



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Administrative Committee Agenda

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room

658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

Monday, May 07, 2012 at 7:00 PM

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
<http://venicenc.org/files/120409AdComBoardMinute.pdf>
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 May 15, 2012 Proposed Board Agenda**
7. **Adjourn**



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DRAFT Board of Officer Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, May 15, 2012 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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PUBLIC COMMENT: The public is requested to fill out a "**Speaker Card**" to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on these agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other agenda matters or on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless modified by the presiding officer of the Board. No new speaker cards will be accepted once Public Comment has begun.

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)

The meeting is called to order in memory of Nathan Benderson, father of Bob Benderson
Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to outgoing LUPC member and former VNC Board member, Susan Papadakis

2. Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 5 minutes)

3. Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes (7:10PM – 5 minutes)

<http://venicenc.org/files/120417BoardMinutes.pdf>

Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

4. Consent Calendar (7:20PM – 5 minutes)

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

A Appeal at 512 E Rose Considered "De Minimus"; ZA-2011-2902-CUV-1 Jake

Kaufman on behalf of the Land Use and Planning Committee chair-lupc@venicenc.org

MOTION : The Venice Neighborhood Council considers the appeal "di minimus" (negligible) because there was not sufficient time to do outreach. The ZA appears to have included all the conditions of the VNC's support of the original case.

Motion by Jim Murez, Seconded by Jory Tremblay. VOTED, PASSED, 5-0



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- B** **Support Cell Tower Committee Objective and Moratorium** Jake Kaufman on behalf of the Land Use and Planning Committee chair-lupc@venicenc.org

MOTION : The Venice Neighborhood Council supports concept as presented 4-22-2012, including a moratorium for up to 1-year while VNC Cell Tower Committee develops a formal policy based on Community Impact Statement presented.

Motion made by John Reed, Seconded by Jake Kaufman, PASSED April 25, 2012, Vote 5-0 (NOTE: Jim and Jory abstained from vote)

- 5.** **Scheduled Announcements (7:25PM –20 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment]

- A** **PATH** (People Assisting the Homeless) **(3 minutes)** Update on Councilman Rosendahl's Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel Roberts, Joel.Roberts@epath.org), Tomasz Babiszkiwicz (tomaszb@epath.org); *This report includes statistics on the number of people placed in permanent and temporary housing as well as the numbers of people in process.*

- B** **Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes)**: Lt. Paola Kreeft, Venice Beach Detail; Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing/Theresa Skinner/Gregg Jacobus, (310-622-3968; 25120@lapd.lacity.org, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, 31142@lapd.lacity.org). *This report includes crime reports, updates on the status enforcement of the OFW Vending ordinance (LAMC 42.15) and outcomes of enforcement in Venice in general and of rules regarding the closure of Ocean Front Walk from Midnight to 5 a.m.*

- C** **Sustainable Fast Modern Privately Funded Transport Solutions (5 minutes)** Nick Garzilli on behalf of Evacuated Tube Transportation Technologies (ET3) & JPods PRT nick@et3.com **[EXHIBIT A]**

- D** **Status Update on VNC Community Improvement Projects (2 minutes)** Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian and CIP Program Administrator, Parliamentarian@Venicenc.org

- E** **Governmental Reports (7:45PM – 20 minutes)**

- **U.S. Congress Representative Janice Hahn**, Deputy Natalie Rodgers, (Natalie.Rodgers@mail.house.gov) 310-831-1799
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas (Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov) 310-318-6994
- **State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler**, Representative, Stephanie Romero, Stephanie.Romero@asm.gov 310-615-3515
- **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, 213-974-3333



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- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa;** Joseph Hari, West Area Representative (Joseph.Hari@lacity.org) 310-479-3823
- **Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors Department, Ken Foreman, Facilities and Property Maintenance Division Chief,** KForeman@bh.lacounty.gov, 310.305.9559 Report t on “Summer at Venice Beach” plan with topics including Washington St. Lot; possible cooperative beach parking efforts, beach maintenance (lots, sand, underground restroom)and other issues affecting Venice.
- **City Councilmember 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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6. **Old Business (8:15 -- 30 minutes)** *[Discussion and possible Action]*

A Election to fill Board Community Officer Seat (10 Minutes)

Candidates:

Mark Rojas

Tom Sauer

<http://www.venicenc.org/node/2115>

B Support for the appeal of the CUP issued to Cafe Gratitude (20 minutes) Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee vicepresident@VeniceNC.org

MOTION : Resolved: The Venice Neighborhood Council revokes its action of January 17, 2012 which recommended that a CUP be granted to Café Gratitude, a proposed restaurant at 512 Rose Ave, and withdraws its support for the project. The Board instead supports the residents of Rose Ave in their appeal of the CUP permit issued by the City of Los Angeles Planning Department to allow this project.

