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Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291
Monday, November 07, 2011 at 7:00 PM

NOTE: All ACTIONS TAKEN, unless otherwise noted, were decided by unanimous vote and the chair abstained.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Hugh Harrison, Chair; Ira Koslow; Joe Murphy; Cindy Chambers; Kristopher Valentine. **Absent:** Linda Lucks; Daffodil Tyminski.

2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Approved

3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

October 10, 2011 (<http://venicenc.org/files/111010VNCAAdministrativeCommitteeMinutes.pdf>)

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Approved

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

5. Old Administrative Committee Business

6. New Administrative Committee Business

A Consideration and approval of November 15, 2011 Proposed Board Agenda

B Addition of Committee Reports to the Main Agenda Linda Lucks

Rationale: Committees are doing great work and no one knows if they're not on the committee. I am adding an update under presidents report (until new VP) for committees to keep stakeholders notified and to serve as recruitment too.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Postponed to January 9, 2012 Administrative Committee Meeting

7. Adjourn



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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, November 15, 2011 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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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**
2. **Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM– 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes (7:10PM– 5 minutes)**
October 18, 2011 (<http://venicenc.org/files/111018BoardAgenda.pdf>)

Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:15PM– 5 minutes)
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

4. **Public Safety- LAPD Report (7:20PM – 5 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing/Theresa Skinner/Gregg Jacobus, (310-622-3968; 25120@lapd.lacity.org, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, 31142@lapd.lacity.org)
5. **Special Guest: City Council Member, Jan Perry (7:25PM – 10 minutes)** **[EXHIBIT A]**
6. **Scheduled Announcements (7:35PM – 40 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment]
 - A **Introduction of a new LACOE Head Start Service Provider** - Presentation of Head Start services by Debi Anderson (Anderson_Debi@laoe.edu) (3 minutes)
 - B **PATH** (People Assisting the Homeless) Update on Councilman Rosendahl's Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel Roberts (Joel.Roberts@epath.org), Executive Director, PATH (3 minutes)
 - C **Announce Board selection to fill the vacant Vice President position on December 20**
Nominations close today. Nominations from the floor. (15 minutes)
Stated candidates: Michael Chamness, Marc Saltzberg.



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- D** **NC Election Survey** The City Clerk has distributed the NC Election Alternatives Method Survey to all NCs. This survey is meant to provide NCs an opportunity to voice their preference regarding what method should be used for implementing elections in 2014, as well as which entity should implement these elections. The surveys will be due back to the City Clerk on or before Friday, January 6, 2012.

In the interest of making sure that every NC's input is counted and so that your NC Board might have enough time to discuss its survey responses, we recommend that NCs take the steps to agendaize its discussion for its upcoming November and December Board meetings (and January, if prior to January 6). Additionally, the City Clerk will be posting materials discussed during our Election Alternatives Education Workshops up on our [website](#) by October 28 to help the Board discuss its survey choices. (3 minutes)

Fill out the Survey @

http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC_Board_Election_Alternatives_Survey_10.26.pdf

- E** **The Great Venice Toy Drive** Mariana Aguilar (mla5@cornell.edu) (3 minutes)

We are currently collecting toys for The Great Venice Toy Drive. Please bring unwrapped, non-violent toys to the below locations through December 7, 2011 and join us at Oakwood Recreation Center on December 10, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a fun-filled day. (Toys will be distributed to children up to 16 years of age beginning at 10:30 a.m.--first come-first served, children must be present with a parent or guardian to receive a toy.) Abbot's Habit, 1401 Abbot Kinney Blvd; Venice

Fabric Planet, 423 Lincoln Blvd; The November 15, 2011 VNC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbott Kinney Blvd., Venice

- F** **Metro Express Lanes Demonstration Program** Bronwen Trice (triceb@metro.net) on behalf of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (10 minutes)

Status Update/Briefing on the Metro ExpressLanes Demonstration Program. Metro ExpressLanes is a pilot, one-year demonstration program overseen by Metro and Caltrans to improve mobility and sustainability on two of our busiest freeways in Los Angeles County.

- G** **Christmas Run in Venice** Catherine Griffin (3 minutes)

7. Governmental Reports (8:15PM - 10 minutes)

- **U.S. Congressional Representative Office** (TBD)
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Jennifer Zivkovic (jennifer.zivkovic.senate@gmail.com) 310-615-3516
- **State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler**, Representative, Stephanie Molen (Stephanie.Molen@asm.ca.gov) 310-615-3515
- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**; Joseph Hari, West Area Representative (310-479-3823) (Joseph.Hari@lacity.org)
- **City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl**: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Arturo Pina, District Director (Arturo.Pina@lacity.org)



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8. Consent Calendar (8:25PM – 5 minutes)

[No discussion or Public Comment. Items may be removed and it will go to the end of the agenda]

- A **Support Neighborhood Team Program** on Behalf of WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils) and the Neighborhood Committee.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the concept of the Neighborhood Team Program (NTP), an emergency support Program organized through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD). Under the Neighborhood Team Program, community members who have taken the CERT training volunteer as NTP Team Leaders, organizing and providing direction to other neighborhood residents in preparing for and responding to emergencies such as earthquake or major Fire:
Passed unanimously 11.3.11

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Consent Calendar of board agenda

- B **Christmas Run in Venice** Catherine Griffin and Linda Lucks on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee

MOTION: To recommend that the board welcome the runners in the Santa Monica- Venice Christmas Run on December ___ 2011.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Moved to the Announcement section of board agenda as Item 6G

Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

9. New Business (8:35PM – 70 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

- A **12-Single Family Townhouse Complex; 522 VENICE BLVD 90291; ENV-2009-2489-EAF & VTT-70870** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC (jake.kaufman@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT B]**

MOTION: To deny the project of the 12 lot Small Lot Sub Division each with a single family dwelling project as presented, and noting:

1. The total density of the lot exceeds the Venice Specific Plan Section 10.G.2.a.(2) by applying the Density in Residential Zones section of the VSP which the VNC has opposed in the past.
2. It does not comply with the landscape plan for Venice Blvd and Ocean. The project requires the sale to the applicant of public land currently planned for a landscape plan Venice Blvd and where a grant and public matching money have been raised to develop this public park on the corner of Venice, Ocean and Mildred. .
3. The roof top structure(s) each exceeds the 100 sq ft limit in the VSP.
4. The Unit Lot 12's is creating a "Reverse Corner Lot" where the side lot and back lot creating zero set back condition as the front yard would not be on Ocean or Mildred.

(Dennison motion Goldberg second. 6-0 passed)

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on board agenda.



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B BUDGET REQUESTS (15 Minutes)

[EXHIBIT C]

1 Turkeys for Thanksgiving Mariana Aguilar and the Neighborhood Committee

MOTION: To recommend that the VNC board allocate \$500 for the purchase of turkeys for the annual Thanksgiving distribution at the Vera Davis Youth and Family Center on November 17. (passed 11.2.11-unanimous vote)

- 2** 1. \$2000 for Neighborhood Watch.
2. \$1000 for "Map your Neighborhood"
3. \$800 for Disaster Expo 2012

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on board agenda.

C Increase the Availability of Sanitation Services to the Venice Area Robin Rudasill & Linda Lucks on behalf of the VNC Neighborhood Committee :

MOTION: Whereas 16 million people visit Venice every year, they are confronted with inadequate sanitation facilities. It is a daily health and safety problem for visitors and residents alike who suffer as beach visitors leave the area, not willing to wait in lines to use the public bathroom facilities. These lines are often 25 people deep on weekends and,

Whereas both the County and the City of Los Angeles must acknowledge the urgency of the situation and immediately increase the availability of sanitation services to the Venice area,.

Be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council, being aware that this situation has reached critical mass, request the following actions:

- 1) Since RV dwellers all of Los Angeles need to empty their sanitation tanks, we urge the City and County to provide free coupons to the Dockweiler or other Legal Pump Out Facilities for people who cannot afford them.

Preventing sanitation problems is more cost efficient than clean up costs.

Passed 9-0-1, 9/13/11

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Remanded to Neighborhood Committee.

