

**Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council
Bylaws Committee March 15, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 PM.**
- 2. ATTENDANCE:** Bylaws Committee Members present – LJ Carusone (Committee Chair) presiding, David Moring, Colette Bailey, Eileen Pollack Erickson, Ivan Spiegel, Joe Murphy, Susan Rennie, Thomas O’Meara. Absent – David Buchanan, Greg Fitchitt, Jodi Gusek, Lisa M. Ezell, Steve Freedman, Stewart Oscars. Also attending – CJ Cole.
- 3. MINUTES:** The minutes from the 3/14/2006 meeting were not reviewed.
- 4. ADOPT DRAFTING TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS (DRAFT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO MEETING)***
 - i. Resolution of LUPC language**
 - ii. Approval of Neighborhood and Education Committees language meeting**
 - iii. Adoption of new GRVNC boundary map without districts**
 - iv. Discuss Name Change of Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council (GRVNC)**
 - i. Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC)**
 - v. Address any other points in regard to bylaws revisions draft**

This meeting is a continuation of the March 14, 2006 Bylaws Committee meeting in which the Committee began final consideration of the Bylaws by focusing on the recommendations distributed to the Committee by the Drafting Task Force which is appended Exhibit A to the March 14, 2006 meeting minutes. After reviewing additional edits to clarify Articles I through VI, the Committee continued its work and focused on **Article VII – Committees** and either adopted the recommendations of the Drafting Task Force or made final edits and changes. At this meeting, the Committee completed its review of **Article VII**, leaving the rest for the next continuation meeting which was scheduled for March 20, 2006, at which time the Committee expects to complete its work. All of the edits will be provided in the final version when the committee completes its review of the Drafting Task Force recommendations.

In the course of its work at this meeting, one Committee decision was reconsidered and one suggestion not included as part of the Drafting Task Force work was considered and added to the Bylaws by consensus.

Joe Murphy moved to reconsider allowing Community Officers to serve on the LUPC. **L.J. Carusone** seconded the motion. The vote was 6 for excluding Officers from serving on the LUPC, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

Thomas O’Meara proposed authorizing the Rules and Elections Committee to recommend the use of alternative voting methods and language allowing this was approved by consensus without a formal vote. The second to last paragraph of **ARTICLE VI — ELECTIONS, F. Voting** now reads (**addition in blue print**):

If more than two candidates are running for an Executive Officer position, a plurality shall be sufficient to elect **unless the election procedures direct otherwise**.

- 5. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA:** The next meeting will be a continuation of this meeting and is scheduled for March 20, 2006 beginning at 7PM at Extra Space Storage.

6. ADJOURNMENT: 9:15pm motion by chair to adjourn is passed by consensus.