

**Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council
Bylaws Committee March 14, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:15 PM.**
- 2. ATTENDANCE:** Bylaws Committee Members present – LJ Carusone (Committee Chair) presiding, David Buchanan, David Moring, Eileen Pollack Erickson, Joe Murphy, Lisa M. Ezell, Stewart Oscars, Susan Rennie. Absent – Colette Bailey, Eileen Pollack Erickson, Greg Fitchitt, Jodi Gusek, Ivan Spiegel, Steve Freedman, Thomas O’Meara.
- 3. MINUTES:** The minutes from the 3/8/2006 meeting were not reviewed.
- 4. ADOPT DRAFTING TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS (DRAFT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO MEETING)***
 - a. Resolution of LUPC language**
 - b. Approval of Neighborhood and Education Committees language meeting**
 - c. Adoption of new GRVNC boundary map without districts**
 - d. Discuss Name Change of Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council (GRVNC)**
 - i. Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC)**
 - e. Address any other points in regard to bylaws revisions draft**

The Committee began final consideration of the Bylaws by focusing on the recommendations distributed to the Committee by the Drafting Task Force which is appended hereto as Exhibit A. The Committee then reviewed each Article in turn and either adopted the recommendations of the Drafting Task Force or made final edits and changes. At this meeting, the Committee covered Articles I through VI in this manner, leaving the rest for the March 15, 2006 continuation meeting. All of the edits will be provided in the final version when the committee completes its review of the Drafting Task Force recommendations.

- 5. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA:** The next meeting will be a continuation of this meeting and is scheduled for March 15, 2006 beginning at 7PM at Extra Space Storage.
- 6. ADJOURNMENT:** 9:15pm motion by chair to adjourn is passed by consensus.

APPENDIX A

Notes from 060311 Bylaws Drafting Task Force meeting → remaining issues include:

- Review of this report by Bylaws Committee
- Discussion of name change from GRVNC to VNC
- Resolution of LUPC structure
- Approval of proposed Neighborhood and Education Standing Committees
- Approval of transition provision

NOTES:

1. The 2005-2006 GRVNC Bylaws Committee is considering and amending provisions of these 2001 Bylaws and has not yet completed its work; therefore, this document contains inconsistencies that will be corrected before the completed version is submitted to the GRVNC Board for its review and disposition.
2. This document reflects amendments made by the 2005-2006 Bylaws Committee from its first meeting on November 17, 2005 to date.
3. A DONE updated version reflecting 2004 Board and Stakeholder amendments, if and when certified, will be incorporated.

NOTATION: Amendments are in **bold blue print for easy identification**, Drafting Task Force recommendations are in **bold red print**, and David Buchanan's edits are in **bold green print**.

BYLAWS

Ratified December 13, 2001

*City Attorney/DONE-requested changes adopted by the GRVNC Board on 8-26-02
by a vote of 18-0 and ratified by the GRVNC General Assembly on 10-28-02 by a vote of 74-0*

*Election Date revisions adopted by the GRVNC Board on 8-26-02 by a vote of 18-0 and ratified by
the GRVNC General Assembly on 10-28-02 by a vote of 83-0*

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ARTICLE I — NAME AND ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization shall be “Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council.” It shall hereinafter be referred to as “GRVNC.” It shall be organized as a public Neighborhood Council, dedicated to the empowerment of the Venice community.

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE AND POLICY

A. Mission Statement. To improve the quality of life in Venice by building community and to secure support from the City of Los Angeles for the resources needed to achieve our goals.

B. Purpose. The purpose of the Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council shall be:

1. To engage the broad spectrum of GRVNC Community Stakeholders for collaboration and deliberation on matters affecting the community including events, issues and projects.
2. To work with other organizations in Venice and other Los Angeles neighborhood councils that want help in accomplishing their objectives or projects that the GRVNC desires to support.
3. To promote GRVNC Community Stakeholder participation and advocacy in Los Angeles City government decision-making processes and to promote greater awareness of available City resources.
4. To be an advocate for Venice to government and private agencies.

