



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Board of Officers Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 PM

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Except where otherwise noted, the President abstains.

## 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order in memory of Andrew Martell father of Rand Denny, Patrice Martinez (owner of French café on Abbot Kinney), Toshiyuki "Yuki" Tomita one of the first Japanese Americans to come back to Venice after WWII, and Mary Christine Brockert, aka Teena Marie, who grew up in Oakwood and attended Venice High School. Also dedicated in memory Paula Lucks, mother of Linda Lucks.

Roll Call (19): Brennan Lindmer, Scott Kramarich, Peter Thottam, Amanda Seward (arrived at 7:27 p.m.), Kristopher Valentine, Jed Pauker, Marc Saltzberg, Ivonne Guzman, Kelley S. Willis, Hugh Harrison, Linda Lucks, Carolyn Rios, Stasia Patwell, Clark McCutchen, Daffodil Tyminski (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Mike Newhouse, Ira Koslow, Cindy Chambers, Maria Aguilar

## 2. Approval of the Agenda

Officer's report moved to item to the beginning of item #4.

**Motion passes 17 to 0 as amended. (M/S – Pauker/Rios)**

## 3. Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes

December 21, 2010 Draft Board Meeting Minutes

<http://venicenc.org/files/101221BoardMinutesDRAFT.pdf> (Draft)

**Motion passes 17-0. (M/S – Koslow/Saltzberg) (Abstain\_**



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4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda [10 min, no more than 2 minutes per person – no board member announcements permitted]

- A. Public comments by Jim Smith, Yolanda Gonzalez, DeDe Audet, Susan Blanchard, Elizabeth Wright, Peggy Lee Kennedy, David Busch, Dianne Tarter, Eden Andes, Don Gagan, Michael Hunt, and Rick Selan

5. Treasurers Report; Hugh Harrison (5 minutes) See Exhibit A  
[Discussion and approval of financial statements]

A. Attached is the report on expenditures for the period November 22 through December 21, 2010.

**Motion passes 19-0 to accept Treasurer’s Report . (M/S – Rios/Guzman)**

7. Community Care Facilities Ordinance

Alliance of Councils (WRAC); (310 795 3768, [mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com](mailto:mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com)) See Exhibit B Reports and Recommendations from VNC Committees (Neighborhood Committee voted Against the Motion: 6-0-0; LUPC Voted Against the Motion: 1-6-2) See Exhibit B1

MOTION: to support The CPC-2009-800-CA; ENV-2009-801-ND; CF# 07-3427

COMMUNITY CARE FACILITIES’ Ordinance for Community Care Facilities in low-density residential zones shall (i) limit the concentration of facilities, (ii) restrict location near schools and other sensitive uses by 1,000 feet, (iii) require a public hearing for all applications directing that a public benefit must be demonstrated and/or where the applicant requests a reasonable accommodation, and (iv) provide an affirmative statement that no legal non-conforming use is created by the ordinance.

Presentations by Jory Tremblay and Karen Wolfe on the complexities of the ordinance.

President calls the question.

Public comment heard by Stuart Oscars Yolanda Gonzalez, DeDe Audet, Elizabeth Wright, Eden Andes, David Ewing, and Peggy Lee Kennedy

Ira Koslow makes motion to table the motion on community care facilities.

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE:

AYES (3): Aguilar, Koslow, Kramarich

NAYS (11): Harrison, Chambers, Lindmer, Newhouse, Thottam, Seward, Valentine, Pauker, Saltzberg, Guzman, Willis

ABSTAINING (3): Rios, Patwell, McCutchen, Tyminski

(VNC moves to item #7 to discuss parliamentary procedures regarding tabling.)

Hugh Harrison moves that the VNC postpone the item indefinitely.

AYES (6): Kramarich, Pauker, Saltzberg, Willis, Harrison, Valentine, Guzman

NAYS (6): Seward, Thottam, Rios, McCutchen, Koslow, Chambers

ABSTAINING (3): Patwell, Tyminski, Lucks

Motion by Thottam to have a roll call vote.

**AYES (8): Kramarich, Pauker, Saltzberg, Willis, Harrison, Valentine, Aguilar,**

**NAYS (7): Seward, Thottam, Rios, McCutchen, Koslow, Guzman, Chambers, Lucks (to break the tie)**

**ABSTAINING (2): Patwell, Tyminski**

**Motion to postpone item indefinitely carries 8-7-2. Item can be brought back**

7. LUPC Motions

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]



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A 559 E Westminster Avenue (10 Minutes); Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (310-463-0299; [Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org)) See Exhibit C

MOTION: LUPC recommends approval of the project as presented (APCW-2009-3151-SPE-CDP-ZAA-ZAD-SPP-MEL, ENV-2009-3152-ND), as there is overwhelming evidence that the conversion of the garage, which was constructed in 1927 and has been in continuous residential use since 1928, is therefore, a non-conforming use.

