

VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Board of Officers Meeting
Approved Minutes
Westminster Elementary School Auditorium
1010 Abbot Kinney Boulevard
Venice, California 90291
Monday, December 19, 2006

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm. Phil Raider called the roll—Board members present: DeDe Audet, Colette Bailey, Eileen Pollack Erickson, Ed Ferrer, Michael King, Ira Koslow, Linda Lucks, Challis Macpherson, Joseph D. Murphy, Richard Myers, Mike Newhouse, Stewart Oscars, Nadine Parkos, Phil Raider and Ivan Spiegel. Stan Muhammad and Diana Pollard arrived later.

Absent: Sylviane Dungan, Yolanda Gonzalez, Spike Marlin, Kelley S Willis

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

DeDe Audet asked if the Agenda was approved as presented. Richard Myers asked if there had been sufficient time to announce the Treasurer's seat vacancy.

2. REVIEW OF ANY OUTSTANDING MINUTES SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY

There were no Minutes submitted by the Secretary for approval at this time.

3. TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer's office vacancy was discussed later in the meeting.

4. SCHEDULED ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. LA City Million Tree Initiative

Linda Lucks drew attention to the Los Angeles Mayor's "Planting a Million Trees" initiative. Jeffrey Solomon representing the Venice Community Arts Trust and the Venice Chamber of Commerce, described proposed fund raising to maintain the trees. Ivan Spiegel reported that the first of four Town Hall meetings is being organized. Joe Murphy stated that the Administrative Committee proposed scheduling the Town Hall meeting on February 15, 2007
Upcoming Board Envisioning Summit

b. Board Envisioning Summit

Joe Murphy provided information on the Board Envisioning Summit and read the Summit's mission statement, and discussed plans for the Summit's schedule.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Announcements & Public Comments on items not on the agenda were made by: Joy Ballon
Emily Winters, Carolyn Rios, Arnold Springer, Linda Lucks, Ivan Spiegel ,Stephanie
Mullen, representing Assemblyman Ted Lieu and Pam Harbor

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Nominations to fill vacant board position, Treasurer
DeDe Audet called for nominations to fill the vacant Treasurer position.

Challis Macpherson nominated Ed Ferrer.

Linda Lucks moved to close the nominations; seconded by Challis Macpherson.

VOTE: 13 in favor; 1 opposed; 1 abstention. The motion passed.

Phil Raider suggested that the issue of voting rights for ex officio Board members be discussed prior to voting for the nomination. Keith Harrison stated, as parliamentarian, that Ms. Audet should make a decision, in the absence of By-Laws or Roberts Rules that covered this specific situation. Ms. Audet stated that the "ex officio" Board members would be allowed to vote for the meeting at hand only and directed the By-Laws Committee to resolve the issue more formally in the form of a standing role or policy procedure.

VOTE: 12 in favor; 3 abstentions. The motion carried.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. LUPC
Joe Murphy recused himself,

Michael King moved that LUPC cannot bring projects before the Board that don't have applications submitted to the Los Angeles Planning Commission and a case number assigned; seconded by Ira Koslow.

Ivan Spiegel moved to amend Michael King's motion that, following tonight's meeting, that Michael King's motion does not include tonight's proceedings; seconded by Stan Muhammad.

Michael King withdrew his motion; Ira Koslow withdrew his second. Ivan Spiegel withdrew his amendment.

Michael King moved that this item be sent back to LUPC; seconded by Ira Koslow.

VOTE: 2 in favor; 11 opposed; 0 abstentions. The motion failed.

- i. Affirmation of the LUPC decision re; 600-604 Venice Blvd, Murphy project Venice & Abbot Kinney Bl.

Mike Newhouse moved to approve the recommendation from the Land Use and Planning Committee as worded in the report; seconded by Diana Pollard.

Further, Mike Newhouse moved that the Venice Neighborhood Council approve the project as presented, with the following conditions: that a low income unit be provided in accordance with the Los Angeles Housing Department and that unit be low income in perpetuity, that there be a one and one-half foot setback on Abbott Kinney for planting, and articulated artwork be provided on the Venice Boulevard wall; further, that the project continue to employ at-risk youth in the construction and completion of this project; second by Phil Raider.

Further, Mike Newhouse moved that the Venice Neighborhood Council approve the project as presented, with the following conditions: that a low income unit be provided in accordance with the Los Angeles Housing Department and that unit be low income in perpetuity, that there be a one and one-half foot setback on Abbott Kinney for planting, and articulated artwork be provided on the Venice Boulevard wall; further, that the project continue to employ at-risk youth in the construction and completion of this project and to allow the variances requested for height limit, for tandem parking, for the zero lot line setback on the South side of the property and the zone change; second by Phil Raider.

VOTE: 7 in favor; 7 against. DeDe Audet cast her tie-breaking vote in favor of the project. The motion passed.

- ii. Affirmation of the LUPC decision re: 636 Venice Blvd, Pam's Place Thai Restaurant.

Ivan Spiegel moved to approve the LUPC decision regarding item 7.A.ii; seconded by Ira Koslow.

VOTE: 13 in favor; 1 opposed; 2 abstentions.

- iii. Affirmation of the LUPC decision re: 1009 Abbot Kinney Blvd, AXE Restaurant.

Mike Newhouse moved to approve the LUPC recommendations as presented with the exception of Condition #5 be amended to read that AXE return to report on progress with regard to parking on July 1, 2007 or the closest Board meeting thereto; if the parking solution is not to the Board's satisfaction, the Board will recommend to the City of Los Angeles that the license be taken away; seconded by Phil Raider.

Further, Mike Newhouse moved to approve the LUPC recommendations as presented with the exception of Condition #5 be amended to read: that AXE return for review of its parking permit and valet program on July 1, 2007 or the closest Board meeting thereto; that AXE also resubmit their parking permit and valet program for review to the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety; request administrative review on or about that same date; that the CUP that the Board supports will apply only to the current tenant and that it will not pass on to future tenants. Failure to comply, the Board will

recommend to the City of Los Angeles that the CUP be revoked; seconded by Phil Raider.

VOTE: 12 in favor; 2 opposed; 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

b. Administrative Committee

- i. Support for DeDe Audet's effort to establish a task force re homeless issues raised in her 11/06 letter. DeDe Audet noted her intent to assist in resolving the placement of law enforcement personnel. There was a show of hands in support of the proposal.
- ii. Support for DeDe Audet's effort to establish a task force re high water issues raised in her 11/06 letter. There was a show of hands in support of the proposal.
- iii. Submission of petitions re; Overnight Parking.

Phil Raider moved to accept the petitions from the OPD and forward them to the Council Office; seconded by Mike Newhouse

VOTE: 13 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

c. Rule & Elections Committee

- i. Submission of a bylaws amendment to establish an Ocean Front Walk Standing Committee.
- ii. Submission of a bylaws amendment to establish an Arts, Beautification & Culture Standing Committee.
- iii. Submission of a bylaws amendment re; Resignations, Removals & Vacancies
- iv. Submission of a standing rule re; Filling vacancies on The Neighborhood Committee.
- v. Submission of a standing rule re; Appointment of a Fiscal Manager pro tempore.
- vi. Decision re; Dismissal of Selan grievance of 10-26-06

Joe Murphy moved to affirm the decision of Rules & Elections committee, item #vi, re the dismissal of the Selan Grievance of 10-26-06; seconded by Phil Raider

VOTE: 14 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

Joe Murphy moved to postpone all the remaining Rules & Elections items until the next Board meeting; seconded by Phil Raider

VOTE: 14 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 abstentions. The motion passed.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

9. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned approximately 10:15pm.