C. Policy. The policy of the Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council shall be:

1. To respect the Community Stakeholders of the GRVNC as the ultimate authority and controlling force of the GRVNC.
2. To consistently and diligently outreach to the diverse and ever-changing Venice community.
3. To respect the autonomy of all individuals, groups, and organizations within the community.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

A. GRVNC Community Stakeholders. “GRVNC Community Stakeholders” are defined as individuals who live, work, or own property within the GRVNC boundaries.

B. Voting Members. Any GRVNC Community Stakeholder who chooses to register may become a “Voting Member.” Voter registration will be conducted in accordance with Article VI, as interpreted by the Rules and Elections Committee. Proof of Community Stakeholder status will be required for voting rights to be effected.

C. Member Rights. Members shall have at minimum the following rights:

1. To vote to elect the Board of Officers, as specified in Articles IV and VI.
2. To initiate discussion, an action, policy, or position.
3. To make use of initiative, recall, and grievance procedures outlined in Article V.
4. To participate in and provide feedback at all meetings of the GRVNC.
5. To participate on standing committees and assist with the various activities of the GRVNC, as specified in Article VII.
6. To establish ad hoc advisory or working committees reporting to the GRVNC Board of Officers, as specified in Article VII.

D. Privacy. The GRVNC Voting Member database will be deemed confidential to the fullest extent of the law. **[DavidB edit moves text in remainder of this paragraph to ARTICLE VII – E: Communications Committee]**

ARTICLE IV — BOARD OF OFFICERS

A. The Governing Body of the GRVNC shall be the GRVNC Board of Officers. The Board of Officers shall establish policies and positions of the GRVNC at its regular meetings and review and recommend actions to governmental and other entities on issues affecting the Venice community. The GRVNC Board of Officers is comprised of Twenty-One (21) Officers, elected from and by the population of GRVNC Voting Members, as follows:

- Seven (7) Executive Officers (elected at-large)
- **Fourteen (14) Community Officers**

B. Seven (7) Executive Officers *are* elected at-large (i.e. any Voting Member may run for and vote for any at-large office). ***The Primary Duties of the Executive Officers are:***

1. President

- **Chairs the General Stakeholder, Board of Officers and Executive Committee meetings.**
- **Sets agenda for Executive Committee meetings**
- **Appoints chairs of the Ad Hoc Committees, subject to ~~veto~~ approval [DavidB edit] by a majority of Executive Committee**
- **Acts as chief liaison with Los Angeles City and other government agencies for delivery of Community Impact Statements and other correspondence**

2. Vice President

- **Assumes the duties of the President when the President is unavailable and performs other duties as delegated by the President**
- **Chairs the Neighborhood Committee**
- **Acts as chief liaison with other Neighborhood Councils**
- **Maintains oversight of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees**

3. Secretary

- **Responsible for producing accurate minutes of General Stakeholder, Board of Officers and Executive Committee meetings and for submitting the minutes for public posting no later than seven (7) days after the meeting**
- **Maintain any public records of the GRVNC**
- **Receives and logs all submissions and correspondence to GRVNC and refers them to the appropriate Officer or Committee within seven (7) days**

4. Treasurer

- **Chairs the Budget and Finance Committee**
- **Oversees the finances of the GRVNC to assure total compliance with all DONE and Los Angeles City requirements**
- **Submits financial reports to the Board of Officers at every regular meeting**

5. Communications Officer

- Chairs the Communications Committee
- Oversees the maintenance and updating of the GRVNC website for all internal communications with stakeholders
- Responsible for the on-time posting of all meeting notices and agendas pursuant to the Brown Act
- Responsible for posting of the minutes of meetings received from the Secretary or Committee Chairs within 3 days of receipt
- Responsible for maintaining and updating the member database and insuring its confidentiality

6. Community Outreach Officer

- Chairs the Community Outreach and Events Planning Committee
- Organizes quarterly general stakeholder (Town Hall) meetings and special events
- Works with Stakeholders, Board Officers, and Committees to promote participation in GRVNC activities

7. Land Use and Planning Committee Chair

- Chairs the Land Use and Planning Committee
- Responsible for preparation and submission of all required reports to the Board

8. Community Officers Responsibilities

- Community Officers will serve on at least one Standing Committee and will serve on and/or chair other Committees.

