



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room

658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Note: (i) 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. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons. (iii) Unless otherwise noted, the President abstains on all votes.

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Present:** Linda Lucks, Chair; Joe Murphy; Ira Koslow; Cindy Chambers; Hugh Harrison; Kristopher Valentine; Daffodil Tyminski; Carolyn Rios. **Absent:** None.

**Also Attending:** Marc Saltzberg; Ivan Spiegel; Challis Macpherson; Jed Pauker; DeDe Audet; Ivonne Guzman; Jake Kaufman; Stewart Oscars; Ian Dean; Raven Alexander; Marial ?; Lizka Mendoza.

### 2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda & Draft Board Agenda

**ACTION TAKEN**      Approved as rearranged below

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

August 09, 2010 Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes

(see <http://venicenc.org/files/100809VNCAdComMinutesRev.doc>)

**ACTION TAKEN**      Approved 6-0-2 (Carolyn Rios abstained since she was absent from 8/9/10 AdCom mtg)

### 4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

[10 min, no more than 2 minutes per person – no Ad Com member announcements permitted]

### 5. Old Administrative Committee Business

#### A **Speaker Card & Agenda Request Drafts;** (Hugh Harrison, [treasurer@venicenc.org](mailto:treasurer@venicenc.org))

Discuss new speaker cards used at last board meeting (08/17/2010), and possible ways to improve or clarify.

**ACTION TAKEN**      Further editing to be done by Hugh Harrison



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**B Create 'Compliance Review & Conditions Follow Up' Ad Hoc Committee**  
**Challis Macpherson ([challis.macpherson@Verizon.net](mailto:challis.macpherson@Verizon.net))**

**MOTION:** To approve the creation of a Compliance Review and Conditions Follow Up Ad Hoc Committee. This Committee will terminate after one year or at the request of VNC President.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To research, record and track those projects and/or issues of which the Venice Neighborhood Council's Board of Officers has taken a position or placed conditions on prior to approval.

Reports and/or updates from this Committee shall be compiled and submitted to the Board at least on a monthly basis, including dates and times of upcoming governmental reviews. The Committee shall also track and report on any subsequent actions taken by an applicant and/or governmental entities. The committee may render an opinion on an item but any conflicts-of-interest or ex parte communications by any of the members must be disclosed.

Since enforcement of non-compliance rests solely with the VNC Board, this committee will not make, or take, any action directly to any applicant or governmental body or entity without written permission from the VNC President. In pursuing its mission, the Committee must represent the positions as expressed by a majority vote of the VNC Board.

**ACTION TAKEN**      **Withdrawn by maker of motion**

**C Outreach Mailing List;** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Outreach Committee (310-892-9660, [outreach@venicenc.org](mailto:outreach@venicenc.org))

The Outreach Committee passed the following motion: The backlog of data entry for VNC mailing list, including two elections, the BBQ, and the accumulated lists for the last 8 months be entered into our stakeholder database not later than October 1, 2010.

**ACTION TAKEN**      **Withdrawn by maker of motion**

## 6. New Administrative Committee Business

**A Administrative Issues**

**(I) Request for Public Records of the 2010 VNC Board Retreat;** Joe Murphy (310-305-1444, [secretary@venicenc.org](mailto:secretary@venicenc.org))

I. As Secretary, to enable me to full my responsibility to prepare and publish the minutes of the 2010 VNC Board Retreat, I am requesting all related public records including, but not limited to: (a) The sheets upon which Board Members wrote their



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ideas and suggestions which were then used during the discussion that occurred near the end of the retreat (not the photographs taken by a stakeholder before the sheets were gathered for the discussion – I already have the photographs); and (ii) Recordings of all or parts of the meeting, or information that would enable me to request duplicates of any such recordings if not prepared by or at the request of the Board; (iii) Any other public records relating to the 2010 VNC Board Retreat that are not covered by the above.

II. As a Venice Stakeholder, I request copies of all of the above public records under the California Public Records Act.

Standing Rule 20 - VNC Vision Goals, states in part: "...these goals are designed to promote a more proactive, collaborative vision for VNC Committees to include in their deliberations as they formulate recommendations for Board consideration. The intent is to create a working framework of integrated strategies capable of achieving, over time, broader consensus and increased: Participation: Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate broader involvement of stakeholders, major organizations, community groups, and government institutions, etc."

As Secretary, I am required to prepare accurate minutes of all Board meetings and I do not yet have the public records or related information that would enable me to fulfill this obligation. As a Venice stakeholder, a request for public records under the Public Records Act does not require disclosure of an explanation for making the request. I believe that responsiveness to both of the above requests enhance the above extracted portion of the VNC Vision Goals.

**ACTION TAKEN** Postponed to October 11, 2010 AdCom Meeting

(II) **Special Meeting to finalize Board Priorities 2010-11;** Linda Lucks (310-505-4220, [President@venicenc.org](mailto:President@venicenc.org))

At the VNC board retreat in July, the board identified a number of important areas of interest. A special meeting needs to be scheduled to a to finalize the priorities identified by board members so that the agenda for the year is clear.

I move that a special meeting be scheduled on a day other than a regular board meeting, or scheduled before/after the September board meeting.

**ACTION TAKEN** Below motion to amend failed for lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both the above and below motions were referred to Task Force comprised of Marc Saltzberg and Cindy Chambers to prepare the agenda for a Special Board Meeting to be held Wednesday evening September 29, 2010 from 7 to 9PM, leaving with Marc & Cindy the decision of which topic to schedule since 2 hours is not sufficient time to deal with the subject matter of both the above and below motions.



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**Motion by Joe Murphy to amend above AdCom Agenda Item 6-II to read as follows:**

**Special Meeting to finalize Board Priorities 2010-11;** Linda Lucks (310-505-4220, [President@venicenc.org](mailto:President@venicenc.org))

~~At the VNC board retreat in July, the board identified a number of important areas of interest. A special meeting needs to be scheduled to finalize the priorities identified by board members so that the agenda for the year is clear.~~

I move that a special Board meeting be scheduled to enable the Board to openly and candidly discuss ways to improve the credibility of the VNC, that the discussion be chaired by a neutral third party selected by the Board, and that the discussion include but not be limited to topics suggested by the below questions:

1. Who are our stakeholders? Those that show up at VNC meetings?
2. On issues that have clearly represented "sides," how can we work without favoring one side against another, even when our own beliefs predispose us as individuals to favor one side – sometimes passionately?
3. What is the best way to reach a solution to contentious issues? When dealing with a contentious issue, how can we:
  - (i) research the issue and potential solutions
  - (ii) formulate a set of recommendations and present those recommendations in a way that that is "neutral" both in fact and in the perception of the public (including those don't come to meetings);

What expectations should we have when dealing with contentious issues?

