



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Meeting Minutes**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 7:00 PM

**NOTE: All ACTIONS TAKEN, unless otherwise noted, were decided by unanimous vote and the chair abstained. Please check the minutes of the next board meeting at <http://www.venicenc.org/Board> to determine whether these minutes have been **Approved****

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

**Present:** Linda Lucks, President; Carolyn Rios; Hugh Harrison. Cindy Chambers; Daffodil Tyminski; Kristopher Valentine; Ira Koslow; Marc Saltzberg; Jake Kaufman; Amanda Seward; Clark McCutchen; Ivonne Guzman; Jed Pauker; Kelly Willis; Mariana Aguilar; Scott Kramarich; Stasia Patwell.

**Absent:** Joe Murphy; Brennan Lindner; Cynthia Rogers; Peter Thottam; **Emeritus (non-voting):** Mike Newhouse, President Emeritus; DeDe Audet, President Post-Emeritus. **Parliamentarian:** Ivan Spiegel.

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

**ACTION TAKEN**    **Approved**

### 3. **Approval of outstanding minutes**

November 16, 2010 Draft Board Meeting Minutes

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

**ACTION TAKEN**    **Approved**

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

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

Diane Butler  
Abraham  
Dave Warwak  
Dave Grossman  
Jon Nahhas  
Elizabeth Wright

### 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**

**ACTION TAKEN**    **Approved**



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## **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**

**ACTION TAKEN**      **Approved**

## **6. Consent Calendar – (1 minute)**

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

### **A Revise completion date for Community Improvement Projects** – Hugh Harrison for the Budget Committee.

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.

### **B 13.1 Marathon Los Angeles**; Carolyn Rios on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee (310-821-7898, [Vice President@Venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@Venicenc.org) )

**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 on its email list of possible inconveniences. Approved unanimously by the Neighborhood Committee.

### **C Creation of a Visitor Impact Ad Hoc Committee**; Linda Lucks (President@Venicenc.org)

MOTION: To create a Visitor Impact Ad Hoc committee with the following mission statement as approved by the Administrative Committee:

**MISSION STATEMENT:** This committee will review the comments from the Visitor Impact Town Hall and explore and create VNC Board agenda items dealing with the impact of visitors on the Venice community. This committee will also research and report on monies generated from Venice tourist and permitted activities including the agencies and officials that allocate these funds. The committee will expire upon completion of its mission and no later than one year from its date of creation.

### **D Support for Neighborhood Clean-up Projects**; Carolyn Rios on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee (310-821-7922, [VicePresident@Venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@Venicenc.org) )

**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.

**ACTION TAKEN**      **All items on Consent Calendar Approved**



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## 7. LUPC Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

- A 211 S PACIFIC AVE 90291 (10 Minutes);** Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (310-463-0299; [Chair.LUPC@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Chair.LUPC@VeniceNC.org)) **See Exhibit C**

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

**ACTION TAKEN**                      **Approved**

## 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](mailto:president@venicenc.org))
- **Appointment of Amanda Seward to Chair Visitor Impact Ad Hoc Committee**
- **Appointment of Jim Murez and Nancy McCullogh as Co-chairs of Ad Hoc Cell Tower Task Force**
- **Appointment of Jed Pauker as the VNC Rep on City of LA Food Truck Task Force**
- **Vice President:** Carolyn Rios (310-821-7922; [VP@venicenc.org](mailto:VP@venicenc.org))  
 [Summary of Written Committee Reports when provided in advance]

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

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

**LAPD Toy Drive is Underway;** Mariana Aguilar (310-926-03572, [mla5@cornell.edu](mailto: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.

### B Governmental Reports (15 min)

- **State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler** Jennifer Zivkovic, Field Representative (310-615-3515; [Jennifer.zivkovic@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.zivkovic@asm.ca.gov))



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- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa;** Jennifer Badger, West Area Representatives (310-479-3823; [jennifer.badger@lacity.org](mailto:jennifer.badger@lacity.org))
- **City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl:** Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772; [cecilia.castillo@lacity.org](mailto:cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)); Arturo Pina, District Director ( )
- **LAPD:** Officer Peggy Thusing, Senior Lead Officer (310-622-3968; [25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org))
- **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils:** Mike Newhouse (310-795-3768; [mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com](mailto:mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com)); Alternate, Carolyn Rios;
- **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 Police Advisory Board-** Nic Hippisley-Coxe, [hippisley@earthlink.net](mailto:hippisley@earthlink.net)
- **LAANC Representative:** Ivan Spiegel, [Ivan.Spiegel@venicenc.org](mailto:Ivan.Spiegel@venicenc.org)
- **Neighborhood Council Budget Representative:** Cindy Chambers, [cindy.chambers@venicenc.org](mailto:cindy.chambers@venicenc.org)

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

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

[DeDe Audet](#)  
[Eden Andes](#)  
[Abraham](#)  
[Diane Butler](#)

## 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)) – (5 minutes)

**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 – (425 Ocean Front Walk)**
4. **\*\*Groundwork Coffee – on Rose**
5. **\*\*Oakwood Recreation Center**
6. **\*\*Venice Library**

\*\*existing posting site

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

[Public Comment General:](#)  
[Chaliis Macpherson](#)



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**ACTION TAKEN**

**Approved MS/IK – 10-0-4**

- 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](mailto:melya@earthlink.net)) **See Exhibit E**

**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.

**Public Comment Against:**

- Daryl Barnet
- Eden Andez
- Diane Butler
- Dave Warwak

**Public Comment General:**

- Ian Dean

**ACTION TAKEN**

**Motion Dies**

## 11. New Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

- A** **Motion to allocate VA space for overnight parking for VETS (10 Minutes)**; Linda Lucks and Jay Handal, President WLA Neighborhood Council ([President@Venicenc.org](mailto:President@Venicenc.org), [President@WLANC.org](mailto:President@WLANC.org)) **See Exhibit F & F1**

**MOTION:** The VNC Board requests the President to send a letter to the offices of Councilman Rosendahl, Mayor Villaraigosa, Supervisor Yaroslavsky and Congress



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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.

**Public Comment General:**

Eden Andes

Abraham

**ACTION TAKEN**

**Approved**

- B** **Motion to urge immediate implementation of Streets to Homes Program (30 Minutes);** Karen Wolfe & Carolyn Rios (310-460-9644, [wolfepack@verizon.net](mailto:wolfepack@verizon.net))  
**See Exhibit G (Letter), G1 (History of VNC actions), G2 (LAMC 85.02), & G3 (VNC letter to Rosendahl 10/20/09); G4 (6/24/10 Letter)**

**MOTION:** Whereas: The VNC supports Councilman Rosendahl's multi-pronged approach to the problems attendant with homelessness seeking relief for Venice residents, business owners and visitors and to assist those truly in need;

Whereas: Implementation of the Streets to Homes Pilot Program is dependent upon amendment of Los Angeles Municipal Code 85.02;

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

Therefore: The VNC urges the Councilmember to act with all due haste to send the amended ordinance to the full City council and seek support for full implementation of his multi-pronged approach.

**Public Comment For:**

Karen Wolfe

David Ewing

Steve Clare

Sue Kaplan

**Public Comment Against:**

David Busch

Stewart Oscars

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**Public Comment General:**

Ian Dean

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**ACTION TAKEN**

**Approved CR/CC – 8-4-4**

- C** **Motion to Request Additional Police Deployment in Venice (30 Minutes)**; Mariana Aguilar (310)926-3572, [mla5@cornell.edu](mailto:mla5@cornell.edu) **See Exhibit H**

**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, 2011;

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.

General Comment For:  
Stewart Oscars

General Comment Against:  
David Busch

General Comment:  
Steve Clare

**ACTION TAKEN**

**Approved MA/HH – 10-4-3**

12. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction.**  
[10 min, no more than 1 minutes per person]
13. **Adjourn** (approx 9:30PM)