



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 28, 2016

Meeting Time: 7:30AM to 9:00AM

Meeting Location: The Terrace Café, 7 Washington Blvd. Marina del Rey CA 90292

Contact: Marc.Saltzberg@VeniceNC.org see: VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee for more information

- 7:30AM – Welcome and Introductions – see VeniceNC.org/neighborhood-committee to see neighborhoods
- 7:31 – Call to Order & Roll Call: Note: [Daniel Pinedo Has resigned from the Committee](#)

Adam Glick		John Weston	Present
Bill Boyd		Lydia Pelosi (on leave)	
Carmen Navarro		Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Carolyn Rios		Mariana Aguilar	Present
DeDe Audette	Present	Mark Kanights	
Jay Cole	Present	Mike Newhouse (ex officio)	
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Present
Joan Wrede	Present	Sarah Shoup	Present
John Montgomery	Present		
Guests: Mo Blorfroshan		Darryl Dufay	
Josie Sciabetta		Lisa Little	
Lucy Lamb		Yolanda Gonzales	

- 7:33 – Approve Agenda **Motion:** NH/MA 9-0-1 (note: Chair abstains in all votes except when tied)
- 7:35 – ANNOUNCEMENTS – Information about specific events important to Venice
 - VNC Board Elections
 - Mass and Scale comment meetings tonight, 4/28 at 4 Sq Church and 5/2 at Vera Davis
- 7:40 – PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agendized items related to Neighborhood Committee only.
[Election Publicity needs to include more prominent links to candidates, location and ID rules](#)
[We need to support Property Owner Associations](#)
- 7:45 – Approve minutes from previous meetings – March 31, 2016 - POSTPONED
- 7:47 – Report on Last VNC Board Meeting – [Great discussion on Venice Cityhood](#)
- 7:50 – Old Business:
 - Discussion and Possible Action re: Neighborhood Committee accomplishments 5 min Marc
[DRAFT Document revised; Action POSTPONED](#)
 - Status of Big Blue Bus route changes in Venice BBB has met with stakeholders and local groups on proposed alternate routes and is actively considering a route that uses Abbot Kinney instead of Ocean. A decision and recommendation to SN City Council could come soon. Sarah asked Mo (and DOT) to check the current stops at Ocean and Venice to ensure safe operations. 5 min Sarah
- 8:00 – New Business:
 - Mo Blorfroshan, Sr. Engineer from DOT 25 min Marc
 - Making some Venice streets one-way
 - Implementation of [Vision Zero](#) and the [2035 Mobility Plan](#) in Venice
[Vision Zero will be presented to VNC when ready to roll out – goal is 0 crash fatalities by 2025 – The priority city-wide is the “High Injury Network.” This is where most of the accident between cars and pedestrians occur. In Venice, that’s Washington Blvd between Speedway and Lincoln / Venice Blvd, between Abbot Kinney and Walgrove / Abbot Kinney Blvd, between Main and Venice / Pacific Ave, between Rose and North Venice / Lincoln Blvd between Navy and Harbor Crossing / Dell Ave, between Washington and 28th Ave. Any requests from the public for a streeton the High Injury Network will get priority.](#)
 - Possible relinquishment of Lincoln Blvd by the State to the City as happened in Santa Monica (see: City of Santa Monica takes control of of Lincoln Blvd)
[The city is actively pursuing relinquishment of Venice Blvd in Mar Vista by the state to the](#)

city. This will allow the city to pursue plans like adding protected bikelanes to this stretch of Venice, with wider sidewalks and reduction to one lane in each direction (as part of the Great Streets program). Lincoln Blvd was considered for inclusion in great streets but wasn't included. Part of the problem is that Santa Monica has already taken possession of its section of Lincoln and plans to remove parking on both sides of the street and adding bus lanes along the curb. The plan for LA's section of Lincoln would be to add bus lanes in the middle of the street (with stations in the center as well). A discussion about alignment will have to take place before we can proceed.

iv) Committee Discussion with Mo:

- Joan – Increased traffic from Marina – many Silver Triangle streets affected. Need HELP!
- Josie - Dell functioning as shortcut and has wrong-way drivers speeders, bikes, etc. Mo says signs are posted; it's an enforcement issue. Mo, Josie to have separate meeting
- Marianna - Traffic on Lincoln continues to deteriorate
- John W – Status of traffic study at Washington and Pacific. – Mo says Scramble crosswalk approved, needs funding
- Northbound Speedway at Hurricane - stop sign missing
- Heavy traffic on California – need a stop-sign at Linden and Palms
- Abbot Kinney and Venice – no right turn on red (both directions)
- Shorter delay need at 26th and Pacific from time walk request to traffic stopping

v) Go to ladot.lacity.org/ then click MyLADOT to add a request

vi) Neighborhood Traffic Management Section was cut due to lack of funds – we need to request its resurrection

vii) Mo says DOT needs more staff – currently a 900 request backlog. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Section was cut due to lack of funds – we need to request its resurrection

- b) Discussion and possible action regarding City's short-term rental motion (see: <http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/STROrdinancePublicDraft.pdf>) in light of VNC's prior recommendation Discussion about sending a letter from VNC President Newhouse to City Planning with VNC's comments on the City's proposed STR ordinance. MOTION: http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/160428_Motion_Comments-on-City-Proposed-STR-Ordinance.pdf Motion: JohnW/JC PASSED 9-0-1 20 min Marc
- c) Discussion and possible action regarding making sidewalks required for new developments Two motions were discussed. These motions are an outgrowth of a situation that has arisen with a development on Mildred – the property line of the new homes is the curb and the developer has chosen not to install a sidewalk – instead placing walls around front-yards that stretch all the way to the property line. The walls have a gate opening to the street and are bordered by driveways that provide access to the garages. These openings, according to Mo, are too close to each other to allow for standard parking spaces; DOT will paint the curb red along in front of the new homes, at the request of the residents. 4 to 8 parking spaces will potentially be lost. 10 min Marc
- i) MOTION: Development in Venice must include or provide for Sidewalks. See: http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/160428_MotionOnSidewalks-Required-in-Venice.pdf Motion: JoanW/SS PASSED 9-0-1
- ii) MOTION: New Construction on Mildred Must Provide for Sidewalks See: http://www.venicenc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/160428_Motion_SidewalksOnMildred.pdf Motion: JoanW/JC Pass 9-0-1
- d) Councilmember Bonin's new plan concerning homelessness in Venice; 3 of 4 elements of his plan are covered in LA Times article at <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-0421-venice-homeless-plans-20160421-story.html> POSTPONED 5 min Marc
- e) Neighborhood Committee Reports POSTPONED
- f) Next Regular Meeting – May 26, 2016 at 7:30PM

10. 9:00 – Adjourn