

Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes 3-13-06

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 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. Executive Committee

A letter was presented to the WLAAPC that incorrectly stated that a project was approved by GRVNC which wasn't. An additional letter subsequently appeared in the Argonaut. DA wants an official letter of correction to the WLAAPC.

Discussion about letters from GRVNC.

Move that any letter penned by the GRVNC is signed by the President & only by the President.

Moved By Pr, 2nd by CJC

Motion carries 5-0-0

Move that the letter, with edits, be approved by the Excom and sent.

Moved by RM, 2nd by CJC

Motion carries 5-0-0

Move that if a letter is sent re; the 201 Bernard project (Shaw) that the letter state the motion as stated in the minutes and nothing else.

Moved by CJC, 2nd by RM

Discussion on form & content of letters

Agenda requests from CJ Cole to codify policies that curtail email communication between board members.

Move that Richard Myers, acting as Communications Officer, will verbally restate the Brown Act serial meeting rules as applies to email and remind the board of their obligation under The Brown Act.

Moved By RM, 2nd by PR

Motion carries 5-0-0

Discussion of a reimbursement request for the recent town hall meeting expenses and the rules regulating sign in sheets at Brown Act meetings. All sign in sheets must state that furnishing any information is voluntary. Done is requesting a list of attendees in order to process the request. DA will discuss with Deanna Stevenson

Design of appropriate sign in sheet referred to Communications & Outreach Committee.

B. Rules & Election Committee

No report

C. Budget, Finance & Fundraising

CJC would like to include a motion requesting an allocation of \$199.00 for an annual subscription to The Planning Report from The LUPC. Needs 15 minutes on Agenda

CJC would like to include a budget request of \$3,000.00 to purchase and install 5 display cases to be located throughout Venice. They would be used to post our notices. The Chamber would assist in securing locations. This is part of our Brown Act posting compliance. Purchase will be let out to competitive bid. YG may be able to secure from city excess inventory. Needs 15 minutes in agenda.

D. Communication & Outreach

Written report and 5 minutes for e-mail reminder

E. Government Relations

Written report

F. Event Planning

No report

G. Land Use & Planning

Request that the Excom form an Ad-hoc to be committee to deal with the developers taking advantage of the unrecorded conditions and "gaming" the system. Noel Weiss possible chairperson.

Move that the request be returned to the LUPC with a recommendation that a task force be formed to deal with the preservation of conditions and mitigations.

Moved by CJC, 2nd by LJC.

Motion carries 5-0-0

Discussion of what constitutes new and old business

Move that the moratorium be put on the agenda for the coming board meeting.

Moved by PR, 2nd by YG

Motion carries 5-0-0

Move that the Ocean & Washington project/issue be put on the agenda.

Moved by RM, 2nd by CJC,

Motion carries 5-0-0

3. Ad Hoc Committees

Agenda request for the formation of an ad hoc Overnight Parking District (OPD) Committee from Georgann Abraham. See Appendix B

Move that The GRVNC establish the formation of this ad hoc committee, of the Board of Officers to be established as per the proposal.

RM volunteers to act as Board liaison

Moved by RM, 2nd by CJC

Motion carries 5-0-0

DA appoints Georgann Abraham and Stuart Oscars as Co-chairs.

The appointments need to be approved by the Board.

Move that the latest grievances from Rick Selan be referred to the Rules & Election Committee to prepare a report for the Board to act on as per previous practice.

Moved by RM, 2nd by PR

5-0-0

Discussion of Mr. Selans' grievances and allegations. GRVNC must be careful in the distribution of unfounded allegations. Mr. Selans' actions are his own and beyond the control of GRVNC. All grievances will be addressed.

4. Projects

A. Street resurfacing

Yolanda Gonzalez requests time (5 minutes) to report on street issues

B. Prop O

DA request 5 minutes to report on our Prop O proposal. Further action to be referred to the Conservation Committee.

5. All other requests

A. Attendees

Discussion about referring requests to place items on the Board Agenda to the proper channels, i.e., the Secretary.

Sylviane Dungsans' request for a town hall to deal with MTA/RAD was continued with a request for further development by Sylviane Dungan.

Request from the Multi-Lingual Voter Project for announcement time referred to the Government Relations Committee for follow up.

