

**Board of Officers Meeting Agenda**  
Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)  
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291  
Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**
  - a. Swearing in of Marc Saltzberg as Vice President?
  - b. Announcement that nominations are open for Secretary and Community Officer
2. **Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**  
<http://venicenc.org/files/111220VNCBoardMeetingMinutes.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. **Public Safety - LAPD Report (7:25PM – 5 minutes)**: Lt. Paola Kreeft, Venice Beach Detail; Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing/Theresa Skinner/Gregg Jacobus, (310-622-3968; [25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org), [35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org), [31142@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:31142@lapd.lacity.org))
5. **Scheduled Announcements (7:30PM – 5 minutes)**  
*[No discussion, questions 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](mailto:Joel.Roberts@epath.org), Tomasz Babiszkiwicz ([tomaszb@epath.org](mailto:tomaszb@epath.org))
6. **Governmental Reports (7:35PM - 10 minutes)**
  - **U.S. Congressional Representative**, Deputy Natalie Rogers, ([Natalie.Rogers@mail.house.gov](mailto:Natalie.Rogers@mail.house.gov)) 310-831-1799
  - **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Jennifer Zivkovic ([jennifer.zivkovic.senate@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.zivkovic.senate@gmail.com)) 310-615-3516
  - **State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler**, Representative, Stephanie Romero, [Stephanie.Romero@asm.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Romero@asm.gov) 310-615-3515
  - **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**; Joseph Hari, West Area Representative ([Joseph.Hari@lacity.org](mailto:Joseph.Hari@lacity.org)) 310-479-3823
  - **City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl**: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); ([Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org](mailto:Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)); Arturo Pina, District Director ([Arturo.Pina@lacity.org](mailto:Arturo.Pina@lacity.org))

7. **Consent Calendar (7:45PM – 5 minutes)**

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

- A. **Approval of a letter requesting Councilman Rosendahl to amend language in the proposed Signs in Parks Ordinance allowing communities to “Opt-Out” of having advertising in their parks.** Linda Lucks

(President@Venicenc.org)

**[EXHIBIT A]**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Councilman Rosendahl add language to the proposed ordinance permitting individual communities to "opt out" or "opt in" to allowing commercial advertising in parks and public facilities in order to raise revenue for park and facility maintenance and programs. Said opinion should include, but not be<sup>[a]</sup> limited to, issues such as legal ramifications for the proposed citywide sign ordinance, the 2002 ban on new off-site advertising signs, and the methods by which a city ordinance enabling an "opt-out" provision could be implemented.

- B. **Emergency Safety and Shelter Task Force Letter** Linda Lucks on behalf of the Emergency Safety and Shelter Task Force ([PresidentVNC@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentVNC@gmail.com))<sup>[b]</sup>

**[EXHIBIT B]**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a letter of support to Councilman Rosendahl, County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LAPD Chief Charlie Beck, :A City Attorney Carmen Trutanich, LAPD Captain Jon Peters, Los Angeles Housing Services Authority, for focusing on the specific needs of the Ocean Front Walk Area of Venice in an effort to resolve ongoing issues.

8. **Old Business (7:50PM – 0 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

NONE

**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**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

- A. **Approval of Rankings for 2012 Community Improvement Projects (8:00PM - 60 minutes)** Ivan Spiegel on behalf of the Neighborhood committee([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org)) **[EXHIBIT C ]**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the rankings of the 2012 Community Improvement Projects as submitted by the Neighborhood Committee and agrees to fund the recommended projects.

- B. **Nominations closed to fill the board positions of Secretary and Community Officer (9:00PM-5 Minutes)** **[EXHIBIT D]**

Candidates previously nominated:  
Secretary: Kristopher Valentine  
Community Officer: Joe Murphy

BEFORE NOMINATIONS CLOSE, ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES MAY BE NOMINATED OR SELF-NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR

- C. **Lighting on Ocean Front Walk (9:05PM-15 minutes)** Daniel Samikow ,  
Dansinvenice@aol.com) 310-823-0356 **[EXHIBIT E]**  
**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Supports improving and increasing  
Ocean Front Walk lighting and safety by sending a letter to Councilman Bill  
Rosendahl, Captain Jon Peters, LAPD, and the LA Department Of Street  
Lighting.

