

Venice Neighborhood Council



Land Use and Planning Committee **AGENDA**

February 6, 2008
Westminster Elementary
School Auditorium



Directions: The auditorium is located ½ blocks west of Abbot Kinney on Westminster Street, turn right into the parking lot through the chain link fence

- 1. 6:30 pm** Call to Order – Roll Call
Approval of this agenda as presented or amended
- 2. 6:35 pm** Approval of previous Minutes: November, December, January.
- 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Information about specific events important to Venice Stakeholders.
534 Victoria, 12 parking spaces, PRNA appealing, Stewart Oscars to report.
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** - 10 minutes on non-agendized items related to Land Use and Planning only.
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:**

DELIBERATION OF FOLLOWING PROJECTS/ISSUES:

ITEM 5A: LUPC Staff for this project/issue: Dennis Hathaway. That LUPC make following motion to recommend that the VNC Board of Officers issue a Community Impact Statement regarding Industrial Land Use Policy.

Whereas, a motion is now pending before the City Council's Planning and Land Use Committee directing the city attorney to draw up an ordinance prohibiting the city planning department and community redevelopment agency from implementing a policy directive of Jan. 3, 2008, called the Industrial Land Use Policy, this committee requests the VNC board to adopt the following Community Impact Statement and transmit it by the required procedures to the city clerk for inclusion on committee and council agendas and in any council files related to this motion.

The Industrial Land Use Policy is of vital importance to all areas of this city, because allowing large-scale conversion of industrial land to residential and retail uses will seriously erode the city's tax base as well as eliminate good-paying manufacturing and industrial jobs. We urge support of this planning policy because it is based on extensive research and attempts to address zoning decisions in a comprehensive way, rather than on a piecemeal, project-by-

project basis. Prohibiting two important agencies from implementing such a policy will be a backward step for planning in this city.

ITEM 5B: LUPC Staff for this project/issue: Dennis Hathaway regarding street furniture sitings in Venice.

WHEREAS the city council's street furniture contract with CBS/Decaux contains a mechanism for giving neighborhood councils the opportunity for input into street furniture siting, the CD11 office is hereby requested to refer all future street furniture sitings to LUPC and the VNC board for their input as per Section 4.2.2 b (5) of the street furniture contract as follows:

"If a Council Office wishes for an affected Neighborhood Council or community group to have an opportunity to provide input before the Council Office makes a decision regarding a siting request, then the Council Office will have 15 business days to request CBS Decaux to deliver the siting request to the Neighborhood Council's or community group's president for placement on the Neighborhood Council's or community group's meeting agenda for consideration. Further, CBS Deceaux and/or Public Works Department staff will make a presentation on the Coordinated Street Furniture Program, if desired by the Neighborhood Council or community group. From the date the Council Office requests input from the affected Neighborhood Council or community group, the Neighborhood Council or community group will have a 60 day period to provide input to the Council Office. The Council Office will then have the balance of the original 15 business day period, or 5 business days, whichever is longer, to notify CBS Decaux, in writing, whether the siting request has been approved or, disapproved. In the event of disapproval the written notice shall be accompanied by the submission of three alternate locations within 500 feet of the originally requested location, for CBS Decaux to consider. CBS Decaux and the Council Office will then have 15 business days to find a mutually acceptable alternate location. If an alternative siting location is not identified and mutually agreed upon through negotiation between the Council Office and CBS Decaux, then the originally requested site and alternative sites considered in the negotiation will be submitted by the Bureau of Street Services to the Board of Public Works for determination. The Board of Public Works (Board) determination will be communicated, in writing to the Council Office, and will be final unless the affected Council Office requests, within 10 business days of receipt of such notice, for the Board's determination to be reviewed by the City Council. In this event, the City Council's determination will be final."

ITEM 5C: LUPC Staff for this project/issue: Dennis Hathaway regarding billboard safety.

WHEREAS CBS billboard #4994, at Lincoln and Venice Boulevards, recently collapsed because of structural failure due to deteriorated supports, damaging adjacent vehicles, and

WHEREAS nearly every billboard constructed in Los Angeles is located such that its structural failure could, without warning, endanger property and public safety, and

WHEREAS a significant number of billboard supporting structures are visibly rusted or otherwise not maintained,

WE THEREFORE MOVE to urge Councilperson Rosendahl to take all necessary steps to initiate immediate, emergency inspection of all billboard supporting structures in Venice, including but not limited to repair, demolition, permit status search and further action as may be necessary to provide adequate protection for people and property in the community.

ITEM 5D: LUPC Staff for this project: Challis Macpherson.

629-631 Rose Avenue, APCW 2006-10438 SPE CDP SPP. Jason Teague & Todd Flournoy contractors, Richard Pietruska, Owner. Completed Project Form and project documents to be emailed to LUPC@VeniceNC.org. This project has appeared before ZA, which recommended denial, and WLA APC, which voted acceptance, but was never reviewed by LUPC or VNC Board of Officers. Challis Macpherson, operating as a stakeholder only, appealed the WLA APC decision which will be heard by LA City Council unless the appeal is withdrawn.

6. Public Comment - 10 minutes on non-agendized items related to Land Use and Planning only.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Nestor Saporiti project at corner of Victoria and Lincoln, ZA 2006-9368 CDP CUB CU SPP, 934 West Victoria Avenue and 2201 – 2205 South Lincoln Boulevard. LUPC recommended denial of this project in their report to VNC Board which the board accepted and, in turn, recommended denial. Patrick Panzarello, applicant’s representative, asked both LUPC and the ZA, Lourdes Green, to give the applicant time to meet with the neighbors and work toward consensus and then report back to LUPC. LUPC and Board recommendations sent to ZA Lourdes Green. Ms. Green plans to close this file and submit her report February 7th.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. LUPC Chair report on VNC Board of Officers actions relative to LUPC recommendations.
2. LUPC Task Force reports
3. Staff Reports on Current Projects

9. ADJOURNMENT
