

# Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes 12-8-05

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm

Excom members in attendance: DeDe Audet, LJ Carusone, CJ Cole, Naomi Nightingale and Phil Raider

Exec Board members absent: Yolanda Gonzalez, Richard Myers

Parliamentarian in attendance: Ivan Spiegel.

## 2. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the 11-3-05 meeting were approved without correction.  
By unanimous consent

## 3. **Public Comment**

**Rick Selan**, Venice Education Committee and Pen Mar community has stopped a cell tower across from Mark Twain, Venice HS and 3 elementary schools. Mar Vista NC has been working with Venice Ed for 2 years. Rick Selan, Stan Muhammad & Antoinette Reynolds will make a proposal for an Education Committee at the February Exe Com meeting. Selan wants expediency and transparency in the process so that everybody knows what is going on. He feels that NCs will play an important part and wants GRVNC to be organized before Romer retires.

**Steve Heumann**, reports that the situation on OFW is as bad as ever. Hasn't heard anything from the Council office about what's going on. OFW Committee met and all factions are opposed to the illegal commercial vending that is going on. Merchants are desperate, free speakers, performers, artists are being forced out. He wants GRVNC to support the letter coming from the OFW committee.

**Jim Murez**, spoke about the homeless encampment problem at the parking lot near the canals bridge, in the Venice Blvd median strip.

### B. Mailbox

1. LA City is request in that NCs designate \$100,000.00 of street repairs. GRVNC should have received a list of assessed street repairs from Bruce Jones of The Bureau of Street Services. Prioritized list should be presented to Jones by 12/15/05. GRVNC was not in session when original request was sent. Chair referred the matter to Yolanda Gonzalez for study and recommendation disposition.

2. Viacom-Decaux street furniture matter was assigned to Dianna Pollard for study and recommendation.

#### **4. Committee Reports,**

**Government Relations, LJ Carusone,** wants The Board to take action on the following:

1. Approve Linda Lucks as the Co-Chair of the Government Relations Committee as required by GRVNC By-laws.
2. Ratify the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils Congress and that LJ Carusone be appointed the GRVNC liaison.

By consensus it was decided that these items will be put on the agenda in the consent calendar for the next Board meeting.

**Bylaws Committee, LJ Carusone,** wants The Board to take action on the following:

Submit bylaws changes needed to move the next election to September in order to complete the bylaws review and comply with the time frame requirements for ratification, DONE review etc.

By consensus it was decided that this item will be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

**Ocean Front Walk Committee** wants The Board to take action on the following:

Submit letter to Council Office for approval and signature by GRVNC and Linda Lucks.

By consensus it was decided that approval of the letter will be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

**Disaster Preparedness Committee, David Moring,** is prepared to put on a 1-1/2 to 2 hour presentation, in concert with LAPD & LAFD, dealing with disaster preparedness. Suggests January 17, 06 to coordinate with Town Hall meeting. An April Expo will follow. The Excom discussed the bylaws, logistics and possible agenda for the Town Hall Meeting and how to coordinate with other January events. Tentatively in January there will be a town hall meeting with at which the bylaws question and the Susan Papadacos confirmation will take place, the 1/04/06 LUPC meeting, a 1/17/06 Board meeting. The Events Committee will coordinate an appropriate time line.

#### **5. Old Business,**

A. Establish Committees

1. Education Committee, DeDe Audet has a proposal from Lila Jean Levy who wants to be the chair. Rick Selan stated that DeDe Audet directed Lila Jean Levy to submit a proposal and to be chair person with no input from other stake holders. Selan also stated that he has forwarded other proposals to LJ Carusone and DeDe Audet.

Naomi Nightingale has agreed to chair the committee. She explained that she was trying to set up a time for an organizational meeting. At this meeting, proposed for 12/14/05, they would talk about a mission statement and proposal for the committee. She's working with Communications to get the meeting announced and posted. Discussion followed about timing of the first meeting.

2. Arts committee, Dianna Pollard wants to be on the committee. No one has come forward to chair the committee. DeDe Audet will see if she wants to chair. If not, the committee will remain inactive.

B. Name Committee Chairs

DeDe Audet named Naomi Nightingale as Education Committee chair.

By consensus it was decided that approval of Naomi Nightingale as chair of the Education Committee be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

## **6. November 15, 2005 Agenda Building**

A. Surfrider Proposal, This is a request for Prop O money to fund a study by the LA City Department of Public Works, of the storm water runoff, between Santa Monica Border and Venice Blvd.

By consensus it was decided that the following motion would go onto the consent calendar.

Move that The GRVNC support The Surfrider's efforts to study existing hardscape and infrastructure; identify modifications to existing infrastructure where needed, as well as to create additional infrastructure of Los Angeles City to resolve Venice Beach's trash and pollution problems.

B. Michael King reports that there is no accurate civil survey or drainage plan of the beach area.

By consensus it was decided that the following motion would go onto the consent calendar.

Move that the La City Department of Engineering conduct an accurate survey of the beach area to include all relative issues including storm water runoff, street and alley drainage.

Government Relations, 2 items  
Bylaws Committee, 1 item  
OFW Committee, 1 item  
Education Committee Chair, 1 item  
Surfrider/Prop O,  
Announcements;  
Mayors Budget Survey, also by email to board  
LUPC Motions, 3-4 Items  
Treasurer's Report,

## **7. Announcements**

Board member Attendance, DeDe will contact  
CJ Cole's suggestions for setting meeting protocols, Board goals,  
outreach, agendas, public comment, etc.  
Naomi Nightingale suggestion for Board/Excom retreat.  
LJ Carusone re inclusion of proper wording for agendas.  
Ivan Spiegel sought guidance from board re following strict parliamentary  
procedures, comment times and motions.

Move that non agenda public comment be moved to the end of the  
agenda after new business.

Moved by CJ Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Naomi Nightingale

Motion carried 3-0-1

Wastewater Facilities EIR, public meeting on 1-7-06, on agenda  
LAPD toy Drive, on agenda  
LAPD Pacific area crime report, to future public safety committee  
Laura Chick Audit of LAUSD, to Education Committee  
CBS Distributors, alternative to Walking Man, to Outreach Committee  
Mayor's Crisis Response Team (CRT), to Disaster Preparedness Committee  
DeDe Audet, Agenda selection form for Excom. Held for retreat.

## **8. Adjourn, 9:45 pm prox**