- D. **LUPC (9:20PM-60 minutes)**  
**1) "La Fortuna Market" 824 Lincoln Blvd:**  
**DIR 2009-4040(RV(PA1), ENV 2011-2923-CE**  
Description: REVIEW OF CUB CONDITIONS FOR OFF-SITE SALE OF BEER  
AT MARKET  
LUPC Staff, Challis MacPherson Applicant/Representative: Alan Pinel  
**MOTION:** There exists substantial evidence of disregard of the Conditions of  
Approval set forth DIR-2009-4040-RV and therefore, the Venice Neighborhood  
Council strongly encourages and supports the revocation of the alcohol license of  
the subject business, La Fortuna Market.

- 2) Boost Kitchen 1235 - 1239 Abbot Kinney Blvd** Jake Kaufman on behalf of the  
Land Use and Planning Committee ([chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)) **[EXHIBIT F]**

**MOTION:** Recommend approval of the project as presented, ZA-2011-1793-  
CDP-CUB & DIR-2011-1794-SPP & ENV-2011-1795-EAF, within existing  
commercial space from retail and restaurant space to full restaurant with  
proposed on-site sale of full line of alcoholic beverages (Type 47), having 38  
indoor and 32 outdoor patio seats for a total of 70 seats located in C2-1-O-CA  
Zone, noting:

1. 9 on-site (off-street) parking spaces included 1 ADA. Business is not provided relief from VCZSP parking requirement (complies with by-right parking). It is also clear to LUPC and VNC that the records are not completely clear and the applicant may have more grandfathered parking than presumed by the city, but that the applicant will use all available parking space on-site without tearing down or building additional buildings, and no less than 9 spaces. Also noting attendant on-site during restaurant hours.
2. 3 bicycle racks on-site.
3. Hours of Operation 7am-11p, 7-days per week.
4. Meeting all VNC standard CUB and BMP Conditions.
5. Ambient music inaudible outside property boundary.

LUPC MOTION MADE BY JORY TREMBLAY, SECONDED BY JIM MUREZ;  
PASSED 5-0-0

- 3) Cafe Gratitude, 512 Rose Ave CUB** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC  
([jake.kaufman@venicenc.org](mailto:jake.kaufman@venicenc.org)) **[Exhibit G ]**

**Motion:** To approve the project as presented, noting:

- 2050 SQ FT OF SERVICE FLOOR (2215 SQ FT NON SERVICE FLOOR)  
WITH AN OCCUPANCY LOAD OF 148 TOTAL
- 45 ON-SITE PARKING SPACES, VALIDATED FOR MINIMUM OF 90-  
MINUTES BY PURCHASE DURING BUSINESS HOURS
- TYPE 41 (ON-SITE OF BEER AND WINE ONLY)

- ACOUSTIC MUSIC AND AMBIENT AMPLIFIED MUSIC; NOT AUDIBLE BEYOND PROPERTY LINES
- LOADING BETWEEN 830AM-4PM
- BUSINESS HOURS OF 6AM-11PM; 7-DAYS PER WEEK.
- NO LEFT TURN SIGN OUT OF PARKING LOT (ONTO 5TH) TO AVOID TRAFFIC INTO RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD.
- INCENTIVES FOR EMPLOYEES WHO WALK, BIKE AND TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO WORK.
- COMPLIES WITH CURRENT BMP REQUIREMENTS
- NO RELIEF FROM ORIGINAL PARKING ENTITLEMENTS, CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL OF 512 E ROSE AND VCZSP.

