



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Draft Minutes Administrative Committee Meeting

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291
Monday, December 13, 2010 at 7:30 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.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – 7:32 PM

Quorum Present: Carolyn Rios, Cindy Chambers, Linda Lucks, Ira Koslow

Absent: Hugh Harrison, Joe Murphy, Kristopher Valentine, Daffodil Tyminski

Partial list of guests: Jake Kaufman, Sarah Dennison, Karen Wolfe, Ivan Spiegel, Mark Saltzberg, Nancy McCulloch.

2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

CR/CC unanimously approved as amended below.

3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

November 8, 2010 Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes

<http://venicenc.org/files/101108VNCAAdComMinutes-JDM.pdf>

CC/IK unanimously approved.

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

Ivan Spiegel – LANNCC – get Brown Act simplified for NCs., this Saturday is first Masters in the Chapel concert.

5. Old Administrative Committee Business

A. 10. A. from Board Agenda – Adcomm picked the following highlighted six places to present to the Board. IK/CC unanimous

1 - **MOTION:** WHEREAS the Outreach Committee was asked to explore and recommend posting sites in order to comply with the new Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners / Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment directive that each NC have at least 5 official posting places in addition to their website and email notifications

The Outreach Committee recommends that the VNC Board select five (5) official posting places from the following nine (9) proposed sites: **See Exhibit D 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)**



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5. **The Venice Ale House – (Daffodil reports they will put up bulletin board) 425 Ocean Front Walk**

6. ****Groundwork Coffee – on Rose (note: no bulletin board – door available)**

7. ****Abbot’s Habit**

8. ****Oakwood Park**

9. ****Venice Library**

**existing posting site

6. New Administrative Committee Business

A Motion to Shorten VNC Board Meetings; Linda Lucks (President@Venicenc.org)

LL/CR - unanimous

MOTION: Discussion and possible action on possible solutions to shorten VNV Board meetings. Areas of discussion should include, but not be limited to: increasing the number of Board meetings; having less items on the agenda; placing the following items at the end of every AdCom agenda:

- 1) Compute and add up optimum times and have a timekeeper keep rigid timings.
- 2) Prioritization of placement of agenda items by President and Adcomm.
- 3) Decide total discussion time for item and divide by number of speakers.

B Motion to approve mission statement for Visitor Impact ad hoc Committee; Linda Lucks (President@Venicenc.org)

LL/CR - unanimous

MOTION: To approve the mission statement for a Visitor Impact ad hoc committee.

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C Motion to approve mission statement for Bylaws Review ad hoc Committee; Ivan Spiegel (Parliamentarian@Venicenc.org)

Remanded to REC.

MOTION: To approve the mission statement for a Bylaws Review ad hoc committee.

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D Venice Specific Plan clarification re: public right of way main; Judith Roth Goldman
(310 394-2501, jrgposte@aol.com)

CR/CC – denied.

WHEREAS The Venice Specific plan states that "the existing gardens/patios located within the public right-of-way, between the fences and the property line, shall be maintained to provide a transitional zone between the public pathways and private dwellings." and

WHEREAS This wording implies, though does not state specifically, that property owners are responsible for maintaining their own garden or patio located within this transitional zone.

BE IT RESOLVED the VNC Administrative Committee shall recommend that the VNC LUPC Committee research and provide clarification and confirmation on the following items within 30 days:

- 1- Who owns the "fee" from the property line to the center line of the walk streets and alleys.
- 2- Who specifically is responsible for maintaining the gardens/patios located within the public-right-of way, between the fences and the property line.
- 3- What the responsibilities and rights are within the fees with regard to landscape (and other) maintenance issues as set forth in the Venice Specific Plan public right of way ordinance.

E Consideration and approval of December 21, 2010 Proposed Board Agenda

7. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
8. **Adjourn - 10:00 PM**



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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, December 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.

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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.

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**

1a. **Performance by the Mark Twain Middle School Bell Ringers (10 minutes)**

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

3. **Approval of outstanding minutes**

November 16, 2010 Draft Board Meeting Minutes

<http://venicenc.org/files/101116VNCBoardMinutesRev-JDM.pdf> (Draft)

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 (15 minutes)

[Discussion and approval of financial statements]

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

B **Revision of 2010-2011 Budget** – Hugh Harrison for the Budget Committee

MOTION: To reallocate the 2010-2011 budget to reflect current realities. **See Exhibit B**



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C Revise completion date for Community Improvement Projects – Hugh Harrison for the Budget Committee.

LR/CC consent calendar unanimous

MOTION: To Change the required completion date for non-Board generated Community Improvement Projects from June 30 to May 15 starting with the 2011-2012 projects.

6. Consent Calendar – (1 minute)

[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]

IK/CC on agenda unanimous

A 211 S PACIFIC AVE 90291; Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (310-463-0299; Chair LUPC@VeniceNC.org) **See Exhibit C**

(10 minutes)

Case Number(s): ZA-2010-1942-CDP-SPPA-SPP-MEL, ENV-2006-2525-MND-REC1
Address: 211 S PACIFIC AVE 90291
LUPC Case Manager: Sarah Dennison

WHEREAS, no variance is required and the project meets VCZSP,

WHEREAS, the applicant meets all parking requirements,

LUPC recommends that VNC Board approve the following motion:

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the project at 211 S.Pacific Avenue as presented with a 28 foot height limit.

LUPC Vote: 7-0; APPROVED 11/10/10

8. Scheduled Announcements [no more than 1 minute per report unless otherwise stated]

A VNC Announcements (5 min)

- **President:** Linda Lucks (310-505-4220; president@venicenc.org)
- **Vice President:** Carolyn Rios (310-821-7922; VP@venicenc.org)
[Summary of Written Committee Reports when provided in advance]
- **Community Improvement Projects:** Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

LAPD Toy Drive is Underway; Mariana Aguilar (3109263572, mla5@cornell.edu)

The VNC will be collecting unwrapped, non-violent toys for LAPD's annual toy drive at the December 21 meeting. Please bring a new or unused toy to donate.



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B Governmental Reports (15 min)

- **State Assemblyperson Ted Lieu**; Jennifer Zivkovic, Field Representative (310-615-3515; Jennifer.zivkovic@asm.ca.gov)
- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**; Jennifer Badger, West Area Representatives (310-479-3823; jennifer.badger@lacity.org)
- **City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl**: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772; cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)
- **LAPD**: Officer Peggy Thusing, Senior Lead Officer (310-622-3968; 25120@lapd.lacity.org)
- **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils**: Mike Newhouse (310-795-3768; mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com)
- **PlanchekLA**: VNC Rep Challis Macpherson (310-822-1729; Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net)
- **LA Dept of Water & Power/Memoranda of Understanding**: VNC Rep DeDe Audet (310-251-1054; daudet@ca.rr.com)
- **LAPD Community Police Advisory Board**: Nick Hippisley-Coxe
- **NC Budget Rep to Govt. Reports**: Cindy Chambers

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

[10 min, no more than **1 minutes per person** – no board member announcements permitted]

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) – (5 minutes)

Moved to Adcomm Agenda 5.A.for selection.

Selections listed below - IK/CC unanimous.

1 - MOTION: WHEREAS the Outreach Committee was asked to explore and recommend posting sites in order to comply with the new Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners / Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment directive that each NC have at least 5 official posting places in addition to their website and email notifications

The Administrative Committee recommends that the VNC Board select the following six (6) official posting places from the nine (9) proposed sites: **See Exhibit D for criteria**

1. **Penmar Park**
2. **Beyond Baroque_– 681 Venice Blvd (24 Hour Availability)**
3. **The Venice Ale House – (Daffodil reports they will put up bulletin board) 425 Ocean Front Walk**
4. ****Groundwork Coffee – on Rose (note: no bulletin board – door available)**
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The final list of public posting sites shall be noted on the VNC website and in our literature. **(5 Minutes)**



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2 - MOTION: Beginning January 1, 2011 all Committee Chairs should forward committee agendas to the VNC Board and the VNC Neighborhood Committee for possible posting in front of their residences or on bulletin boards in their area.

10A 2. scheduled announcements

B **Amend City Ordinance (LAMC 42.15) that Prohibits Dogs on the Boardwalk (15 minutes)**; Melya Kaplan on behalf of the Voice For The Animals Foundation (310.581.1585, melya@earthlink.net **See Exhibit E**)

Placed on agenda, postponed from November Board meeting– (15 minutes)

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 Street in the City of Los Angeles, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and all holidays from Memorial Day until November 1 and from 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. from November 2 to the day before Memorial Day 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.

C **13.1 Marathon Los Angeles (10 Minutes)**; Michelle Lindner on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee (310-821-7898, michelle@genericevents.com)

CR/CC consent calendar - unanimous

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, the VNC will notify stakeholders of possible inconveniences.

Approved unanimously by the Neighborhood Committee.

11. New Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

A **Creation of a Visitor Impact ad hoc Committee**; Linda Lucks (President@Venicenc.org)
LL/CC consent calendar unanimous

MOTION: To create a Visitor Impact ad hoc committee with the following mission statement:



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B Creation of a Bylaws Review ad hoc Committee; Ivan Spiegel
(Parliamentarian@Venicenc.org)

Remanded to REC

MOTION: To create a Bylaws Review ad hoc committee with the following mission statement:

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C Motion to allocate VA space for overnight parking for VETS; Linda Lucks and Jay Handal, President WLA Neighborhood Council (President@Venicenc.org, President@WLANC.org)

See Exhibit F

Placed on agenda LL/CC unanimous – (10 minutes)

MOTION: The VNC Board requests the President to send a letter to the offices of Councilman Rosendahl, Mayor Villaraigosa, Supervisor Yaroslavsky and Congress members Harman and Waxman supporting the efforts of the West LA NC to allocate space on the VA compound to allow overnight parking by homeless veterans.

D Motion to Request Additional Police Deployment Stay in Venice; Mariana Aguilar (3109263572, mia5@cornell.edu)

See Exhibit G

Placed on agenda CC/IK – unanimous (30 minutes)

MOTION: WHEREAS, 21 additional officers were deployed to Venice in May of this year; and

WHEREAS, there is some consideration by the LAPD to transfer these officers out of the community starting in January

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the VNC send a letter to government officials including the Mayor, Councilman Rosendahl, Chief Beck, and Captain Peters, requesting that the 21 additional officers remain assigned to the Venice area on a permanent basis.



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E Motion to urge immediate implementation of Streets to Homes Program; Karen Wolfe & Carolyn Rios (310-460-9644, wolfepack@verizon.net)

See Exhibit I & IA & LAMC 85.02 (Exhibit 1A from Marc Saltzberg, it is history of VNC actions) (30 minutes)

Placed on agenda - CR/CC - unanimous

MOTION: Whereas: Venice residents and businesses have long suffered more than their share of the City's problems associated with homelessness;

Whereas: The VNC has supported Councilman Rosendahl's multi-pronged approach to the problems attendant with homelessness that seeks simultaneously to provide relief to Venice residents, business owners and visitors as well as to assist those truly in need;

Whereas: The VNC has supported Councilman Rosendahl's amendment to strengthen the City's Oversize Vehicle Ordinance to support law enforcement as one part of that simultaneous approach;

Whereas: The VNC has supported Councilman Rosendahl's Streets to Homes Pilot Program to provide services to needy, law abiding homeless people as the second half of that simultaneous approach;

Whereas: The Streets to Homes Pilot Program has been funded, the RFP issued and a service provider selected;

Whereas: Numerous City parking lots exist in CD11 that could immediately provide limited spaces for such a program;

Whereas: The Oversized Vehicle Ordinance has been approved by City Council and will be implemented soon;

Whereas: Implementation of the Streets to Homes Pilot Program is dependent upon amendment of Los Angeles Municipal Code 85.02 in order for any of those spaces to be used and the amendments to LAMC 85.02 are sitting in the Transportation Committee that Councilman Rosendahl chairs;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The VNC urges the Councilmember to act with all due haste to send the amended draft ordinance to the full City Council and seek support from his colleagues for the full implementation of his multi-pronged approach.

Community Impact Statement: Amending LAMC 85.02 is essential to the success of Councilman Rosendahl's efforts to simultaneously provide compassionate services to those truly in need and to provide enforcement tools to protect the beleaguered Venice community which has suffered more than its fair share of the problems attendant with homelessness. Without proper and speedy amendments to 85.02, the services part of the



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program is impossible and the result—sweeping the problem down to the next community—is unacceptable.

F **Request the City to hold all cell tower permit applications until 2/1/2011;** James Murez (310-399-1490, murez@venice.net) **See Exhibit H**

Remanded to LUPC.

Introduction to cell towers in Venice – a five minute PowerPoint presentation.

MOTION: WHEREAS, in December 2010 the VNC President formed a cell tower task force to study and recommend to the Board a policy of how to address new and existing cell towers in the community, co-chaired by Nancy McCulloch and Jim Murez reporting to Jake Kaufman.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The VNC requests the city holds all cell tower permit applications until 3/1/2011 to give the VNC time to publish a policy statement on this issue.

G **Motion to reject WRAC CCF motion on Community Care Facilities;** Carolyn Rios on behalf of Neighborhood Committee (crlynrios@ca.rr.com)

Postponed – referred to LUPC then January Adcomm. CR/CC unanimous

The Neighborhood Committee voted unanimously 6-0-0 against WRAC motion -

The CPC-2009-800-CA; ENV-2009-801-ND ‘COMMUNITY CARE FACILITIES’ Ordinance for Community Care Facilities in low-density residential zones shall

VI. (i)limit the concentration of facilities, (ii) restrict location near schools and other sensitive uses by 1,000 feet, (iii) require a public hearing for all applications directing that a public benefit must be demonstrated and/or where the applicant requests a reasonable accommodation, and (iv) provide an affirmative statement that no legal non-conforming use is created by the ordinance.

H **Request VNC to join FAST; support short-term traffic improvement;** Evelyn Alexander on behalf of FAST - Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic (310-351-9309, evelyn@jhu.edu)

See Exhibit J

Postponed to January Adcomm.

MOTION: The VNC shall join and give support to FAST (Fixing Angelenos Stuck in Traffic), a non-profit organization which has built a coalition of businesses, residents, students, labor and environmental activists to advocate for high-impact, low-cost changes to our infrastructure that would make traffic move more smoothly throughout the region. Membership in FAST is free.



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- I **Support for neighborhood clean-up projects:** Carolyn Rios on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee (310-821-7922, crlynrios@ca.rr.com)

Consent calendar

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the joint efforts of the VNC Neighborhood Committee and the Venice Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring several neighborhood clean-up projects this year.

12. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
[10 min, no more than 2 minutes per person – no board member announcements permitted]
Removed
13. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction.**
[10 min, no more than 1 minutes per person]
14. **Adjourn** (approx 9:30PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs

Neighborhood; Carolyn Rios

Outreach; Marc Saltzberg

Ocean Front Walk; Ivonne Guzman, Ira Koslow

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

Land Use and Planning Committee - Jake Kaufman

Rules & Elections Committee - Ira Koslow



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Exhibit A – Treasurers Report

2010 - 2011 Expenditures to Budget - October 22 - November 21, 2010

| DONE Category | Current Yr Budget by Acct | % of Bdgt | Amt spent Current Month | Amt Spent Current Fiscal Year | Amt Available to Spend | % Budget Remain |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Annual Allocation | \$45,000.00 | | | | | |
| Rollover | \$5,000.00 | | | | | |
| Sub Unallocated Budget | \$50,000.00 | | | | | |

Neighborhood Comm. Projects 10-11 20,000.00

Total 70,000.00

Budget

100 Operations

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|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Office Supplies | OFF | \$750.00 | | \$20.84 | \$20.84 | \$729.16 | 97% |
| Copies | OFF | \$500.00 | | \$47.83 | \$103.28 | \$396.72 | 79% |
| Office Equipment | OFF | \$750.00 | | \$105.33 | \$105.33 | \$644.67 | 86% |
| Staffing/Apple One | TAC | \$500.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | 100% |
| Telephone Expense | MIS | \$250.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$250.00 | 100% |
| Storage | FAC | \$2,000.00 | | \$162.00 | \$648.00 | \$1,352.00 | 68% |
| Board Retreat | EDU | \$500.00 | | \$0.00 | \$270.27 | \$229.73 | 46% |
| General Operations | MIS | \$1,000.00 | | \$176.00 | \$196.84 | \$803.16 | 80% |
| sub Total Operations | | \$6,250.00 | 9% | \$512.00 | \$1,344.56 | \$4,905.44 | 78% |

200 Outreach

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|---------------------------|-----|--------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| Copies / Printing | POS | \$500.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | 100% |
| Facilities For Public | FAC | \$3,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,000.00 | 100% |
| Refreshments | EVE | \$400.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$400.00 | 100% |
| Web Site & e-mail | WEB | \$1,500.00 | | \$149.40 | \$250.35 | \$1,249.65 | 83% |
| Advertising & Promotions | ADV | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0% |
| Newsletter Production | NEW | \$1,200.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,200.00 | 100% |
| Newsletter Printing | NEW | \$5,700.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,700.00 | 100% |
| Newsletter Delivery | NEW | \$4,200.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,200.00 | 100% |
| Elections | ELE | \$500.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | 100% |
| General Outreach | EVE | \$750.00 | | \$0.00 | \$521.79 | \$228.21 | 30% |
| sub Total Outreach | | \$17,750.00 | 25% | \$149.40 | \$772.14 | \$16,977.86 | 96% |

300 Community Improvement

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|------------------------------------|-----|--------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Venice Community BBQ | CIP | \$5,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$3,545.36 | \$1,454.64 | 29% |
| Neighborhood Commun Proj 2010-11 | CIP | \$20,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$5,589.00 | \$14,411.00 | 72% |
| General Community Projects 2010-11 | CIP | \$5,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$572.44 | \$4,427.56 | 89% |
| Neighborhood Commun Proj 2011-12 | CIP | \$16,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$16,000.00 | 100% |
| sub Total Comm Improvement | | \$46,000.00 | 66% | \$0.00 | \$9,706.80 | \$36,293.20 | 79% |
| Total | | \$70,000.00 | | \$661.40 | \$11,823.50 | \$58,176.50 | \$0.83 |

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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 | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Neighborhood Comm Projects | | 2009-2010 | | | | | |
| Coeur d'Alene Reading Courtyard | \$2,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$2,085.00 | -\$85.00 | -4% | |
| Master in the Chapel-Concerts | \$2,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 | 100% | |
| Westminster School-Printers | \$2,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 | 100% | |
| Boys and Girls Club-Sewing Project | \$2,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 | 100% | |
| Ballona Institute-Lagoon Restoration | \$1,026.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,026.00 | 100% | |
| Westside Leadership Magnet-Garden | \$1,996.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,996.00 | 100% | |
| Mark Twain-Garden | \$2,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 | 100% | |
| Venice Music Festival | \$2,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$0.00 | 0% | |
| Carnevale | \$2,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 | 100% | |
| 826 LA-"The Venice Wave" | \$1,470.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,470.00 | 100% | |
| Vintage Motorcycle Rally | \$1,508.00 | | \$0.00 | \$1,504.00 | \$4.00 | 0% | |

Total **\$20,000.00** **\$0.00** **\$5,589.00** **\$14,411.00** **72%**

General Comm Improvement 2009-2010

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|------------------------|------------|--|--------|----------|------------|------|
| Total Available | \$5,000.00 | | | | \$5,000.00 | |
| Santa Monica Airport | \$850.00 | | \$0.00 | \$72.44 | \$777.56 | 91% |
| Metal at the Beach | \$1,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$500.00 | 50% |
| Vera Davis-Turkeys | \$300.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 | 100% |
| LAPD-Toys for Tots | \$1,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | 100% |
| Photography Project | \$1,000.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 | 100% |

Total Allocated **\$4,150.00**

Total To be Allocated **\$850.00**

Total Spent **\$0.00** **\$572.44** **\$4,427.56** **89%**

Expenditures Previous Reported Charged

Westminster Benches **\$1,922.38** 2/10

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Fargo, ND 58125-6343

ACCOUNT NUMBER XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-1949

STATEMENT DATE 11-22-10

TOTAL ACTIVITY \$ 640.56

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

MEMO STATEMENT ONLY
DO NOT REMIT PAYMENT

| NEW ACCOUNT ACTIVITY | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|---|-------------------------|------|--------|
| POST DATE | TRAN DATE | TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION | REFERENCE NUMBER | MCC | AMOUNT |
| 10-25 | 10-21 | 8011 EXTRA SPACE STOR 310-301-7970 CA PUR ID: 29401004 TAX: 0.00 | 24323000295253294010045 | 4225 | 162.00 |
| 10-25 | 10-24 | EIG*IPOWER 866-5392854 MA PUR ID: 20972260 TAX: 0.00 | 24351780297205817243529 | 5968 | 119.40 |
| 10-26 | 10-25 | USPS 05810603031807506 VENICE CA PUR ID: 020 TAX: 0.00 | 24164070298418215030206 | 9402 | 176.00 |
| 10-28 | 10-25 | OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA PUR ID: 095120101025 TAX: 0.58 | 24445740300494573011711 | 5943 | 6.48 |
| 11-02 | 11-01 | RADIOHACK COR00130377 VENICE CA PUR ID: 00000000000000000000 TAX: 0.45 | 24164070305941828947152 | 5732 | 6.57 |
| 11-15 | 11-13 | OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA PUR ID: 095120101113 TAX: 3.67 | 24445740318519606320430 | 5943 | 41.35 |
| 11-15 | 11-13 | OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA PUR ID: 095120101113 TAX: 8.77 | 24445740318519606320505 | 5943 | 98.76 |
| 11-15 | 11-13 | CONSTANT CONTACT 1 IWAGNER@CONST MA PUR ID: 3696836 TAX: 0.00 | 24733090317206987106531 | 5968 | 30.00 |

Storage - FAC
WEB
Po Box - MIS
Copies - OFF
Connector - OFF
Receipts - OFF
WEB

| Default Accounting Code: | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CUSTOMER SERVICE CALL | ACCOUNT NUMBER | ACCOUNT SUMMARY |
| 800-344-5696 | XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-1949 | PREVIOUS BALANCE \$0.00 |
| | | PURCHASES & OTHER CHARGES \$640.56 |
| SEND BILLING INQUIRIES TO: C/O U.S. BANCORP SERVICE CENTER, INC U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ND P.O. BOX 6335 FARGO, ND 58125-6335 | STATEMENT DATE 11-22-10 | CASH ADVANCES \$0.00 |
| | DISPUTED AMOUNT \$0.00 | CASH ADVANCE FEE \$0.00 |
| | AMOUNT DUE \$0.00 | CREDITS \$0.00 |
| | DO NOT REMIT | TOTAL ACTIVITY \$640.56 |



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EXHIBIT B – NARRATIVE OF PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF VNC 2010-2011 BUDGET

1. Office supplies reduced by \$200 to reflect anticipated spending.
2. Copies reduced by \$100 to reflect anticipated spending.
3. Telephone expense eliminated as we are using free internet service.
4. Board retreat reduced by \$200 as we came in under budget.
5. Election expense eliminated as no Board election this year.
6. Web site increase by \$3600 to pay for WEB developer as we have been unable to do this in-house with volunteers.
7. Advertising increased by \$650 to provide opportunity for more outreach and funded from decrease in number of newsletters.
8. Newsletter production, printing and distribution reduced by a total of \$3700 as third newsletter will not be published this fiscal year.
9. Venice Community BBQ reduced by \$1400 as it came in under budget.
10. General Community Projects [Board generated] increased by \$909.35. All extra funds not allocated above put into this category. Also, this category was over budgeted as DONE audit reduced estimated roll-over by \$741.65.



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Funds

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Yearly Allocation | 45,000.00 |
| Rollover | 24,259.35 |
| Total | 69,259.35 |

| | | |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|
| | Reallocation | Existing Budget |
|--|---------------------|------------------------|

Budget

| | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| | Category | Annual Total | |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|--|

Codes

| 100 Operations | | % | Total | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| AUD | Audio and Video Services | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| FAC | Facilities Related and Space Rental | | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| POS | Postage | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| OFF | Office Equipment and Supplies | | 1,700.00 | 2,000.00 |
| MIS | General Operations/Miscellaneous | | 1,000.00 | 1,250.00 |
| EDU | Board Retreat/Training | | 300.00 | 500.00 |
| TAC | Staffing and Temporary Help | | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| TRL | Translation/Transcription | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| sub Total Operations | | 12% | \$8,500.00 | \$9,250.00 |

200 Outreach

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ADV | Advertising | | 650.00 | 0.00 |
| ELE | Election Outreach and related costs | | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| EVE | Outreach events | | 1,200.00 | 750.00 |
| POS | Postage and mailings | | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| EVE | Food and refreshments for events and meetings | | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| NEW | Newsletters | | 7,400.00 | 11,100.00 |
| WEB | Website maintenance/enhancement/creation | | 5,100.00 | 1,500.00 |
| sub Total Outreach | | 22% | \$15,250.00 | \$14,750.00 |

300 Community Improvement

| | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| CIP | Community Improvement Projects | 65% | 45,509.35 | 45,258.35 |
| sub Total Community Improvement | | | \$45,509.35 | \$45,258.35 |

Total Expenditures

| | | | | |
|--|--|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | 100% | \$69,259.35 | \$69,258.35 |
|--|--|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|

Narrative: Funding for community Improvement Projects includes \$16,000.00 to be designated in 2010-2011 for community improvement projects to be completed in 2011-2012.



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Draft 2010-11 Budget - Reallocation

| Available to Budget | Reallocation | Current Budget | Change | Expenses To Date |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|
| Annual Allocation | 45,000.00 | 45,000.00 | | |
| Rollover | 4,259.35 | 5,000.00 | -740.65 | |
| Total | 49,259.35 | 50,000.00 | | |

Budget DONE Category

100 Operations

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Office Supplies - OFF | 550.00 | 750.00 | -200.00 | \$20.84 |
| Copies - OFF | 400.00 | 500.00 | -100.00 | \$103.28 |
| Office Equipment - OFF | 750.00 | 750.00 | | \$105.33 |
| Staffing/Apple One - TAC | 500.00 | 500.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Telephone Expense - MIS | 0.00 | 250.00 | -250.00 | \$0.00 |
| Storage- FAC | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | | \$648.00 |
| Bank Charges - MIS | 0.00 | 0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Board Retreat - EDU | 300.00 | 500.00 | -200.00 | \$270.27 |
| General Operations - MIS | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | | 196.84 |
| sub Total Operations | 5,500.00 | 6,250.00 | -750.00 | 1,344.56 |

200 Outreach

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Elections - ELE | 0.00 | 500.00 | -500.00 | 0.00 |
| Copies / Printing - POS | 500.00 | 500.00 | | 0.00 |
| Facilities For Public - FAC | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | | 0.00 |
| Refreshments - EVE | 400.00 | 400.00 | | 0.00 |
| Web Site & e-mail - WEB | 5,100.00 | 1,500.00 | 3,600.00 | 250.35 |
| Advertising & Promotions - ADV | 650.00 | 0.00 | 650.00 | 0.00 |
| Newsletter Production - NEW | 800.00 | 1,200.00 | -400.00 | 0.00 |
| Newsletter Printing - NEW | 3,800.00 | 5,700.00 | -1,900.00 | 0.00 |
| Newsletter Delivery - NEW | 2,800.00 | 4,200.00 | -1,400.00 | 0.00 |
| Outreach Events - EVE | 450.00 | 0.00 | 450.00 | 0.00 |
| General Outreach - EVE | 750.00 | 750.00 | | 521.79 |
| sub Total Outreach | 18,250.00 | 17,750.00 | 500.00 | 772.14 |

300 Community Improvement

| | | | | |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Venice Community BBQ - CIP | 3,600.00 | 5,000.00 | -1,400.00 | 3,545.64 |
| Neighborhood Community Projects - CIP | 16,000.00 | 16,000.00 | | 5,589.00 |
| General Community Projects - CIP | 5,909.35 | 5,000.00 | 909.35 | 572.44 |
| sub Total Community Improvement | 25,509.35 | 26,000.00 | -490.65 | 9,707.08 |

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|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|
| Total Expenditures | 49,259.35 | 50,000.00 | | 11,823.78 |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|

Funds allocated for community Projects From Previous Year

20,000.00 20,000.00

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EXHIBIT C - 211 S. Pacific Avenue LUPC Staff Report

Case Numbers: ZA-2010-1942-CDP-SPPA-SPP-MEL
 ENV-2006-2525-MND-REC
 AA02006-3047-PMLA-CN

Address of Project: 211 S. Pacific Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90291

Property Owners: Vishnudut Ramyeed

Owner's Representative: Sam Aslanian, Architect

DRAFT

LUPC MOTION: Motion to recommend ----- of the project as presented with the following conditions. CONDITIONS:

Made by -----, Seconded by -----
 Approved (0-0-0) Date of Motion: November 10, 2010

PROJECT SUMMARY TO VNC

As submitted in January 2010, a project redesigned from original application of 2006 now requesting a Coastal Development Permit, a Specific Plan 10% Height Adjustment above the 28' walk street limit, a Mello Act exemption, and a Specific Plan Compliance Permit to construct a 3-story duplex condominium with entrances on the Walk Street, Ozone Avenue, and vehicular access from the alley, Ozone Court. The redesigned project was submitted for ENV 2006 reconsideration and was determined not to be a "substantial revision" requiring MND recirculation. Since submitting the ZA-2010 application, the owner has agreed to revise the design in order to conform to the 28' height limit.

Staff Report Follows: LUPC STAFF REPORT

SYNOPSIS: This is an application for a CDP, SPPA, a Mello Act Exemption and SPP for a fully redesigned 3-story duplex condominium project fronting on Ozone Avenue, a beach-adjacent Walk Street. The applicant received approval with conditions in a determination letter from the Advisory Agency dated October 21, 2009 for a Parcel Map (AA-2006-3047-PMLA-CN). A hearing to finalize the process and allow public comment has yet to be scheduled. An APCW application (APCW-2006-2524-SPE-CDP-SPPA-SPP-MEL) previously filed by the applicant in 2006 was later withdrawn and subsequently dismissed by the West LA APC in a 4/05/07 letter. In a letter dated June 23, 2009, the applicant requested a reconsideration of the original MND (ENV-2006-2525-MND) for the filing of a DIR-2008-152-SPP-SPPA to:

1. Relocate vehicular access to the site from Pacific Avenue to the alley
2. Omit the Specific Plan Adjustment request to permit a 30'-10" height for one unit in lieu of the 28' allowed
3. Omit the Specific Plan Exception request to allow one condominium to not have the entrance along the Walk Street

In an addendum letter of July 20, 2009, (ENV-2006-2525-MND-REC1) the LA Planning Director determined that the redesigned project was in compliance with the environmental requirements and with all applicable regulations, findings, standards and provisions of the specific plan, and compliance with the Coastal Plan. A Mello Act determination made in July 2005 by the LAHD found the property



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vacant for one year and therefore exempt from the requirement to provide affordable replacement units. The project was resubmitted as ZA-2010-1942-CDP-SPPA-SPP-MEL in January 2010 with a request for a 10% Height Increase Adjustment..

Size of Parcel: 4752 sq. ft. before, 4494 sq. ft. (after 2'-0" dedications along Pacific and the alley)

Size of Project: 8171 sq. ft.

Assessed Land Value: \$1,555,000

Last Owner Change: 5/26/05

Project Description: Construction of a 3-story duplex (2 unit) condominium on a vacant lot on a walk street in the beach coastal zone

Height Adjustment request: Specific Plan Adjustment for a maximum 10% height increase (2.75 feet) based upon the Walk Street height limit of 28' as measured from grade level at the centerline of the public right-of-way on Ozone Avenue.

Venice Sub-Area: Venice Coastal Zone – North Venice

Zone: RD1.5-1

Date of Planning Report: TBA

Date of End of Appeal Period: TBA

City Planning Report Prepared by: TBA

LUPC Staff Report Done By: Sarah Dennison

Owner/Applicant: Vishnudut Ramyeed

Owner's Representative: Sam Aslanian
Aslanian Architects
19951 Turnberry Drive
Tarzana, CA 90241

Contact Information: Office: (818) 383-3237
Email: saslanian@yahoo.com

Date(s) heard by LUPC: November 10, 2010

Advisory Agency Hearing Date: TBA

Applicant's Neighborhood Mtg: Sunday, October 24, 2010
(500' radius) Extra Space Storage
Community Room
658 S. Venice Blvd.
Venice, CA 90291

ARGUMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT:

Mello Act: The applicant has received an LAHD exemption based upon property being vacant for more than one year dated July 26, 2005

Mitigated Negative Declaration: Reconsideration determined redesigned project in environmental compliance dated July 20, 2009

Parcel Map Determination: Parcel Map approved with conditions as of October 21, 2009; hearing is required

Design: The project has been completely redesigned, to address the following Planning and Zoning concerns that led the applicant to withdraw the project from consideration in 2007.

- Vehicular Access:** Tandem garage parking for required 4 cars (VCZSP section 13.D, and section 10.F for a lot width less than 35' at alley) now entered from Ozone Court (alley) in lieu of from Pacific Avenue.
- Height Limit:** Although the reconsideration of environmental review findings (ENV-2006-2525-MND-REC1) found the 2.75 foot height adjustment requested fell within the 10% limits of the VCZSP height adjustment provision, the applicant has agreed to respect the Walk Street height limit of 28' in order to match the mass, scale and character of the neighborhood per the VCZSP.
- Walk Street Entrances:** Design has been revised to provide entrances to two separate units from Ozone Avenue

Other Factors

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- Applicant worked with adjacent neighbor regarding their appeal of survey conflicts and inconsistencies resulting in neighbor's ability to maintain

location of existing fence

- Per VCZSP section 9.2, the project has been redesigned with visual breaks and architectural features including balconies, inset front entrance to one unit at ground level, ground level entrances and habitable space, windows and changes in material on building elevations fronting walk street, alley and Pacific Avenue, as well as landscaping along walk street and Pacific Avenue.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THIS PROJECT:

DWP Power Pole Guy Line: Parking access from alley currently obstructed by DWP power pole diagonal guy line protruding into vehicular entrance width.

Neighborhood Comments: At an October 24, 2010 neighborhood meeting, neighbors expressed concern for the requested height increase of 2.75' (total height 30.75') at the Walk Street, but voiced unanimous support for the project should the 28' height limit be met. Since that date the applicant has revised the design to meet that limit.

SYNOPSIS OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comments at the 11-10-10 LUPC meeting were ----- of the project. Discussion by the board brought up ----- future use -----

LUPC Report compiled by:

Sarah Dennison

Estimated number of hours of staff time:

28



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EXHIBIT D - 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 E – Amend City Ordinance (LAMC 42.15) that Prohibits Dogs on the Boardwalk

Wednesday, November 17, 2010

To the Venice Neighborhood Council:

We, the members of Voice For The Animals Foundation, a non-profit animal protection organization and Sergent Reina, head of LAPD beach detail, are hereby requesting that the current city ordinance prohibiting dogs on the boardwalk be amended.

The current law and revised law are posted below:

CURRENT LAW

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 Street in the City of Los Angeles, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day through October 31, and no dogs shall be permitted within the area during those times and days.

REVISED LAW

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 Street in the City of Los Angeles, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and all holidays from Memorial Day until November 1 and from 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. from November 2 to the day before Memorial Day 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.

We feel strongly that this is an issue of public safety. The following reasons have been cited in favor of the ordinance:

1. Dog bites occur on the boardwalk
2. The boardwalk is too crowded to guarantee the safety of dogs and people
3. Dog fights break out on the boardwalk
4. People bring their dogs on the boardwalk with the intention of intimidating other dogs & people
5. Dogs get off their leashes and attack other animals and/or people allow dogs to roam free, claiming "their dogs don't bite"
6. People illegally sell dogs on the boardwalk
7. No dogs are allowed on the sand, which becomes confusing to owners as they walk the line of boardwalk/sand
8. The boardwalk hosts many food vendors and with dogs urinating and defecating in close proximity to said vendors, an unhealthy environment is created

By amending the current city ordinance and simplifying the language surrounding the restriction, we believe that the ordinance will be more easily enforceable, thus increasing public safety.

Respectfully yours,
Voice For The Animals Foundation and LAPD Beach Detail



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Exhibit F - Draft Letter re: Overnight Parking for Homeless Veterans at VA in WLA

December , 2010

Congresswoman Jane Harman, Congressman Henry Waxman
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Mayor Antonio Villaraigsa
Councilman Bill Rosendahl

RE: Overnight Parking on VA Property in WLA for Homeless Veterans

Dear Elected Officials:

On December 21, 2010, the Venice Neighborhood Council, by a vote of ____ passed a motion in support of the efforts of the WLA Neighborhood Council to allocate space on the VA compound to allow overnight parking by homeless veterans.

Early this year the St. Joseph Center assessed a sample population of individuals housed in 48 vehicles in Venice and found that 24% were Veterans and shockingly only 2 percent of those were actually receiving services from the Veterans Administration.

It is time that our country takes care of its Veterans in need, and allowing those still functional enough to have a roof of some sort over their head, to receive services due them for their sacrifice with will lead to permanent housing. We urge the VA to implement a Safe Overnight Parking program in Los Angeles to serve as a national model addressing a long overdue need.

It is an inexpensive and immediate way to address a growing and worrisome trend.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks
President



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Exhibit G – Draft Letter re: Maintaining Police Deployment in Venice

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa, Councilman Rosendahl, Chief Beck and Captain Peters:

The Venice Community was very pleased to see that the City of Los Angeles committed 21 additional officers to the community policing effort starting in May of this year. Their presence has made a huge difference to the safety and security of both residents and visitors and we deeply value this increased police presence. However, apparently there is some consideration by the LAPD to transfer these officers out of the community starting in January. We strongly encourage you, Mayor Villaigosa, Councilman Rosendahl, Chief Beck and Captain Peters, to maintain their deployment in Venice on a permanent basis.

Our Community is deluged with visitors, transients and a high level of criminal activity all year long. While the number of tourists may decline in the winter, the number of transients and criminals does not. We understand that in past years that as the LAPD transferred the summer detail out in September crime increased. Without these extra officers, those already in our midst or within easy distance, who are inclined to commit crime, feel less restrained.

Venice produces a very large portion of property and sales tax revenue due to its attraction but bears the brunt of its popularity with intense problems. We are asking for additional permanent policing because clearly we need it and secondly because Venice is a significant source of tax revenue for the City. We believe it is only fair and reasonable that an area that competes with Disneyland as a popular regional destination and with downtown Los Angeles for complex transient problems should reasonably have adequate police support.

Please maintain this deployment so that the great progress that Captain Peters and his LAPD Pacific Division has made can be maintained for the benefit of the citizens of Venice and the many other Angelinos who enjoy visiting Venice.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks
VNC President



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Exhibit H – Draft letter re: Cell Phone Tower Permits

Dear Councilman Rosenfeld:

On the behalf of the Venice Neighborhood Council, I am requesting you place a 60 day hold on all new or pending Cell Tower permit applications. During this hold period, our Council would like to study the issues our Stakeholders have expressed about increasing this equipment in our community. Upon conclusion of the hold period, we will publish our findings and ask you to support our recommendations.

Our study will include community outreach, research existing governing laws, communication with service providers to better understand their present and future needs and look at the impacts our proposed policy will have on the City wide General Plan Framework, Venice Land Use Plan and Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.

In the past year we have received several new installations of this equipment into our community with almost NO public outreach. These equipment providers seem to have the attitude, what they want they get. This needs to stop on a level playing ground and we believe if we publish a policy statement that considers their needs and our unique urban community conditions, many of the negative existing issues related to this equipment will go away – or at least as far as our opinion as the Venice Neighborhood Council reaches.

As always, thank you for supporting the interests of our community. I look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks

Venice Neighborhood Council, President



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Exhibit I – Draft letter re: Vehicles To Homes Program

Dear Councilmember Rosendahl,

The following motion to urge immediate implementation of the Vehicles to Homes Program was passed by the Venice Neighborhood Council on Tuesday, December 16, 2010.

Whereas: Venice residents and businesses have long suffered more than their share of the City's problems associated with homelessness;

Whereas: The VNC has supported Councilman Rosendahl's multi-pronged approach to the problems attendant with homelessness that seeks simultaneously to provide relief to Venice residents, business owners and visitors as well as to assist those truly in need;

Whereas: The VNC has supported Councilman Rosendahl's amendment to strengthen the City's Oversize Vehicle Ordinance to support law enforcement as one part of that simultaneous approach; Whereas: The VNC has supported Councilman Rosendahl's Streets to Homes Pilot Program to provide services to needy, law abiding homeless people as the second half of that simultaneous approach;

Whereas: The Streets to Homes Pilot Program has been funded, the RFP issued and a service provider selected;

Whereas: Numerous City parking lots exist in CD11 that could immediately provide limited spaces for such a program;

Whereas: The Oversized Vehicle Ordinance has been approved by City Council and will be implemented soon;

Whereas: Implementation of the Streets to Homes Pilot Program is dependent upon amendment of Los Angeles Municipal Code 85.02 in order for any of those spaces to be used and the amendments to LAMC 85.02 are sitting in the Transportation Committee that Councilman Rosendahl chairs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the VNC urges the Councilmember to act with all due haste to send the amended draft ordinance to the full City Council and seek support from his colleagues for the full implementation of his multi-pronged approach.

Amending LAMC 85.02 is essential to the success of your efforts to simultaneously provide compassionate services to those truly in need and to provide enforcement tools to protect the beleaguered Venice community which has suffered more than its fair share of the problems attendant with homelessness. Without proper and speedy amendments to 85.02, the services part of the program is impossible and the result—sweeping the problem down to the next community—is unacceptable.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks
President
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Exhibit J – FAST

About FAST:

FAST is a non-profit organization dedicated to designing and supporting the implementation of short-term strategies to reduce traffic congestion in Los Angeles by optimizing current transit infrastructure and facilitating use of public transit. FAST has developed a coalition business owners, workers, faculty, students and residents of Los Angeles County.

In 2008, FAST partnered with Metro and the Music Center to commission a study by the RAND Corporation. RAND came up with 13 high-impact, low-cost changes that we can implement immediately to make traffic move more smoothly throughout the County. The 13 recommendations can be found here: <http://fastla.org/solutions/randrecs>.

FAST's mission is to:

1. Educate residents and employers about the cost of traffic and the mobility benefits attainable through RAND's recommendations;
2. Build an active coalition committed to solving LA traffic by making our roadway network more efficient, reducing car trips by using transit alternatives, and supporting traffic reduction projects;
3. Create high-impact mobility improvements by encouraging elected officials and transit agencies to invest Measure R's "Local Return," state and federal funds toward implementing RAND's traffic solutions.

FAST is clearly aligned with the VNC's Walkability Goals. FAST is focused not only on traffic fixes, but also on making public transit more user-friendly, as well as strategies which make drivers think about the true cost of their entire trip, including parking. Additionally, our support for Traffic Demand Management (TDM) systems in employment centers includes shuttle systems and alternates to "one person per car" transport.