



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Oakwood Recreation Center, 767 California Avenue, Venice, 90291

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

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

Performance by the Mark Twain Middle School Bell Ringers

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; Ivonne Guzman; Kelley S. Willis; Mariana Aguilar; Peter Thottam.

Absent: Clark McCutchen; Cynthia Rogers; Jed Pauker; Scott Kramarich; Stasia Patwell.

Parliamentarian: Ivan Spiegel.

2. Approval of the Agenda

ACTION TAKEN Approved as amended

3. Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes

February 15th, 2011 Draft Board Meeting Minutes

<http://venicenc.org/files/110215VNCBoardMeetingMinutes.pdf>

ACTION TAKEN Approved as corrected (Hugh Harrison and Cindy Chambers abstained)

Public Comment

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

Sean Sur, Terry Hendrickson, Stewart Oscars, Marcy Winograd, David Ewing, Robin Doyno, Jim Smith, Carol-lee Zuvich, Noel Weiss, Alex Rose, Ian Dean, Eden, Parker Detchon,

4. LAPD Report: Senior Lead Officer Peggy Thusing (310-622-3968; 25120@lapd.lacity.org)

5. Old Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

A. Bylaws Review Task Force

Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

See Exhibit A

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

ACTION TAKEN (i) MS/KV motion to substitute new motion approved 13-2-1

(ii) IK/HH motion to approve new motion fails 12-3-2 for lack of 14 votes
(Speaker against: Stewart Oscars)

B. Status Report--Amendment to LAMC 85.02; Vehicles To Homes Program-Draft Ordinance LAMC 85.11- Roadmap to Housing; (15 Minutes, No discussion) **See Exhibit B**

Councilman Rosendahl's District Director, Arturo Pina will give a status report on progress of previous VNC requests to immediately implement amendments to Los Angeles Municipal Code 85.02 (living in vehicles) to allow Vehicles to Homes Program and information on newly introduced Ordinance 85.11; Report on Timeline for implementing PATH (People Assisting the Homeless)



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6. Education Items

A. State of Public Education in Venice; LAUSD Board Member Steve Zimmer (10 Minutes);
Steve Zimmer, Board of Education District 4 Board member, will give an overview and presentation regarding the state of education in District 4 with a particular focus on Venice and Mar Vista.

B. Retaining Space at Westminster Elementary School; (30 Minutes)

Sue Kaplan (sakaplan@ca.rr.com)

See Exhibit C

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends the evaluation and allocation of rooms at Westminster Elementary School and other similarly affected schools not adversely impact the students and teachers in these neighborhood schools; The importance of serving protected classes of children be upheld; And the integrity of neighborhood school be prioritized.

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

Public Comment:

Marco Petruzzi

Douglas Weston

Speakers in favor:

Katherine O'Connor

Doreen Rosenoff

Stephen Rosenoff

Jim Smith

Maria E. Montano

James Enciwas

Lydia Ponce

Karen Wolfe

Ann Steinberg

Jerry Jaffe

7. Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) Motions

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

A. 1611 Pacific Ave (Santino's CUB) (15 Minutes) Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org)

See Exhibit D

Case Numbers: ZA 2011-252-CUB

Address of Project: 1611 Pacific Ave

Property Owners: Hythum Kiswani

Owner's Representative: Self

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 VCZSP and CCC Parking Requirements (already done under current Permit);**
- **Noting Bike Rack on property**
- **Existing operator with a good track record of compliance**
- **Hours of Operation for Type 41 License**
 11:00 am-12:00 am Sunday-Thursday
 11:00 am-2:00 am Friday and Saturday
- **Type 41 (beer and wine on-site sales only, no hard alcohol, no off-site sales);**
- **1-year Plan Review.**



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Approved by LUPC (7-0-1)

Date approved by LUPC: February 2, 2011

ACTION TAKEN Approved Unanimously

Public Comment:

Elizabeth Wright

Speakers In Favor:

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| Dmitriy Yepishin | Nicolas | Erin Noel |
| Chris Guaty | Matt Vessell | Nick Antonicello |
| Heather Seyfart | Tina Horsch | Sebastian Abate |
| Armen Melkonyan | Melani Mennella | Tario Ali |
| Franz Bahadosingh | Ali Sarraf | Lee Tonks |
| Gabriel DAiello | Coulette Stevens | Ryan Philander |
| Dylan Vessell | Niic Mustaptia | Phillip Dent |
| Martino Properzi | Nicole Bordges | Sharon Bahadosingh |
| Finja Spier | Melisa Winitzky | Ernst Schieder |
| Nicolas Lucsani | Carolyn Kavanagh | Lynn Elliot |
| M. Nauilla | Santiago Lee | Sergio Amata |
| Pasquale Baudaffi | Cynthia Burns | Udi Levy |
| Ivo Vergara | Santiago Lee | Jason Aner |
| Sven Niemann | Cynthia Burns | Patrick Murphy |
| Alejandro Gutierze | Ella Mathis | |

- B. 14 Jib Street, Los Angeles, CA 90292 (10 Minutes); Jake Kaufman, LUPC Chair on behalf of LUPC (Chair-LUPC@VeniceNC.org) **See Exhibit E****

Case Numbers: APCW-2010-3101-SPE-CDP-SPP-MEL, ENV-2010-3102-MND

PROJECT SUMMARY

This project is an application for legalization and continued use and maintenance of 7 residential dwelling units on one 3150 SF (35' wide x 90' deep) lot in the Marina Peninsula sub-area of the VCZSP. Original permits issued between 1971 and 1975 show 2 dwelling units, and 3 guest rooms. Owner purchased 4190 SF building in 1986, as it exists, with 2 permitted dwelling units and 5 illegal dwelling units. The project has a total of 7 parking spaces. No new construction is proposed.

MOTION: Whereas the original permit copies are confusing in terms of numbers of guest rooms and units (2, 3, 4 and 5 on different documents); and

Whereas the building has had seven units since the current owner purchased it in 1986; and

Whereas there are seven parking spaces for seven units in lieu of 16

LUPC recommends approving the project (legalization) with the following condition:

On two units, the rent will be rolled back to moderate affordable levels and, upon vacancy, new tenants will be required to qualify for moderate affordable under the Los Angeles Housing Department requirements.

Approved by LUPC (7-0-1)

Date Approved by LUPC: March 2, 2011

ACTION TAKEN JK/JM motion approved 9-1-5

General Comment:

Howard Weisenfeld

Noel Weiss

In favor:

Henry Rartirfz

Karen Wolfe



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8. Scheduled VNC Announcements (5 Minutes)

- **President:** Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)
- **Vice President:** Carolyn Rios (VP@venicenc.org)
- **Food Truck Update;** Jed Pauker (jed.pauker@venicenc.org) **Postponed**
Status report on Venice Food Truck operations and City Task Force work to recommend new regulation of local Mobile Food Vendor operations.
- **Community Improvement Projects Update:** Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
- **Budget survey for Board members:** Hugh Harrison, treasurer@venicenc.org
- **CD36 Candidate Forum Update;** Marc Saltzberg (marc.saltzberg@venicenc.org)
- **Kate Anderson;**

Public Comment

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

9. New Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

- A. LA Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-Election Task Force; (15 Minutes) Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org) **See Exhibit F****
Motion: The VNC supports the recommendations of the LA Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-Election Task Force regarding the funding of and process for the next cycle of neighborhood council elections.

ACTION TAKEN DT/HH motion approved 6-4-5 Speaker in favor: Elizabeth Wright

- B. Budget Advocates-Neighborhood Council Funding strategy; (10 Minutes) Hugh Harrison **See Exhibit G****

Motion: The VNC supports the recommendations of the Budget Advocates regarding its approach to the on-going funding for neighborhood councils.

ACTION TAKEN Approved

- 10. Treasurers Report;** Hugh Harrison (5 minutes) **See Exhibit H**
 [Discussion and approval of financial statements]

- A.** Attached is the report on expenditures for the period January 22, 2011, through February 21, 2011.
- B.** It is time to start thinking about next year's budget. At this point, there is no information regarding the amount of funding to be allocated to neighborhood councils for the next fiscal year. However, given the state of the City's financial crisis, it is reasonable to assume the funding may be reduced. In order to assist the Budget Committee in preparing a proposed budget, we will handing out a survey to all Board members at the March meeting to be returned to the Treasurer at treasurer@venicenc.org.

ACTION TAKEN Approved



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11. **MOTION: To approve holding a Special VNC Board Meeting to Consider Draft Ordinance 85.11-Roadmap to Homes on (March 28, 29, 30, April 4 or 5).**

ACTION TAKEN CR/CC motion approved 14-0-2 for March 22nd Meeting – Location TBD

12. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction.**
[10 min, no more than 1 minute per person]

13. **Adjourn** (approx. 10:00PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

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| 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, 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 |