

VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Board of Officers Meeting
Approved Minutes
Westminster Elementary School Auditorium
1010 Abbot Kinney Boulevard
Venice, California 90291
Monday, January 16, 2007

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

DeDe Audet called the meeting to order. Phil Raider called the roll. Board members present: DeDe Audet, Eileen Pollak-Erickson, Ed Ferrer, Yolanda Gonzales, Michael King, Ira Koslow, Linda Lucks, Stan Muhammad, Joe Murphy Mike Newhouse, Stuart Oscars, Nadine Parkos, Phil Raider and Ivan Spiegel,
Late arrivals; Dianna Pollard, Colette Bailey, Richard Myers
Absent; Sylviane Dungan, Challis Macpherson, Spike Marlin,

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Phil Raider moved to approve the Agenda as presented; 2nd by Linda Lucks.
VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

3. REVIEW OF ANY OUTSTANDING MINUTES SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY

Phil Raider moved to approve the October 17, 2006, October 30, 2006, and November 21, 2006 Minutes; seconded by ...
VOTE: Unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Ed Ferrer reported that he has not completed the task of transferring files received from the former Treasurer, reported sums paid and noted that the sum of \$105,995.75 is still available. Mr. Ferrer reported the next Budget and Finance meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am on the first Thursday in February 2007.

5. SCHEDULED ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.** Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to CJ Cole
Presenter, Mark-Antonio Grant not present
- B.** Report by Yolanda Gonzalez on DOT proposals/actions to clean up and to beautify Venice
- C.** Yolanda Gonzalez reported that stakeholders are still being sought for participation as Neighborhood Committee members.
- D.** Ivan Spiegel provided a brief update on the February 15, 2007 Town Hall meeting

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

Caroline Rios, Oakwood/Millwood representative, announced plans for a meeting scheduled for February 12;

Joy Ballin suggested a sculpture of Abbott Kinney, offered to show her portfolio and proposed that the sculpture be placed at Venice and Abbott Kinney.

Emily Winters, Venice Arts Council chair, asked the status of a complaint filed against Yolanda Gonzalez and C. J. Cole. Deana Stevenson stated that DONE does not distinguish between complaints and grievances.

Noel Weiss reported on plans he had to form an ad hoc committee designated to study development conditions imposed on tract maps.

DeDe Audet announced that LAPD Officer Robin Richards and two other LAPD officers are in attendance.

Dennis Hathaway stated that an agenda item was not included on the present agenda because of the way the proposed agenda item was worded.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Rules & Elections Committee

Joe Murphy provided copies of proposed By-Laws changes and reported that a timing issue exists with regard to elections.

Joe Murphy moved to postpone items 7.a.i to 7.a.iii-a, to the March 20, 2007 Board meeting; seconded by Mike Newhouse.

VOTE: 11 in favor; 2 opposed; 3 abstentions. The motion passed.

- 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

Joe Murphy moved that the Board adopt a standing rule stating that Neighborhood Committee shall remain pursuant to the existing Venice Neighborhood Council election procedures until all positions are filled; seconded by Phil Raider.

VOTE: 16 in favor; no opposition; 1 abstention. The motion passed.

- v Submission of a standing rule re; Appointment of a Fiscal Manager pro tempore

Joe Murphy moved that the board adopt a standing rule as follows: authorizing the President, in the event of a vacancy in the Treasurer position, to appoint a stakeholder, including VNC Officers with the exception of the President, as a fiscal agent pro tempore. The fiscal agent will perform the duties of the Treasurer until a Treasurer is duly elected; seconded by Nadine Parkos.

VOTE: 16 in favor; no opposition; 1 abstention. The motion passed.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Administrative Committee

- i Submission of petitions re; Overnight Parking

Georgann Abraham stated that four resolutions defining four parking districts in Venice have been approved the City Council, but have yet to be approved by the Coastal Commission. Ms. Abraham reported that Councilman Bill Rosendahl has sent a letter to the Department of Transportation requesting signage.

Stuart Oscars moved that the petitions be passed on to Councilman Bill Rosendahl's office for ratification; seconded by Yolanda Gonzalez.

VOTE: 16 in favor; no opposition; 1 abstention. The motion passed.

- ii Request for VNC participation in a Venice Walkabout with LA City Planning Director Gail Goldberg.

Linda Lucks moved that the Board co-sponsor The Historic Walkabout and the Venice Planning Forum with Gail Goldberg, with the first Walkabout to take place on March 3, 2007, with the Planning Forum date to be determined; seconded by Nadine Parkos.

VOTE: 16 in favor; no opposition; 1 abstention. The motion passed.

- iii Request for support in principle of a \$1000.00 expenditure to participate in the Mayors Million Trees initiative, pending review by the Budget & Neighborhood Committees.

Linda Lucks moved to support in principle a \$1000.00 expenditure to participate in the Mayor's Million Tree Initiative, pending review by the Budget & Neighborhood Committees; seconded by Nadine Parkos.

Joe Murphy moved to amend the prior motion to read "Support in principle the Mayor's Million Tree Initiative, pending review by the Neighborhood Committee"; seconded by Nadine Parkos.

VOTE: 16 in favor; no opposition; 1 abstention. The motion to amend passed.

Joe Murphy moved "to Support in principle the Mayor's Million Tree Initiative, pending review by the Neighborhood Committee", seconded by Nadine Parkos.

VOTE: 16 in favor; no opposition; 1 abstention. The motion to amend passed

- iv Request for support in principal of a \$1700.00 expenditure for the VNC Envisionary Summit, pending review by the Budget Committee

Without a motion, the Board voted unanimously to support the request.

VOTE: 16 in favor; no opposition; 1 abstention.

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

Stan Muhammad stated that an ad-hoc Community Safety and Development Committee is being formed.

Linda Lucks referred to the Neighborhood Council Review Committee website, www.ncr.org, and recommended that everyone follow what the NC Review is doing.

Linda Lucks urged all to attend a LAN Congress meeting that will take place.

Ivan Spiegel congratulated the Board on having conducted a meeting under two hours and commented on behavior during meetings.

Diana Pollard thanked Joe Murphy for initiating appropriate behavior and encouraged civility between Board members.

Mike Newhouse noted that he will ask for the creation of ad hoc committees to work on a recycling program on the OFW and to implement a monthly first Fridays event on AKB

Nadine Parkos noted the value of having attended an earlier orientation sponsored by the City Clerk's office and encouraged the new Board members to attend.

10. ADJOURN

Phil Raider moved to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned by common consent.