The Immediate Past President shall serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of the Executive Committee and Board of Officers, and shall be the principal conduit of GRVNC institutional memory.

C. Fourteen (14) Community Officers

Fourteen (14) Community Officers are elected at-large. Each Voting Member shall cast one vote from a ballot listing all candidates for Community Officer. The fourteen Community Officer candidates with the highest vote totals shall be elected.

~~D. Community Officer Responsibilities~~ [DavidB moves this section to # 8 above]

D. Term

Each term of office shall be two years (excepting those initial terms described below). Terms shall begin 30 days after the challenge period to a general election expires or after the Final Decision Maker issues findings, whichever is later, [DavidB] and shall end with the commencement of the terms of their successors. See Article VI (Elections) for further details.

E. Quorum

A minimum of eleven (11) of the twenty-one (21) GRVNC Officers shall be required at Board and GRVNC general meetings for a quorum to be present. A minimum of four (4) of the eight (8) members of the Executive Committee shall be required for a quorum to be present. A majority vote of Officers present shall be sufficient for the Board of Officers or the Executive Committee, as appropriate, to rule on business, unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws.

G. Resignations, Removals, and Vacancies

1. If an Officer is elected to any City of Los Angeles political office, he or she must immediately resign from the Board.
2. Any Officer may resign by submitting a written resignation to the President or the Secretary.
3. The Board may remove any Officer whenever the best interests of the GRVNC would be served. No Officer shall be removed for any arbitrary, capricious or discriminatory reason. If an Officer fails to consistently attend those meetings at which they are expected, the Board may remove the Officer and declare the seat vacant. Executive Officers are expected to attend all Executive Committee meetings, Board of Officers meetings and GRVNC General meetings. Board Members are expected to attend all Board of Officers meetings and GRVNC General meetings. Absence from four (4) consecutive meetings or seven (7) or more meetings during the previous twelve months shall be deemed a failure to consistently attend. A three-quarters (3/4) vote of Officers present at a Board of Officers meeting or GRVNC General meeting is required for removal. Such action shall be effective immediately upon the Board vote to remove. In such case, the President shall send a certified letter to the person, stating that he or she is no longer a GRVNC Officer.
4. A person removed from the Board is ineligible to serve on the Board for twelve (12) months from the date of removal.
5. Officers selected **pending confirmation shall serve as ex officio Board Officers until until** confirmed by election by **a majority vote of** the Voting Members **present and voting at the next GRVNC general stakeholder or Town Hall** meeting.

ARTICLE V — MEMBERSHIP OVERSIGHT

To ensure accountability of the Board of Officers to the GRVNC Community Stakeholders, the following procedures are established:

A. Initiative: An Initiative is a procedure by which Voting Members may directly petition for a proposal and secure its submission to the GRVNC Community for approval. Any GRVNC Voting Member may put forth an Initiative by presenting a petition to the Executive Committee or the Board of Officers with one-hundred (100) signatures of GRVNC Voting Members or five percent (5%) of all GRVNC Voting Members, whichever is less, supporting the motion. The petition shall include a paragraph of fifty (50) words or less outlining the purpose and content of the Initiative.

1. The Initiative process does not apply to Amendment of these By-Laws. For Amendment procedures, see Article X. **[DavidB – moves this from #4 to #1]**
2. Receipt of this completed petition by the Executive Committee or the Board of Officers shall trigger this item being scheduled as an action item on the Agenda at a separate GRVNC Election Meeting to be held not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days following receipt of the completed petition. Notice of the Initiative, including the outline paragraph of 50 words or less, shall be made in all public meeting notices and announcements for the upcoming meeting at which the Initiative shall be voted on.
3. Passage of the Initiative requires a majority vote of the GRVNC Voting Members present at the GRVNC Election Meeting, not to be less than **one-hundred (100)** votes in favor of the Initiative.
4. If the Initiative passes, the Voting Member(s) who put forth the Initiative must be willing to chair and/or organize an ad-hoc committee (when appropriate) to carry out the action of the Initiative, if so directed by the Executive Committee or the Board of Officers.

