

# Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting

## Minutes 2-13-06 (draft)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm

Excom members in attendance: DeDe Audet, LJ Carusone, CJ Cole, Yolanda Gonzalez, Richard Myers, Phil Raider  
Exec Board members absent: Naomi Nightingale  
Parliamentarian in attendance: Ivan Spiegel.

2. **Standing Committee Agenda items**

**A. LUPC**, CM, need to ratify 3 motions, 201 Bernard, moratorium, and RAD. Board will have to take public comment on these items. No items for consent calendar.

**Joe Murphy**, thought these items would go on consent calendar.

PR, items should only be placed on the consent calendar that will most likely be passed and are not contentious.

RM, at last meeting it was suggested that anything pulled from the consent calendar be moved to the next meeting so that there would be enough notice on these items.

Discussion on consent calendar....

DA, additional planning issue is that the Planning Commission needs GRVNC participation in their MOU Process.

Move that GRVNC form a task force to deal with the Planning MOU, and that DeDe Audet & Challis Macpherson act as liaison for GRVNC.

Moved by PR, 2<sup>nd</sup> by YG

Motion carries 5-0-0

**B. Rules & Elections Committee**, RM, 2 items to report, certifying the last election results, report only. Grievance filed by Rick Selan requires board action. Would take 10-15 minutes.

**C. Government Relations Committee**, LJC, report on Neighborhood Congress and need to name an alternate to the congress. Will submit name to Excom after next committee meeting.

**D. Conservation Committee**, DA, had 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and will work on individual conservation efforts, report only.

**E. Education Committee**, DA, Rick Selan attended & participated. Committee adopted the following on mission statement, "To initiate, support, promote and develop educational programs and services that meet the education and training needs of children, youth and adults in the Venice community." Report only

**F. Bylaws Committee**, LJC want to report on the 2/28/06 bylaws forum. Dante Cacace working on venue.

RM, meeting on 28th will be an additional meeting.

LJC, committee needs direction from Board on how to proceed.

**G. Communications Committee**, RM, re; Town Hall event on the 25<sup>th</sup>, wants to do additional outreach for this event. Needs approximately \$2000.00 for promotion,

PR, ask for more \$ than you need, we really need to push the outreach.

CJ, this type of thing need to go to budget committee as well. CBS will be about 10,000 pieces.

Discussion of outreach expense...

RM, we'll request a budget of \$3,000.00 for the outreach.

**H. Treasurers Report**, CJC report only

**I. Budget Committee**, CJC will put budget request for town hall money in this report, need 10-15 minutes.

**J. Executive Committee**, DA stakeholders request that the LUPC pass on their findings like the CA Coastal Commission does. DA likes the legal template found in Word and suggests that it be used for the reports.

CLC, if board members are to be expected to vote on these items we need a staff report so we know about the projects.

PR, this needs to be addressed by LUPC. LUPC will need to hire staff to generate the reports. The legal template makes it look too much like a legal decision and I don't like it at all.

DA Coastal Commission reports contain basic project information, staff reports, staff recommendations, arguments in favor and against, an analysis and how the act applies.

CJC doesn't want a 25 page report but a short report on the project with some drawings.

LJC, would also like some type of summary with recommendations.

CM, not that big a problem, we already request drawings. LUPC will add to policy and procedures discussion.

RM, wants some details for the next board meeting.

### **3. Projects**

**A. Street Resurfacing**, YG completed ride around there's a lot of legal stuff involved. Ofc. Skinner and YG spent 1-1/2 hours riding around in the alleys, Skinner will be the Oakwood SLO, ideas are in the mix, easements problems, will contact LAFD and City Attorney to look at alleys. 5-10 minutes. DA notes that both she and YG have been receiving good reports about the GRVNC.

**B. Prop O**, DA referred Prop O to the Conservation Committee.

**C. City-County Comprehensive Planning**, DA reports that Bill Rosendahl want to have some City/County but first wants to bring more people into the process.

DA reports that The Bureau of engineering will be out to talk to us about the requested hydrologic survey. Bill Rosendahl is chair of the Dept. of Public Works Committee. CD 11 requested that GRVNC people join committees for the 11<sup>th</sup> District Congress that's forming. Committee are education, public safety, lupc, environment, tenants rights and homeless, CM went to lupc and public safety, DA went to homeless, Jim Smith went to transportation, Pam Anderson went to tenants rights.