4. How should representatives that work on solutions to contentious issues be selected?
5. Is there a process that will lead to "better" solutions (where better is defined as more timely, perceived as fair, and does not get overturned later)?
6. How should conflict be treated?
  - (i) Should we encourage it to get the sources of conflict out in the open so we can deal with them?
  - (ii) Should we suppress it to avoid inflaming passion and drive people to opposite sides?

And that this discussion, among other matters, be used by the Board in a subsequent Board meeting to set politically realistic Board priorities until further review is deemed appropriate by the Board.

~~on a day other than a regular board meeting, or scheduled before/after the September board meeting.~~



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- (III) **Introducing from Underground Entertainment Use city channel**; Yolanda Gonzalez (310 902-8690, [fristmateyo@yahoo.com](mailto:fristmateyo@yahoo.com))

I would like to see if we can have our NC's meetings televised on the city channel sharing costs with other NC's which in my opinion is best outreach to the community. Underground Entertainment will introduce a possibility of how this project can be projected and introduced.

It will need funding, for projection and can bring in new students studying communications, in film and television as stakeholders. The funding can be combined with other NC's who would like this idea, since it will be televised through the city channel.

Discuss the idea, and if possible sent it to the Outreach Committee, to organize it better.

This is the most inexpensive way of outreach to the stakeholders.

**ACTION TAKEN** Referred to Outreach Committee

- (VIII) **Motion For Board Policy Requiring Transparency Re: Board Agendas & President Communications with Gov't Personnel (for discussion only)**; Joe Murphy (310-305-1444; [joedmurphy@ca.rr.com](mailto:joedmurphy@ca.rr.com))

Request Board enhance VNC credibility by institutionalizing transparency modeled on LA City Council Practice by adopting the motion at Item 9B of Board Agenda.

**ACTION TAKEN** Considered as New Business Item 9B of below Board Agenda

- (IX) **Notice to Community Improvement Project Recipients**; (Hugh Harrison on behalf of the Budget Committee, [treasurer@venicenc.org](mailto:treasurer@venicenc.org))

President to notify all recipients for community improvement funds that due to City funding difficulties, all payment requests should be submitted no later than May 15, 2012.

**ACTION TAKEN** Withdrawn by maker of motion

## **B Consideration of DRAFT September 21, 2010 Board Agenda**

### **7. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**

[10 min, no more than 2 minutes per person – no Ad Com member announcements permitted]

### **8. Adjourn**



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## Board of Officers Meeting DRAFT Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM

**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.

**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.

**POSTING:** The agenda and non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board members in advance of regular and special meetings may be viewed at Groundworks Coffee (671 Rose Ave Venice, CA 90291), Abbots Habit (1401 Abbot Kinney Blvd. Venice, CA 90291), the Venice Library (501 South Venice Boulevard, Venice, CA 90291), Oakwood Recreation Center (767 California St. Venice, CA 90291), the VNC website (<http://www.venicenc.org>), or at the scheduled meeting. For a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the VNC secretary at [secretary@venicenc.org](mailto:secretary@venicenc.org).

**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 these agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other agenda matters or on 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.

**DISABILITY POLICY:** The Venice Neighborhood Council complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and does not discriminate on the basis of any disability. Upon request, the Venice Neighborhood Council will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request.

### 1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order in memory of Carol Hector, Publisher of The Argonaut

### 2. Approval of the Agenda

### 3. Approval of outstanding minutes (1 minute)

August 17, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

(see <http://venicenc.org/files/100817VNCBoardMinutes.doc>)

### 4. Announcements of Town Hall <need topic and date>

### 5. Consent Calendar

#### A Letter to City of Los Angeles Planning Department regarding Negative Declaration-NG=10-280-PL; ENV 2010-715 General Framework Element; Challis Macpherson

Dear Madam/Sir:

Please extend the time period for public comment on this case for six (6) months to enable the neighborhood councils to respond.

That the Venice Neighborhood Council endorses the resolution to require the Planning Department to:

1. Post all background research documents related to NEGATIVE DECLARATION-NG=10-280-PL: ENV 2010-715 online.
2. To provide full disclosure of the precise text of these proposed changes and how they fit into the General Plan Framework Element.



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- 3. To restart the Negative Declaration process at the time these documents are posted to provide for full review of the Guidelines and the Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA notification and review requirements.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Placed on Board Consent Calendar

- B** **Rate Payers Advocate**; DeDe Audet ([daudet@ca.rr.com](mailto:daudet@ca.rr.com))

**See Exhibit A**

I move that the VNC board send a letter to Councilman Rosendahl concerning the selection, duties, reach, and term of a Ratepayers Advocate to monitor the actions of the Los Angeles Department of Water Power in relation to the fees charged for delivery of water and power to the citizens of Los Angeles.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Placed on Board Consent Calendar

## 6. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

[10 min, no more than 2 minutes per person – no board member announcements permitted]

- 7. **Treasurers Report**; Hugh Harrison (10 min)

**See Exhibit B**

Attached is the report on expenditures for August 2010. Also attached is a copy of the monthly purchase card billing for the VNC with notations as to the purpose for each expenditure.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Placed on Board Agenda

## 8. Old Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

- A** **Café Windward at 22-28 Windward (ZA 2010-510 PAB SPP CUB)**; Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (310-463-0299; [Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org))

**See Exhibit N/A**

Motion to recommend the project as presented noting, an increase in hours of  
M-W 11:30a-11:30p,  
Thrs-Sat 930a-2am and  
Sunday 9:30a-12am  
An increase in seating from 70-84,  
That the project meet BMP,  
And no exemptions or variances for parking.

**Approved (7-0-0)**

**Date of Motion: July 14, 2010**

[Jake will provide staff report and supporting documentation by Monday.]

**ACTION TAKEN**

Withdrawn by maker of motion



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## 9. New Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

- A **Agenda Posting Places** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Outreach Committee (310-892-9660, [outreach@venicenc.org](mailto:outreach@venicenc.org))

The Outreach Committee was asked to explore and recommend posting sites in order to comply with the new BONC / DONE directive that each NC have at least 5 official posting places in addition to their website. The Outreach Committee discussed suggestions made by the Neighborhood Committee, the Outreach Committee and recommended the following 8 sites and suggests that the Administrative Committee select the final five sites.

The criteria used to select posting places were:

- The site must be physically within the VNC boundaries (eg. the south side of Washington on County land is out).
- We have to have physical access to the site so that we can post.
- As many as possible (at least 1) should be available for viewing 24/7 (none currently are)
- The sites should be geographically diverse. There should be a reasonable level of foot traffic.
- the posting place must have a bulletin Board large enough to hold meeting notices from at least 3 committees simultaneously,
- posting at the site must not present an undue burden on person posting.

