

January, 2012 VNC Draft Board Exhibits:

A: Sign Ordinance

<http://banbillboardblight.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Proposed-Sign-Ordinance-Report-Nov.-21-2011.pdf>

<http://banbillboardblight.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Proposed-Sign-Ordinance-Report-Oct.5-2011.pdf>

B. Letter to LAPD re: OFW

Agenda Request for January 17, VNC meeting.

DRAFT LETTER TO CITY Officials

The Venice Neighborhood Council wishes to thank Mayor Villaraigosa, Councilman Rosendahl, City Attorney Trutanich, LAPD Chief Beck and Pacific Division Captain Peters, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority for continued focus to community concerns about Ocean Front Walk with a commitment to further resolution, working in close partnership with the community.

The problems along Venice beach require resolute commitment that resists hysteria and demands for instant gratification. Instead, we steered a steady course, and our consistent and creative efforts are paying off. The key to a non-confrontational, positive approach has been in bringing together the City and County's public and private resources for outcomes that benefit all of us.

The Venice Neighborhood Council Ocean Front Walk Safety and Shelter Task Force was established in September, 2011 solely to focus on beach area issues in response to heightened community frustration. Working a small cadre of local citizens, and City and County agencies, the task force moved quickly to establish a 70 bed emergency homeless shelter, a month and a half prior to the opening of the 160 bed annual Winter Shelter program on December 1.

The Venice Neighborhood Council applauds, the passage of the City's ordinance (LAMC 42.15) to regulate illegal vending on Ocean Front Walk sometime in December, and it's implementation on January 20.

The Venice Neighborhood Council and the community have labored long and hard towards restoring a legally defensible law regulating the proliferation of illegal vending, while protecting free speech and artistic expression, so that the boardwalk once again becomes a welcoming environment for tourists, residents, artists and businesses to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Linda Lucks
President

C: Neighborhood Committee Rankings of Community Improvement Projects

D. Nominations for Board Officers

E Letter RE: OFW Lighting

November 15, 2011

To: The Honorable Councilman Bill Rosendahl, Captain Jon Peters, LAPD
RE: Improving existing lighting and safety in the commercial "T" zone on
Ocean Front Walk and increased LAPD night patrols

Via email:

Dear Councilman Rosendahl and Captain Peters,

The Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council is writing this letter in support of improving the existing lighting and safety on Ocean Front Walk, starting now from North Venice Blvd up to Clubhouse and upgrading the four lights on Windward near Ocean front Walk.

Venice is the number one public tourist attraction in Southern California. As such it is an important job, revenue and tax generator for the city. The historic Windward area and Ocean Front Walk are key parts of Venice. These areas have over the past few years seen marked improvements by the city including those made to the park, skate board area and muscle beach. Added to this have been investments by private groups opening and improving restaurants and hotels, restoring historic murals and making other major improvements. Now the OFW is getting busy year round and into the night! Unfortunately, this area is plagued by illicit activity during the night. This situation has a detrimental effect on the area's prosperity, the enjoyment of these aforementioned improvements and the quality of life of the residents who live there. The VNC supports three critical improvements we need in the area to help provide safety to residents and visitors alike.

1. Improving the lighting in the commercial "T" area (noted above), which is frequented by tourists and locals is a cost effective way of helping to change these problems. This is mainly a commercial area and these improvements will improve the quality of live for all residents and visitors. I strongly support the immediate improvement of the existing lighting on Ocean front walk and along Windward Ave.

2. Venice beach and OFW now has much more activity at night, especially in the commercial area on the boardwalk from Venice north to Clubhouse. We need increased police patrols on OFW at night, year round to maintain safety.

Please help make our community safer for visitors and locals and support the three simple requests mentioned above. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Lucks

President

F. Boost Kitchen Letter:

To:

Recommend approval of the project as presented, **ZA-2011-1793-CDP-CUB & DIR-2011-1794-SPP & ENV-2011-1795-EAF**, within existing commercial space from retail and restaurant space to full restaurant with proposed on-site sale of full line of alcoholic beverages (Type 47), having 38 indoor and 32 outdoor patio seats for a total of 70 seats located in C2-1-O-CA Zone, noting:

1. 9 on-site (off-street) parking spaces included 1 ADA. Business is not provided relief from VCZSP parking requirement (complies with by-right parking). It is also clear to LUPC and VNC that the records are not completely clear and the applicant may have more grandfathered parking than presumed by the city, but that the applicant will use all available parking space on-site without tearing down or building additional buildings, and no less than 9 spaces. Also noting

attendant on-site during restaurant hours.

2. 3 bicycle racks on-site.