### **4. All other requests**

#### **A. Request from Attendees**

**Ivan Spiegel** wants the Excom to codify some standing rules/procedures.

i. Consent calendar, anything that's pulled from the calendar should go to the next meeting or to new business.

ii. Approve agenda after approval of minutes for content and order.

iii. Committee reports should be written and circulated ahead of time. Only action items on agenda.

iv. All committees should report even if there is nothing to report.

v. Once public comment starts on an item no more speaker cards should be accepted.

PR, we need to explain about the in lieu of option on the speaker cards. Your card will not be read only tallied and announced before any vote.

CJC, people thought that their comments would be read...

Discussion on cards, speakers and tallies and public comment...

Move that the speaker cards have an in lieu of speaking option, further that the cards it clear that if you choose the in lieu of option that your opposition or support will be tallied, comments will not be read out loud, but will be tallied and become part of the permanent record, further more that the tallies of the cards will be announced to the board prior to any action by the board.

Discussion on cards and speakers, tallies.....

Moved by PR, 2<sup>nd</sup> by YG.

CJC offers an amendment to divide the time between cards and speakers.

PR rejects the amendment.

Motion carries 4-1-0

Discussion on cards and speakers.....

Chair appoints PR & CJ to work on the design of the card.

vi. Alternate methods of public comment, show of hands, evenly limit speakers, written comments.

Move that we discontinue the use of the consent calendar.

Moved by CJC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PR

DA relinquishes chair to YG.

DA thinks that we often have items that should appear on a consent calendar and that the consent calendar is a very useful device.

PR we've been advised by our DONE advisor that the consent calendar is an iffy proposition at best, and that by the time we pull items we may just as well consider the item.

LJC if we had a procedure that a pulled item went to the next month we could save that time.

RM, seems that the reason it didn't work at the last meeting we didn't use it properly. The idea should be that if an agenda item is controversial,

and anybody wanted to pull it, it's pulled and put on the agenda for the next meeting, no discussion. I'd like to try and run it that way and if it doesn't work then we should get rid of it.

PR, It seems like we spend our lives facing other peoples deadlines and that if we adopt that as an absolute procedure we will loose our voice on a lot of items that have time constraints.

LJC thinks that anything on the consent calendar will not have deadlines associated with it.

IS, if you think that something is going to generate controversy don't put it on the consent calendar. The calendar is a way to dispose of items that all will generally agree upon.

DA thinks that she could have handled the consent calendar better. They had to deal with these types of items when she was on LUPC. The Excom will have to do a better job constructing the consent calendar.

Motion fails 0-4-1

Move that any item pulled from the consent calendar is moved to the next regular Board meeting.

Moved by PR, 2<sup>nd</sup> by YG

Motion carries 5-0-0

**Joe Murphy**, there are two items, one is the LUPC recommendation and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is a motion that is basically a recommendation on how to implement, hopefully, the LUPC recommendation.

PR, are you here representing Mr. Shaw?

**Jue Murphy**, No. There are a number of people concerned about the Shaw issue.

PR, Can we hear from R. Shaw?

**James Shaw**, what I'm hopping to accomplish with this form is to get the board to take some action and let the development guidelines be the guidelines for development in the community. And if this blurs the matter and clutters the topic it would be fine with me to move it to a later meeting. I thought I would just be giving the Board more information.

PR, you're asking for the Board to implement the LUPC decision under our bylaws the Board doesn't implement anything we only affirm or rejects a particular finding of the LUPC. They merely send an advisory letter that states that The GRVNC on such and such a date affirmed the following

motion passed by the LUPC. It includes the motion and the affirmation of the motion. We certainly can't begin to control the future to the point that we could enjoin anyone from any other tactics or appeals beyond our prevue. We can't stop people from doing that.

RM, when we're dealing with an item we should all deal with the item, this is disrespectful. I'm not comfortable with what is written here by LUPC, based on just a factual finding that without some report it doesn't carry any weight.

**Joe Murphy**, the actual proposed motion is on the second page.

PR, so all he's asking for is speedy action on the letter.

**Joe Murphy**, he's also suggesting how to make the letter effective.

PR, we have the request, how do we move it ahead.

RM, Is this separate from what LUPC is proposing? He's asking that the letter be promptly sent. The LUPC motion is that a letter be sent.