The committee recommends the following posting sites to adcom for final selection by that committee:

1. Penmar Park
2. Cow's End (note: no bulletin board – windows available)
3. Café Collage (note: no bulletin board – windows available)
4. Whole Foods
5. \*\*Groundworks Coffee - on Rose (note: no bulletin board – door available)
6. \*\*Abbot's Habit
7. \*\*Oakwood Park
8. \*\*Venice Library

\*\* this is an existing posting site

~~The Committee recommends that the final list of public posting sites be noted on our website and in our literature~~

~~The Committee further recommends that Committee Chairs forward all agendas to the VNC Board and the VNC Neighborhood Committees for posting in front of their residences or on bulletin boards in their area.~~

**ACTION TAKEN**

**Placed on Board Agenda as amended**

*It's YOUR Venice - get involved!*





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- A** **Sponsorship of Halloween Carnival**; Lizka Mendoza on behalf of Oakwood Recreation Center- City of LA (310-452-7479, [Lizka.Mendoza@lacity.org](mailto:Lizka.Mendoza@lacity.org))

Oakwood RC would like VNC to sponsor our Halloween Carnival to be held on Saturday, October 31, 2010 at Penmar RC. Due to budget limitations, the Department of Rec & Parks had mandated that Mar Vista RC, Penmar RC and Oakwood RC host one Halloween event at one park site. If possible, we would like VNC to assist us in the promotion of this FREE event to ensure that proper advertisement is done throughout the entire Venice and Penmar community.

**ACTION TAKEN**      **Withdrawn by maker of motion**

- B** **First Friday's VNC Booth**; Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Outreach Committee (310-892-9660, [outreach@venicenc.org](mailto:outreach@venicenc.org))

The VNC First Friday's Table no longer has a coordinator and no one from the Outreach Committee has stepped forward to take it on. If the board desires the table to be continued it should find an individual who will coordinate volunteers, selection of and maintaining a venue, and delivery / pick-up of set-up materials.

**ACTION TAKEN**      **To be reported as part of the Outreach Committee Report in Item 10A below**

- B** **Motion For Board Policy Requiring Transparency Re: Board Agendas & President Communications with Gov't Personnel (for discussion only)**; Joe Murphy (310-305-1444; [joedmurphy@ca.rr.com](mailto:joedmurphy@ca.rr.com))

### **Agenda Request Form: Statement of Alignment with VNC Vision Goals**

Standing Rule 20 - VNC Vision Goals, states in part:

**...these goals are designed to promote a more proactive, collaborative vision for VNC Committees to include in their deliberations as they formulate recommendations for Board consideration. The intent is to create a working framework of integrated strategies capable of achieving, over time, broader consensus and increased:**

**Participation: Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate broader involvement of stakeholders, major organizations, community groups, and government institutions, etc.**

I believe that Board adoption of the proposed motion would enhance the cited VNC Vision Goal; I also believe it would enhance the level of trust and credibility of the VNC in the eyes of the broader Venice Community, and in the eyes of the Government agencies the VNC will be seeking to influence on behalf of the Venice Community it claims to represent.

Request Board enhance VNC credibility by institutionalizing transparency modeled on LA City Council Practice by adopting the following motion:



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The VNC Board hereby declares its intent to enhance VNC credibility by institutionalizing transparency modeled on LA City Council Practice (see **Council File: 09-3036** regarding the Oversize Vehicle Parking Restrictions Ordinance at <http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=09-3036> and the public records posted there), and hereby:

A. Establishes, as VNC policy, that maximum reasonable transparency shall be provided to stakeholders in all VNC matters where such transparency is necessary to expand the credibility of the VNC by demonstrating the openness of its procedures and communications including, but not limited to:

- (i) All stages of the preparation of Administrative Committee and Board agendas and minutes; and
- (ii) All communications by the President with all government personnel.

B. Implements this policy by delegating to the Administrative Committee and the Communications Officer the task of preparing and presenting to the Board a Standing Rule or Standing Rules realistically capable of accomplishing this intent.

C. Mandates that, at a minimum, the Standing Rules which are presented to the Board shall:

- (i) Require that Agenda Requests include, at a minimum, the information requested in the current Agenda Request process as reflected on the Administrative Committee webpage (<http://www.venicenc.org/Adcom>) and in its linked Agenda Request Forms.
- (ii) Include automatic forwarding of AdCom Agenda Requests, and of Administrative Committee & Board Agendas/Minutes, to stakeholders requesting these public records.
- (iii) Require use of part of the President's monthly report time for the President: (a) to disclose the nature of any communications with gov't personnel, and to respond to questions from stakeholders or board members related thereto; and (b) to respond to questions submitted in advance whether or not related to such communications.

D. Advises the Administrative Committee to consider the elements in the following Proposed Framework in its deliberations:

**(i) Preparation of AdCom/Board Agendas**

- **Content:** See AdCom/Board Agenda Request Forms at <http://www.venicenc.org/Adcom>:  
 Online (<http://www.venicenc.org/Agenda>)  
 Document (<http://www.venicenc.org/files/100718AgendaRequestForm.doc>)
- **Mechanics:**
  1. Web forwards ARs to Agenda-Prep-Appointees/Pres/VP/REQUESTORS\*/AR-AUTHOR (to confirm delivery).  
 \* **REQUESTORS:** Those who request receipt by email of all ARs and of all AdCom & Board Agendas/Minutes.
  2. President's Agenda-Prep-Appointee prepares Draft AdCom Agenda per SR 7A and emails it to President for review. Agenda-Prep-Appointee emails approved version, or original version if approved version not available before 7PM Thursday, to Board/LUPC/NHC/REQUESTORS/AR-AUTHORS.
  3. Secretary or his appointee prepares Draft AdCom Minutes and emails it to Board/LUPC/NHC/REQUESTORS/ AR-AUTHORS.
  4. AdCom's Agenda-Prep-Appointee prepares Draft Board Agenda from Draft AdCom Minutes or from AdCom Agenda (if Draft AdCom Minutes not available) and emails it to AdCom for review. Agenda-Prep-Appointee emails approved version, or original version if approved version not available before 7PM Thursday, to Board/LUPC/NHC/REQUESTORS/AR-AUTHORS.
  5. Secretary or his appointee prepares Draft Board Minutes and emails it to Board/LUPC/NHC/REQUESTORS/ AR-AUTHORS.

**ACTION TAKEN** Referred to REC suggesting formation of Task Force to prepare & make recommendation



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(ii) **President's Disclosure of Communications with Gov't Personnel & Responses to Questions**

- **Content:** The President's Disclosure of Communications with gov't personnel & responses to verbal questions related thereto, or to questions submitted in advance, should provide sufficient context and detail to insure listener understanding regarding past, current or possible future VNC business.
- **Mechanics:** Questions submitted in advance should be required to conform to the timeframe for submitting agenda requests and should be integrated with the agenda request procedure (by addition of a Question for President box on the Agenda Request Forms) and, subject to appropriate screening by AdCom, should be made similarly available to Board/LUPC/NHC/REQUESTORS/AR-AUTHORS.

