

## Venice and Mar Vista Councils Plan Congressional Candidates Forum!

*Submit Questions for the Candidates Now!*

On Wednesday, April 27th, the Venice Neighborhood Council, joined by the Mar Vista Community Council, will hold a Congressional Candidates Forum in the Westminster Elementary School Auditorium starting at 6:30pm. The forum will feature candidates who have filed with the County Registrar to run in the Special Election on May 17th.

The two Councils will hold the forum for candidates vying for the Congressional seat of the retired Jane Harman. Ms. Harman resigned from Congress on February 28th, leaving her seat as representative from California's 36th Congressional District vacant.

According to the Special Election Rules and California's new "top two" election process, if a candidate wins the Special Election Primary by more than 50% of the vote, that candidate will be declared the winner. If no candidate wins a majority of the vote, the top two vote getters, regardless of party, will proceed to a runoff to be held on July 12th.

Moderating the event will be Brian Watt, KPCC radio reporter. Mr. Watt previously moderated the successful forum held by the Mar Vista Community Council for 53rd AD Election candidates.

Said Linda Lucks, President of the Venice Neighborhood Council, "It was a challenge creating the format for a forum with so many candidates; but our approach enables everyone to participate. We expect a great turnout!" According to Albert Olson, President of the Mar Vista Community Council, "I think we've found a way to pack enough

questions into a small amount of time to make the forum lively and exciting, as well as informative. This is going to be a 'must-see' event for all concerned voters!"

The format of the forum will emphasize questions asked by the stakeholders of the two neighborhood councils. All questions must be submitted in advance to: [CandidateQuestions@VeniceNC.org](mailto:CandidateQuestions@VeniceNC.org). Questions asked at the forum will be drawn from a pool of 15 created from those submitted. **Cut-off for submissions is the end of the day, April 22.**



**What:** CD36 Congressional Candidates Forum

**Where:** Westminster Elementary School,  
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd  
(enter from Westminster)

**When:** Wednesday, April 27, 2011  
starting at 6:30pm

**Contact:** [CandidateQuestions@VeniceNC.org](mailto:CandidateQuestions@VeniceNC.org)  
or call 310-421-8627

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**The Congressional Candidates Are:**



**Democrats:** Daniel Adler, Debra Bowen, Lorraine Goodwin, Janice Hahn, Marcy Winograd

**Republicans:** Kit Bobko, Stephen Eisle, Mike Gin, Craig Huey, George Newberry, Mike Webb

**Libertarian:** Steve Collett

**Peace and Freedom:** Maria Montano

**No Party Preference:** Michael Chamness, Katherine Pilot, Matthew Roozee



**Venice Neighborhood Council President  
Linda Lucks**

The Venice NC asks that you bring your concerns about Venice and your neighborhood to us for consideration and thoughtful recommendations. Our board, elected in April 2010, consists of 21 members, and our numerous committees are comprised of residents like you who care about an issue enough to get involved.

## Letter From the President

Concerned about public safety? We invite you to join the Public Safety Committee, chaired by *Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe*, [chair-publicsafety@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-publicsafety@venicenc.org). This committee, in partnership with the Mar Vista Community Council, is planning a community-wide Neighborhood Watch organizing event on June 7 at Venice High School. Please attend. We will help you organize a Neighborhood Watch block event.

Do you have school-aged children and worry about the state of flux in our public schools? Work with the Education Committee by contacting *Peter Thottam*, [chair-edu@venice.nc.org](mailto:chair-edu@venice.nc.org). Puzzled about where the money goes that is collected in Venice from films, parking, and events? Wonder if Venice is being given short shrift? Join the Visitor Impact

Committee and advocate for our fair share. Contact [Amanda.Seward@venicenc.org](mailto:Amanda.Seward@venicenc.org). Is making Venice green your priority? Join our Environmental Committee and meet others who want a cleaner, greener community. Contact *Barbara Londsedale*, [chairenviro@Venicenc.org](mailto:chairenviro@Venicenc.org). Love spreadsheets? The Budget Committee, chaired by VNC Treasurer *Hugh Harrison*, [treasurer@VeniceNC.org](mailto:treasurer@VeniceNC.org) watches over how we spend City funds. And, if you feel that the needs of your area are not being met, join Vice President *Carolyn Rios*, [VicePresident@venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@venicenc.org) and the Neighborhood Committee where each neighborhood reports on its specific problems and sends recommendations to the Board.