Made by Robert Aronson, Seconded by Jory Tremblay

LUPC VOTE: 5-0-2, Approved

Date: January 5, 2010

Public comment by Sarah Dennison, Rachelle Branch, Jeff Holmes, Challis MacPherson

**“Motion to support the LUPC motion.” (M/S - Harrison/Koslow)**

**AYES (14) NAYS (1) ABSTAINING (3): Motion carries 14-1-3.**

B 796 Main Street, Ado Restaurant (10 Minutes); Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (310-463-0299; [Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org)) See Exhibit D

MOTION: LUPC recommends approval of ENV-2010-1186-CE and ZA-2010-1184-CU as currently filed, noting (A) no change in seating or parking (B) change of hours of 9a-12:30a Sunday through Thursday and 9a-1:30a Friday and Saturday and © no other changes or variances required to VCZSP or BMP.

Made by Jake Kaufman, Seconded by John Reed.

Approved (5-0) [Jim Murez recused; lives within 500']

Date: January 5, 2011

Owner of restaurant: Request is made in particular for special events like New Year's Eve.

**“Motion to support the LUPC motion.”**

**AYES (14) NAY (1) ABSTAINING (2):**

**Motion carries 14-1-2.**

Mike Newhouse recused himself before discussion of item began.

8. Scheduled Announcements [no more than 1 minute per report unless otherwise stated]

A VNC Announcements (5 min)

• President: Linda Lucks (310-505-4220; [president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org)) Celebration of Dede Audet's 90th Birthday  
Marc Saltzerg would like the record to reflect that Ms. Audet was speechless.

• Vice President: Carolyn Rios (310-821-7922; [VP@venicenc.org](mailto:VP@venicenc.org)) [Summary of Written Committee Reports when provided in advance]

Santa Monica Airport Committee meeting on January 24 at the Santa Monica Airport Commission. Education Committee – Steve Zimmer will be present at February meeting. New Visitor Impact Committee has been formed in response to feedback at town hall. Meeting will be at Talking Stick at 7 p.m. next Tuesday, 1/25.

1) Request for volunteer(s) to post monthly VNC Board Agendas( 1 minute);

Linda Lucks, [president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org)) request for monthly volunteer(s) to assist Stasia Patwell post VNC board agendas in the 5 (or more) locations.

Scott Kramarich – Groundworks

Daffodil Tyminski – Ale House

Carolyn Rios – Oakwood

Jed Pauker & Joe Murphy- library & Beyond Baroque

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2) Introduction of the 2011-2012 CIP Application (10 minutes);

Ivan Spiegel ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))

The applications for the 2011-2012 Community Improvement Projects are available on the VNC website [www.venicenc.org](http://www.venicenc.org), Venice Library, Vera Davis Center, and the VNC booth at the Venice Farmer's Market. They must be submitted on or before March 1, 2011.

Spiegel – Please take applications and distribute them all around the city. Has to be postmarked by March 1, 2011. Must be sent via post, not by hand or via e-mail. Do not send registered or signature-required.

2) **Report on 2.1.11 Hearing on Marina Del Rey Local Coastal Plan** (5 minutes)

David Barish, WeAretheMarina [www.wearemdr.com](http://www.wearemdr.com) See Exhibit E

Daniel Gottlieb – Bus available to City Hall for hearing on 2.1.11. Concerns about traffic increases, overdevelopment, and lack of public input.

Lucks – VNC will place an item on the next agenda as an action item.

B Governmental Reports (15 min)

• U.S. Representative Jane Harman, Deputy Chief of Staff, Kate Anderson (310-643-3636; [kate.anderson@mail.house.gov](mailto:kate.anderson@mail.house.gov))

Report by Ms. Anderson

• State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler, representative TBD

• Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; Jennifer Badger, West Area Representatives (310-479-3823; [jennifer.badger@lacity.org](mailto:jennifer.badger@lacity.org)) - Not present to make report.

• City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772; [cecilia.castillo@lacity.org](mailto:cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)); Arturo Pina, District Director – Report by Ms. Castillo.

• LAPD: Officer Peggy Thusing, Senior Lead Officer (310-622-3968; [25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org)) – Officers Thusing and Skinner make report on crime statistics.

• Westside Regional Alliance of Councils: Mike Newhouse (310-795-3768;

[mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com](mailto:mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com)); Alternate, Carolyn Rios –

Newhouse - Jan. 29 meeting at Felicia Mahood Center

• PlancheckLA: VNC Rep Challis Macpherson (310-822-1729; [Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net](mailto:Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net))

Report by Ms. Macpherson

• LA Dept of Water & Power/Memoranda of Understanding: VNC Rep DeDe Audet (310-251-1054; [daudet@ca.rr.com](mailto:daudet@ca.rr.com))

Report by Ms. Audet. No meeting held last month.

• LAPD Police Advisory Board- Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe, (310-415-415-6504; [hippisleyle@earthlink.net](mailto:hippisleyle@earthlink.net))

• LAANC Representative: Ivan Spiegel, [Ivan.Spiegel@venicenc.org](mailto:Ivan.Spiegel@venicenc.org)

Spiegel – Committee formed to deal with upcoming NC elections. Councilmember Garcetti is urging “yes” votes on Measures G, H, and L.

