (HH/SK 15-0-1)

C All Board members and especially committee chairs are encouraged to provide input into their budget needs for the remainder of this fiscal year and for the up-cng budget year. Without your input, your priorities may be limited.

12. VNC Announcements (9:40PM -- 10 Minutes)

- **President:** Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)
Congratulations to the Board Retreat Committee for a job well done. A full report is forthcoming.. The City Human Relations Commission met last week and the VNC was represented by Linda, Marc, Sylvia and Tommy.
- **Vice President** Marc Saltz berg (Vicepresident@Venicenc.org)
- **LA Alliance of NC's Representative:** Ivan Spiegel, (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
- **Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, WRAC President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives. Chair@westsidecouncils.org, VicePresident@Venicenc.org,



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- **Venice Chamber Of Commerce:** Erin-Sullivan Ward, (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: Gail Rogers
- 14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction**
(9:50PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)
- 15. Adjourn (approx. 9:55PM)**
ACTION: Meeting adjourned (IK/HH)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Linda Lucks	Santa Monica Airport	Abigail Myers, Laura Silagi
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Visitor Impact	David Sheldon, Joseph Shields
Outreach	Matt Kline	Ocean Front Walk	Tom Elliot
Budget	Hugh Harrison	Public Safety	Sevan Gerard, Nick Hippisley-Coxe
Land Use and Planning	Jake Kaufman	Environment	Erin Sullivan Ward, Abigail Myers
Education	Bud Jacobs	Rules & Election	Ira Koslow
Communications	Helen Stotler	Arts	Cynthia Rogers, Eduardo Manilla