Many Venetians are upset

over the flight patterns, noise and pollution from the Santa Monica Airport. The VNC Ad Hoc Committee on the SM Airport is the place to do something about it. Contact *Laura Silagi* at [Lsilagi@gmail.com](mailto:Lsilagi@gmail.com) for information and committee meeting times.

These various VNC working committees study projects and issues before recommending decisions to the Board that may have long-term effects on all residents of Venice.

Our Neighborhood Council is an effective organization when you bring issues of concern to its attention and work with it to make change.

**It's your Venice - Get involved.**

Linda Lucks, President



## Annual Venice BBQ This July 16th

*By Carolyn Rios, VNC Vice President*

The 5th Annual Venice Community BBQ & Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 16, at the Oakwood Recreation Center Park. Yes, it really has been five years since we started this simple custom, getting all the people of Venice together for a celebration! Everyone in the community comes out for this bit of local fun!

Firemen serve pulled pork, chicken and hot dogs while other booths have home-made food...The music from Venice-based musicians is a treat all by itself! Add in our wonderfully diverse Community and there is a good time for all.

Pot-Luck and food competitions add to the party. So do dancing, the watermelon eating contest, the 3-legged and sack races, and the tug-o-war with the firemen of Station #63. Mark your calendars now. Contact [barbeque@venicenc.org](mailto:barbeque@venicenc.org) if you want to help with the planning, volunteer, or if you just have a good idea for fun and music!

## Internet Giants in and Around Venice

Long home to boutique and start-up media companies, Venice now welcomes two giants of the Internet.

Google is moving in next door to Academy Award-winning special effects house Digital Domain, (of movies *Titanic* and *Thor*, among others) leasing 100,000 sq ft in buildings on Main St. including the 'Binoculars' by Claes Oldenburg. They also have offices in Santa Monica, alongside game makers Activision, home of the 'Tony Hawk' series, and SCE, developers of the 'God of War' games.

Meanwhile, Facebook has arranged to lease up to 15,000 sq ft in Playa Vista, near game maker Electronic Arts, home of 'Madden NFL'. Facebook chose the area to be close to the expanding community of game makers around West LA, which includes Meteor Games, makers of Facebook-based 'Island Paradise'.



## VNC Official Posting Locations

*Where to Find Out What's Coming Up*

VNC Meeting Agendas must be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting's start (if the posting time is missed, the meeting gets cancelled!). The current posting locations are listed below:

- **Internet:** [www.VeniceNC.org](http://www.VeniceNC.org) - check the calendar, agendas are attached
- **Beyond Baroque:**  
681 Venice Boulevard
- **Groundwork's Coffee:** 671 Rose Ave.
- **Oakwood Park Rec Center:**  
767 California St.
- **Penmar Park:** 1341 Lake St.
- **The Venice Ale House:** 2 Rose Ave.
- **Venice Public Library:** 501 South Venice Boulevard

**Note:** *The posting locations change from time to time as the VNC strives to increase it's reach and visibility. See our website for the current list of sites.*

# VNC Education Committee and VNC Help Local Parents and Teachers Organize to Stop Westminster Co-Location

By Peter Thottam, Community Officer & EduComm Chair

In part due to an extraordinary community backlash, Los Angeles Unified School District has decided to shift the creation of a proposed charter middle school co-location at Westminster Elementary School to another Westside site that remains to be determined.

On March 12th, a forum organized by the VNC's Education Committee was held to obtain community feedback. Eighty-eight stakeholders discussed Prop 39 and LAUSD's decision to co-locate 150 students at Westminster Elementary School as part of a 'set-aside' of Westminster's resources for middle-school seats to be operated by Green Dot Public Schools.

Passed by California voters in 2000,

Proposition 39 was a ballot measure that required districts throughout the state to allow for "co-locations" i.e. to provide district charter school operators with facilities comparable to other district school facilities.

Walgrove Elementary School currently has a charter middle school and LAUSD co-location was scheduled to begin at Venice's Westminster Elementary in the fall of 2011. Green Dot, a charter school operator, was slated to use six classrooms and 'parent resource center' rooms for the creation of an on-site sixth grade class for Animo Westside Charter School.