B. Recall: Recall is the procedure by which Voting Members may directly remove an elected GRVNC Officer. Any GRVNC Voting Member may put forth a Recall petition by presenting a petition to the Executive Committee or the Board of Officers with no less than two-hundred (200) signatures of GRVNC Voting Members supporting the motion.

1. Receipt of this completed petition by the Executive Committee or the Board of Officers shall trigger this item being scheduled as an action item on the Agenda at a separate GRVNC Election Meeting to be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days following receipt of the completed petition. Notice of the Recall petition, including the name of the Officer subject to Recall, shall be made in all public meeting notices and announcements for the upcoming meeting at which the Recall shall be voted on.
2. Removal of the Officer by Recall requires a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of the GRVNC Voting Members present at the GRVNC Election Meeting, not to be less than **two-hundred (200)** votes in favor of the Recall.

C. Grievance: Any GRVNC Community Stakeholder who is adversely affected by a decision of the GRVNC may submit a written Grievance to any member of the Board of Officers. **All grievances shall be referred to the Rules and Elections Committee for review and recommendation to the Board of Officers. The Board of Officers shall review the grievance and committee findings. All grievances shall be reviewed and appropriate action taken not more than forty-five (45) days after receipt of the grievance.**

ARTICLE VI — ELECTIONS

A. Timing

Elections for the GRVNC Board of Officers shall be held **bi-annually (every two years)** at the **September** GRVNC Election meeting. The only order of business at the annual Election Meeting shall be the election of the Board of Officers. **The Election shall elect all twenty-one (21) Officers. Terms of the Elected Officers shall begin thirty (30) days after the challenge period to a General Election expires or after the Final Decision Maker issues findings, whichever is later [DavidB].** Special Election Meetings may additionally be called where a vote of the GRVNC Voting Membership is required, as specified in these bylaws.

B. Term Limits

No person may serve more than eight consecutive years in any office of the GRVNC Board of Officers, in accordance with the DONE plan.

C. Registration

GRVNC stakeholders, with the exception of stakeholders who utilize vote-by-mail, may register to vote up to and including the day of any GRVNC Election meeting.

D. Qualification

Any Community Stakeholder who is 16 years or older, **or a junior or senior in High School**, may vote.

E. Credentials

A valid Credential **is** required at the time of registration to prove Community Stakeholder status **before a Voting Member may cast a ballot. In addition, on the day of the Election meeting, valid identification will be required of any previously registered existing Voting Members before they may cast a ballot.**

If Voting Members are unable to provide proof of Community Stakeholder status on the day of the election, they may cast a Provisional Ballot which will be held as provisional until such time as the Election Committee receives proof of Community Stakeholder status from the Voting Members.

Proof of Community Stakeholder status will be accepted *under* the standards adopted by the Rules and Elections Committee **which will include, at a minimum, proof of identity and verifiable proof of stakeholder status.**

F. Voting

Voting for election of Officers shall be by ballot. Each Voting Member shall be entitled to cast votes (as applicable due to staggered elections) as follows:

- One vote for President
- One vote for Vice President
- One vote for Secretary
- One vote for Treasurer
- ***One vote for Communications Officer***
- ***One vote for Community Outreach Officer***
- ***One vote for Land Use and Planning Committee Chair***
- ***One vote for Community Officer. The fourteen Community Officer candidates with the highest vote totals shall be elected.***

If more than two candidates are running for an ***Executive Officer position***, a plurality shall be sufficient to elect.

No voting by proxy is allowed, either in elections or for the Board of Officers to rule on business.