B. Written Requests

1. Request from Sara Mannes, of DWA's to address the Board re a no kill animal shelter policy and other animal issues. The Secretary will contact Ms. Mannes and let her know about the ad hoc committee process and will forward her additional contact info.

2. Linda Lucks requests;

i, That the Board designates one person, and an alternate, to act the official representative of the GRVNC at a public meeting.

Referred to Government Relations

ii, Designate the OFW Committee as a standing committee.

Move that the Excom forward her request to the Bylaws Committee for consideration

Moved by RM, 2nd by YG

Motion Carries 5-0-0

iii. That public comment is earlier in the agenda and again at the end.

Move that there be 15 minutes of non-agendized public comment and announcements after the treasurers' report and further that speakers be limited to a maximum of 2 minutes.

Moved by CJC, 2nd by RM

Motion carries 5-0-0

3. Emily Linnemeir for time to introduce herself and Senator Bowens' office to the GRVNC Board and public. Secretary will contact and arrange. She'll get 2 minutes after the non-agenda public announcements.

6. Moved to approve the agenda as compiled by LJC & CJC and adjourn.

Moved by CJC, 2nd by RM

Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 pm

Appendix A

West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission
200 North Spring Street, Room 532
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: [APCW 2005-5043-SPE-CU-SPP-CDP-MEL](#), heard February 15, 2006

Dear Commission Members,

This is to inform you that Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council (GRVNC) never heard, approved, supported, or rejected the project at 3206 Washington Blvd. in Venice.

Any decision from the Board of Officers of GRVNC, regarding any project, will be found in the minutes of the organization, signed by the Secretary of GRVNC. The minutes of the Board of Officers are available at www.grvnc.org , the official site of GRVNC.

In the future, should any person claim either support or rejection by GRVNC, please ask for a copy of the minutes at which the Board of Officers made such a determination or a letter signed by the Secretary or President of GRVNC.

Thank you for your attention,

DeDe Audet, President

Appendix B

GRVNC Overnight Parking District Ad Hoc Committee

Purpose of GRVNC Ad Hoc Committee:

- 1) Identify eligible neighborhoods and streets within the geographical boundaries of GRVNC that would qualify for an Overnight Parking District (OPD).
- 2) Engage in community outreach and seek community input to assist those neighborhoods and streets that wish to be designated an OPD.
- 3) Present these findings to the full GRVNC Board for the purpose of crafting a resolution that our City Council Member may present to the full City Council in accordance with municipal code 80.54.
- 4) Develop methods for monitoring enforcement of the OPD once it has been implemented.

Statement of Existing Problem:

The constant presence of illegally parked vehicles on city streets throughout Venice, and their accompanying issues, have created a negative impact on the quality of life in our neighborhoods. This negative impact is felt through loss of parking for residents and businesses, loss of access to surrounding sidewalk areas, and loss of feeling safe outside one's home.

Solution to Problem:

Through many community meetings over the last few years, the Department of Transportation, the City Attorney's Office, and the LA City Council developed municipal code 80.54 which allows designated areas within the "Coastal Zone" to be declared Overnight Parking Districts (OPD). This code, which has been in effect since September 2005, would prevent all vehicles except permitted resident's vehicles from parking within its boundaries between the hours of 2am and 6am – hours that the City has determined would not restrict the public's access to the beach.

In accordance with municipal code 80.54, City Councilman Bill Rosendahl must introduce and pass a resolution in the City Council to designate an OPD. An OPD can be as small as a single city block or it can encompass entire neighborhoods. Establishing areas for OPD can occur on an on-going basis. Every time a new OPD is requested, or a change in an existing OPD is needed, a new resolution must be passed.

Mr. Rosendahl recognizes the positive impact this ordinance would have on Venice neighborhoods and has stated his full support to see this ordinance implemented in accordance with residents' recommendations. He has requested that all applicants for OPDs first seek the approval of their individual neighborhood councils within CD11. Each neighborhood council is charged with the responsibility of devising a plan that will work for that neighborhood. Mr. Rosendahl will then take the work and recommendations from the neighborhood councils and use that as a basis for introducing resolutions to the City Council.

Co-Chairs of Ad Hoc Committee
Georgann Abraham
Stewart Oscars