As a result of the VNC Education Committee forum discussion of angry and

frustrated parents and stakeholders, Westminster volunteer Susan Kaplan submitted a resolution at the March 15th VNC Board meeting. The resolution was unanimously approved by the VNC and called for any prospective co-location at Westminster Elementary to not adversely impact the quality of the education of the existing school students at Westminster Elementary.

The resolution's demand for maintaining resource integrity was passed by the VNC Council after hearing from a broad range of community perspectives on area co-location and set-asides, particularly from teachers and from parents of school children enrolled at Westminster Elementary. At the Board's meeting, LAUSD Board member Steve Zimmer also spoke about the co-location issue, as did representatives from both United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA) and Green Dot, the prospective Westminster Charter School Operator.

Parents, community stakeholders and Board members discussed LAUSD's short notice to stakeholders regarding the prospective Green Dot co-location and set-aside. They concluded that – among other things – such an untimely appropriation might reverse recent Academic Performance Index (API) improvement trends at the school and negatively affect existing students' resources, including the availability of valuable Parent Meeting & Resource centers at Westminster. Other stakeholder concerns were expressed regarding traffic impacts, security and school social dynamics.



Photo by Kelley S. Willis

**Westminster Elementary School on Abbot Kinney also hosts a Computer/Math Magnet School.**

## Budget Season Once More

By Hugh Harrison, VNC Treasurer

It is budget season once again for the City of Los Angeles and for the Venice Neighborhood Council. While there is always a question as to the exact level of annual funding for the council, the process had been relatively consistent until two years ago. The city would allocate a set dollar amount for each council, which in turn would decide how to spend those funds. Now, uncertainty is the reality.

Last year there were wide-ranging threats as to the level of funding and the right to retain unspent funds [roll-over]. Due to concerted efforts of the neighborhood councils, the Mayor, and many city council representatives, annual funding was cut by only 10% and funds already committed were allowed to be rolled-over into the new fiscal year.

This year there are rampant rumors of

significantly larger cuts, elimination of any roll-over funding and the possible freezing of current funding swirling through the city. Although even the Mayor's budget has yet to be released, and without any decision as to what funds will be available, the VNC must determine its spending priorities for next fiscal year by the middle of May.

Any input can be sent to [treasurer@venicenc.org](mailto:treasurer@venicenc.org).

# Results of Visitor Impact Town Hall

By Amanda Seward, Community Officer

On December 2, 2010, the Venice Neighborhood Council held a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the challenges in managing the visitors that come to Venice. Venice is the number one public visitor destination in Southern California. Many Venetians attended and expressed their opinions about the challenges and their suggestions about potential answers to those challenges. The VNC subsequently initiated a Visitor Impact Ad Hoc Committee to review the comments from the Visitor Impact Town Hall and to explore and create VNC Board agenda items dealing with the impact of visitors on the Venice community. The Committee was also charged with researching and reporting on monies generated from Venice tourism and how these funds might be directed to the Venice community to

better manage the visitors that come to Venice and strengthen the community.

Some of the problems expressed by Venetians in attendance included: trash on Speedway and the walk streets, toxic waste, police intimidation towards tourists and the homeless, a perception that Venice is unsafe, public urination on Ocean Front Walk doorways, lack of support for artists and the creative community at the Beach, number of homeless and lack of affordable housing for artists, lack of adequate parking, lack of adequate lighting and need for repairs of existing lighting fixtures, need for repairs of drinking fountains, dirty restrooms, pagodas in disrepair, the need to make Venice more pedestrian friendly, and the poor condition of the bike path.

The solutions suggested were iden-

tifying city funds raised in Venice from parking meters, Quimby Funds, "in lieu of parking" funds, film permits, beach event permits, sales tax, and the Venice surplus fund and requiring accountability with the city in making sure that a fair share of that revenue is spent to improve conditions in Venice. There was also concern about whether hotels in Venice were paying hotel taxes and where that money went. It was suggested too that Venice should be entitled to federal stimulus money. Several speakers thought that street furniture with paid advertising was not the solution for Venice. Several speakers spoke of the need to use empty lots productively.

For more information on how you can participate visit the VNC website. All suggestions are welcome.