G. Election Procedures

The Rules and Elections Committee **has** discretion to create additional rules and procedures as necessary to hold GRVNC Officer elections or special Election Meetings. The Rules and Elections Committee shall be guided by the principles of fairness and democracy in creating such rules. **All new rules and changes must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the full GRVNC Board and be in conformance with citywide election procedures.**

H. All Officers in the September 2006 elections shall be elected for one-year terms.

ARTICLE VII — COMMITTEES

GRVNC Community Stakeholders are encouraged to participate on Committees in which they are interested by contacting the Committee Chair. The following Committees shall be established:

A. Executive Committee: Consists of **eight (8) GRVNC Officers, including the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and four (4) Community Officers.** Chaired by President. Sets agenda for Board, Executive Committee, and GRVNC meetings. **Can veto Ad Hoc Committee chair appointments.**

B. Neighborhood Committee: Chaired by the GRVNC Vice President. **Using the eight (8) existing neighborhoods defined in the Venice Specific Plan plus the additional neighborhood east of Lincoln Boulevard as a guide, the committee will consist of, at a minimum, nine (9) GRVNC stakeholders plus the chair, chosen by the chair from each of those nine (9) neighborhoods. However, other neighborhoods and/or stakeholders representing other neighborhood interests may be added at the discretion of the Neighborhood Committee. Each of the committee members must qualify as stakeholders in the neighborhood they represent. The committee will promote greater awareness of available City resources and services and act as a conduit between the GRVNC board and Venice neighborhoods, assisting in community outreach and bringing neighborhood issues to the attention of the Board.**

C. Rules and Elections Committee: Chaired by Officer as nominated by the Executive Committee, subject to approval of the Board. Organizes and executes general GRVNC elections and Election Meetings. Responsible for compliance with the GRVNC By-Laws. Proposes and enforces standing rules as necessary. **Submits to the GRVNC Board of Officers any changes to the Rules and Elections procedures, subject to approval per Article VI Section G of these Bylaws. Holds grievance hearings and makes findings and recommendations to the Board.**

D. Budget, Finance and Fundraising Committee: Chaired by Treasurer. Oversees and **administers** all GRVNC financial matters, including system of financial accountability as required by **DONE and the City of Los Angeles.**

E. Communications Committee: Chaired by Communications Officer. Oversees **and administers** Early Notification System, **website**, and communications with GRVNC Community Stakeholders. **The GRVNC Voting Member database shall be maintained by the Communications Officer and the Communications and Outreach Committee. Official GRVNC business requiring communication to the Voting Members shall be disseminated by the Communications Officer. [DavidB moved this from ARTICLE III D to here – JoeM made some edits to make it grammatically correct]**

F. Outreach and Event Planning Committee: Chaired by **Community Outreach Officer.** Organizes **quarterly** General **Stakeholder (Town Hall)** Meetings and special events. **Performs ongoing outreach to GRVNC Community Stakeholders. The Outreach and Event Planning Committee will have general responsibility for developing specific strategies, policies and procedures for outreach and communications, and for working with geographic representatives to implement and coordinate outreach and communication activities. [JoeM: I believe this is language that DavidB is recommending as it is included in his edits.]**

G. Land Use and Planning Committee: ***The Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) will consist of eleven (11) GRVNC Stakeholders including the elected Chair. No Board Officer may serve as a LUPC member, with the exception of the Land Use and Planning Committee Chair. Ten LUPC members will be appointed by the Board of Officers from a list of candidates who have formally communicated to the Board their desire to serve on LUPC. The Board will, within 30 days after beginning their term, hold a public meeting solely for the selection of LUPC members.***

Board members will select ten Stakeholders to serve on the LUPC.

A LUPC member may be removed from service by a 2/3 majority of the full GRVNC Board of Officers. Vacancies will be filled in the same manner that committee members were originally selected.

The Land Use and Planning Committee recommendations to the Board of Officers shall be in the form of a written report, which will include a project description, pros & cons, a summary of community input and any LUPC findings.