**ACTION TAKEN** Motion failed for lack of a second.

**C** 585 Venice Blvd; Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (310-463-0299; [Chair LUPC@VeniceNC.org](mailto:ChairLUPC@VeniceNC.org)) **See Exhibit C**

~~Jim Murez provided synopsis of his report and the public hearing, John Reed presented the project as reported in the documentation.~~

~~The request is to support a "change of use" to Retail Use from Manufacturing. Comments from Ron Lasker & Sam Kagen, building co-owners in the property since 1989.~~

~~Recommendation from LUPC Motion made by Jim Murez and seconded by Robert Aronson to approve the project as presented for:~~

- ~~Change of Use form Mfg to Retail~~
- ~~Change of Use from Mfg to Storage~~
- ~~Add 5 parking spaces~~
- ~~Grant the City easement rights to provide the 26' width requirement to provide 30 degree public parking in the public right of way along Venice Blvd.~~

~~Motion passed 6 to 0 on Aug 25, 2010.~~

~~[Jake will provide staff report and supporting documentation by Monday.]~~

**ACTION TAKEN** Placed on Board Agenda as amended

**D** 533 Rose (Biga); Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (310-463-0299; [Chair LUPC@VeniceNC.org](mailto:ChairLUPC@VeniceNC.org)) **See Exhibit D**

~~Recommendation from LUPC Motion made by Susan Papadakis and seconded by Robert Aronson to approve the project as presented noting:~~

- ~~Bike rack,~~
- ~~That the project meet BMP,~~
- ~~Hours of 9AM-11PM weekdays and 9AM- 12 midnight on Friday and Saturday.~~
- ~~No deliveries before 8:30 AM on weekdays or 10AM on weekends.~~

~~Approved (6-0-0) John Reed recused. Date of Motion: July 14, 2010~~

~~[Jake will provide staff report and supporting documentation by Monday.]~~

**ACTION TAKEN** Placed on Board Agenda as amended



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## 10. Scheduled Announcements (no more than 1 minute per report unless otherwise stated)

### A VNC Announcements (3 min)

- **President:** Linda Lucks (310-505-4220; [president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))
- **Vice President:** Carolyn Rios (310-821-7922; [VP@venicenc.org](mailto:VP@venicenc.org))

[Summary of Written Committee Reports when provided in advance]

- **Neighborhood;** Carolyn Rios
- **Outreach;** Marc Salzberg
- **OFW;** Ivonne Guzman, Ira Koslow
- **Arts;** Clark McCutcheon, Daffodyl Timinski
- **Education;** Peter Thottam
- **Environment;** Kristopher Valentine
- **Public Safety;** Nick Hippisley Cox

- **Community Improvement Projects:** Ivan Spiegel (310-821-9556; [ivan13147@verizon.net](mailto:ivan13147@verizon.net))

### B Governmental Reports (15 min)

- **State Assemblyperson Ted Lieu;** Jennifer Zivkovic, Field Representative (310-615-3515; [Jennifer.zivkovic@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.zivkovic@asm.ca.gov))
- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa;** Jennifer Badger, West Area Representatives (310-479-3823; [jennifer.badger@lacity.org](mailto:jennifer.badger@lacity.org))
- **City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl:** Arturo Piña, Field Deputy (310-568-8772; [arturo.pina@lacity.org](mailto:arturo.pina@lacity.org))
- **LAPD:** Officer Peggy Thusing, Senior Lead Officer (310-622-3968; [25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org))
- **Western Regional Alliance of Councils:** Mike Newhouse (310-795-3768; [mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com](mailto:mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com))
- **PlancheckLA:** VNC Rep Challis Macpherson (310-822-1729; [Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net](mailto:Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net))
- **LA Dept of Water & Power/Memoranda of Understanding:** VNC Rep DeDe Audet (310-251-1054; [daudet@ca.rr.com](mailto:daudet@ca.rr.com))

- C Friends of Ballona Wetlands Organization Update;** David Kay on behalf of the Friends of Ballona Wetlands (626-302-2149, [david.kay@sce.com](mailto:david.kay@sce.com)): Friends of Ballona Wetlands will update the Council on organization status, and positions on the State's wetlands access proposals

## 11. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

[10 min, no more than 2 minutes per person – no board member announcements permitted]



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## 12. Old Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

### A Abbot Kinney Parking Report, Recommendations and Community Impact Statement;

Jed Pauker, Robin Rudisill (310.827.0144; [gojednet-parkingAbK@yahoo.com](mailto:gojednet-parkingAbK@yahoo.com)):

**(for discussion only)**

**See Exhibits E & E2**

Abbot Kinney's parking issues are unique to its surroundings. This report is intended to acknowledge and promote Abbot Kinney's eclectic and independent character with practical recommendations to address Abbot Kinney's valet parking and food truck issues.

**MOTION: We move that the Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers accept the foregoing report and approve the following recommendations and Community Impact Statement, for immediate transmittal to Council District 11 Office and the City Council and LA County Supervisor Yaroslavsky:**

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Promote a consolidated valet parking program for the Abbot Kinney area.
- 2) Promote continued communications among involved entities to produce mutually-beneficial initiatives,
- 3) Promote consideration of a parking study to address current and future needs for Abbot Kinney and its surrounding area.
- 4) Support implementing a Business Improvement District to develop community-serving business activity management policies.
- 5) Support County Health Department consideration to provide cleanliness letter grading for mobile catering trucks.
- 6) Where a private location is used to host one or more food trucks, consider regulating the maximum number of simultaneous patrons onsite to protect public safety.
- 7) Where a private location is used to host one or more food trucks in or near a residential area, consider requiring signage near the property perimeter, in obvious, plain sight, advising patrons to consider residential neighbors and citing pertinent noise ordinances.
- 8) Where a public location is used to host a food truck, promote consideration of a permit process, part of whose fees contribute to the Venice Coastal Zone Parking Impact Fund
- 9) Promote inclusion of VNC's recommendations with the City Council's work to address food truck impacts.

### **VALET PARKING AND FOOD TRUCKS COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

Venice Coastal Zone parking is at an ever-increasing premium for residents, businesses and visitors alike. Multiple short- and long-term parking restrictions continue to prove insufficient in achieving their collective goal to ease automotive congestion and the inevitable neighbor-to-neighbor tensions it creates. Lack of adequate enforcement of



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existing regulations combines with the failure of existing regulations to address our changing environment. Only with comprehensive and carefully-crafted initiatives designed to create space where none seems to exist can our community members and visitors hope to regain the full enjoyment of our uniquely diverse and walkable community which was intended by its founder.

