

Venice Neighborhood Council
Ad Hoc Education Committee Meeting

Minutes of June 29, 2006 Meeting

The scheduled meeting was called to order by Naomi Nightingale, Chair of the Ad Hoc Education Committee, at 7:05 pm on June 29, 2006 at the Venice Family Clinic.

The prepared agenda was followed: Public comment; chair's report; old business; new business; announcements; meeting schedule; adjournment at 9:05 pm.

In attendance were: Helen Fallon, Rich Selan, Holly Tilson, Camille Aneen, Loren Grossman, Carolyn Rios, Stan Muhammad, Joe Murphy, DeDe Audet, Naomi Nightingale, Erma Darling;

Public Comment:

A number of schools including Venice High are out of compliance with the Safety standards of LAUSD.

A motion was made by Loren Grossman and seconded by Rick Selan that the Ad Hoc Education Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council make school safety a priority specifically focusing on local schools improving their inspection scores to no less than "good" thus reflecting full compliance with the LAUSD's essential safety standards which include both physical and social/emotional issues." The motion passed unanimously.

(In review of the minutes this motion and action has to be nullified because the item was not on the agenda and could not, by Brown Act rules, be acted upon. It will be placed on the Agenda of July 20 for action.)

Old Business:

- Mayor's proposal for Education Reform has been drafted into legislation.
- New VNC bylaws will change the makeup of some standing committees.
- Update of Mark Twain Middle School situation by Rick Selan: Problems continue with administration, lack of parent support and involvement. Stan Muhammad suggested that Operation Unity along with L.A. Bridges be utilized in addressing the problems.

New Business:

- A Town Hall meeting will be held at Westminster Elementary School at 6:30 pm on July 27, 2006; discussion held regarding a future community forum involving individual schools; district responsibility an parent and student involvement is planned. Appointment of a committee of Loren Grossman, Rick Selan and Stan Muhammad to work on the Community Forum. It was suggested that an assessment of adult job training be made focusing on Phoenix High School, Venice Skills Center and Venice Adult School. Naomi

will invite the Principal the schools to come to the meeting to discuss their programs.

Next meeting: July 29, 7:00 pm at the Venice Family Clinic.

Adjournment: 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Erma D. Darling