

## Request for Financial Support and Co-sponsorship of an Oakwood Community Improvement Project

1. Name of Requesting Committee

Oakwood-Milwood Neighborhood Area, a subcommittee of the VNC Neighborhood Committee  
Carolyn Rios & Barklie Griggs, Co-chairs

2. Description of the Event

An Oakwood Community BBQ, Picnic, Games & Music  
A Venice Neighborhood Council Outreach event  
A community mixer

3. Qualification of Committee Organization

Members of the planning committee have successfully organized and planned both BBQ and other community events

Barklie Griggs, Mindy Meyer & Fred Grant

4. Letter of Acknowledgment.

We have the full support of Councilman Bill Rosendahl's office plus the full support of the Oakwood Recreation Center and the Human Relations Commission

5 Proof of required Licenses and Permits

Liability insurance - quote received  
Fire permit - in process ( Fire Department is barbecuing)  
Health Permit - not required if food is free, outreach is local, and less than 500 people

6. Itemized Budget

Insurance and permits	Municipality Insurance Services	\$225
Portable Hot water sink	1st Jon Inc	445
2 Portable Toilets	1st Jon Inc	225
15 canopies	AAA Rentals	825
Meat for 200 plus people	Costco	1500
20 Tables	AAA Rentals	120
100 chairs	AAA Rentals	100
Stage & Sound	Donated via Council Office	0
Charcoal Dumpster	Bin Rental	60
20 Water Guns ( required* )	Target	100
Paper goods	Smart and Final	300
Odds & Ends		100
		\$4000

\*required for BBQ cook off for fire safety

7. Time Line

Saturday, August 11, 2007  
12:00 -5:00pm  
Oakwood Recreation Center

## 8 Statement of How the Event Will Benefit the Community

### 8A. **A Community Benefit**

The Oakwood area and all of Venice will benefit from this project by providing the means and venue to develop community pride. The Oakwood area continues to suffer from a very negative image due to gangs, drugs, poverty, racial strife, and extremities of income. However, Oakwood is a strong rooted community with the greatest diversity in all of Venice. By tapping into our strengths we can mitigate our weaknesses. The park is the hub of our community and in times past has been a place where families used to congregate. This event can bring about a renaissance of the park as a place of community connection. Revitalizing the use of a vital community resource is an appropriate role of a Neighborhood Council. Carolyn Rios did extensive leafleting and conducted a Visioning meeting for the Oakwood-Milwood Area Committee of the VNC. In this meeting there was a strong consensus on the need for events that promote community pride and the opportunity to connect with neighbors. A strong friendly community will also enhance the safety issues that are paramount in this neighborhood.

### 8B. **Community Outreach for the VNC**

The Oakwood BBQ is a great opportunity for VNC Outreach. People will have an opportunity to register to vote. Candidates and Board Members can socialize and interact with the community in a more personal one-on-one manner. We will have a stage and microphone for musicians and candidates will have the opportunity to speak. As our event is before the nomination deadline, it is also an opportunity to solicit nominations from the community. The Oakwood-Milwood area represents the largest population in the Venice Specific Plan, has the highest minority population, and the lowest median income. Outreach in this neighborhood is essential to maintaining a diverse membership in the VNC. If we were to create a list of places that desperately needed outreach to satisfy the diversity mandate, surely the Oakwood-Milwood area would be at the top of the list. This event will be a pilot project that can create templates which other areas can use to model their outreach events upon. In this way, this event has the capacity to benefit the entire community of Venice, long after it has reached its successful conclusion.

## 9. Statement of How the VNC Funds Will Be Used

The VNC funds will be both a Neighborhood Community Benefit and a VNC Outreach event.

## 10. Request for Funding & Manpower from VNC

This event requires as many VNC Board and Committee members as can possibly attend.

I move that the Neighborhood Committee, the Outreach Committee, the Budget Committee and the Board fund the above Oakwood Community BBQ