



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Minutes

Oakwood Recreation Center, 767 California Avenue, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, February 15th, 2011 at 6:30 PM

NOTE: All ACTIONS TAKEN, unless otherwise noted, were decided by unanimous vote and the chair abstained.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Linda Lucks, President; Carolyn Rios; Joe Murphy; Cindy Chambers; Daffodil Tyminski; Ira Koslow; Kristopher Valentine; Marc Saltzberg; Brennan Lindner; Jake Kaufman; Amanda Seward; Clark McCutchen; Cynthia Rogers; Ivonne Guzman; Jed Pauker; Kelley S. Willis; Mariana Aguilar; Scott Kramarich.

Absent: Stasia Patwell; 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 as amended

3. Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes

January 18, 2011 Draft Board Meeting Minutes

<http://venicenc.org/files/VNCDraftMinutes011811.pdf>

ACTION TAKEN Approved

Public Comment

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

Terry Hendrickson
Dennis Hathaway
Sue Kaplan
Ian Dean
Darlene Knoll
Lizka Mendoza

4. LUPC Motions

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

A Support WRAC Motion against sale or lease of city parking (10 Minutes); Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org) **See Exhibit A**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) OPPOSES the Mayor's and City Council's "P-3" proposal ("Public-Private Partnership") to lease to private investors for 50 years nine public parking garages located in Westwood, Hollywood, Downtown L.A., Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Van Nuys, and on Robertson Boulevard; OPPOSES the sale or lease of any other city parking garages and/or parking meters; and SUPPORTS the continuation of all existing parking programs of low-cost, short-term parking rates currently provided at any of the City's public garages.

Made by Jory Tremblay, Seconded by Robert Aronson

LUPC VOTE: 9-0-0, Approved

Date: January 19, 2011

ACTION TAKEN Approved (Speaker in favor: Steven Sann)



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B **818 E Nowita Place (10 Minutes)**; Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC
(Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org) **See Exhibit B**

MOTION: To support the project as presented with the following 2 conditions:

- a. Front fence and hedge brought into compliance.
- b. No further encroachments into any required setback.

Made by Karen Wolfe, Seconded by Susan Papadakis
APPROVED 9-0-0, January 19, 2011

ACTION TAKEN JK/IK motion approved 10-3-4 (Speaker against: Sue Kaplan)

C **523 Rose Ave (10 Minutes)**; Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org) **See Exhibit C**

MOTION: To recommend the CUB (Type 41, on-site beer and wine for Restaurant) project as presented, noting:

- Conforms to all VNC's CUB Conditions;
- Conforms to all VNC's BMP Conditions;
- Conforms to all VCZSP and CCC Parking Requirements (already done under Change of Use Permit);
- Noting Bike Rack on property;
- Hours of Operation
 - 8am-12am Monday-Thursday (beer and wine starts at 11:30a)
 - 8am-12am Friday and Saturday (beer and wine start at 9am, for brunch)
- Type 41 (beer and wine on-site sales only, no hard alcohol, no off-site sales);
- Seating capacity of 14.
- 1-year Plan Review.

Made by Jake Kaufman; Seconded by Sarah Dennison

Approved (5-0-0)

Date of Motion: February 2, 2011

ACTION TAKEN JK/IK motion approved 16-0-2

Speakers in favor:

- Katherine O'Connor
- Gabriela Aravjo
- Alyssa Pitman
- Ara Khachatourian
- Jennifer McCuray
- Melanie Cross
- Antonio Venegas



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D **726 CALIFORNIA AVE (10 Minutes)**; Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC
(Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org) **See Exhibit D**

MOTION: The project as presented has been confirmed by LUPC staff to conform to the LA City Director's Interpretation of the small lot subdivision, as it relates to the VCZSP;

Whereas, This interpretation is inconsistent with the CCC June 14, 2001 certified land use plan as it applies to square foot density lot area requirements for Single Family Dwelling;

Whereas, the Land Use Plan and the VCZSP has an interpreted section, which allows adjustment to be based on character, mass and scale;

Whereas, efforts to decrease mass include three separate structures with courtyards, which provide more than the minimum required distance between structures; roofs slope in different directions and materials are varied;

Therefore, LUPC recommends approval of the project as presented.

MADE BY: Jake Kaufman

SECONDED: Karen Wolfe (**note:** Karen clarified that she did not second this motion)

VOTE: 4-2

DATE APPROVED BY LUPC: February 2, 2011

ACTION TAKEN JK/CR motion fails 6-9-2

Speakers

In Favor:	Against:	Public Comment:
Josh Morey James Sattler Nick Antonicello	Challis Macpherson Sue Kaplan John Ravenna Karen Wolfe Jim Smith	Nick Antincello Karen Wolfe Jay Golberg James Sattler Colleen Sorro Josh Morring Challis Macpherson Yolanda Gonzales

ACTION TAKEN MS/JP motion to alert CCC approved 8-5-3

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

A VNC Announcements (5 min)

- **President:** Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)
- **Vice President:** Carolyn Rios (VP@venicenc.org)

[Summary of Written Committee Reports when provided in advance]

1) Upcoming Public Safety/EP Events: Daffodil Tyminski on behalf of the Public Safety Task Force (daffodil.tyminski@venicenc.org)

On **April 7, 2011** the VNC and Mar Vista CC will jointly host a Town Hall Meeting to Recruit and Train Block Captains for Neighborhood Watch programs; on **May 21, 2011**, there will be EP training in Marina del Rey; CERT training in Venice is coming

2) Budget Survey: Cindy Chambers (Cindy.Chambers@Venicenc.org)

Budget Survey participation goal is 90000 completed surveys. It only takes 4-5 minutes to complete; and the fun of completing it is that you get to pretend you are the mayor and you get to decide what must be cut. Also, we don't want to be a Neighborhood Council or community that fails to participate. We want 100 percent board and committee participation, so click the link and complete the survey today! And, tell your friends, neighbors and colleagues to join in the fun! The official link to the Los Angeles Budget Survey Challenge is: labudgetchallenge.lacity <http://tinyurl.com/y95t6rd>



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3) **Food Truck Update:** Jed Pauker (jed.pauker@venicenc.org)

Status report on Venice Food Truck operations and City Task Force work to recommend new regulation of local Mobile Food Vendor operations

B **Governmental Reports** (15 min)

- **U.S. Representative Jane Harman**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Kate Anderson (310-643-3636; kate.anderson@mail.house.gov)
- **State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler**, representative TBD
- **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**: Senior Lead Officer Peggy Thusing, (310-622-3968; 25120@lapd.lacity.org)
- **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils**: Mike Newhouse, President (mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com); Alternate, Carolyn Rios;
- **PlancheckLA**: VNC Rep Challis Macpherson (Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net)
- **LA Dept of Water & Power/Memoranda of Understanding**: VNC Rep DeDe Audet (daudet@ca.rr.com)
- **LAPD Community Police Advisory Board**: Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe, (hippisley@earthlink.net)
- **LAAlliance of NC's Representative**: Ivan Spiegel, (ivan.Spiegel@venicenc.org)
- **Neighborhood Council Budget Representative**: Cindy Chambers, (cindy.chambers@venicenc.org)

C **Status Report on Activities of Venice 2000 (5 Minutes)**; Stan Muhammad, Executive Director of Venice 2000, former VNC board member (310-925-2071, Venice2000@sbcglobal.net)

Venice 2000 will present background and update the board on it's recent work on gang prevention and intervention in Venice and elsewhere in Los Angeles.

D **Presentation about Measure L (5 Minutes)**; Lucille Cappas on behalf of the Los Angeles Public Library; (310-821-2065, lcappas@lapl.org)

Public Comment

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

Kimberly Longoria, Challis Macpherson, Steve Nutter

6. **New Business**

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

A **Bylaws Review Task Force (10 Minutes)**; Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org) Board review and possible action on part 1 of the bylaws review **See Exhibit E**

MOTION 1: The VNC Board approves the reconfiguration of the VNC Bylaws as presented by the Bylaws Review Task Force.

ACTION TAKEN IK/DK motion approved fails for lack of 2/3 (14) vote 12-1-1

[Corrected by Secretary per review at 3/15/2011 Board Meeting]

General Comment:

Elizabeth Wright
DeDe Audet

MOTION 2: The VNC Board authorizes the Bylaws Review Task Force to proceed to the second phase of the Bylaws review process.

ACTION TAKEN IK/KV motion approved 12-0-2



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- 7. **Treasurers Report;** Hugh Harrison (5 minutes – Presented by Marc Saltzberg) **See Exhibit F**
[Discussion and approval of financial statements]

Attached is the report on expenditures for the period of December 22, 2010, through January 21, 2011.

ACTION TAKEN Approved

- 8. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction.**
[10 min, no more than 1 minute per person]
- 9. **Adjourn** (approx. 9:00PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

Administrative	Linda Lucks
Neighborhood	Carolyn Rios
Outreach	Marc Saltzberg
Budget	Hugh Harrison
Ocean Front Walk	Ivonne Guzman
Arts	Clark McCutcheon, Daffodil Tyminski
Education	Peter Thottam
Environment	Kristopher Valentine, Joel Shapiro, Barbara Lonsdale
Public Safety	Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe
Land Use and Planning	Jake Kaufman
Rules & Elections	Ira Koslow
Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi & Amanda Seward
Visitor Impact	Amanda Seward