



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Administrative Committee Meeting

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291
Monday, December 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order 7PM and Roll Call

Present: Mike Newhouse, Chair; Ira Koslow; Joe Murphy; Nadine Parkos; Erica Harms; Stewart Oscars.

Absent: Linda Lucks; Ed Ferrer.

Also Attending: DeDe Audet, Chair Emeritus; Ivan Spiegel; Laura Silagi; Marc Saltzberg; Nancy Vernon Marino; Jon Nahhos.

2. Approval of the Agenda

JM/IK motion to approve: Unanimous (all motions were approved by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted)

3. Approval of any outstanding Administrative Committee minutes submitted by the Secretary

None

4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (15 min, no more than 2 minutes per person)

Laura Silagi – Santa Monica Airport: Urges collaboration with other groups interested in issue – informed that Marc Castleman is VNC representative and Stewart Oscars will email contact info to Laura Silagi

5. Old Business

6. New Business: **Consideration of DRAFT December 18, 2007 Board Agenda (attached)**

Note: The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board Meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter.

Admin Decision: Above note approved as admin matter.

JM/NP motion to amend Board Agenda format: Public Comment section of Board Agenda format is amended to read (additional language underlined):

The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer’s Report.

7. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (15 min, no more than 2 minutes per person)

8. Adjourn 10PM



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Board of Officers Meeting

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 7:00 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public is requested to fill out a "**Speaker Card**" to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters, not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless modified by the presiding officer of the Board.

TRANSLATION Services: Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de notificar a la oficina 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Si necesita asistencia con esta notificación, por favor llame a nuestra oficina 213.473.5391.

BOARD MEETINGS: The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at Groundworks Coffee, Abbots Habit, the Venice Library, Oakwood Recreation Center, and on the website www.venicenc.org and the VNC email announcement list.

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DRAFT – Agenda - DRAFT

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of any outstanding minutes submitted by the Secretary
4. Committee/DONE Reports (no more than 1 minute per report except that the Outreach Committee shall have 2 as one time exception)
5. Scheduled Announcements (no more than 2 minutes per report)

A Tamara Nelson, Los Angeles Dept. of Disability, AIDS Coordinator's Office: The Neighborhood Council HIV Awareness and Prevention Survey was designed to help the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office learn more about: how you feel about HIV/AIDS and how you feel about HIV/AIDS prevention services in your neighborhood. The survey will be offered to every Neighborhood Council in Los Angeles. Results of the survey will help us understand your opinions regarding HIV/AIDS and your interest in HIV services. ([see attachments](#))

B Linda Lucks: City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works' upcoming "Christmas Tree Recycling Program." ([see attachment](#))

~~**C Musee Beach Toy Drive**~~ ([see attachment](#)) **Administrative decision to delete**

C Linda Lucks: Mayor's Community Budget Process ([see attachment](#))

D Linda Lucks: Mayor's Day of Service – need volunteers 1/26/08 for various projects to beautify Venice.

E Outreach Committee: The Outreach Committee will begin publication of a quarterly Newsletter with its first issue to come out in February. The first issue will be 4 pages with a print run of 10,000. The budget of \$3000 for printing and distribution is already part of the Outreach budget. The outreach Committee is recruiting an editor and soliciting articles. Please contact Marc Saltzberg for more information or to volunteer.

F Nancy Vernon Marino: Marina del Ray development update. www.wearemdr.com **SO/NP motion to add**

G Jon Nahhas: Requesting support for proper use of Marina del Rey Harbor. **SO/NP motion to add**

6. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (15 min, no more than 2 minutes per person)

7. Old Business

A From LUPC

I 2918-2924 Pacific and 2917-2925 Strongs Drive: This project continued from November VNC Board meeting

B From Board Members

I James Birkland: Requests the Board consider and adopt the following motion:

Motion to create an Ad Hoc Environmental Committee

The purpose of the new committee is to address the most pressing environmental issue in Venice right now. Potential tasks include: 1. improving parks; 2. cleaning up runoff; 3. implementing plastic bag/container bans; 4. improving recycling; 5. setting "green guidelines" for development; 6. addressing climate change; and 7. taking positions on issues like Navy Sonar and the proposed LNG facility off the coast.

SO/EH motion to include on agenda

8. Treasurer's Report

JM email to Treasurer requesting spread sheet report



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9. New Business: (approx. 8:00 PM)

A From Outreach Committee

I **Residential Bulletin Boards:** The Board is requested to approve the following motion:

The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the outreach project called "Residential Bulletin Boards" and approves an expenditure of \$500 to support it.

It is proposed that these boards will be purchased to be placed in the front yards or on fences of Board Members and Committee Members (primarily Neighborhood) to provide additional "unofficial" posting places. This project is aimed at providing Neighborhood Committee members and Board members with more visibility in the community as well as additional outreach for meetings and events. A budget of \$500 is needed for buying bulletin boards and installation materials. The Budget committee approved this project and expenditure at its meeting 12/06/07 (funds to come from General Outreach). **SO/NP motion to initially postpone to Jan for time reasons— admin decision to restore**

II **Farmer's Market Outreach:** The Board is requested to approve the following motion:

The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the outreach project called "Farmer's Market Outreach" and approves an expenditure of \$600 to support it.

The goal of this project is to staff a Farmer's Market table from 7:00 to 11:00 AM every Friday. Staffing would be drawn primarily from VNC Board and Committee (Neighborhood, LUPC and others) members. Tablers would collect stakeholder email information, provide basic outreach on VNC, discuss need for city services with stakeholders, distribute VNC and LA City event information (the table will NOT provide information on non-city services and events), and provide voter registration forms and assistance in completing the forms. The startup budget was set at a maximum of \$600. The Budget Committee met to consider this project and determined that the budget should come from operations since the items to be purchased fall into the category of equipment. The operating budget (copying and printing) would come from other budget line items. Volunteers staffing the table would receive training in representing the VNC and in completing Voter Registration forms. **NP/EH motion to initially postpone to Jan for time reasons— admin decision to restore**

B From Neighborhood Committee **JM/EH motion to amend as follows**

I **Neighborhood Committee:** Reappointment of Jeffrey Fritz from Silver Strand to a different area.

II **Neighborhood Committee:** Confirmation of election of Bill Boyd to represent Silver Strand area.

C From LUPC

I **2321 AKB – French Market Beer and wine upgrade.** Staff report to be emailed to board. SO/NP Motion to Initially **Postpone to Jan for time reasons – admin decision to restore to enable LUPC to meet external deadline**

II **LUPC In-Lieu Parking Fee Formula:** LUPC moved and passed unanimously to adopt a new in-lieu parking fee formula as policy and recommend that the VNC Board of Officers send a letter to this effect to Councilman Rosendahl, California Coastal Commission and City of LA Planning Department. Letter to be submitted to VNC Board 12-18-07 with this recommendation. **JM/EH motion passed – to distribute In-Lieu Parking Fee Formula letter at 12/18 Board Meeting and post on website, and to announce postponement of Board consideration of the formula until Jan Board Meeting. (list as announcement Item H)**

II **Cellular Tower proposed for roof of 658 Venice Blvd:** Recommendation of VNC support of Zoning Administrator's denial of cellular tower proposed for roof of 658 Venice because it would exceed the height limit for that building of 25'. **IK/EH motion to add**

IV **Cellular Towers as Art Sculptures to be approved by Arts Committee:** LUPC recommendation to the board that any future cellular towers that would be visible to the public need to become art sculptures and approved by the VNC Art Committee. **JM/EH motion to refer to Arts Committee**

V **LUPC Fences & Hedges report:** LUPC recommends that the board request that Councilman Rosendahl present its Fences & Hedges recommendation to the City Council for immediate action as specified, to develop policy and related legislation, for the purpose of promoting community safety & character and to protect stakeholders' rights to enjoy their community.

VI **LUPC Fences & Hedges Enforcement Recommendation:** LUPC submits our Fences & Hedges enforcement recommendation for Board approval and recommend immediate delivery to appropriate City Agencies

VII **Outreach Re LUPC Fences & Hedges Enforcement recommendation:** Recommend Outreach Committee publicize Fences and Hedges Enforcement Recommendation over and above normal outreach efforts.

JM/EH motion passed – to distribute LUPC Fences & Hedges Recommendation at 12/18 Board Meeting and post on website, to announce postponement of Board consideration of the above 3 LUPC Fences & Hedges Recommendation matters to Feb Board Meeting, and to task Admin Committee at its Jan 7 meeting with scheduling late Jan Board Policy Forum discussion.

VIII **Expand LUPC from 9 members to 13.** Two from VNC Board of Officers and two appointed by the VNC Board of Officers from stakeholders who have submitted an application for the committee. **JM/EH motion to postpone to Jan Board Meeting**



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D From Board Members

- I **Joe Murphy:** As an alternative to item 9 C VII above, I move the Board adopt the following as an amendment to paragraph 2 of Article VII F of the Bylaws:
The Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) shall consist of ~~nine (9)~~ thirteen (13) 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. ~~EXCEPT that, for the term ending October 2007, the LUPC shall include two (2) additional members who are Board Officers as nominated by the Board of Officers.~~ Eight (8) Twelve (12) LUPC members shall be elected by the Board of Officers from a list of candidates who have formally communicated to the Board their desire to serve on the Land Use and Planning Committee. The Board shall, within thirty (30) days after beginning their term, hold a Board of Officers meeting for the election of LUPC members; EXCEPT that, for the term ending October 2009, the four (4) vacant positions shall be elected within thirty (30) days after the date that this amendment becomes effective. The ~~eight (8)~~ twelve (12) candidates with the highest vote totals shall be elected.
JM/EH motion to postpone to Jan Board Meeting
- II **Stewart Oscars:** i would like to see vnc board adopt the following system of mailing letters ratified by the board: 1) the person/committee sends a draft with all parties addresses to whom it is to be mailed to the secretary for layout onto vnc stationary. 2) the secretary sends the letter to president and drafter for accuracy check. 3) the drafter tells the president of accuracy. the president then addresses the letter to all parties concerned and mails the letters. 4) the president notifies the person/committee that drafted the letter when the letter has been posted. **Admin Decision: Proponents of letter draft & email letter to President for review/edit/signature. President returns approved version by email to proponents with copy to Secretary for VNC records. Proponents of letter then copy and send the approved letter.**
- III **Stewart Oscars:** the venice high school pool water heater is defunct and in need of immediate replacement as the water sports teams are not able to practice as the water is too cold. the replacement/repair is caught in a beaurocratic snafu. i move that the vnc board send a letter to cd 11 bill rosendahl demanding that he step into the process and get the water heater rplaced and working immediately. **Stewart Oscars defers to CM letter**
- I **Challis Macpherson:** ~~Strongly worded~~ letter from board to Councilman Rosendahl to go to Rec and Parks and request an immediate replacement water heater for the VHS swim pool. We have swimmers that could be going to the Olympics that can't practice in cold water. Also, this swim pool is used by many Venice stakeholders, from kids to seniors. It is our responsibility to get this done. **SO/IK motion to add**
- II **Challis Macpherson:** ~~Strongly worded~~ letter to Councilman Rosendahl to instruct LADOT to replace the Restricted parking signs for 32 parking spaces on public land with public parking signs. **IK/SO motion to add**
- VI **Challis Macpherson:** Parking Ad Hoc Committee comprised of seven teams of 1 board member plus 2 or more stakeholders for each of the seven major Venice parking problems: Rose, OFW (Speedway), Beach parking lots (get them in line with real Venice needs), Venice Blvd., Washington Blvd., Abbot Kinney Blvd., Lincoln Blvd - which would be coordinated with VCC's Lincoln Blvd Design Overlay. **NO/EH motion to postpone to Jan 7 AdCom & request Challis to provide Mission Statement**
- III **Richard Myers:** Inform the VNC of Venice Surplus Property Fund Uses: I would like a letter from the NC formally requesting that the Venice NC be informed before the city council considers motions to spend money from the Venice Area Surplus Real Property Fund (No. 434). **JM/IK motion to add**
- VIII **Stewart Oscars:** i move that the meeting dates/times and location of this live-in vehicle task force be published/posted 72 hours in advance. there is great interest venice-wide about this issue and many people indicate that they want to be part of the process and participate in the meetings. **Withdrawn by Stewart Oscars**

E From Stakeholders:

- I **Joel Shields:** I am attempting to get new street signs along the Boardwalk and would like the assistance and support of the Venice NC. In particular, I would like the DOT to install streets signs designed by local Venice artists. The other issue that I have been asking for is periodic street cleaning along the Boardwalk. My email exchange with Arturo is attached. (see attachment) **JM/NP motion to add**

10. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (15 min, no more than 2 minutes per person)

11. Adjourn (approx 10:00PM)



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Referral Items

- I **Venice Arts:** The Abbot Kinney Holiday Tree Walk sponsored by Capri restaurant will be taking place on Friday, December 14th through Sunday, Decemeber 16th. You are invited to stroll Abbot Kinney and view the beautiful holiday trees. The Holiday Tree Walk starts at Capri Restaurant, 1616 Abbot Kinney Blvd in Venice where a list of participating businesses will be provided. To-date they include Patio Culture, Firefly, Sentiments, Edna King, Modern Dog, Stroh's, Turquoise, Brick Lane, Minnie T's, Equator Books, Salt and Tales and Toys. The walk will benefit Venice Arts, a local non-profit youth arts organization that is well known for its work mentoring young people through free programs in photography, filmmaking and digital arts. All contributions received will be donated to Venice Arts. Donate at <http://www.venice-arts.org/images/capri.jpg>. **JM refer to CC**

- II **Kristen Ellertson:** Hello! My name is Kristen and I am doing a research assignment on Venice Beach. This is for my English 100 class at Orange Coast College. I am almost done with my research, but I need to find someone to interview for my paper. I was hoping somebody from your organization would be willing to help me out. I basically just need to find someone who knows the history as well as the ongoing issues of Venice. The interview can be via email, telephone, or if possible, on this coming Saturday, since I will be in Venice. But that is not necessary. I would truly appreciate any help I can receive in getting an interview or perhaps even a contact of someone who you believe can help me. Thank you so much for any help you can give! Have a good day :) Kristen Ellertson - cheer1989@earthlink.net **JM refer to Arnold Springer**