D Bus Passes for residents of Emergency Homeless Shelter Linda Lucks, on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee

MOTION: To recommend that the VNC Board allocate \$100 for the purchase of bus passes or socks to be distributed to residents of the 50 bed Emergency Homeless Shelter at the WLA Armory for people from Venice (90%) and Westchester needing transportation to social service agencies, doctor and VA visits, job and housing interviews. The shelter is operated by First to Serve from Oct. 15- Nov. 30 and is funded by the City of LA and provides case management services.

Passed unanimously, 11.3.11

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Referred to Budget Committee.



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- E** **Request for City to Commit to Alley and Alley Gate Maintenance** Mariana Aguilar
 (mla5@cornell.edu) **[EXHIBIT D]**

MOTION:

Whereas a significant number of Venice residents rely on alleys for their primary or sole access to their homes, as well as for receipt of city services (ie. Garbage collection, police, fire, DWP, Gas Company, etc.), and

Whereas the failure to maintain Venice alleys and alley gates presents a public safety and security risk, and

Whereas a residents are reporting a seriously degraded state of alley and alley gate maintenance, and

Whereas multiple residents have individually attempted to address this issue with a variety of city officials (ie. Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, Mayor's Office, Bureau of Street Services),

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Whereas clauses deleted since they appear in EXHIBIT C letter.

~~Therefore,~~ The Venice Neighborhood Council resolves that the City of Los Angeles should repair, reconstruct and maintain the alleys and alley gates in Venice. Moreover, to provide assistance to the City, the VNC resolves to work with the community to identify alleys in need of repair and collect the information for presentation to the City Council and Mayor.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on board agenda as amended.

- F** **DWP Fee Increase for Low-Income Seniors/Disabled Residents** Rachel Siemons
 (rachel.siemons@gmail.com) **[EXHIBIT D1 & D2]** **[EXHIBIT E]**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Councilman Bill Rosendahl hold a community forum to allow for input on the recent rate increases of the Solid Resource and Trash fees by the Department Of Water And Power.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on board agenda with EXHIBIT D1 shortened to 1st page and combined with EXHIBIT D2 into EXHIBIT E.

- G** **Occupy Venice requests Statement of Support From VNC** Mike Chamness
 (mchamness@yahoo.com) on behalf of Occupy Venice **[EXHIBIT F]**

MOTION: ~~The Occupy Venice movement respectfully requests an endorsement by the VNC~~ endorses the Occupy Venice movement.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on board agenda.

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

- **President:** Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)
 - VNC Committee and Task Force Updates: 1 minute each
 - Report on Results of CA Coastal Commission Hearing on MDR Development-Marc Saltzberg
- **LA Alliance of NC's Representative:** Ivan Spiegel, (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
- **Plancheck NC:** VNC Rep Challis Macpherson (Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net)
- **LA Dept of Water & Power/Memoranda of Understanding:** VNC Rep DeDe Audet (daudet@ca.rr.com)
- **LAPD Community Police Advisory Board:** Daffodil Tyminski, Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe, (hippislej@earthlink.net)
- **Westside Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, President, VNC Rep.



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11. Treasurers Report (9:55PM - 10 minutes); Hugh Harrison
[Discussion and possible action to approve financial statements and expenditures]

[EXHIBIT G]

A MOTION: That the VNC approve the submitted financial statements for the period September 22 through October 21, 2011, and the itemized purchase card invoice.

B Report on the Mayor’s Budget Day, the election of the Westside budget advocates and the up-coming budget survey.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on board agenda.

Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
[20 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

13. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction.
[5 min, no more than 1 minute per person]

14. Adjourn (approx. 10:35PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Linda Lucks	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi & Amanda Seward
Neighborhood		Visitor Impact	Amanda Seward
Outreach	Marc Saltzberg	Ocean Front Walk	Ivonne Guzman
Budget	Hugh Harrison	Public Safety	Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe Daffodil Tyminski
Land Use and Planning	Jake Kaufman	Education	Cindy Chambers
Rules & Elections	Ira Koslow	Environment	Barbara Lonsdale, Kristopher Valentine
Arts	Clark McCutchen, Cynthia Rogers		