**4) 609-1/2 Rose Ave;**

ZA-2010-3387-CUB; ENV-2010-3388-CE; ZA-2010-3038-CEX

Description: ON SITE SERVICE OF FULL LINE ALCOHOL FOR AN EXISTING RESTAURANT SEATING 49

LUPC Staff, Jim Murez Applicant, ANNETTE VAIT (310) 704-7990

**MOTION:** Approve the project as presented, noting:

1. 449 sq ft of indoor and 50 sq ft of outdoor service floor area with 49 seats
2. No variance or exception for parking requirements
3. Meets all Venice CUB and BMP conditions, except for #21 of CUB (because the billboard/sign is under a separate permit that the applicant cannot control)
4. No live music
5. All music, indoor and outdoor, cannot be heard beyond the property line after 11pm, 7-days a week
6. Bike rack on the property
7. HOURS: Open until 11pm Sunday-Thursday and until 1am on Friday and Saturday Nights. Would be open to 12am Sunday-Thursday close if no complaints or violations during first year of operation.
8. Plan Approval in 1-year from date of opening

**E. Joining the Children Now-Children's Movement of Calif (10:20-10 minutes)** Kate Anderson [kanderson@childrennow.org](mailto:kanderson@childrennow.org) 310-428-6571 <sup>61</sup> **[Exhibit H]**

**MOTION:** Whereas, our society's future depends on enhancing the lives of today's children; and

Whereas, an unprecedented level of untapped people power exists for kids through countless organizations serving them and unparalleled goodwill towards them; and

Whereas, the voices of those concerned about children's well-being have been disconnected, making it unnecessarily difficult for children's policy issues to get the attention the public desires vis-à-vis the many other better organized and more powerful interest groups vying for policymakers' attention.

Whereas, the Children's Movement of California, spearheaded by Children Now, is connecting all those who want to change this unfortunate dynamic by leveraging their collective force to generate the major policy changes kids need; and

Whereas, cities and commissions and school boards up and down the state as well as

non-profits, community organizations, businesses, and faith-based communities are joining the Children's Movement; and

Whereas, joining the Children's Movement signifies support for prioritizing children's health and education in public policymaking and does not indicate support for any specific policy or priority; and

Whereas, joining the Children's Movement allows the Venice Neighborhood Council to connect to the hundreds of organizations that have signed on already; Therefore, be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council hereby joins the Children's Movement of California.

**F. Request for board action on LADWP MOU renewal** (DeDe Audet, VNC MOU representative) THIS IS A PLACEHOLDER - MOTION WILL BE AT ADCOM)

**10. VNC Announcements (10:30PM-10 Minutes)**

- **President:** Linda Lucks ([president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))
- **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg ([Vicepresident@Venicenc.org](mailto:Vicepresident@Venicenc.org))
  - VNC Committee and Task Force Updates: 1 minute each
  - **Department of Transportation- Lincoln Blvd. Trolley Survey**  
<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e5cvxr3qgvcpey8y/a0130gvtrftjt/greeting>
- **LA Alliance of NC's Representative:** Ivan Spiegel, ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))
- **Plancheck NC:** VNC Rep Challis Macpherson ([Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net](mailto:Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net))
- **LA Dept of Water & Power/Memoranda of Understanding:** VNC Rep DeDe Audet ([daudet@ca.rr.com](mailto:daudet@ca.rr.com))
- **LAPD Community Police Advisory Board:** Daffodil Tyminski, Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe, ([hippisley@earthlink.net](mailto:hippisley@earthlink.net))
- **Westside Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, President, VNC Rep.

**11. Treasurers Report (10:40-PM - 5 minutes); Hugh Harrison [EXHIBIT I ]**

*[Discussion and possible action to approve financial statements and expenditures]*

1. Attached are the report on expenditures for the period November 22 through December 21, 2011, and the itemized purchase card invoice.

2. The city has commenced its annual Budget Survey. All Board members and stakeholders are encouraged to participate and the VNC will submit its own response to be determined at the next Board meeting.

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

**12. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (11:00PM-5 min, no more than 1 minute per person]**

**13. Adjourn (approx. 11:05PM)**

**List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome**

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