~~Whereas our community's first priority is the safety of our residents and visitors, Be it resolved that the VNC Board of Officers make the following recommendations: Request our GD11 representative by letter [*Exhibit B, attached*] to direct the City Attorney to present to the City Council forthwith an Ordinance per Council File 09-0206 (<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=09-0206>), establishing a valet permit parking program in the City of Los Angeles.~~

**ACTION TAKEN**

Placed on Board Agenda as amended For Discussion Only

**B Request to approve CIS regarding mechanical parking lift issue; Jed Pauker (310.827.0144, [jed@jed.net](mailto:jed@jed.net))**

Mechanical parking lifts can benefit the community, but only when they are deployed per approved community planning guidelines. Approving such devices without public input and Planning Department review negatively impacts the community, the planning process, Coastal development and the principles of representative government. A moratorium should be placed on approval of mechanical parking lifts until an ordinance can be drafted to specify proper review and operational standards for such devices in the community.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Placed on Board Agenda

### 13. New Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

**A Request Funding for event as promised by VNC; Alex Stowell ([metal.beach@hotmail.com](mailto:metal.beach@hotmail.com))**

I am seeking funding for an all ages metal show at Muscle Beach to take place on Oct. 30 and 31. I was promised \$2000 for this through the VNC neighborhood improvement funding and this commitment was reneged upon. I had followed all the required steps and was never contacted by Ivan Speigel informing me that the funding could be in trouble. After several failed attempts to contact him regarding the proper process for submitting receipts, I was informed rather casually, that my funding was no longer available. I put my name on this event over a year ago and have over 100 people involved in performance and production. I have already postponed it once. The total cost for the event is going to be around \$4000 and I would greatly appreciate any funding you could take out of this year's allotment and apply to my event. Thank you very much for time and consideration. This event will give young Venice musicians a great chance to showcase their skills.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Placed on Board Agenda



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- A** **Need for increased Sanitation in Venice NOW**; Cindy Chambers , Carolyn Rios on behalf of the VNC Neighborhood Committee (310-821-7922; [crlynrios@ca.rr.com](mailto:crlynrios@ca.rr.com))

**See Exhibit N/A**

WHEREAS 16 million people visit Venice every year, they are confronted with inadequate sanitation facilities. It is a daily health and safety problem for visitors and residents alike who suffer as beach visitors leave the area, not willing to wait in lines to use the public bathroom facilities. These lines are often 25 people deep on weekends, and

WHEREAS both the County and City of Los Angeles must acknowledge the urgency of the situation and immediately increase the availability of sanitation services to the Venice area

BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council, being aware that this situation has reached critical mass, requests the following actions:

- 1- Public bathrooms need extended hours with heightened maintenance and security. Additional portable toilets should be placed both on beach parking lots and away from the beach.
- 2- Since RV dwellers all over Los Angeles need to empty their sanitation tanks, we urge the City and County to provide free coupons to the Dockweiler or other sanitation facilities for people who cannot afford them.
- 3- The City and/or the County should provide regular pickups by mobile sump trucks to each region of the City and County to immediately service a growing population due to the poor economic situation.

Preventing sanitation problems is more cost efficient than clean-up costs (Hazmat).

[This is a place holder motion. Need is ASAP, but the Neighborhood Committee is first meeting Monday, 9/13/10 due to Labor Day]

**ACTION TAKEN**      **Withdrawn by makers of motion in favor of a Town Hall forum**

- B** **Median Strip & foliage for Washington Blvd**; Carolyn Rios: The Neighborhood Committee recommends that the VNC make the following motion in support of Stakeholder John Tabis. (818-560-6107, [jtabis1@yahoo.com](mailto:jtabis1@yahoo.com))

**See Exhibit F**

Whereas Washington Blvd is already torn up for sewage work, it is imperative that the final asphaltting plan be changed to include a curb and gutter median strip so that this part of the street (Mildred St to Palawan Way) can be beautified with trees and foliage.

[This is a place holder for a motion which should be approved at the NHC meeting Monday morning 9/13/10]

**ACTION TAKEN**      **Placed on Board Agenda**



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- 14. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**  
[10 min, no more than 2 minutes per person – no board member announcements permitted]
- 15. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction.**  
[10 min, no more than 1 minutes per person]
- 16. Adjourn (approx 10:00PM)**





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## Exhibit A – Rate Payers Advocate Letter

Draft

September 20, 2010

Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl  
800 N. Spring Street Rm. 415  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Councilmember Rosendahl,

At its meeting on September 20, 2010, the Venice Neighborhood Council endorsed the attached memorandum concerning the selection, duties, reach, and term of a Ratepayers Advocate to monitor the actions of the Los Angeles Department of Water Power in relation to the fees charged for delivery of water and power to the citizens of Los Angeles.

Please forward this communication and the attached document to the DWP Reform combined Rules and Elections and Energy and Environment committees of the City Council for consideration for a ballot measure to be prepared for the March 2011 Election.

Your interest in this issue and your hosting of a meeting in District 11 to receive input from stakeholders has been very helpful.

Thank you,

Linda Lucks  
President, Venice Neighborhood Council

CV/da  
Attach: Ratepayers Preliminary Term Sheet  
CC: R&E, E&E



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Draft  
September 1, 2010

## Ratepayers Advocate Preliminary Term Sheet

### **Role**

The Office of the Ratepayers Advocate (the "Ratepayers Advocate") will review and analyze the operations, finances, and management, of the Department of Water and Power as well as other matters not explicitly excluded from its role.

Such review and analysis will be done on a timely and continuous basis.

In addition to all matters relating to rates and the reliability and quality of service, the Ratepayers Advocate would have the right to review and analyze, among other matters, DWP's credit rating; its long term strategy; the Integrated Resources Plan; the Urban Water Management Plan; the Recycled Water Master Plan; the state of its infrastructure and information technology systems; its Customer Relation Management systems; the implementation of the recommendations of the IEA Survey and Independent Fiscal Review; the efficiency of its operations; its procurement, contracting, and inventory policies; its relationship with the City and its departments; and all material contracts, including those with the Metropolitan Water District and its unions.

The Ratepayers Advocate will not set rates or policy, will not select the General Manager or any Commissioner, and will not determine the Transfer to the City, but may review, analyze, and comment on such matters. The Ratepayers Advocate will not make management decisions. The Ratepayers Advocate is not required to review individual customer complaints, but may so at its discretion.

The Ratepayers Advocate will not have the subpoena and prosecutor powers of an Inspector General; provided, however, that DWP provides the Ratepayers Advocate with all requested information on a timely basis.

The Ratepayers Advocate will have a "seat at the table" at any meeting of the Board of Commissioners or any of its committee and at any City Council meeting or any of its committees when the DWP is being discussed. The Ratepayers Advocate will be given equal time.

The DWP will cooperate fully with and assist as necessary the Ratepayers Advocate.

The Ratepayers Advocate will be a source of objective information for Ratepayers, the City Council, the Mayor, and other City officials and stakeholders.

### **Funding**

The DWP will provide funding equal to 0.1% of annual revenues, payable quarterly in advance. Funds not used may be accumulated, but shall not exceed 0.3% of annual revenues.



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Additional funds may be required based upon extraordinary requests by DWP or elected officials or their representatives. Such additional funds must be approved in advance by DWP.

## **Reporting**

The Ratepayers Advocate will not report to any elected official or body consisting of elected officials or appointed by elected officials. The Controller, the City Council, the Mayor and the Mayor's office, the City Administrative Officer, the Chief Legislative Analyst, the DWP Board of Commissioners, and Neighborhood Councils are therefore not eligible.

The Ratepayers Advocate will report to the Ratepayers Advocate Board of Commissioners on a frequent basis.

The Ratepayers Advocate Board of Commissioners will consist of five independent members: two homeowners, two from the business community, and one from the rental community.

Commissioners may not be a city, county, or state employee, consultant, lobbyist, or contractor, or any of their employees or union members; any elected politician (or candidate) who has been in office during the last 10 years; and any officer, past or present, of any political party.

Commissioners will be residents of Los Angeles and DWP customers whose obligations are current.

Commissioners will be chosen by the Mayor from a pool of qualified candidates determined by the Neighborhood Councils, the business community, and the multifamily community, subject to the approval of the City Council. There will be three candidates for each position.

Qualified candidates must demonstrate a level of knowledge and/or experience of large organizations, finance, management, and/or engineering.

The Commissioners will serve five year staggered terms. However, the initial commissioners will serve terms of one, two, three, four and five year terms. Commissioners may not be removed unless the removal is approved by the mayor and at least 11 Council Members.

The Commissioners will approve the selection of the Executive Director of the Ratepayers Advocate.

Commissioners will be consulted on the hiring of staff and any consultants.

The Executive Director may be removed if approved by four of the Commissioners and confirmed by the Mayor and a majority of the City Council



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## **Ratepayers Advocate**

The Executive Director of the Ratepayers Advocate will have the necessary expertise and experience to lead an organization charged with fulfilling the role of the Ratepayers Advocate.

The City will retain a qualified executive recruiter to assist the City in finding a qualified candidate.

## **Outreach**

The office of the Ratepayers Advocate will maintain a fully functional website where it will post its findings on a timely basis.

The Ratepayers Advocate will meet at least six times a year with the Neighborhood Councils and other ratepayers in an effort to keep them fully informed about past, current, and future policies of the DWP, especially as it relates to rates and quality and reliability of service.

## **Location**

The location of the Ratepayers Advocate will be determined by the Executive Director in consultation with the Commissioners.

## **Budget**

The Executive Director will prepare an annual budget to be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

The Executive Director will also prepare a multiyear budget.

The compensation of the Executive Director and her/his staff will need to be adequate to attract personnel from the private sector that have the requisite skills.

The Ratepayers Advocate will be required to fund only the normal costs related to pensions and medical benefits.

## **Charter**

The Ratepayers Advocate will part of the City Charter if approved by a majority of the voters in the March 2011 election.

There will be no sunset provisions.

The Ratepayers Advocate will not be subject to the competitive bidding policies of the City.



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Here's What LA's Independent Ratepayers Advocate Should Be Doing ... Or Not!

By Jack Humphreville

August 20, 2010

[http://citywatchla.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=3880&Itemid=75](http://citywatchla.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3880&Itemid=75)

Want an Independent Ratepayers Advocate? Show Me the Money!

PROPER FUNDING CRITICAL

By Jack Humphreville

August 6, 2010

[http://citywatchla.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=3859](http://citywatchla.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=3859)

DWP Ratepayer Advocate Must be Independent: No Politicians, No Lobbyists, No Union Bosses

By Jack Humphreville

October 20, 2009

[http://citywatchla.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=2815](http://citywatchla.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2815)



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## Exhibit B – Treasurers Report

2010 - 2011 Expenditures to Budget August 2010								
	DONE Category	Current Yr Budget by Acct	% of Bdgt	Amt spent Current Month	Amt Spent in Current Fiscal Year	Amt Available to Spend	% Budget Remain	\$ Moved
Annual Allocation		\$45,000.00						
Rollover		\$5,000.00						
<b>Sub Total-Unallocated Budget</b>		<b>\$50,000.00</b>						
Neighborhood Comm. Projects 10-11		20,000.00						
<b>Total</b>		<b>70,000.00</b>						
<b>Budget</b>								
<b>100 Operations</b>								
Office Supplies	OFF	\$750.00				\$750.00	100.0%	
Copies	OFF	\$500.00		\$23.69	\$23.69	\$476.31	95.3%	
Office Equipment	OFF	\$750.00				\$750.00	100.0%	
Staffing/Apple One	TAC	\$500.00				\$500.00	100.0%	
Telephone Expense	MIS	\$250.00				\$250.00	100.0%	
Storage	FAC	\$2,000.00		\$162.00	\$324.00	\$1,676.00	83.8%	
Board Retreat	EDU	\$500.00			\$241.53	\$258.47	51.7%	
General Operations	MIS	\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00	100.0%	
<b>sub Total Operations</b>		<b>\$6,250.00</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>\$185.69</b>	<b>\$589.22</b>	<b>\$5,660.78</b>	<b>90.6%</b>	
<b>200 Outreach</b>								
Copies / Printing	POS	\$500.00				\$500.00	100.0%	
Facilities For Public	FAC	\$3,000.00				\$3,000.00	100.0%	
Refreshments	EVE	\$400.00				\$400.00	100.0%	
Web Site & e-mail	WEB	\$1,500.00		\$30.00	\$60.00	\$1,440.00	96.0%	
Advertising & Promotions	ADV	\$0.00				\$0.00		
Newsletter Production	NEW	\$1,200.00				\$1,200.00	100.0%	
Newsletter Printing	NEW	\$5,700.00				\$5,700.00	100.0%	
Newsletter Delivery	NEW	\$4,200.00				\$4,200.00	100.0%	
Elections	ELE	\$500.00				\$500.00	100.0%	
General Outreach	EVE	\$750.00		-\$105.42	\$171.79	\$578.21	77.1%	
<b>sub Total Outreach</b>		<b>\$17,750.00</b>	<b>25.4%</b>	<b>-\$75.42</b>	<b>\$231.79</b>	<b>\$17,518.21</b>	<b>98.7%</b>	
<b>300 Community Improvement</b>								
Venice Community BBQ	CIP	\$5,000.00		\$466.47	\$3,521.42	\$1,478.58	29.6%	
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2010-11	CIP	\$20,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$3,504.00	\$16,496.00	82.5%	
General Community Projects 2010-11	CIP	\$5,000.00		\$72.44	\$72.44	\$4,927.56	98.6%	
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2011-12	CIP	\$16,000.00				\$16,000.00	100.0%	
<b>sub Total Community Improvement</b>		<b>\$46,000.00</b>	<b>65.7%</b>	<b>\$2,538.91</b>	<b>\$7,097.86</b>	<b>\$38,902.14</b>	<b>84.6%</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$70,000.00</b>		<b>\$2,649.18</b>	<b>\$7,918.87</b>	<b>\$62,081.13</b>	<b>88.7%</b>	

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## 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	\$ Moved
<b>Neighborhood Community Projects</b>		<b>2009-2010</b>					
Friends of Coeur d'Alene Reading Courtyard	\$2,000.00	10%			\$2,000.00	100%	
Master in the Chapel-Concerts	\$2,000.00	10%			\$2,000.00	100%	
Westminster School-Printers	\$2,000.00	10%			\$2,000.00	100%	
Boys and Girls Club-Sewing Project	\$2,000.00	10%			\$2,000.00	100%	
Ballona Institute-Lagoon Restoration	\$1,026.00	5%			\$1,026.00	100%	
Westside Leadership Magnet-Garden	\$1,996.00	10%			\$1,996.00	100%	
Mark Twain-Garden	\$2,000.00	10%			\$2,000.00	100%	
Venice Music Festival	\$2,000.00	10%	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0%	
Carnevale	\$2,000.00	10%			\$2,000.00	100%	
826 LA-"The Venice Wave"	\$1,470.00	7%			\$1,470.00	100%	
Vintage Motorcycle Rally	\$1,508.00	8%		\$1,504.00	\$4.00	0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,000.00</b>		\$2,000.00	\$3,504.00	\$16,496.00	82%	
<b>General Community Improvement</b>		<b>2009-2010</b>					
<b>Total Available</b>	\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00	100%	
Santa Monica Airport	\$850.00		\$72.44	\$72.44	\$777.56		
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>						
<b>Total To be Allocated</b>	<b>\$4,150.00</b>						
<b>Total Spent</b>			\$72.44	\$72.44	\$4,927.56	99%	

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HUGH HARRISON  
VENICE NC  
2808 GRAYSON AVE  
VENICE CA 90291-4648

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07-26	07-21	OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA PUR ID: 095120100721 TAX: 6.62	24445740204359939290080	5943	74.56
07-28	07-25	JAMES BEACH VENICE CA PUR ID: TAX: 0.00	24224430209101001576671	5812	152.50
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08-02	07-31	NOAH'S NY BAGELS #2183 MARINA DEL RE CA PUR ID: 08906122183VP1Y7000051597 TAX: 1.56	24427330213710041440788	5814	45.53
08-02	07-29	AAA RENTS AND EVENTS VAN NUYS CA PUR ID: TAX: 0.00	24559300211400000755971	5999	570.00
08-02	07-31	PARTY ON RENTALS LOS ANGELES CA PUR ID: TAX: 0.00	24717050212162124931545	5999	179.00
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## **Exhibit C – LUPC Staff Report regarding 585 Venice Blvd**

## **Exhibit D – LUPC Staff Report 533 Rose (Biga)**

## **Exhibit E – Abbot Kinney Parking Report, Recommendations and Community Impact Statement**

In pursuing our assignment to investigate, report and recommend on the issues of food trucks and valet parking, we focused on the following questions:

- o Do our recommendations enhance the mission of the VNC?
- o To what extent, and for how many stakeholders, can our work improve the quality of life?
- o What City resources are likely to be readily available, and for what resources may we have to petition?
- o What VNC resources, both technical and human, does our work require?
- o How much public meeting time is our presentation likely to require?
- o How soon must the Board act in order to move forward most effectively?

Our Neighborhood Council is, first and foremost, the messenger of our community's voice to the City. Recommendations on these issues are designed to speak as broadly and directly as possible for the benefit of all Venice stakeholders, whether homeowner, renter, entrepreneur or visitor. We must speak to the City mindful of its current financial destitution, as well as its mandate, in any case, to represent our community's will. Understanding that this is a time of transition to a new VNC Board, we planned our work to use the least possible personnel resources while making the best use of available technical tools. We expect to require no more than twenty minutes of Board meeting time to present our findings and recommendations, and for Board consideration. Because these issues are as rapidly-moving as are their proponents and regulators, promising benefits that far outweigh current detriments, we recommend that the Board act with all due haste.

To date, our work has included: Research on recent local food truck and valet parking history; outreach to CD11 and CD4 staff, LAPD, the Fire Marshall, LADOT, local food truck vendors and their representative, local residents and entrepreneurs for direction, information and general issue discussion; research on the food truck industry's nationwide emergence; analysis of valet parking issues and existing models; and, finally, First Friday field work on Abbot Kinney Boulevard.



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## RESOURCES

### Online

Research materials are posted here: <http://venicenc.org/parking-abbotkinney>.

### Survey

The community continues to provide survey input. Designed as a door-to-door poll of the area immediately encircling the most-impacted Abbot Kinney area, our VNC survey also received input via email from as far away as the Milwood walk streets, and at least one response to date arriving via US mail. The strict quantification of replies to “Yes/No/Don’t-Care” questions regarding food trucks and valet parking belies the remarkably holistic range of thoughtful comments, questions and suggestions provided by stakeholders from both the residential and business communities.

This said, the nominal numbers follow:

### **Food Truck Operations**

31% Positive - I welcome them.

54% Negative - I want them gone.

15% Neutral - They don’t affect me.

### **Valet Parking**

5% Positive - I welcome them.

52% Negative - I want them gone.

43% Neutral - They don’t affect me.

Survey considerations and highlights:

While at least one respondent reported an altercation with a valet parking worker, some others reported no awareness that valets parked cars on their streets. Still others reported frustration with valets parking on their streets, while one expressed no concern about parking congestion, offering her family’s acceptance of scarce parking as a de facto condition of moving into the area. More than one resident expressed a sense of unfairness about grandfather parking rights for restaurants at their expense.

Whereas the VNC survey pertained to both food truck and valet parking issues, the Abbot Kinney business survey, generously compiled and provided in the aggregate by Carol Tantau, pertained strictly to Abbot Kinney food truck operations and, for the most part, their First Fridays experiences. As such, valet parking opinions were not available from Abbot Kinney businesses. While the vast majority of Abbot Kinney business operators were critical of the presence and some practices of food truck operators, many comments showed both tolerance and business benefits from food truck operations on Abbot Kinney.

Note: Survey answers were provided per the promise of anonymity for respondents. Some stakeholders chose to receive further information about these issues, and some signed up to receive regular VNC mailings.

While the surveys show respondents’ opinions, they do not address resolving our fundamental challenge: automotive congestion.



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## Studies

In addition to the variety of nationally-based online resources developed since May, we received a report from a local group that had commissioned a 2009 parking study for Lincoln Boulevard. Two graduate students from UCLA's Department of Urban Planning, under Professor Donald Shoup, studied parking along Lincoln Boulevard between Machado Drive and Venice Boulevard. The study's recommendations were "intended to foster a less auto-dependent and more pedestrian-, bike-, and transit-friendly Lincoln Boulevard." The study included summaries of results in other cities that have realized benefits from parking congestion-relieving initiatives, some of which would merit consideration for Abbot Kinney.

On August 11, the City Council Transportation Committee, led by Councilmember Rosendahl, held a public hearing, at which a multitude of City, County, restaurant and mobile food truck operators and representatives convened, to share analysis, reports and wide-ranging testimony on the history, growth and subsequent management challenges for the City's mobile catering truck industry. A wealth of valuable data, including examples of traditional business groups working with mobile food truck vendors, was made available to the public at this meeting.

## Outreach

Our outreach and research efforts dovetailed with stakeholder survey input to inform our recommendations. Senior Lead Officers Thusing and Skinner were always willing to answer our questions about codes and practical enforcement challenges, also arranging for a police helicopter to estimate the crowd size on September 3 (approximately two thousand). LAFD Inspector Nealy provided deep perspective based on his safety and crowd assessment work. Council District 11 Office staff Arturo Pina, Laura McClennan and John Gregory each provided direction and contact information for various entities. DOT's Mo Blorfroshan provided helpful direction regarding signage. Finally, our own Past-President Emeritus DeDe Audet and Liz Wright provided direction, as well as offers to help with orange safety vests for our work!

More than one survey respondent mentioned self-regulation. Discussions with representatives of Abbot Kinney vendors and food truck operators have produced ideas and initiatives, at least one of which is active now and more of which are in the planning stages. These initiatives include, but are not limited to, exploring new parking options, increasing frequency and scope of trash collection, direct outreach to Abbot Kinney businesses, relocating food trucks to low-impact areas, designating specific areas for multiple trucks and partnering between food truck and business operators to provide incentives to residents.

Given that some new regulation is likely inevitable, our efforts must focus on continuing positive dialogue and transparently-vetted goals.



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## Exhibit E2 – Councilman Rosendahl re: Valet parking and food truck issues

September 22, 2010

Councilman Bill Rosendahl  
City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Bill,

The Venice Neighborhood Council passed a resolution at its meeting on September 21, 2010, approving a report and recommendations regarding valet parking and food truck impact issues in and around Abbot Kinney Boulevard.

As you know, Los Angeles lacks a centralized valet parking program, leading to valet practices that include cordoning off zones which may not belong to their clients and negatively affecting already-congested residential parking areas in Venice's Coastal Zone. In contrast, many adjacent and nearby cities enjoy regulated valet parking services, with predictable and enforceable operating rules and permit requirements.

We understand that the City Attorney has been directed to prepare an ordinance to establish a citywide valet parking permit program.

As we all know, the dynamic and exciting explosion of the mobile food vendor industry also brings unexpected and unwelcome impacts, which risk overshadowing this industry's innovative and community-building effects on our social and economic landscape.

We applaud your Transportation Committee's public dialogue on the issue. We believe Venice's broad experience with both issues, both as to current impacts and emerging initiatives, is critically relevant, and will help you inform this dialogue for the benefit of all parties.

We therefore request your cooperation in bringing the Venice Neighborhood Council's recommendations to this dialogue's discussion table. We are prepared to provide the resources necessary to engage fellow participants for the purpose of providing the comprehensively-crafted solutions these issues deserve.

Thank you in advance for your expeditious response to your community and, as always, your good works.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lucks  
President  
Venice Neighborhood Council

cc: Councilman Bill Rosendahl



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## Exhibit F – Median Strip & foliage for Washington Blvd

### COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT TO BE ATTACHED TO COUNCIL FILE #:

To: Office of the City Clerk  
To: Office of the City Clerk  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring St., Rm 360  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Median Strip & foliage for Washington Blvd  
Mayor Antonio Villaragosa  
Councilman Bill Rosendahl

9/13/10

Whereas Washington Blvd is already torn up for sewage work, it is imperative that the final asphaltting plan be changed to include a curb and gutter median strip so that this part of the street ( Mildred St to Palawan Way) can be beautified with trees and foliage. Install center dividers, preferably with some kind of foliage, to separate the two sides of the street starting West of Mildred and running along Washington until Palawan Way. This is a purely residential area, and yet the street is wide and unwieldy and not as attractive as it could be. By putting in a barrier we would reduce noise, and have a chance to beautify this stretch. Since the sewer construction has ripped up the center of the road anyway, this is the perfect time to make this change.

Please stop the final stage of asphaltting on Washington Blvd, install the median strip as requested, and give us a chance to find the funding for the beautification of the median strip.

CC: [Secretary@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Secretary@VeniceNC.org)



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## Exhibit N/A – Sanitation problems in Venice

### COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT TO BE ATTACHED TO COUNCIL FILE #:

To: Office of the City Clerk  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 N. Spring St., Rm 360  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Sanitation problems in Venice  
Mayor Antonio Villaragosa  
Councilman Bill Rosendahl  
Bureau of Sanitation:

9/13/10

WHEREAS 16 million people visit Venice every year, they are confronted with inadequate sanitation facilities. It is a daily health and safety problem for visitors and residents alike who suffer as beach visitors leave the area, not willing to wait in lines to use the public bathroom facilities. These lines are often 25 people deep on weekends, and

WHEREAS both the County and City of Los Angeles must acknowledge the urgency of the situation and immediately increase the availability of sanitation services to the Venice area

BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council, being aware that this situation has reached critical mass, requests the following actions:

- 1- Public bathrooms need extended hours with heightened maintenance and security. Additional portable toilets should be placed both on beach parking lots and away from the beach.
- 2- Since RV dwellers all over Los Angeles need to empty their sanitation tanks, we urge the City and County to provide free coupons to the Dockweiler or other sanitation facilities for people who cannot afford them.
- 3- The City and/or the County should provide regular pickups by mobile sump trucks to each region of the City and County to immediately service a growing population due to the poor economic situation.

Preventing sanitation problems is more cost efficient than clean-up costs (Hazmat).

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