



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Agenda for VNC OFFICIAL Joint Board / Outreach Committee

Meeting Date: Friday, July 13, 2018

Meeting Time: 1:00pm - 2:15pm

Meeting Location: Venice Ale House, 2 Rose Ave., Venice, 90291

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- 1:00 - Call to Order – Roll Call and Approval of this agenda as presented or amended  
**Called to order at 1:15pm**

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|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Evan White      | Nic Antonicello        | <b>Kat Karimi</b> |  |
| Hollie Stenson  | Steve Livigni          |                   |  |
| Justin Brezhnev | <b>Joslyn Williams</b> |                   |  |

- 1:05p - ANNOUNCEMENTS – Any non-agendized items
- 1:10p - PUBLIC COMMENT – 5 minutes on non-agendized items related to Outreach only
- 1:15p - BUSINESS:
  - Welcome new member: Joslyn Williams
    - Voted her in as well as Kat Karimi**
  - August party to celebrate new VNC branding and local artists (now September).

**MOTION: The Outreach Committee recommends to the board to allocate \$1500 for a celebration in honor of our new branding and logo, to be held in late September.**

- Town Hall planning: Homelessness - late Sept./Oct.
  - Homeless Town Hall will now be in early to mid Nov. The following are some ideas:**
    - Have a separate moderator for each section.**
    - Sections: where we've been, where we are and where we're going.**
    - Dispelling myths**
    - We (the VNC) are NOT taking a position on things**
    - partnerships with local organizations**
    - Need moderator and panelists**



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7. Possible locations: Google theatre, Electric Lodge, Zephr, Auditorium at Venice High School, Animo high school auditorium
- ii. Hollie to reach out to Bud Jacobs at Venice High for their auditorium
- iii. Hollie to reach out to Lutheran Church for volunteer help
- iv. ~~Oct. 23rd, 24th or 29th are ideal dates—dependent on avail of location~~
- v. Educate public - leading with facts.
- vi. Will - reach out to Joe @ Argonaut
- vii. this isn't a opportunity to vent, it's an opportunity to find solutions
- viii. Transitions / Solutions / change
- ix. Kat - reach out to ??
- x. Pillars of Progress / Transitions to Solutions
- xi. Joslyn to drill down on the questions for web form
- xii. Kat - incorporate info about the people coming into the event to share a bit of info about themselves in the survey
- xiii. FB poll - optional questions

~~MOTION: The Outreach Committee recommends to the board to allocate \$2500 late November to Homeless Town Hall. EW 2nd. Passed 6-0~~

(This motion will be adjusted and voted on at next Outreach meeting).

## d. Town Hall planning: Cannabis - early Nov.

- i. Flipped Homeless & Cannabis town halls - Cannabis will be first now, in October.
- ii. Goal is to lead with education and information.
  1. Target audience: small business owners, support women and POC in our community to access the info to start business. Transitioning community members who are selling illegally to selling legally. Communities are not aware of what's happening legally. Answer questions like, "does this mean a shop will be next to my school, park, etc?" Opportunity to educate ahead of the issue rather - de-stigmatize cannabis, let people know what the info is ahead of time. Job training and development angle - incubators, etc. get an incubator set up in our district. Think and Grow is the incubator. Venice Chamber of Commerce.



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2. Kat can help here - she ran a women-run incubator
3. Branded rolling papers to give away as gifts?
4. Booths like Green Venice Festival
- iii. Create a survey prior to the town hall: 10 thematic questions, then send out in 3 episodes.
  1. based on these results, this is what we heard from you, to get more granular.
  2. paper copies at meeting and aggregate them all
- iv. Justin to create a survey to get things started.
- v. Leverage the Venice Skills Center
- vi. Joslyn to run questions past her client
- vii. Talk to Sheila Kuehl to about a donation to Cannabis town hall.
- viii. Perhaps partner with Chamber on this one.

**MOTION: The Outreach Committee recommends to the board to allocate \$1000 late October for Cannabis Town Hall. EW 2nd. Passed 6-0**

- e. VNC Survey - start question gathering process

~~**MOTION: The Outreach Committee recommends to the board to allocate \$4500 for survey that was not spent in last fiscal budget for the survey. EW 2nd. Passed 6-0**~~

~~(This motion might come back later in 2019 depending on budget).~~

5. 2:15p – End. Meeting adjourned at 3:18pm.

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