7. **Land Use and Planning Committee Motions (8:45 - 30 minutes)** *[Discussion and possible action]*

A 1319 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD 90291; APCW-2011-1152-SPE-CDP-SPP-MEL E Jake Kaufman on behalf of the Land Use and Planning Committee chair-lupc@venicenc.org

MOTION : The Venice Neighborhood Council supports DENIAL of the project for the following reasons:



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- a. The property is currently in violation of code and this is to correct the violation. Order to comply was issued on November 15, 2007 and has remained out of compliance ever since.
- b. Do not support a variance or exception to the VCZSP because there is no hardship to the property, it was simply to increase square footage of the retail space.
- c. Do not want the ADA (Handicap) parking space removed, under any circumstance.
- d. \$18,000 in lieu of fee should only be for BIZ parking (per VCZSP), not for any or all parking spaces needed.
- e. Rent has been generated on these (removed) parking spaces. The Community has had to incur the burden of public parking because of this rented space and should be given back or repaid back to the Community (est \$5/sqft for 4 years is roughly \$200,000) before any permits are issued and, any additional rent received should continue to accrue and given to the Community until the spaces are returned.
- f. Required on-site parking must physically be within 750sqft. of the property.

The property currently rented by Mystic Journey Bookstore converted their required parking into retail space. They were told to come into compliance in 2007. They filed to convert the parking.

8. **New Business (9:15)**

[Discussion and possible action.]

- A** **Zip Line Proposal for Venice Beach, (45 minutes)** Amanda Seward, Matt Kline, co-chairs, on behalf of the VNC Visitor Impact Committee (amanda.seward@ar Matt.kline@Venicenc.org)

MOTION: to _____ Proposal by LA CitiRecreation and Patks

B **Qualification Request to Ensure Transparency and Accountability (15 minutes)**

Thomas R. Sauer rsauer75@gmail.com

MOTION : RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City of Los Angeles in 2012 begin to implement informed, best-practice decision making by ensuring qualified and experienced personnel are assigned / hired and that publicly available resumes be posted for all current city administrators, officers, department heads, commissioners and supervisors; background information requested includes but is not limited to the following areas: (1) post high school education experience, including job-specific training courses taken since 2000, (2) professional experience, including all full time roles since graduating high school or college, (3) any certifications, such as the CPA, obtained that may support a particular field of expertise or area of city responsibility and (4) any additional qualifications one would like to volunteer.



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- C** **Cumulative Impact EIR needed for Casden Project in West LA (10 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC marc.saltzberg@VeniceNC.org

MOTION : Whereas the proposed Casden project is only one of several projects in the West Los Angeles region along the Expo line, and whereas the West Los Angeles Community plan has not been completed and adopted,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the DEIR, ENV-2008-3989-EIR, be redrafted to reflect these additional projects and their cumulative impacts upon regional infrastructure: water, traffic, sewerage, power, schools, parks, and public safety departments [police and fire]

We also request a 60 day extension to review and comment on the DEIR

- D** **Affirmation that There Is No Legal Camping in Venice (15 minutes)** Mark Ryavec on behalf of the Venice Stakeholders Association, Venicestakeholderssssociation@ca.rr.com

MOTION : The Venice community declares there is no legal camping in Venice and calls upon the Los Angeles Police Department to continuously enforce all laws against camping on any and all public property, such as parks, parking lots, sidewalks and parkways, while offering referrals to services and housing to those in need.

- 9.** **Treasurers Report (10:25 - 10 minutes)**; Hugh Harrison (Treasurer@Venicenc.org)
[EXHIBIT B]
[Discussion and possible action to approve financial statements and expenditures]

- A** **MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period March 22, 2012, through April 21, 2012, and the itemized purchase card invoice.

- B** **Approval of Reallocated Budget**

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the following amendments to the 2011-2012 VNC budget:

Budget Committee vote: 4-0-0

- 10.** **VNC Announcements (10:35 --10 Minutes)**

- **President:** Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)
A VNC Board Retreat/Board Web Training :at The Canal Club or other Venice venue on Saturday, June 15 from 1-5pm.



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B Report from Election Committee and update on LA City Council Decisions on 2012 Neighborhood Council Elections.

C Congratulations to Gary Walker, reporter for The Argonaut Newspaper for being nominated for two journalism awards for investigative reporting on education.

- **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg (Vicepresident@Venicenc.org)
- **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 (Daffodil.Tyminski@Venicenc.org) , Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe, (hippisleyc@earthlink.net)
- **Westside Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, President, Marc Saltzberg , VNC Representatives. Chair@westsidecouncils.org, VicePresident@Venicenc.org,

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[20 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

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

12. Adjourn (approx. 11:00)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Linda Lucks	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi & Amanda Seward
Neighborhood	Marc Saltzberg	Visitor Impact	Amanda Seward, Matthew Kline
Outreach	open	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
Arts	Cynthia Rogers	2012 VNC Elections	Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel