



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## NC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** August 23, 2012

**Meeting Time:** 8:00am – 9:30am

**Meeting Location:** Extra Space Storage Meeting Room - 658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

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1. 8:00am - Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick	Present	Loveday Ziluca	Present
Bill Boyd	Present	Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	Present
Colleen Saro	Present	Margot Michon	Present
DeDe Audette	Present	Maxine Leral	Present
Jerry Jaffe		Michael Stenger	Present
Jessica Coakley		Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	
Linda Lucks (ex-officio)		Robin Rudasill	Present
		Tom Sauer	
Guests:		Slath	
Geoffrey Smith: Film LA		Noah Lewkow - marketing consultant form Arbor & Venice Alehouse	
Michael Nelson		Antonio Cruz – Institute of Public Strategies	
		Kelley Willis	

2. 8:05 - Approve Agenda - **MOTION** by Colleen, second by Loveday – Passed Unanimously

3. 8:10 - ANNOUNCEMENTS – Candidate Recruitment Kickoff Party will be held August 30th; The Abbot Kinney Festival will take place this year on October 7th, 2012

4. 8:15 - PUBLIC COMMENT – [Slath](#) commented on Ron Weekley incident wherein LAPD arrested a skateboarder with what appeared to be excessive force (case is under investigation).

[Antonio Cruz](#), 310-215-9924. Institute on Public Strategies (IPS): IPS contracts with LA County Public Health Services to provide Alcohol and Drug Prevention Services & Community Prevention Services.

IPS wants to work on the issues of public drinking and "acting out" when patrons exit bars. They are concerned about binge drinking and point out that there is no mandatory training for bartenders and service staff in providing "responsible service." They plan to work with the City to create an ordinance to require such training.

Mr. Cruz was advised to come back to the Neighborhood Committee with a motion we can act on at a future date.

5. 8:20 - Approve minutes from previous meetings – 6/28/12 – **MOTION** by Maxine, second by Loveday, passed unanimously

6. 8:25 Report on last VNC Board Meeting

- Character, Mass & Scale – Marc reported that the VNC Board discussed Mass, Character and Scale at its last meeting. No objective definitions were agreed upon; LUPC does not want to use subjective standards – further discussion will be required.
- County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas will be attending the next VNC Board Meeting, on Sept 18th. Supervisor Ridley-Thomas represents areas of Venice including the Oxford Triangle and areas east of Lincoln (DeDe showed us a map of the Venice areas he represents) – NOTE: Supervisor Ridley-Thomas has since delayed his visit to the VNC and will be reheduling.

- c. The Neighborhood Committee's motion requiring new restaurants on Rose to provide employee parking was rejected by LUPC as being overly specific. LUPC stated that they would continue the discussion. A new motion may be introduced at the Neighborhood Committee next month requiring all new commercial establishments provide parking for their employees.

#### 7. 8:30 - New Business

- a. Presentation (and possible action) on location policies & local payments by FilmLA  
Geoffrey Smith, 213-977-8600. Film LA is non-profit. They coordinate and process film permits for LAPD. LAPD gets final approval. In 2008, there were 26,000 location shoots in LA. LAPD enforces the rules for location shoots, not FILM LA. FilmLA tries to help, and can work in an "unofficial" way to solve problems. If a concern comes up it's better to contact them on the day of problem, not a couple of days after.

City of LA Code allows filming to take place anywhere in City of LA.

Regarding Location Revenues:

On Abbot Kinney, guidelines were put in place years ago through the Merchants Association. They request a donation "for the improvement of the community."

On Ocean Front Walk:

Filming on sand requires a City permit (County?)

Filming on Ocean Front Walk requires permit from Rec & Parks

Filming in and use of Beach parking lots requires City permit (County)

Filming in the Boardwalk area is expensive and regulations make it complicated. There is no organized group that is currently receiving location fees.

Adam Glick asked about apartment bldgs. Can tenants/stakeholders get money, not just bldg. owner?

The building manager is the point of contact with the location crew and should act on behalf of tenants, but it's neither the city's duty nor the film crew's responsibility to monitor the owner/manager's actions in regard to location revenues.

When shooting at a school, school gets 70% of permit fee to utilize for school things.

In case of violations, e.g.: early load in (filming hours are normally between 7am and 10:30pm), parking in front of driveway, noise, anything: TRY TO SPEAK TO ACTING LOCATION ANAGER FIRST. If unable to speak to location manager, or if the problem is not resolved, call FilmLA at 213-977-8600. If you can, take a picture of the problem.

It is illegal to interfere or harass a film company if there is a permit in place. If a film company is behaving badly, LAPD has right to shut them down. FilmLA is in place to mitigate, and can help if problems occur. If you call FilmLA before 8am, press 2.

Regarding noise caused by generators: generators are licensed and permitted by state regarding the noise they are allowed to make.

DOT only has to provide 24 hour notice for posting street closures and parking restrictions.

#### 8. 9:00 - Old Business

- a. Report on progress with Department of Transportation  
Traffic collision reports for Pacific and areas of Washington near Pacific have been received. Also received were traffic volume studies for intersection of Brooks and Pacific. We'll agendize for next meeting.
- b. VNC Elections on October 28th – Impact on Neighborhood Committee  
The Neighborhood Committee will be termed out when the newly elected Board is seated; it will be reformed with 9 of the applicants confirmed by the new VNC Board (yes, you'll need to fill out applications again!). This will likely take place in December or January.

c. Neighborhood Reports

Adam (Northeast Marina Peninsula) – illegal triplex @ 123 Anchorage, at the intersection of Strongs & Washington. 4 bedrooms top, 3 bedrooms middle & single on bottom. They are renting individual rooms which may be illegal – there may also be City health regulations prohibiting the practice. It was suggested that Adam contact City Attorney Claudia Martin.

Maxine (Canals) – Crosswalk 25th & Pacific was denied (actually, permanently delayed) by DOT. Maxine and Marc contacted Mike Bonin in Rosendahl's office to get involved – he's written to DOT and asked them to reconsider.

Margot – (Walk Streets) – The responsibility for pathway maintenance still has not been determined! Is it Rec & Parks or Bureaus of Street Services" No response from Rosendahl's office yet (Note: Marc followed up and spoke to Cecilia. She stated the Rec & Park is NOT willing to be responsible for Pathway maintenance. The problem is that no other City Department has stepped forward. She is escalating within CD-11).

The two new businesses that opened in the Lincoln & Superba area are excellent. "Tradesmen" and "General Store Boutique" bring nice dynamic.

Robin (OFW South) – The rakes used to clean the beach have left a garbage pile at the end of the Washington lot. They just leave the trash there. DeDe suggest she contact Zev and cc Marc, as this is his area.

d. Next meeting start time - Sept 27, 2012 at 7:30pm.

e. POSTPONE to Sept: Neighborhood Committee member communications with neighbors & community

9. 9:30pm – Adjourn