



Venice Neighborhood Council

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LA Convention and Tourist Board Vice President Patti MacJennett, pmaciennett@lainc.us

Ken Bernstein, LA Office of Historic Resources, ken.bernstein@lacity.org

RE: RESOLUTION REQUESTING CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO REPAIR HISTORIC VENICE CANALS PEDESTRIAN WALK BRIDGES

Dear Mayor, Councilman Rosendahl, Ms. MacJenett, Mr. Bernstein:

WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) approved the application of the Venice Canals Association (VCA) for Community Improvement Project (CIP) funding in the amount of \$1700 to retread the nine (9) Historic Venice Canals walk bridges with non-skid coating in the interest of public safety; and WHEREAS, the VCA requested a report from the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering, Structural Engineering Division, on the overall condition of the bridges prior to the application of the non-skid coating and the Bureau of Engineering reported (report attached hereto as Attachment A) that bridge repairs were required before any skid-coating work could be implemented. The VCA determined the cost of the required repairs detailed in the report would exceed the VCA's proposed CIP budget and therefore notified the VNC the Community Improvement Project could not be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Venice Canals Historic District was placed in the National Register of Historic Places in August 1982 and on August 2, 1982, the District was also declared Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument #270 by the City of Los Angeles and the nine walk bridges are included in the District, and WHEREAS, the nine bridges are used by Venice stakeholders, residents of the City of Los Angeles, as well as the many tourists who also visit world-famous Venice Beach, and WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services has a duty to maintain the bridges because of their historic nature, utility to the community and attraction to visitors; and WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Committee is concerned for the safety of residents, Venice stakeholders, and the many visitors to the Canals who must, of necessity, use the nine walk bridges to navigate the Canals by foot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City of Angeles Bureau of Street Services do the repairs as outlined in the report from the Bureau of Engineering, as well as any other repairs the Bureau of Street Services deems necessary for he safety and protection of the bridges and pedestrians who use them, including, but not limited to the resurfacing of the bridge treads with non-skid coating on all nine Canal walk bridges, and



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This motion be forwarded to: Director Nazario Saucedo, LA Bureau of Street Services, LA City

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Lucks".

Linda Lucks
President

Cc: Nazario.Saucedo@lacity.org , Director, LA Bureau of Street Services.

EXHIBIT:

Subject:Re: Venice Canals Walkbridges

From: Vigen Gharibian (vigen.gharibian@lacity.org)

To: reneekaplan@yahoo.com;

Cc: shirish.mistry@lacity.org; steve.martinez@lacity.org; anthony.munoz@lacity.org;

Date: Friday, September 9,2011 2:25 PM

Dear Ms. Kaplan,

Per your email request of July 29, 2011, Structural Engineering Division (SED) performed a structural observation at the subject footbridges.

Four (4) of the nine (9) footbridges at the area have loose deck wooden planks. The deck planks

for the other five (5) footbridges are secure. The following deficiencies were observed:

- 27th Avenue Pedestrian Bridge over Grand Canal (City No. 000717) - Plank #2 from the east end in the center span is loose and wobbly under foot traffic with the north end completely detached from the beam support. Plank #5 from the east end in the center span is-also loose and wobbly. Plank #1 from the west end in the center span is loose. All other planks are ok.
- Grand Canal Court Pedestrian Bridge over Linnie Canal (City No. 000723) – Plank #8 from the north end in the center span is loose with a missing screw. All other planks are ok.
- Grand Canal Court Pedestrian Bridge over Sherman Canal (City No. 000725) - Plank #4 from the south end in the center span is slightly loose. All other planks are ok.
- Howland Avenue Pedestrian Bridge over Eastern Canal (City No' 000733) - planks #1 ,



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#2, #g, #10, #14 and #15, from the east end in the center span are loose. All other planks are ok.

The following is our recommended procedure for securing loose deck planks at the above four

footbridges:

- Tighten all existing deck screws, and replace all missing ones by driving new screws into the same holes as the original screws.
- All new screws shall be #10 coarse thread stainless steel 3" long deck screws, with #3 square drive head and Type 17 point (Simpson SS3DSC3BS or equal).
- Recess new screw heads 1/8" below top of plank, and fill hole with wood putty.

In addition to the above work, we understand that your Association, in cooperation with the Venice Neighborhood Council, will purchase and apply the non-skid coating to the top of the deteriorated footbridge decks. We would like to suggest that before you commit to the purchase

of the paint, you provide us with a copy of the specifications for that particular paint, to make sure

it meets our approvals.

All the work described above shall be performed under a permit issued by the West L.A. District

Office of the Bureau of Engineering (Anthony Munoz, 310-575-8530).

If you have any questions, please free to call me at (213) 485-5359, or Steve Martinez, at (213)

485-5410.

Vigen Gharibian, S.E.

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C. Election to fill Board Community Outreachouncil Member Bill Rosendahl, LA City