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Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council

Board of Officers Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2006

1. Meeting was called to order by DeDe Audet at 7:10 pm.
2. **Roll Call** by Phil Raider, 17 present including DeDe Audet, Colette Bailey (7:25), LJ Carusone, CJ Cole, Sylviane Dungan, Peter Force, Yolanda Gonzalez, Michael King, Linda Lucks, Challis Macpherson, Ingrid Mueller, Stan Muhammad (7:25), Richard Myers, Susan Papadakis, Dianna Pollard, Phil Raider, Rebecca Tafoya (7:30), Mindy Taylor-Ross, Kelly S. Willis, Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian

Absent: Brett Miller, Naomi Nightingale,

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

Moved that item 9c be returned to The LUPC for clarification of conflicting language.
Moved by MK, 2nd by SP

IS opined that a motion might not be needed.

CJC noted that the email list is not up to date and this item needs additional outreach.

Motion carries 14-2-0

Move to approve the remaining agenda by show if hands.

Moved by DA

Motion carries by show of hands

4. **Approval of the Minutes from the 2/21/06, Board of Officers Meeting**

Move to accept the minutes.

Moved by RM, 2nd by MK

Carries by 19-0-0

5. **Treasurer's Report**

There was a change from DONE. The unallocated funds have been placed in our major checking account, that balance is now \$91,499.20, petty cash fund balance is \$289.67, prepaid cash card \$3,038.22, total is \$94,827.09

6. **Announcements**

A. Emily Linnemeir, State Senator Debra Bowen's office introduced herself.

7. **Announcements & Public Comments on items not on the Agenda:**

Sgt. Andy Gallagher Venice Beach Detail introduction.

Jim Smith, objects to delay of the moratorium issue and questions recusals and financial disclosure. Wants discussion on 90 Fwy extension.

John Brady, Mayors Office, announcing Mayors 2nd day of service on 5/7/06 and sign up for Mayors newsletter.

Stephanie Molen, Assy.Ted Lieu's office meeting with all groups in area.

DeDe McCrary, promoting Venice Alive at Oakwood Rec Center with Mayors Day of Service, and Health Fair. Looking for volunteers to help with the event.

Suzanne Thompson, Venice Arts Council thanks GRVNC for support and announces another meeting. Disappointed moratorium was pulled.

David Buchanan, Venice Bl. clean up on May 7th, wants Board to promote the effort, thinks moratorium didn't need to be pulled.

Linda Lucks, Venice Garden Tour is May 6th, requests board supports Mayors Day of service and wants 912 commission on agenda.

Deanna Stevenson, promoting Mayors Day, notes that conflict of interest training is required by the State, 912 commission needs input from GRVNC,

DeDe Audet thinks that conflict of interest training should be part of bylaws, Passed out info on 912 commission.

8. **Old Business:**

A. Status Report on Prop O

DA & SD appeared at the Citizens Oversight Committee and was embarrassed by the fact that the Council office ignored the GRVNC request. Venice drainage were ignored but were included in the Public Works Ballona Creek proposal. Asks why Venice pollution issues are being ignored

9. **New Business:**

A. Budget & Finance Committee:

i. CJC, request from LUPC for approval to purchase a one year subscription to "The Planning Report" at an annual cost of \$199. Print version to be maintained at the Venice Library on line to be distributed to the LUPC members. Library will maintain the subscription.

Move that the request for funds be approved.

Moved by CM, 2nd by MK

Motion carries

ii. CJC requested a budget allocation of up to \$3000 to purchase and install up to five display cases to be placed in well trafficked suitable locations on the exterior of Venice buildings for 24 hour posting of agendas and GRVNC announcements from Brown Act compliance and outreach. Venice Chamber will help with locations. Purchase to be subject to funding and competitive bids. LA City may have surplus property we can use.

Suzanne Thompson, committee member supports the purchase.

Joel Shields, thinks the money needs to be spent elsewhere.

Move that we accept this allocation.

Moved by RM, 2nd by LJC

SD & KSW want more than 5 locations. KSW will help review bids. LL is concerned about maintenance and vandalism. YG will check with the City.

Motion carries 15-0-1

B. Executive Committee Report

Appointment of Georgann Abraham & Stewart Oscars as co-chairs of an Overnight Parking District Ad Hoc Committee.

Move the we approve the Excom appointment of Georgann Abraham & Stewart Oscars as Co-Chairs of the Overnight Parking District Ad hoc Committee.

Moved by RM 2nd by LJC

Jim Smith doesn't want the committee to be formed.

Gregory Parkos, Orson Bean & Rita Moser support the action.

SM would like to help the folks living in their campers.

CB & YG support the action, feels it would make the area safer.

PR the city council set up this process, GRVNC is the venue for participation.

LL would like to see a broad based committee structure.

SP would like to be able to hear from the nominees.

CM notes that a lot of RV are rolling storage, supports the action

Georgann Abrams & Stewart Oscars introduced themselves to the committee, explained that nothing will be forced on anyone. Safety health and crime are also the issues and this is the tool that the City provides.

CJC noted that the meeting will be Brown Act compliant.

Motion carries 14-3-0

C. Land Use & Planning Committee

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10. Committee Reports: (no public comment)

D. Ocean Front Walk Committee:

LL update on the Boardwalk Ordinance, see attached report.

Suzanne Thompson, thanks LL and comments on illegal billboards.

City Atty. Gita O'Neil, Sgt. Andy Gallagher & Mark-Antinio Grant answered question about the ordinance, implementation & enforcement.

Stephen Fiske offered to start a support/mediation effort for the OFW

A. Bylaws Committee

Request for an additional Board of Officers meeting to consider proposed bylaws changes and 912 Review Committee Review.

LJC final draft of bylaws is complete and will be submitted to the board

Move that the Board have an additional meeting on March 29th to consider the bylaws changes and the 912 Commission issues.

Moved by Cm, 2nd by DP

David Buchanan thanks LJC for his committee leadership and asks board to support the bylaws revision.

Motion carries

B. Communications & Outreach Committee:

RM reminded the board about exchanging email and the restrictions of the Brown Act.

C. Street Resurfacing

\$20,000 remaining in street resurfacing budget will not do 5th & Sunset.

11. Announcements & Public Comment:

A. Announcements

B. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Suzanne Thompson wants to know how LUPC agenda is formed.

Sara Mannes intro to animal welfare and issues program

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm