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Venice Neighborhood Council to Award Funds for Community Improvement Projects

The VNC Board will award \$13,300 to applicants for Community Improvement Project funds at its meeting on January 17, 2012. Seventeen applicants are vying to receive a maximum of \$3,000 each for their proposals. The meeting will be held in the Westminster Elementary School Auditorium, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd. in Venice starting at 7PM.

All seventeen applicants for Community Improvement Project (CIP) funds have been invited to the Board Meeting to make presentations explaining their projects. After hearing the presentations, the Board will consider the Neighborhood Committee's recommendations for the disposition of the available funds. The committee reviewed each CIP proposal on seven criteria to recommend projects that would deliver the most benefit to the community while having the highest chances for success (projects must be completed before April 15, 2012). The VNC Board, which has used the same process over the last four years to allocate CIP funds, will make the final determination.

In other business, the Board will hear a presentation and make recommendations on a major revision to the City's existing rules regulating signs. The revisions would cover city-wide signage reductions, regulations for digital signs and language allowing signs to be placed in City Parks and public facilities.

The Board will vote on several recommendations from the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC). LUPC recommends revocation of the alcohol license at La Fortuna Market (824 Lincoln Blvd), and approval of projects from "Boost Kitchen" at 1235-1239 Abbot Kinney Blvd, "Cafe Gratitude" at 512 Rose Ave. and an unnamed restaurant to be located at 609 1/2 Rose.

Also on the agenda is a motion to support better lighting on Ocean Front Walk from North Venice Blvd up to Clubhouse and upgrading the four lights on Windward near Ocean Front Walk.

In administrative matters, the VNC Board will accept nominations from the floor for three VNC Board positions; Board Secretary, Outreach Officer and Community Officer. The nominating period for all three positions will be closed before the end of the meeting and new Board members selected in February.

Snacks and coffee will be provided at the meeting.

A detailed agenda will be posted on the internet at www.VeniceNC.org and at posting places in the community.

There is no charge for this event. It is open to the public. Comments are encouraged.

What: Venice Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

Where: 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice CA 90291 (enter from Westminster)

When: Tuesday, January 17, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM