



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room  
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291  
Monday, November 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM

**NOTE:** All **ACTIONS TAKEN** were decided by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.  
Please check minutes of next Administrative Committee meeting at <http://www.venicenc.org/Adcom> to determine whether these minutes have been **Approved**.

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Linda Lucks, Chair; Carolyn Rios; Joe Murphy; Hugh Harrison; Cindy Chambers; Ira Koslow; Kristopher Valentine.  
Absent: Daffodil Tyminski.  
Also Attending: Marc Saltzberg; Jake Kaufman; Clark McCutchen; Jed Pauker; Ivan Spiegel; Ivonne Guzman; Clay Claiborne.

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

**ACTION TAKEN**      Approved as amended below

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

October 11, 2010 Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes  
<http://venicenc.org/files/101011VNCAdComMinutesRevised-JDM.pdf>

**ACTION TAKEN**      Approved

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

### 5. Old Administrative Committee Business

**ACTION TAKEN**      None

### 6. New Administrative Committee Business

**A**      **Report to AdCom about agenda mentoring**  
Ivan Spiegel (310 821-9556, [parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))

Report to AdCom on suggested guidelines for mentoring stakeholders with proper formatting and wording of agenda requests as requested by AdCom and tasked by the VNC President.

**ACTION TAKEN**      None

**B**      **Request Town Hall with Chief of Police Beck**  
Clay Claiborne (310-581-1536, [cjc@LinuxBeach.net](mailto:cjc@LinuxBeach.net))

**MOTION:** that we have a Town Hall meeting in Oakwood Park with Police Beck and City Officials to discuss recent police activity regarding people living in vehicles and on the streets. Recent police activity warrants an immediate Town Hall to address how to improve police relations with the homeless.

**ACTION TAKEN**      Referred to Outreach Committee

**C**      **Consideration of November 16, 2010 Proposed Board Agenda**

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

### 8. Adjourn



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## **Board of Officers Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)  
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291  
Tuesday, November 16, 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.

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**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.

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### 1. **Call to Order & Roll Call**

### 2. **Approval of the Agenda**

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

October 19, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

<http://venicenc.org/files/101019VNCBoardMinutes-JDM.pdf>

October 25, 2010 Special Board Meeting Minutes

<http://www.venicenc.org/files/101025VNCSpecialBoardMeetingMinutes-JDM.pdf>

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

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

### 5. **Treasurers Report; Hugh Harrison (10 min)**

Hugh Harrison (310-487-2533; [chezhaha@aol.com](mailto:chezhaha@aol.com)) on behalf of the Budget Committee:

**See Exhibit A**

*[Discussion and approval of financial statements]*

**A** Attached is the expenditure report for the period September 22 through October 21, 2010, together with the purchase card billing statement for that period of time.

**B** The Budget Committee has reviewed and is submitting for the Board's consideration and possible decision on funding the following three items from the Board's community improvement funding allocation. There currently is \$3,150 available for allocation. If funded fully, these requests total \$2,300.

1. \$1000 is requested from Frances Fagin for completion of a photography project. This project was funded in last year's community improvement projects and was not completed before funding was frozen.
2. \$1000 is requested by President Linda Lucks for the purchase of toys for the Los Angeles Police Department Toys for Tots program. (SEE APPLICATION)



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3. \$300 is requested by President Linda Lucks for the purchase of turkeys for distribution to individuals in need in conjunction with the Vera Davis Community Center. (SEE APPLICATION) Stakeholders may also donate cash/gift cards in advance or turkeys between 9-11 a.m. on Thanksgiving day. Contact Clifford McClain, 310-305-7996
4. The VNC Budget Committee will be reviewing the 2010-2011 Budget Allocations at its next regular meeting on December 7, 2010. All committee Chairs should submit requests for budget augmentations [or reductions] to the treasurer by the end of the month. It is not anticipated that there will be a radical restructuring of the allocations, but if unexpected needs have arisen since the budget was approved, this is the opportunity to provide input to the Budget Committee.

**ACTION TAKEN** Placed on Board Agenda

## 6. Consent Calendar

*[Items may be removed from consent calendar at request of Board member or public]*

## 7. LUPC Business

*[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]*

### A **600-04 Venice Blvd (Le Zinc)** (20 min)

**See Exhibit B**

Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (310-463-0299; [Chair.LUPC@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair.LUPC@VeniceNC.org))

Case Number(s): ZA-2010-206-CDP-CUB-CU-SPP and ENV-2010-205-EAF  
 Address: 604 E VENICE BLVD 90291  
 Project Name: Le Zinc

#### OVERVIEW:

CHANGE OF USE FROM AN OFFICE TO CAFE WITH 16 PARKING SPACES AND 65 SEATS (18 OUTDOOR/47 INDOOR) SELLING BEER AND WINE ON-SITE OPEN FROM 6AM TO 2AM; DAILY.

Motion to approve the project as presented, with the following conditions:

1. No variance to VCZSP, including parking requirements,
2. Meeting both Venice BMP and CUB,
3. Noting bike rack provided,
4. Hours of 6am to 2am, 7-days per week,
5. Plan approval in 1-year.

LUPC Vote: 7-1; APPROVED

Information posted to [www.cityhood.org](http://www.cityhood.org)

**ACTION TAKEN** Placed on Board Agenda

## 8. 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 Saltzberg

**Ocean Front Walk;** Ivonne Guzman, Ira Koslow



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**Arts;** Clark McCutcheon, Daffodil Tyminski

**Education;** Peter Thottam

**Environment;** Kristopher Valentine, Joel Shapiro, Barbara Lonsdale

**Public Safety;** Nick Hippisley-Coxe

**Santa Monica Airport;** Laura Silagi & Amanda Seward

- **Community Improvement Projects:** Ivan Spiegel ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))

- **Neighborhood Council Town Hall**

**Is Venice Prepared to be the Number One Visitor Destination in Southern California?**

Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30PM, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Westminster Elementary School Auditorium

## **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))
- **LAPD Community Police Advisory Board-** Nick Hippisley-Coxe

## **C Presentation on Venice High School (10 Min)**

**Dr. Elsa Mendoza, Principal for Venice High School on behalf of the Education Committee**  
(310-577-4200, [EHM0819@LAUSD.NET](mailto:EHM0819@LAUSD.NET))

Dr. Elsa Mendoza, the new principal at Venice High School, will make a 10 minute presentation on behalf of Venice High School to update the Venice community regarding the status of Venice High School and to outline how the Venice Neighborhood Council and local stakeholders can help promote and advance Venice High's plans for improvement and growth.

**ACTION TAKEN** Placed on Board Agenda

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

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## 10. Old Business

*[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]*

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

**1- MOTION:** WHEREAS 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 recommends that the VNC Board select five (5) official posting places from the following nine (9) proposed sites: **See Exhibit C for criteria**

1. Penmar Park
2. Café Collage (note: no bulletin board – windows available)
3. Whole Foods
4. Beyond Baroque – 681 Venice Blvd (24 hour availability)
5. The Venice Ale House – 425 Ocean Front Walk (Daffodil reports they will put up bulletin board)
6. \*\*Groundwork Coffee – on Rose (note: no bulletin board – door available)
7. \*\*Abbot’s Habit
8. \*\*Oakwood Park
9. \*\*Venice Library  
\*\*existing posting site

The final list of public posting sites shall be noted on the VNC website and in our literature.

**ACTION TAKEN** Placed on Board Agenda

**2- MOTION:** Beginning Dec 1, 2010 all Committee Chairs shall forward committee agendas to the VNC Board and the VNC Neighborhood Committee for posting in front of their residences or on bulletin boards in their area.

**VOTE:**

**ACTION TAKEN** Placed on Board Agenda

## 11. New Business

*[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]*

**A 100% Clean Energy goal for Venice by 2018** (20 min) **See Exhibit D**  
Kristopher Valentine on behalf of the Environmental Committee (310-570-2199, [kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org](mailto:kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org))

Presentation by Chrissy Scarborough of the Sierra Club about the Beyond Coal Campaign (5 Minutes) and Presentation by John Ayers of Open Neighborhoods about the Go Solar Initiative (5 minutes)

**MOTION:** WHEREAS coal-burning power plants deliver 39% of Los Angeles DWP electricity and yet coal-burning is widely recognized as a major contributor to climate change; and

WHEREAS significant federal and state funding are available in California to make clean energy solutions such as photovoltaic solar panels affordable for residents and businesses;

BE IT RESOLVED that Venice hereby adopts a goal to develop a roadmap and achieve net 100% clean electricity utilization within the Venice community as a whole by 2018, and to be





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recognized as a green power community by the EPA. Furthermore the VNC endorses the Sierra Club's LA Beyond Coal Campaign and will send a letter to the LA City Council encouraging them to support a plan to use 40% clean energy and eliminate coal from the electricity supply of Los Angeles by 2020.

**ACTION TAKEN** Placed on Board Agenda

**B** **Request to Reinstate Pickup Sites for Winter Shelter Program for People Experiencing Homeless** (10 min)  
Linda Lucks ([President@Venicenc.org](mailto:President@Venicenc.org))

**See Exhibit E**

**MOTION:** WHEREAS homelessness is a national, regional and Citywide issue which needs to be addressed by the entire Westside of LA County including Santa Monica and all of CD 11; and

WHEREAS the annual Winter Shelter Program traditionally administered by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) administers the program with non-profit contractors to transport homeless individuals to shelters during the winter months (beginning Dec. 1, 2010); and

WHEREAS it has recently come to our attention that two of the previous sites in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles are no longer designated as pick up/drop off locations, leaving Venice as the only Westside designated site; and

WHEREAS this lack of additional pick up/drop off sites attracts a disproportionate number of homeless individuals to Venice and creates an unfair burden for our community;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council strongly urges Councilmen Rosendahl and Koretz, Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Mayor Villaraigosa, Mayor Shriver, and LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to immediately reinstate the previous drop off/pick up sites in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles and/or identify transportation solutions, which include additional drop off/pick up sites outside of Venice, for transporting homeless individuals from Santa Monica and Council Districts 5 and 11 to the Westside Winter Shelter Programs located in West Los Angeles and Culver City.

**ACTION TAKEN** Placed on Board Agenda

**C** **Request for VNC Board support of proposed research project**  
(Kristin McArdle (310-686-8199, [mcardle.kristin@gmail.com](mailto:mcardle.kristin@gmail.com)))

**See Exhibit F**

**MOTION:** Requesting support of VNC Board for the successful administration of a survey for Masters thesis research project titled: Identifying Obstacles to Broad-Based Public Participation: A Case Study, the Venice Neighborhood Council Land Use and Planning Committee.

Specifically requesting the following: Imbedded link to online survey via the VNC website, promotion of survey administration via VNC meetings and email blast encouraging people to participate in the survey and approval of funds for translation and transcription services for the project.

I am requesting funds (approx. \$500.00) to support the administration of the survey portion of my research project. Specifically, the funds will be used to cover the costs associated with translation services (Spanish) and transcription services necessary for the successful administration of the survey portion of the project. Additionally, I am requesting VNC to provide meeting translation services at future focus groups.

**ACTION TAKEN** Referred to Budget Committee



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**D**     **Motion to change the Sunset Rule on Ocean Front Walk** (20 min)     **See Exhibit G**  
**Ivonne Guzman on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall send a letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl in support of 42.15 G 2 (f): No person shall set up or take down or use a designated space between one hour after sunset and 9a.m.

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

**E**     **Motion to not reinstate the I- and P-Zones on Ocean Front Walk** (20 min)     **See Exhibit H**  
**Ivonne Guzman on behalf of the Ocean Front Walk Committee**

**MOTION:** WHEREAS free speech must be protected everywhere and not only in designated locations; and

WHEREAS the I- and P-Zones have become irrelevant;

The VNC Board shall send a letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl requesting him to not support the reinstatement of the I- and P-Zones as proscribed in Ordinance 42.15.

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

**F**     **Amend the City Ordinance that Prohibits Dogs on the Boardwalk**     **See Exhibit I**  
**Melya Kaplan on behalf of the Voice For The Animals Foundation**  
(310.581.1585, [melya@earthlink.net](mailto:melya@earthlink.net))

**MOTION:** We, the members of Voice For The Animals Foundation, a non-profit animal protection organization and Sergeant Reina, head of LAPD beach detail, are hereby requesting that the Venice Neighborhood Council send a letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl and ask that the current city ordinance prohibiting dogs on the boardwalk be amended as follows:

The exception to Subdivision 2. contained in this Paragraph as it pertains to dogs shall not apply upon any boardwalk, sidewalk or public way immediately adjacent to any beach lands or beach properties adjoining the waterfront of the Pacific Ocean between the southerly boundary of the City of Santa Monica and Washington Blvd. in the City of Los Angeles-between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and all holidays and, no dogs shall be permitted within the area during those times and days. These restrictions shall apply all year round.

**Community Impact Statement:** Amending the current ordinance will increase public safety and enforceability.

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

**G**     **13.1 Marathon Los Angeles**  
**Michelle Lindner on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee**  
(310-821-7898, [michelle@genericvents.com](mailto:michelle@genericvents.com))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council welcomes the second annual 13.1 Marathon – Los Angeles to Venice on January 16, 2011. As this Half-Marathon will utilize streets in and around Venice, Palms and Mar Vista, the VNC will work with the Event Organizer to notify stakeholders in an attempt to minimize any possible inconveniences.

Approved unanimously by the Neighborhood Committee.

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



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**H Motion of Santa Monica Airport Ad-Hoc Committee to pursue community consensus and support for solutions to negative impacts of SM Airport**  
**Amanda Seward (310-439-2422, [amandaseward@artvista.net](mailto:amandaseward@artvista.net))**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers shall approve the Airport Committee's exploration of the feasibility of the following recommendations to solve the negative impacts of the Santa Monica Airport on the Venice community, including the air pollution, safety, and noise impacts:

- 1) Closure of the Airport, with possible replacement use including, in part, a park, Aircraft Museum, and Area Emergency Center;
- 2) Banning of jets;
- 3) Banning of some classes of jets;
- 4) Elimination of flight schools;
- 5) Banning of or restrictions on certain flight training procedures, such as touch and goes, stop and goes, and taxi back procedures so as to reduce negative impacts;
- 6) Introduction of more limited hours and types of operation;
- 7) Change to or alteration of flight patterns to reduce impacts on Venice;
- 8) Banning of use of leaded fuel by aircraft flying in and out of the Airport;
- 9) Limiting number of flyovers;
- 10) Requiring most quiet throttle use for take offs;
- 11) Pursuing the addition of a non-voting Los Angeles representative to the Santa Monica Airport Commission

**ACTION TAKEN** Failed for lack of a motion by an Administrative Committee member

**I Immediate Shelter For The Homeless;**  
**Clay Claiborne (310-581-1536, [cjc@LinuxBeach.net](mailto:cjc@LinuxBeach.net))**

**MOTION:**  
WHEREAS the current economic crisis forces more and more people to live on the streets; and  
WHEREAS the attitude of the Venice Community towards the homeless and the RV dwellers must be one of accommodation not criminalization;  
BE IT RESOLVED 1- that the Westminster Senior Center be opened at night and made available to homeless seniors and the disabled; and, 2- other locations be identified for homeless, men, women, and children.

**ACTION TAKEN** Withdrawn by Maker

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





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## Exhibit A – Treasurers Report

2010 - 2011 Expenditures to Budget September 22 - October 21, 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		\$16.24	\$55.45	\$444.55	88.9%	
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	\$486.00	\$1,514.00	75.7%	
Board Retreat	EDU	\$500.00		\$28.74	\$270.27	\$229.73	45.9%	
General Operations	MIS	\$1,000.00		\$20.84	\$20.84	\$979.16	97.9%	
<b>sub Total Operations</b>		<b>\$6,250.00</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>\$227.82</b>	<b>\$832.56</b>	<b>\$5,417.44</b>	<b>86.7%</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		\$40.95	\$100.95	\$1,399.05	93.3%	

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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			\$521.79	\$228.21	30.4%	
<b>sub Total Outreach</b>		<b>\$17,750.00</b>	<b>25.4%</b>	<b>\$40.95</b>	<b>\$622.74</b>	<b>\$17,127.26</b>	<b>96.5%</b>	

### 300 Community Improvement

Venice Community BBQ	CIP	\$5,000.00		\$23.94	\$3,545.36	\$1,454.64	29.1%	
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2010-11	CIP	\$20,000.00		\$2,085.00	\$5,589.00	\$14,411.00	72.1%	
General Community Projects 2010-11	CIP	\$5,000.00		\$500.00	\$572.44	\$4,427.56	88.6%	
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>\$2,608.94</b>	<b>\$9,706.80</b>	<b>\$36,293.20</b>	<b>78.9%</b>	

**Total** **\$70,000.00** **\$2,877.71** **\$11,162.10** **\$58,837.90** **84.1%**

### 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
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#### Neighborhood Community Projects

2009-2010

Friends of Coeur d'Alene Reading Courtyard	\$2,000.00	10%	\$2,085.00	\$2,085.00	-\$85.00	-4%	
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%	

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Venice Music Festival	\$2,000.00	10%		\$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>		\$2,085.00	\$5,589.00	\$14,411.00	72%	
<b>General Community Improvement 2009-2010</b>							

<b>Total Available</b>	\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00	100%	
Santa Monica Airport	\$850.00			\$72.44	\$777.56	91%	
Metal at the Beach	\$1,000.00		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	50%	

<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>\$1,850.00</b>						
<b>Total To be Allocated</b>	<b>\$3,150.00</b>						
<b>Total Spent</b>			\$500.00	\$572.44	\$4,427.56	89%	
<b>Expenditures Previous Reported Charged</b>							
Westminster Benches	\$1,922.38	2/10					



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STATEMENT DATE 10-21-10  
TOTAL ACTIVITY \$ 2,858.91

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

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NEW ACCOUNT ACTIVITY					
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-23	09-21	8011 EXTRA SPACE STOR 310-301-7970 CA PUR ID: 26401004 TAX: 0.00	24323000265253264010047	4225	182.00
-01	09-29	STAPLES 00101279 VENICE CA PUR ID: 000563278 TAX: 1.95	24164070273105162215018	5943	24.15
-01	09-29	STAPLES 00101279 VENICE CA PUR ID: 000563279 TAX: 0.00	24164070273105162219356	5943	4.59
-14	10-12	TIME WARP MUSIC 323-6005050 CA PUR ID: 1 TAX: 0.00	24142010286900010800047	5733	500.00
-14	10-13	CONSTANT CONTACT 1 IWAGNER@CONST MA PUR ID: 3247662 TAX: 0.00	24733090286206967906317	5868	30.00
-18	10-17	EIG*POWER 866-5382854 MA PUR ID: 20831217 TAX: 0.00	24351790290164283226574	5868	10.95
-18	10-16	STIMCO 480-898-8132 AZ PUR ID: 000000001 TAX: 0.00	24483980290207851200011	7399	2,085.00

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SEND BILLING INQUIRIES TO:  C/O U.S. BANCORP SERVICE CENTER, INC U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ND P. O. BOX 6343 FARGO, ND 58125-6343	AMOUNT DUE	PURCHASES & OTHER CHARGES \$2,858.91
	\$ 0.00	CASH ADVANCES \$ .00
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		CREDITS \$ .00
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## EXHIBIT B – Le Zinc Letter

November 16, 2010 – DRAFT LETTER

Los Angeles City Planning Department  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2601

Case Number(s): ENV-2010-205-EAF  
Other (if any:): ZA-2010-206-CDP-CUB-CU-SPP  
Address: 604 E VENICE BLVD 90291  
Project Name: Le Zinc

OVERVIEW: CHANGE OF USE FROM AN OFFICE TO CAFE WITH 16 PARKING SPACES AND 65 SEATS (18 OUTDOOR/47 INDOOR) SELLING BEER AND WINE ON-SITE OPEN FROM 6AM TO 2AM; DAILY.

Dear Madam/Sir:

This will advise that a regularly held public meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council's Board of Officers on November 16, 2010, it was moved and passed by a vote of XX-XX that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends:

Approval of the project as presented, with the following conditions:

1. No variance to VCZSP, including parking requirements,
2. Meeting both Venice BMP and CUB,
3. Noting bike rack provided,
4. Hours of 6am to 2am, 7-days per week,
5. Plan approval in 1-year.

LUPC Vote: 7-1; APPROVED

Please provide a copy of the decision letter to the Venice Neighborhood Council at the letterhead address.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks  
President, Venice Neighborhood Council

cc: Applicant, California Coastal Commission, Councilmember Rosendahl, [arturo@lacity.org](mailto:arturo@lacity.org), [whitney.blumenfeld@lacity.org](mailto:whitney.blumenfeld@lacity.org), [secretary@venicenc.org](mailto:secretary@venicenc.org), [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)





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## EXHIBIT C - Criteria for selecting posting sites

The criteria used to select posting places were:

- Site must be within the VNC boundaries (eg. can't post on county land on south side of Washington);
- We have to have physical access to the site so that we can post;
- As many sites as possible (at least 1) should be available for viewing 24/7 (none currently are);
- The sites should be geographically diverse across the VNC's territory;
- 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 doing the posting.



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## Exhibit D –100% Clean Energy goal for Venice by 2018

November 16, 2010

Honorable Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles City Council Members  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Room 475  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council President Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports eliminating coal from the electricity supply of Los Angeles by 2020 as well as providing 40% of our power from clean, renewable energy. We ask that you embrace these goals, as our city's leaders, by ensuring the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power adopt and execute these critical goals.

Coal is one of the dirtiest forms of energy and a major contributor to global climate change. In 2008, over 36% of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions came from the combustion of this dirty fuel. The city of Los Angeles owns significant shares in two of the dirtiest coal plants in the nation: the Navajo Generating Station and the Intermountain Power Project. Our dependence on coal is responsible for significant pollution and human health impacts at every phase of its life cycle. In 2008, Navajo Generating Station and Intermountain Power Project released a combined total of 32, 468, 461 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere. Additionally, each year the plant uses nearly 8 billion gallons of water from Lake Powell for cooling – a shocking number in water-starved Los Angeles.

Los Angeles has a responsibility to leave a legacy of leadership to our children and grandchildren. We must rebuild Los Angeles in a way that will protect us from the true cost of coal: polluted rivers and fish, increased asthma rates, strokes, cancer, and other health related issues, waste of billions of gallons of fresh water to cool coal plants, and the destruction of eco-systems through strip-mining, coal-slurries, and mountain-top removal.

Furthermore, legal and regulatory uncertainty surrounding the coal industry is creating an increasingly uncertain future for the coal. This uncertainty is leading to increasing costs and price volatility for the LADWP. A well-planned transition from away from coal fired power will protect DWP bill payers. All the while, smart energy efficiency programs can help keep LADWP bills down, while creating jobs and providing upstream and downstream economic benefits.

We can address these ethical and moral concerns by doing our part and we want to help the timely and at-scale transition of Los Angeles to increased energy efficiency, demand response, and clean, renewable energy. In accomplishing this transition, Los Angeles will simultaneously create thousands of new family-wage jobs, while renewing our city's infrastructure and rebuilding our city for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



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The need for action to address global climate change, pollution, water resource protection and sustainability has never been more urgent. There is no better opportunity for Los Angeles to demonstrate its leadership in the area of sustainability than to take action now:

- Mandate the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power devise and execute a plan to end the city's use of coal – fired power
- Displace Los Angeles' coal fired power through aggressive energy efficiency programs and a 40% renewable portfolio standard.

Los Angeles should be a leader in meeting the challenges of today. There is quickly growing support for Los Angeles to seize the opportunity to build a clean and renewable energy future that will stabilize our electricity rates over the long haul because once the system is paid for, the sun and winds are free. By making progress now, the city of Los Angeles will make investments in our long-term economic future.

The Venice Neighborhood Council looks forward to working with the city to achieve these goals together. We appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks  
President, Venice Neighborhood Council

Cc: Councilman Bill Rosendahl



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## Exhibit E – Winter Shelter Letter

November 16, 2010

Hon. Bill Rosendahl  
City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

### **RE: Reinstate Additional Sites for Winter Shelter Program for Homeless;**

Dear Bill:

At its November 16 board meeting the Venice NC passed the following motion and urge your prompt response:

WHEREAS homelessness is a national, regional and Citywide issue which needs to be addressed by the entire Westside of LA County including Santa Monica and all of CD 11; and

WHEREAS the annual Winter Shelter Program traditionally administered by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) administers the program with non-profit contractors to transport homeless individuals to shelters during the winter months (beginning Dec. 1, 2010); and

WHEREAS it has recently come to our attention that two of the previous sites in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles are no longer designated as pick up/drop off locations, leaving Venice as the only Westside designated site; and

WHEREAS this lack of additional pick up/drop off sites attracts a disproportionate number of homeless individuals to Venice and creates an unfair burden for our community;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council strongly urges Councilmen Rosendahl and Koretz, Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Mayor Villaraigosa, Mayor Shriver, and LA Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to immediately reinstate the previous drop off/pick up sites in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles and/or identify transportation solutions, which include additional drop off/pick up sites outside of Venice, for transporting homeless individuals from Santa Monica and Council Districts 5 and 11 to the Westside Winter Shelter Programs located in West Los Angeles and Culver City.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks

Cc: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa  
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky  
Santa Monica Mayor Bobby Shriver  
Santa Monica Councilman Richard Bloom  
LA Homeless Services Authority – Mike Arnold  
Councilman Paul Koretz – CD 5



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## Exhibit F – Request for VNC support of research project

Date: 9/14/2010 Prof. Laurie Ross M.A Community Development and Planning Program

**Research topics/concepts:** The Neighborhood Council System, the public participation process, participatory democracy, community participation and outreach in economically and socially diverse neighborhoods, improving the process so that land use policy and project-based recommendations are inclusive and reflective of the greater community as a whole.

**Research Question/Problem Statement:** Has the presence of the Venice Neighborhood Council Land Use and Planning Committee (VNC LUPC) and it's current method of citizen participation concerning proposed land use projects located within the Venice community, had a substantive impact on land use changes within the community; an impact which is reflective of the community as a whole? Are there barriers or obstacles to citizen participation with the LUPC, which hinder citizen participation from a broad base of stakeholders and therefore limit LUPCs ability to make decisions and recommendations regarding land use policy and projects that are representative of the community at large?

**Working Title:** Identifying Barriers to Public Participation with the Venice Neighborhood Council Land Use and Planning Committee,

**Thesis:** The Venice community is a very eclectic, socially and economically diverse community that has undergone in the past and is continually undergoing major demographic and land use changes. The VNC LUPC is a community tool that can (and does) act as a land use policy advocate for residents as well as a project-based land use representative for stakeholders to the local government. However, the strength of the organization, the extent to which its advocacy and recommendations are reflective of the entire community is dependant upon participation of a broad and diverse group of stakeholders. From initial field observations and attendance at LUPC meetings for one year, it is apparent that there is a core group of stakeholders that actively participate in the LUPC, and for the most part it is assumed that this core group of participants is not demographically, ideologically nor politically representative of the entire Venice community. This paper will explore possible socioeconomic, ideological, political, operational and other barriers to greater citizen participation with the LUPC. Further, from these identified barriers to participation, recommendations will be made as to how these obstacles can be overcome to improve/increase citizen participation and the functioning of the LUPC and its work concerning land use issues in the Venice community.

**Methodology:** Data will be collected through a multi-modal approach, through which both qualitative and quantitative data will be collected. Qualitative data will be collected through field observations and attendance at LUPC meetings, a survey of registered, non- registered VNC LUPC stakeholders and factual basis stakeholders, and follow up focusgroups. Quantitative data will also be gather through said survey as well as an analysis of Census demographic data for the Venice community.

**Field Observations:** Data will be collected from personal attendance, participation and observation at regular VNC LUPC meetings and VNC board meetings.

### **Survey Administration:**

A combination closed and open-ended survey will be created and distributed to registered and non-registered Venice Neighborhood Stakeholders, Board members, Committee members as well as other Venice community factual basis stakeholders; such as representatives from affiliated organizations including but not limited to; the Council District 11 Office, the Venice Community Development Corporation.

The survey will be made available electronically on the VNC LUPC website as well as in hard copy for one week. Venice stakeholders will be made aware of the survey through a variety of different measures. Registered VNC stakeholders will be notified via email using the VNC email list. An announcement and paper copies will be made available at LUPC and VNC board of officer meetings, as well as at the VNC booth at the upcoming Abbott Kinney Street Festival. Also, an announcement will be made via the Council District's Office Newsletter, the YoVenice community online website, the print publications of the Venice BeachHead, and the Argonaut (both monthly free community newsletters) and posted at other community locations throughout Venice. The announcement about the survey will be translated into Spanish and made





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available in both electronic and hard copy. Hard copies of the survey will be made available at VNC meetings, the VNC booth at the Abbott Kinney Street Festival, the Los Angeles Public Library Abbott Kinney Branch, the Venice Skills Center and the St. Joseph's Community Center and translated into Spanish as well.

## **Survey Construction and Coding:**

*Stakeholder/Socioeconomic and Demographic Information:* The survey will identify what type of stakeholder the respondent is: whether they live work, own property or business or are factual basis stakeholders in the Venice community. The length of time they have lived, worked, owned property, a business or been a factual basis VNC stakeholder. The survey will ask basic demographic information about the respondent, household income, number of people in household, highest level of education attained, gender, race/ethnicity, primary language(s) and whether they rent or own their residence if applicable.

*Level of Civic Engagement and Participation with VNC LUPC, Active or Inactive?:* The survey will ask the respondent to indicate their level of civic involvement or engagement in both the VNC, LUPC and other community and civic organizations. How they are affiliated/if so with the VNC if they are currently or ever have been a registered stakeholder. If they are not involved with the VNC or LUPC why?

*Participation and Operational Experience of LUPC:* Next the survey will ask the respondent to answer questions about their participation with the LUPC and their experience of LUPC. What is the frequency of their level of participation with the VNC LUPC? Have they ever attended LUPC meetings and made public comment regarding proposed projects, if so, how often? Have they ever had projects that appeared before the VNC Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC)? If yes, to either of the previous questions, what was their experience or opinion of the LUPC based on the aforementioned? Are/were they satisfied with the committee and its process of community outreach, public notification, community participation, hearing of public comment regarding proposed projects, overall outcome of their deliberations, and general operation of the meetings (time and location LUPC meetings are held, length of meetings, facilitation of the meetings, and tone etc.).

*Political View of VNC LUPC, Political Power, Validity and Trust in its Ability to Effect Change with Local Government (with respect to land use):* What is the opinion of the respondent regarding the political power of the VNC LUPC? Does the respondent have faith or trust in the committee or the VNC's ability to be an effective representative of the Venice Community to the local Los Angeles government regarding Land Use policy and projects? Does the respondent feel that the VNC LUPC policy and project-based recommendations are valued and considered by local government, and have a real effect on land use decisions in the community?

*Land Use Ideology:* It will offer a chance for the respondent to describe what their vision is of/for the Venice Community in an open ended format (from a land use perspective). These questions will ask if they are familiar with/and or have read the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan (VCZSP). If so, it will ask the respondent if they are satisfied with VCZSP, and the land use and design regulations set forth in the document.

## **Follow-Up Focus Groups:**

Following the administration of the survey, and coding of the data, respondents and other members of the community will be invited to participate in focus groups to discuss the data and findings. These focus groups will help to facilitate further discussion and gather data that may have been otherwise omitted in the standard survey format and help to facilitate a meaningful conversation and dialogue between community members about the VNC LUPC.

## **Preliminary Outline:**

- 1) Introduction a) Brief History of Venice Community b) History of the Neighborhood Council System in Los Angeles, CA and the U.S c) History of the creation of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) and Land Use and Planning Committee d) Discussion of "participatory democracy", and theories regarding civic outreach and participation with neighborhood councils and community organizations in the U.S
- 2) Discussion of Research Question, and Methodology a) Research question b) Discussion and definition of terms c) Discussion of Methodology d) Survey creation and administration e) Discussion of Focus Group Data
- 3) Data Analysis a) Coding b) Findings c) Recommendations
- 4) Conclusion



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## Exhibit G – Motion to change the Sunset Rule

Councilman Bill Rosendahl  
City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Bill,

The Venice Neighborhood Council passed the following resolution at its meeting on November 16th, 2010 regarding the procedure and program rules on the Ocean Front Walk.

We ask you to support 42.15 G 2 (f): No person shall set up or take down or use a designated space between one hour after sunset and 9a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lucks  
President  
Venice Neighborhood Council



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## Exhibit H – Motion to not reinstate the I- and P-Zones

November 3rd, 2010

Councilman Bill Rosendahl  
City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: LA Municipal Code 42.15**

Dear Bill,

The Venice Neighborhood Council passed the following resolution at its meeting on November 16th, 2010 in regards to Ordinance 42.15 on the Ocean Front Walk:

WHEREAS free speech must be protected everywhere and not only in designated locations; and  
WHEREAS the I- and P-Zones have become irrelevant;

The VNC Board requests that you not support the reinstatement of the I- and P-Zones as proscribed in Ordinance 42.15.

Thank you in advance for your expeditious response to your community and your good works.  
Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lucks  
President  
Venice Neighborhood Council



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## **Exhibit I – Amend the City Ordinance that Prohibits Dogs on the Boardwalk**

November, 16, 2010

Councilman Bill Rosendahl  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

### **RE: Amend LA City Ordinance 42.15 Prohibiting Dogs on the Boardwalk;**

The Venice Neighborhood Council joins with Voice For The Animals Foundation, a non-profit animal protection organization and Sergeant Reina, head of LAPD beach detail to request that the current city ordinance prohibiting dogs on the boardwalk be amended as follows:

The exception to Subdivision 2. contained in this Paragraph as it pertains to dogs shall not apply upon any boardwalk, sidewalk or public way immediately adjacent to any beach lands or beach properties adjoining the waterfront of the Pacific Ocean between the southerly boundary of the City of Santa Monica and Washington Blvd. in the City of Los Angeles, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and all holidays and, no dogs shall be permitted within the area during those times and days. These restrictions shall apply all year round.

Amending the current ordinance will increase public safety and enforceability in Venice.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Linda Lucks  
President