3. Hours of Operation 7am-11p, 7-days per week.

4. Meeting all VNC standard CUB and BMP Conditions.

5. Ambient music inaudible outside property boundary.

LUPC MOTION MADE BY JORY TREMBLAY, SECONDED BY JIM MUREZ; PASSED 5-0-0

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G. Cafe Gratitude

H. Children Now

http://www.childrenow.org/index.php/learn/medias_impact/

I. Treasurer's Reports

2011 - 2012 Expenditures to Budget November 22, 2011 - December 21, 2011							
	DON E Cate gory	Current Yr Budget by Acct	% of Bd gt	Amt spent Curren t Month	Amt Spent Curren t Fiscal Year	Amt Availa ble to Spend	% Bud get Rem ain
Annual Allocation		\$40,500.00					
Rollover							
Sub Unallocated Budget		\$40,500.00					
Neighborhood Comm. Projects 10-11		16,000.00					
Total		56,500.00					
Budget							
100 Operations							
Office Supplies	OFF	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100%

Copies	OFF	\$400.00		\$17.00	\$215.52	\$184.48	46%
Office Equipment	OFF	\$750.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	100%
Staffing/Apple One	TAC	\$250.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	100%
Telephone Expense	MIS	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100%
Storage	FAC	\$400.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	100%
Board Retreat	EDU	\$400.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	100%
General Operations	MIS	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$186.36	\$813.64	81%
sub Total Operations		\$3,700.00	7%	\$17.00	\$401.88	\$3,298.12	89%
200 Outreach							
Copies / Printing	POS	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$92.99	\$407.01	81%
Facilities For Public	FAC	\$2,200.00		\$0.00	\$1,096.96	\$1,103.04	50%
Refreshments	EVE	\$400.00		\$34.32	\$306.63	\$93.37	23%
Web Site & e-mail	WEB	\$3,000.00		\$50.00	\$399.34	\$2,600.66	87%
Advertising & Promotions	ADV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Newsletter Production	NEW	\$1,030.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,030.00	100%
Newsletter Printing	NEW	\$3,800.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,800.00	100%
Newsletter Delivery	NEW	\$2,800.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	100%
Elections	ELE	\$440.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$440.00	100%
General Outreach	EVE	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	100%
sub Total Outreach		\$15,170.00	27%	\$84.32	\$1,895.92	\$13,274.08	88%
300 Community Improvement							
Venice Community BBQ	CIP	\$1,830.00		\$0.00	\$1,393.08	\$436.92	24%
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2011-12	CIP	\$13,200.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,200.00	100%
General Community Projects 2011-12	CIP	\$6,600.00		\$1,988.12	\$1,988.31	\$4,611.69	70%

sub Total Comm Improvement		\$21,630.00	38%	\$1,988.12	\$3,381.39	\$18,248.61	84%
Total		\$40,500.00		\$2,089.44	\$5,679.19	\$18,248.61	\$0.84
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2010 - 2011	CIP	\$16,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$3,963.91	\$12,036.09	
Community Improvement Projects							
		Current Yr Budget by Acct	% of Bdgt	Amt spent Current Month	Amt Spent in Current Fiscal Year	Amt Available to Spend	% Budget Remain
Neighborhood Comm Projects		2010 - 2011					
Masters in the Chapel-Concert	CIP	\$1,900.00		\$0.00	\$900.00	\$1,000.00	53%
Walgrove Elem-Cafeteria Beautification	CIP	\$1,325.00		\$0.00	\$1,422.77	-\$97.77	-7%
Venice Canals Found.-Coastal Access Path	CIP	\$1,900.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00	100%
Venice Historical Society-Venice Workbook	CIP	\$1,900.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00	100%
Venice Canals Association-Bridges	CIP	\$1,700.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00	100%
Carnevale	CIP	\$1,400.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	100%
Couer d'Alene-Wildlife mural	CIP	\$1,400.00		\$0.00	\$641.14	\$758.86	54%
Beethoven Elem-Learning Garden	CIP	\$1,400.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	100%
Venice Vintage Motorcycle Rally	CIP	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100%
Venice Art Crawl	CIP	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0%
Venice Japanese-American-Marker	CIP	\$1,300.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	100%
Spring Fling	CIP	\$275.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	100%
Total		\$16,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$3,963.91	\$12,036.09	75%

General Comm Improvement		2009-2010					
Total Available		\$6,600.00				\$6,600.00	
Oakwood Toy Drive		\$2,000.00	\$1,988.12	\$1,988.12	\$2,000.00		1%
Holiday turkeys		\$500.00					100%
May Your Neighborhood		\$1,000.00					0%
Neighborhood watch		\$2,000.00					0%
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Total Allocated		\$5,500.00					
Total To be Allocated		\$1,100.00					
Total Spent			\$1,988.12	\$1,988.12	\$4,611.88		70%