



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## NC Neighborhood Committee Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date:** September 27, 2012

**Meeting Time:** 7:30pm to 9pm

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

**Contact:** Marc.Saltzberg@VeniceNC.org

1. 7:30pm - Call to Order & Roll Call

Adam Glick		Marc Saltzberg (Chair)	
Bill Boyd		Margot Michon	Present
Colleen Saro	Present	Maxine Leral	Present
DeDe Audette	Present	Michael Nelson	Present
Jerry Jaffe	Present	Michael Stenger	Present
Jessica Coakley		Nicholas Hippisley-Coxe	Present
Linda Lucks (ex-officio)	Present	Robin Rudisill	Present
Loveday Ziluca		Tom Sauer	
Guests:			

2. 7:35 - Approve Agenda - **MOTION** by Colleen, second by Nick – Passed Unanimously

3. 7:40 – Approve Application of Michael Nelson to represent Windward Neighborhood – see Appendix I - **MOTION** – Passed Unanimously

4. 7:45 ANNOUNCEMENTS - Information about specific events important to Venice

5. 7:15 - PUBLIC COMMENT –

6. 8:20 - 8:00 - Approve minutes from previous meetings – 8/23/12 **MOTION** – Passed Unanimously

7. 8:05 Report on last VNC Board Meeting and NC Resolutions

- a. Character, Mass & Scale – Marc reported that the VNC Board created a new Ad Hoc Committee to consider Mass, Character and Scale at its last meeting. The Chair of the committee is Sue Kaplan.

8. 8:10 - New Business

9. 8:20 – Old Business

- a. Report on progress with Department of Transportation - see Appendix II  
 No engineering report specific to the accidents that have been occurring at Brooks and Pacific has been completed. DOT suggested crosswalk at Brooks and at sunset be repainted and brought up to code. This work should be completed in next 3 months.  
 DOT has proposed "No Left Turn" sign for northbound Brooks traffic - which would prevent people from turning left towards the beach. Since there is already a no left turn sign at Rose, this would force residents living off Speedway to turn left at alleys to get to their homes. This is not seen as a great approach. Other options and accident data at other intersections on Pacific were discussed.
- b. VNC Elections on October 28th – Impact on Neighborhood Committee
- c. Neighborhood Reports

**Robin:** needs guidance on all those bars that are popping up in her area. Seems that there are more than allowed in mixed area. Especially concerned about a new place called Simmzy's. Are there restrictions on how many restaurants/bars can be opened in a neighborhood? Distance from residences? Noise?

**MARC WILL CONSULT WITH LUPC – NOTE: LUPC Chair Jake Kauffman has invited State Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) Southern California Director to next meeting.**

**Nicolas:** Western zoning commissioner are super helpful with the cause of restaurant/bar problem NoRo is getting organized. Restaurants on Rose are being required to provide adequate parking, including their employees. Kuddos to Hostleria Piccolo for their work with parking  
Current rules from LUPC are requiring meetings every 3 months with residents to discuss issues  
NOTE: Need for sign @ Café Gratitude to indicate that there is parking

**Margot:** Same issue of who is responsible for the maintenance of our streets  
Rec & Parcs said they are not, streets services did not respond. Bureau of Engineering was out to check on an assessment which means that now we have a precedent as they fall under Street Services. Residents have been advised that this precedent must be supported by City Council Motion to end discussion and settle the discussion.

Put signs on Venice Blvd to indicate beach lot is full – This may be difficult for Venice Blvd lots because one is county and the other lot is city. Arturo is in talks with county people. Ask that we get a report before next beach season

First Friday out of control. It does not benefit our community. To be discussed with Abott Kinney merchants.

**Jerry:** Proposed Fresh & Easy at Lincoln & Washington will make have to comply with Lincoln Blvd. Overlay. Lincoln. This should make Lincoln more pedestrian friendly. Might change dynamic, encourage people to walk, try to have windows that are see through – not opaque

Lots of construction around his area

**Rocky:** Big sewer project on Penmar is not quite finished. Penmar Park has a new Director - Juan has been replaced by Gregory. Construction of a rooftop garden on top of Boys & Girls club being organized by Joyful Activist, Wholefoods will provide lunch. Lincoln Place, people are slowly moving back in. Renovation started in S.W. corner of Lake. That is the only place where something new can be built. There have been some complaints about new management & rules.

**Dede:** Having Fresh & Easy at intersection Washington/Lincoln is HORRIBLE. Problem for people who live on Harrison. Who is actually going to stop there?

Parking problem during the day in her area, perhaps due to the Sarlo office on Washington and Thatcher?  
The VNC needs representatives from big highly dense buildings.

**Colleen:** Boardwalk ordinance is not being enforced. Artist are being pushed out near her building. Maybe make a motion next meeting. People are on the boardwalk after 12AM, partying @ the pagodas.

There is a Boardwalk meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 8:30AM @ James Beach

**Tom** (submitted in writing – Tom was out of town): Much crime and drug use in the neighborhood, near and in Golds Gym (steroid use obviously), homeless vandalism still exists (living and peeing on public and private buildings), overall lack of security in the neighborhoods (numerous car and unit break-ins in our building at corner of Rose and Main Streets, HOA Board and Mgmt Company denies any responsibility) - we all feel unsafe and unhappy!

- d. Neighborhood Committee recruitment and next meeting start time (Oct 25, 2012 at 8:00am)
- e. Neighborhood Committee member communications with neighbors & community **POSTPONED**

10. 9:30pm – Adjourn