H. Education Committee: [Naomi Nightingale is drafting this]

Other standing or ad hoc Committees may be established as deemed appropriate by the Board of Officers. **Other than as specified above**, chairs are **appointed** by the **President. Unless otherwise restricted by the Bylaws, committee membership is open to any GRVNC stakeholder and** the size and composition is left to the discretion of each Committee and its Chair.

ARTICLE VIII — MEETINGS

A. Notice: Meetings shall be open to the public as required with proper notice as mandated by **DONE** and the Brown Act. Ongoing outreach shall be performed to inform Community Stakeholders of meetings.

B. Brown Act: Meetings, including Standing Committee meetings **and ad hoc committee meetings where there are committee members that are not Board of Officers [DavidB]**, are subject to Brown Act requirements as mandated by state law.

C. Meeting Frequency:

1. The Executive Committee and the Board of Officers shall meet at least bi-monthly.
2. GRVNC General Meetings **or Town Halls** shall be held at least quarterly.
3. **GRVNC Stakeholder Meetings: shall be held at least quarterly.**

D. Elections: GRVNC Board Elections shall be held annually in **September**. Elections Meetings where a vote of the GRVNC Voting Membership is required may be held at any time, subject to Brown Act requirements.

E. Board of Officers and General Stakeholder Meetings [DavidB] Agenda: The Executive Committee shall establish the Agenda for Board of Officers and GRVNC General **Stakeholder [DavidB]** meetings. Any Voting Member can suggest that a matter be placed on the Agenda for any meeting by making such suggestion at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee or by submitting such request in writing to an Officer of the Board. If an Agenda **Request** made by an Officer is not included on the Agenda by the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall notify the Officer in a timely manner as to why the item was not included on the Agenda; **six (6) Officers may override this determination and place that item on the agenda for the next Board meeting.** The Executive Committee shall report on all such written communications at its regular meetings and shall place such matters on the Agenda that fall within the Purposes and Policies set forth in Article II at its discretion.

F. Organization and Planning: The Executive Committee shall schedule, organize and execute Executive Committee meetings and Board of Officers meetings, and shall report at GRVNC General Meetings on actions taken. The **Outreach and** Event Planning Committee shall schedule, organize and execute General Meetings.

~~G. [DavidB version moves this paragraph G to F above]~~

G. Rules of Civility: All Officers and Stakeholders shall abide by the Rules of Civility as specified by DONE.

~~[DavidB] ARTICLE IX — GOVERNING AUTHORITY~~

H. Governing Parliamentary Authority: Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall serve as the Governing Parliamentary Authority of GRVNC. An unbiased Parliamentarian may be appointed by the Board to assure that the Governing Parliamentary Authority is adhered to both at general meetings and at Board meetings. In the case of any conflict between these By-Laws and the Governing Parliamentary Authority, these By-Laws shall prevail.

I. Standing Rules: Standing Rules may be approved by the Board of Officers to supplement these By-Laws. Such rules shall be in addition to the By-Laws and shall not be construed to change or replace any By-Law. If there is a conflict between a provision of the By-Laws and a Standing Rule, the By-Law shall govern. Standing Rules may be adopted, amended, or repealed by a simple majority vote of the Board of Officers.

ARTICLE X — AMENDMENT

Amendment of these By-Laws shall be in writing and shall follow one of the following two procedures:

A. Amendment by Board of Officers:

1. Requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Officers, and
2. Must be ratified by fifty percent (50%) of the Voting Members present at a subsequent

GRVNC Election meeting, not to be less than fifty (50) Voting Members voting in support of the Amendment, such meeting to be held not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days following the approval of the Amendment by the Board of Officers.

B. Direct Amendment by GRVNC Voting Members: Voting Members may directly Amend these By-Laws by presenting a petition to the Executive Committee with no less than **two-hundred (200), or 10% of total votes cast at the last election, whichever is greater**, signatures of GRVNC Voting Members supporting the motion. All revisions to the By-laws should use strikethroughs to denote deletions from the By-laws and underlines to denote additions to the By-laws.

1. Receipt of this completed petition by the Executive Committee shall trigger this item being scheduled as an action item on the Agenda at a separate GRVNC Election Meeting to be held not less than 30 days nor more than 90 days following receipt of the completed petition. Notice of the Amendment, including the name of the Article(s) to which revisions are proposed, shall be made in all public meeting notices and announcements for the upcoming Election meeting at which the Amendment shall be voted on.

2. Passage of the Amendment requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the GRVNC Voting Members present at the GRVNC Election Meeting.

C. Amendment of the By-Laws passed by either of the above methods is then subject to the approval process mandated by DONE.

ARTICLE XI — BOUNDARIES

Boundaries of the GRVNC shall follow the traditional boundaries for Venice, as set forth in the City of Los Angeles Venice Area Specific Plan and the City of Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Map for Venice, with one exception, as noted below. These traditional boundaries are approximately described as the City of Santa Monica to the North, the Pacific Ocean to the West, Marina del Rey (unincorporated County of Los Angeles) to the South, and Walgrove Avenue, the eastern edge of the Venice High School grounds, Culver City, Walnut, Del Rey and Lincoln Boulevard on the East. The exceptions to these traditional boundaries are:

A. The area between Walgrove Ave. and Beethoven St., contains many of the schools serving the Venice Community including Venice High, Mark Twain Junior High, Walgrove Elementary and Beethoven Elementary. The grounds of these schools shall be considered an overlap area with the Neighborhood Council established by the Mar Vista Community.

[JoeM: I left this in for comparison purposes – drafting task force overlooked this, and the old above and new below texts differ]

ARTICLE XI — BOUNDARIES

The boundaries of the GRVNC shall follow the City of Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Map. In addition, there shall be three overlap areas with the Mar Vista Neighborhood Council to accommodate the following schools which serve both Venice and Mar Vista: Beethoven Elementary, Mark Twain Middle, and Venice High.

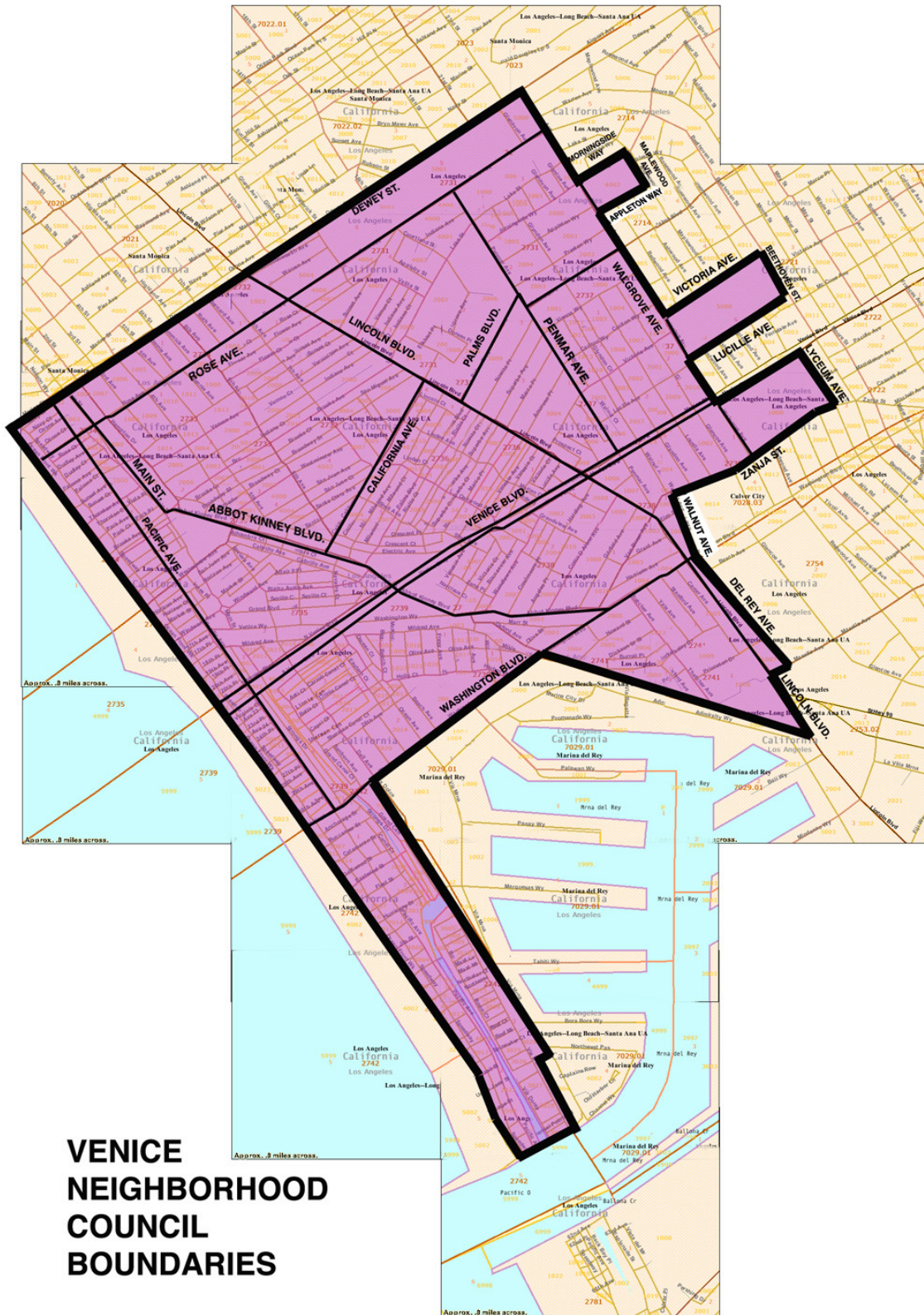
General Boundaries:

North: City of Santa Monica

East: Walgrove Ave., Culver City, Del Rey Avenue/Lincoln Boulevard

South: Marina del Rey (unincorporated County of Los Angeles)

West: Pacific Ocean



ARTICLE XII - ETHICS

A. Nondiscrimination. The GRVNC will encourage all Community Stakeholders to participate in its activities, and will not discriminate against individuals or groups on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, income, citizenship status, or political affiliation in any of its policies, recommendations, or actions.

B. Conflict of Interest. The GRVNC shall be subject to any or all applicable sections of the City of Los Angeles Governmental Ethics Ordinances. All applicable laws of local, state, and federal government shall be the minimum ethical standard for GRVNC, its Board of Officers, and its membership.

C. Restriction on Political Campaigns. The GRVNC shall not participate in, or interfere in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. This restriction shall not be interpreted to forbid informational events such as candidates' forums. It is expected that a member of the Board who is elected to a City of Los Angeles political office will resign from the Board prior to taking such office.

ARTICLE XIII - FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

The GRVNC agrees to comply with all financial accountability requirements as specified by City Ordinance 174006 and the Plan and as stated in the City's Certification Application. The GRVNC further agrees to comply with all reporting requirements as prescribed by DONE.

ARTICLE XIV - OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION [omitted from DavidB version]

A. The GRVNC will make a continuing and concerted effort to increase the voting membership and achieve a diversity of Community Stakeholder representation in the membership and on committees, consistent with the DONE Plan.

B. The GRVNC will in good faith communicate with all Neighborhood Council Community Stakeholders on a regular basis in a manner ensuring that information is disseminated evenly and in a timely manner, consistent with the DONE Plan.

C. The GRVNC will advertise all meetings in advance using such methods identified by the Communications and Outreach Committee or GRVNC membership and deemed to be timely and effective, consistent with the Brown Act.

D. The Communications and Outreach Committee will have general responsibility for developing specific strategies, policies, and procedures for outreach and communications, and for working with geographic representatives to implement and coordinate outreach and communication activities.