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JULY 9, 2011 EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Chair: Pete Thottam
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Location: Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Conference Room
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

Date: Saturday, July 9, 2011; Time: 2 - 5 pm (please arrive on time!)



Pizza & Drinks will be provided. We will focus on ongoing impact of Prop. 39 & pending co-location / charter school set-asides on the Venice community, especially recent developments at Walgrove (OCS/Green Dot, charter school issues). Other topics: Westside Leadership Magnet and Venice High School (Penmar Rec Center developments; Centennial & other recent developments).

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (2 pm sharp! – *Please Arrive On Time*)
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda & Welcome from VNC Education Chair, Pete Thottam.
4. **REVIEW OF COMMUNITY FORUM DISCUSSIONS RE PROP 39 & CHARTER SCHOOLS:**
VNC Ed Com's recent focus has been gathering public comments re Prop. 39's impact (current and pending) from Venice stakeholders. March and April meetings were held to obtain community feedback and for the VNC board to gauge the range of perspectives existing on area Co-location & Set-Asides, particularly for parents & teachers of school children enrolled at Westminster Elementary and Walgrove Elementary. On March 12th, 88 stakeholders met at Westminster Elementary discussed complex factors & events since 2000's voter passage of Prop. 39 as a constitutional amendment. We also talked about the potential negative effects of Prop. 39's local implementation, about recent API & enrollment trends at our local schools (positive & negative), about the two Prop. 39 lawsuits that LAUSD lost and the apparent 'gag rules' that have informally been adopted by the District, LAUSD's funding crisis, the loss of federal stimulus funds after this year, & classroom/facility underutilization concerns at LAUSD.
5. **Update on recent Venice High School -- Centennial & Penmar Recreation Center Videoclips will be shown during the meeting :**
(1) Centennial -- <http://www.venicehighcentennial.com> ; (2) Penmar Recreational Center Shooting - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHJkJNwFWws&feature=related> (Videolink in Spanish and, toward the end, in English). We will discuss the Tuesday LAPD apprehension of one suspect and provide an updated on related developments; (3) Gang Intervention/Reduction – Chair will discuss Stan Muhammed's feedback and his visit w/ Deputy Mayor for Gang Reduction at L.A. City Hall.
6. Most recent developments w/r to CA State Education funding of local public schools.
7. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the above Agenda including but not limited to:
A). Steve Zimmer community discussion at Walgrove regarding on-site Charter school issues; (B). Michelle Rhee / Ex-Mayor Riordan / UTLA } VNC Fall Town Hall on Charter Schools; (C). Mark Twain "World Language Magnet" & Broadway/City Terrace dual language immersion programs (Mandarin/Spanish);
8. Adjourn and Set Date for Next Meeting (tentative).