• Neighborhood Council Budget Representative: Cindy Chambers, [cindy.chambers@venicenc.org](mailto:cindy.chambers@venicenc.org)

Mayor's Budget Survey available from Jan. 27 to Feb. 27 at [www.budget.lacity.org](http://www.budget.lacity.org).

**C Westside Mobility Plan Presentation** (15 Minutes); Maria Yanez-Forgash on behalf of City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) (909-627-2974, [Myanez-Forgash@ArellanoAssociates.com](mailto:Myanez-Forgash@ArellanoAssociates.com))

Presentation by Tom Gall and Laura Luna - Website is [westsidemobilityreport.com](http://westsidemobilityreport.com). Doing survey at First Fridays and Farmer's Markets. Attempts to get to high-volume areas. Would like the VNC to send survey to its list of contacts. Completion date for survey is Feb. 15.

Representatives from Visitor Impact Subcommittee and Traffic Committee express interest in working with LADOT and Fehr and Peers.





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**D StandUp For Kids Los Angeles Community Introduction** (5 Minutes); Aaron Guerrero on behalf of StandUp For Kids Los Angeles [www.standupforkids.org](http://www.standupforkids.org); (818-290-2715, [aaronmguerrero@gmail.com](mailto:aaronmguerrero@gmail.com))

We at StandUp For Kids Los Angeles would like to introduce ourselves to the attendees of the January 18th VNC meeting, and take a little time to explain who we are and what it is we do in the hopes of initiating a dialogue between us all that can hopefully lead to a collaborative effort to find humane and mutually beneficial solutions to the very justifiable and understandable issues the community has with the local homeless youth population. We would also like the opportunity simply to let the community know what resources we typically require in our mission, on the chance anyone is interested in assisting us in our mission.

Presentation – Center is open 2 days a week in Venice. Goal is to have it open 7 nights a week. Places for homeless to get meals, clean clothing, and access to social services. In need of volunteers, gently-used clothing, money, and a permanent location.

Public comment by Ian Dean in support of the organization.

No action taken, informational item.

**E Main Street Road Diet** (15 Minutes); Paul Backstrom (213-473-7011, [paul.backstrom@lacity.org](mailto:paul.backstrom@lacity.org))

Main Street Road Diet to extend existing bike lanes from Santa Monica to Windward. Tina Backstrom and Abbas Vajar from LADOT will do the technical presentation and they will be joined by Alexis Lantz from the LA County Bicycle Coalition.

Presentation by Tina Backstrom and Kent Strobel – No deadlines for project. Willing to come to committees and would like feedback from the community.

Public Comment

Alex Thompson, president of BikeSiteLA – project meets minimum standards. It can meet the needs of cyclists better with wider lanes, etc.

Richard Busby – Bicycle lanes should be as wide as possible. Continuing lane is good.

Eric Weinstein – in support, but would like to see more signs and lights, not just paint

Jim Smith – More opportunity for public feedback, not just accepting what LADOT offers.

No action taken, informational item.

**F FAST- support short-term traffic improvement** (10 Minutes); Evelyn Alexander on behalf of FAST (310-351-9309, [evelyn@jhu.edu](mailto:evelyn@jhu.edu)) See Exhibit F

Presentation by FAST (Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic), a non-profit organization which has built a coalition of businesses, residents, students, labor and environmental activists to advocate for high-impact, low-cost changes to our infrastructure that would make traffic move more smoothly throughout the region.

Presentation by Evelyn Alexander – Would like support of the VNC to help them with their work. They urge elected representatives to allocate resources to improvements to roads in the appropriate time span.

9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

[10 min, no more than 1 minute per person – no board member announcements permitted]

Public comment by Eden Andes

10. Old Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

No old business.

11. New Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]



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A Extension of the South Bay Bicycle Path From Wash Blvd. to Jetty (10 Minutes); Jon Nahhas (310-306-4682, [jnahhas@gmail.com](mailto:jnahhas@gmail.com)) See Exhibit G

**MOTION: The VNC shall endorse and request that the LA City Planning Department and Councilman Bill Rosendahl amend the LA City Bicycle Master Plan to include the extension of the Class 1 Southbay Bicycle Path from Washington Blvd. to the North Jetty of the harbor in Marina del Rey.**

**“Motion to move 11A.” (M/S - Willis/Rios) Motion carries unanimously.**

Presentation by Jon Nahhas and Jim Kennedy

Public comment by Alex Thompson and Kent Strobel

**B Restore and maintain OFW street lights consistent with original design** (5 Minutes); Joel Shields (310-452-2043, [joel.shields@lw.com](mailto:joel.shields@lw.com)) See Exhibit H

**MOTION:** To direct appropriate city / county departments to restore and maintain street lights along Ocean Front Walk in a manner consistent with the original lighting design (low impact amber lights).

**“Motion to move 11B.” (M/S - Harrison/Koslow)**

**AYES (10): NAYS:0 ABSTAINING (2): Lucks, Tyminski**

**Motion carries 10-0-2.**

12. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction.

[10 min, no more than 1 minute per person]

Kelley Willis will scan any business cards gathered at the meeting so they can be added to mailing list.

13. Adjourn (10:28 PM)