# Marina Projects up for Approval at County on April 26th, Coastal Commission on June 15 – 17

By Kelley Willis, Community Officer

Several construction and redevelopment projects are slated for publicly-owned Marina del Rey. If all proposed development is allowed, almost 2000 new residential units and 500 hotel units would be created, served by 1300 more restaurant seats, another quarter-million square feet of retail and an additional fifty thousand square feet of office space.

While Marina del Rey planning falls under LA County - so the VNC and City of LA have little input into the planning process - the VNC passed a resolution in February of 2009, [www.venicenc.org/files/090301-LACtyBdOfSup-MDRDevLtr.pdf](http://www.venicenc.org/files/090301-LACtyBdOfSup-MDRDevLtr.pdf).

The County has prepared and approved an amended Local Coastal Plan (LCP) that has not yet been reviewed by the Coastal Commission. The amended LCP includes a traffic study for the roads internal to Marina del Rey and surrounding streets in the City of Los Angeles. See [http://file.lacounty.gov/dbh/docs/cms1\\_150637.pdf](http://file.lacounty.gov/dbh/docs/cms1_150637.pdf). CCC approval of the amended LCP is needed to change the parameters that define and restrict the development and use of the public marina and the surrounding property.

County Supervisors will hold a meeting downtown about five individual development projects on April 26th, prior to the



**19-story Woodfin Hotel and 5-story parking planned at Tahiti Way and Via Marina.**

required Coastal Commission hearing on the proposed LCP amendment (which will be held at the Marina Del Rey Hotel, June 15th through 17th).

The County's web-site [bos.co.la.ca.us](http://bos.co.la.ca.us) makes little mention of these projects. The site for local activists [wearemdr.com](http://wearemdr.com) has descriptions and maps of these projects, and agendas for the upcoming meetings. Note that MDR is in LA County's 4th District under Supervisor Don Knabe, while Venice is in Zev Yaroslavsky's 3rd District.

***VNC requested the County to:***

***“ ...suspend issuance of development permits and entitlements for any and all land/projects located within Marina del Rey proper until a comprehensive Environmental Impact Report (EIR)... is prepared by the County Department of Regional Planning, covering all such proposed or anticipated developments and addressing their environmental impacts on adjacent communities within the City of Los Angeles...be prepared and submitted to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for consideration and approval... ”***

# Windward Neighborhood Clean Up

By Carolyn Rios, VNC Vice President

Despite doom and gloom from the weatherman about rain, 35 people showed up on Saturday, March 19th, 2011, to join in the Windward Avenue Clean-up. We had 24 brooms, rubber gloves, graffiti remover, wire brushes, rakes and giant trash bags. There was plenty to do for everyone, yet no one felt overworked. While we planned to beautify the garden at the Postal Annex, we were unable to, so the 12 gardeners from the Joyful Activists worked at the Dudley Triangle garden - which was in need of weeding.

The Chamber of Commerce volunteers were numerous – you couldn't miss their big smiles and gray VENICE-Sign T-shirts. (Thanks to Alex and Nadine Rosales of Control Printing for the shirts). Other volunteers were from the Venice Neighborhood Council and other groups. Some folks just stayed a half-hour and then had to leave, others stayed to the end. The event was followed by a social gathering and yummy food at Hama Sushi provided by Hama, Windward Farms, and Whole Foods.

Most of the sidewalks had already been pressure washed by Tsu-Na-Mi and High Power Pressure Washing, and the rest were completed the following week. Pressure washing was provided by Tom Sewell, Louie Ryan, Ann Everest, Andy Layman, Mark Sokol, and the 13.1 Marathon (US Road Sports).

Look for future announcements about the Postal garden, and other area



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A - **Craig removes some of the deposits made at the ATMs.**

B - **Young, of Windward Farms, uses heavy equipment to clean up a bicycle hitching post.**

C - **A volunteer working under blue skies.**

D - **Teamwork gets the job done.**

E - **Gemma holds the broom for Mom on clean up day.**

cleanups. It was an easy and successful collaboration for the Venice Neigh-

borhood Council, the Venice Chamber of Commerce and the Joyful Activists.