PR, I think that the standard we need to set is that the LUPC letter and other decision letter not be editorials. Your submitted letter is far from what the LUPC recommended. The LUPC voted to support the project as it was presented and that should be the letter, we shouldn't editorialize.

YG I support the project myself, there's a lot of controversy. What I don't understand is how Bill Rosendahl comes and says he's against it.

DA we have 14 letters in support of the project and that these letter be attached to the 210 project.

CJC, what this looks to me to be a request that a policy be established by UPC that if a project meets the VSP it doesn't come in front of them.

IS, he's asking for this letter to be sent.

DA, we'll refer the letter to LUPC.

PR, in regards to the other portion of this that the GRVNC board send a letter ASAP, we can do that, and recognize his request for timely action.

**Joe Murphy**, Mr. Shaw is going back to the CCC, and the CCC not only made a ruling but they based it on certain factors. If the approval bt LUPC is to be effectively dealt with by The CCC a letter like this needs to be sent. We don't know when he's going back.

**James Shaw**, the CCC says I've got to go to a zoning administrator and I don't know how I'm going to get into that process.

The letters received by DA in re 210 Bernard will be tallied and announced to the Board before any voting on the issue.

## **B. Requests from Board Members**

Move that we schedule a mandatory Brown Act workshop/presentation at 6:15 on 2/21/06 prior to the board meeting and that all board members be required to attend.

Moved by CJC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PR

5-0-0

CJC, is concerned about e-mail and serial meetings, e-mail is for sending out agendas, meeting times, we're not to be discussing policy or things that will come before the board for discussion. See DONE attachment.

LJC, what about minutes of meetings like I send out?

CJC, that's not a problem however what Sylviane comes back with is not right.

PR, I think I need time to read this. Is this is something we can discuss with Deanna next week.

CJC there are several people whose e-mails can really get us into trouble.

RM, I don't think we need a policy on this because a policy already exists.

LJC, this issue need to be disseminated to the board members and this one page should be sent out to the board members.

DA, asks CJC to send the DONE page out to all board members and board chairs.

CM, when we send out minutes to be corrected, is that OK.

PR, the way minutes are usually handled is that corrections are requested before the minutes are approved, and that I'll start to do that.

RM, once minutes are posted they can be read by anyone.

Move that the email question be tabled until Brown Act workshop.

Moved by RM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PR

Motion carries 5-0-0

DA, there is an incomplete form from Suzanne Thompson that can't

processed because it's incomplete.

DA, CJ sent a letter about how letter are going to be handled. I could write a cover letter but it doesn't make much sense. If the LUPC produces findings I can just write a cover letter saying that the Board approves the findings of the LUPC. Never use the 1<sup>st</sup> person plural in any GRVNC letter.

### **C. Email requests**

A. DA, at the Planning MOU meeting we had to answer a questionnaire from USC. Here's another request that we'll hand out at the Board meeting. An email request from MTR that missing.

Discussion on how to deal with agenda requests....all should go to Secretary.

DA, promised dual Force Sewer project folks 30 minutes.

RM, MTR request #1 is for a letter supporting mediation for Lincoln Place and Amico, #2 is for the 90 freeway investigation. Let's put these on the list and build our agenda from the list.

PR, the job of the Excom is to delegate work to the committees. Refer the Sewer issue to the LUPC. Give them 10 minutes at the board and refer.

DA appoints YG to be the GRVNC liaison to the DWP to deal with rates, blackouts, and service to the community.

## **5. Announcements**

DA, The City Attorney's roundtable is on Thursday 2/16/06, CJC will attend.

## **6. Agenda Items for 2/21/06 Meeting**

LUPC, 3 motions, written report, 90 minutes  
Rules & elections, written report and Selan Grievance, 15 minutes  
Government Relations, written report  
Bylaws, additional meeting announcement, written report, 5 minutes  
Conservation, written report  
Education, written report  
Communications, written reports  
Budget, funding request, 15 minutes  
Street Surfacing, written report  
Announcements  
Excom, written report on Bill Rosendahl meeting  
Speaker cards, PR announcement after roll  
Consent, LPTA/Amico mediation  
90 Freeway issue referred to LUPC



Public Comment

Discussion of time and order of Agenda.....

Moved that we approve the agenda as built and recorded by CJC.

Moved by PR, 2<sup>nd</sup> by YG

Motion carries 5-0-0

## **7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.