## How to Place YOUR Issue Before the Venice Neighborhood Council

The Venice Neighborhood Council provides YOU with access to LA City Government. It meets the third Tuesday of every month to consider items relevant to the Venice community. If you have an issue or concern that you think should be considered by the VNC, you can bring it before the Board in a number of ways:

1. Bring the issue to one of our committees. Just email the Committee Chair at the address you find on our website - see [www.VeniceNC.org/Committees](http://www.VeniceNC.org/Committees).

Most items that appear before the VNC Board are reviewed by a committee first – so that's a great place to start!

2. Bring the issue directly to our Administrative Committee (Adcom), which sets the Agenda for all Board Meetings. Adcom will review your request and determine if the Board can act on it or if it should be sent to a committee. To place your issue before Adcom, complete the form at [www.VeniceNC.org/Agenda](http://www.VeniceNC.org/Agenda). If you need help filling out the form, send an email to [info@venicenc.org](mailto:info@venicenc.org).

3. Come to a Board Meeting and pick up a gold speaker form – introduce your issue during the Public Comment period, and ask the board to consider forwarding it to the appropriate committee, or to Adcom.

4. If all else fails, send an email to [info@venicenc.org](mailto:info@venicenc.org) and ask for help!

At the Venice NC we think it's all about you – you tell us what we need to do and we listen. Use one of the methods suggested above and place your issue before the VNC! *It's YOUR Venice – get involved!*

# Roadmap to Housing:

*Special VNC Board Meetings Hear From All Sides* **By Kelley Willis, VNC Community Officer**



Photo by Marta Evry

**Councilmember Bill Rosendahl explains 'Roadmap to Housing' to stakeholders and Board to start of special meeting.**

The Roadmap to Housing initiative is moving forward, at City Hall, at Councilman Rosendahl's office, and at the Venice Neighborhood Council, which approved a proposed City ordinance April 12th.

As recounted in our last newsletter, the VNC Board has been dealing with the issues surrounding people living in vehicles on city streets for over five years. Starting with the discussions about Overnight Parking Districts, the Council examined Santa Barbara's solution presented by DeDe Audet, and requested proposals from the Board's committee on Homelessness and Vehicular Occupancy. Now, the "Roadmap to Housing" program, which includes a new ordinance (LAMC 85.11) that would allow people to live in their vehicles while participating, has been proposed. Discussion of this ordinance, and related program, began at the VNC's regular monthly meeting on March 15th, and has continued in special VNC Board meetings on March 22nd and April 12th.

The March 22nd meeting began with Councilman Bill Rosendahl's review of the

proposed Roadmap to Housing program, intended to get vehicle dwellers in Council District 11 into permanent housing. He said CD11 was the only area of LA looking at implementing the proposed LAMC 85.11. Mr. Rosendahl then took a seat in the audience and listened to the remainder of the meeting, which included presentations, stakeholder discussion and Board deliberations.

Mike Bonin, Rosendahl's chief of staff, reviewed how the new ordinance, needed for full implementation of the Roadmap to Housing program, was developed, reminding everyone that it was not a pretty or simple process. In particular, he noted that Councilmember Rosendahl was still not satisfied with the proposed text of LAMC 85.11. He detailed Rosendahl's additions: No vehicles would be allowed to park on public streets or in lots within 50 feet of residences or specified community buildings; overnight parking on streets would still be prohibited to non-participants; two lots would be designated for overnight parking of live-in vehicles (the lot next to the CD-11

office in Westchester, and another one in West LA). A cap of about five vehicles per lot would be set in the program. The expectation is that this is a pilot program, to show that the community can find a way to help people living in their vehicles to find a home.

Next, Joel Roberts, from PATH (the contractor responsible for supervising the proposed parking lots and for helping program participants get into permanent housing), reviewed his organization's approach to administering the program, remarking that it had already secured fifty permanent housing vouchers. Several people from the original survey of vehicle dwellers had already contacted him, saying they were ready to move into housing. Rudy Salinas, PATH's director of outreach, reviewed the statistics from the recent survey of the homeless in Venice.

Then public comments and questions were heard. Forty-three Venice stakeholders, including homeowners, renters, and both long-time and the recently homeless, came to the microphone, for over an hour. They asked questions, voiced concerns

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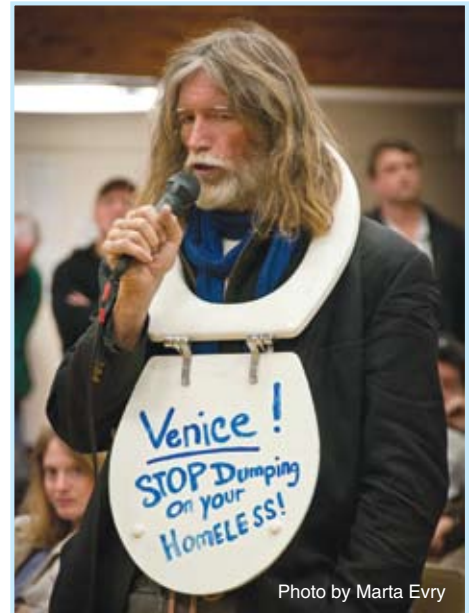


Photo by Marta Evry

**David Busch expresses his opinion of the program during public comment.**



Photo by Marta Evry

**Mike Bonin, Rosendahl's Chief of Staff, tried to answer all stakeholder questions.**

#### **Roadmap to Housing - continued from page 6**

and occasionally vented their anger. What about the almost 200 homeless counted in the survey that had not responded to outreach? What sanitary facilities would be provided at the parking lots? What about drug and alcohol abuse among the same group? PATH's Salinas explained that they connect clients with other agencies that serve substance abuse issues and other needs.

Several people complained that the ordinance's wording was still in flux. Others objected to the fifty-foot buffer from residences as being too narrow. A sunset clause was recommended, as well as a way of determining which people were not making an effort to transition to permanent housing. Security was a strong concern.

Objections to the whole idea were heard from both sides. Several of the currently homeless felt this would be like home jail, no better than the 85.02 so-called "streets to jail" ordinance. They were sure they would be forced out of Venice. Some stakeholders admonished the Board that Venice's variety of residents was a key ingredient of its unique character, warning against the gentrification of Venice. Concerns for their pets, their vehicles, their additional expenses to participate, were brought up. Many of the speakers grew up in Venice, or have family here. Most wanted the Council office to do nothing, including not enforce 85.02.

Other residents accused the Councilman of continuing to allow vehicle living in Venice, and of trying to get the community to sign off on an ordinance that was not written yet.

Then came the Board's deliberations. Early on, the problem of voting on language that had not been finalized was brought up. Questions, about who would qualify for housing, about using the Venice Trust's funds instead of the city's money to pay for this, and about keeping peo-

ple in Venice, were raised and answered to the satisfaction of some but not all.

The Board voted to postpone any action until the ordinance's text was finalized, and recommended people attend the March 23rd meeting of Councilman Rosendahl's Transportation Committee.

#### **UPDATE:**

***On April 12th, the VNC held another special meeting, to review the proposed final language of 85.11.***

The distance from residences had been increased to 150 feet immediately after the last VNC meeting, and the parking lot at Penmar Golf Course had been added just a few days before this meeting. This latter addition brought out a number of residents living near Penmar Park, joining many of the same stakeholders that attended before.

Again, Councilman Rosendahl reviewed the changes, and explained the program's motives: outreach to those needing help while keeping Venetians in Venice whenever possible. Again, he turned the presentation over to his chief of staff, Mike Bonin. Again, he took a seat in the audience and listened to the stakeholders of Venice. For over four hours.

Many of the same concerns were again aired. However, the addition of the parking lot at Penmar Golf Course brought several objections, including

sanitation, security, and its proximity to, and impacts on, a commercial city licensee (the golf course.)

Mike Bonin reviewed every public parking lot in Venice, and why every lot except the one at Penmar was either too close to residences, per the 150 ft limit, or (in two cases) recommended against by the LAPD. A proposed on-site, all-night security team was explained. A motion for the Board to recommend removing the Penmar lot from the program was debated extensively, then voted down.

After more public comment, and sometimes-heated Board discussion, as well as assurances from the Council office and PATH that the associated program would be limited to no more than eight vehicles per lot, and would have overnight security, the Board approved a recommendation in favor of the ordinance as presented.



Photo by Marta Evry

***As VNC Treasurer Hugh Harrison shows, making policy is neither simple nor speedy. Most stakeholders came to both meetings and stayed until the final Board vote, after 11pm.***



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