



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

Oakwood Recreation Center, 767 California Avenue, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, April 26th, 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:** Carolyn Rios; Joe Murphy; Cindy Chambers; Daffodil Tyminski; Ira Koslow; Marc Saltzberg; Brennan Lindner; Clark McCutchen; Ivonne Guzman; Jed Pauker; Kelley S. Willis; Mariana Aguilar; Peter Thottam; Stasia Patwell.

**Absent:** Linda Lucks, President; Hugh Harrison; Kristopher Valentine; Jake Kaufman; Amanda Seward; Cynthia Rogers; Scott Kramerich.

**Parliamentarian:** Ivan Spiegel.

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

**ACTION TAKEN Approved**

#### **3. Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes**

March 15th, 2011 Draft Board Meeting Minutes

Add minutes link

**ACTION TAKEN Approved**

#### **Public Comment**

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

#### **4. Governmental Reports (15 min)**

- **LAPD:** Senior Lead Officer Peggy Thusing, (310-622-3968; [25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org))
- **U.S. Representative Office,** Deputy Chief of Staff, Kate Anderson (310-643-3636; [kate.anderson@mail.house.gov](mailto:kate.anderson@mail.house.gov))
- **State Assemblyperson** Betsy Butler, representative TBD
- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa;** Joseph Hari, West Area Representative (213)308-9212; [Joseph.Hari@lacity.org](mailto:Joseph.Hari@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, [Arturo.Pina@lacity.org](mailto:Arturo.Pina@lacity.org)
- **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils:** Mike Newhouse, President ([mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com](mailto:mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com)); Alternate, Carolyn Rios;
- **PlancheckLA:** VNC Rep Challis Macpherson ([Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net](mailto:Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net))
- **LA Dept of Water & Power/Memoranda of Understanding:** VNC Rep DeDe Audet ([daudet@ca.rr.com](mailto:daudet@ca.rr.com))
- **LAPD Community Police Advisory Board:** Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe, ([hippislej@earthlink.net](mailto:hippislej@earthlink.net))
- **LA Alliance of NC's Representative:** Ivan Spiegel, ([Ivan.Spiegel@venicenc.org](mailto:Ivan.Spiegel@venicenc.org))



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## 5. Old Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

### A. Bylaws Review Task Force

Ivan Spiegel ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto: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** IK/CC: Postponed 11-0-1

### B. Amendment to SR 4 (Community Improvement Project Funding Timetable) URGENT ACTION Ivan Spiegel ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org)) See Exhibit B

**MOTION:** The VNC amends the timetable for Community Improvement Funding for the 2011- 2012 cycle to allow the final Board decision on funded projects to occur at its May meeting (instead of June due to City Budget restrictions).

**ACTION TAKEN** Approved

## 6. Consent Calendar

**A Standing Rule regarding a records retention policy;** (5 Minutes) Ira Koslow on behalf of the Rules and Election Committee ([ira.koslow@venicenc.org](mailto:ira.koslow@venicenc.org))

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall create the following Standing Rule:

**The VNC will keep all VNC business records, including recorded minutes of meetings for a period of five years and, thereafter, all VNC business records may be destroyed.**

(Adopted unanimously by REC 03/02/2011)

**ACTION TAKEN** JP removes from Consent Calendar & later postponed

**B Amendment to SR 7;** (10 Minutes) Ira Koslow on behalf of the Rules and Election Committee

**MOTION:** The VNC shall amend Standing Rule 7 to read: The President shall return the approved version by email to the proponents with a copy to the Secretary for VNC records *and to the Board.*

(Adopted unanimously by REC 03/02/2011)

**ACTION TAKEN** Approved

**C Ban single-use Plastic Bags in the city of Los Angeles;** (5 minutes) Kristopher Valentine on behalf of the Environmental Committee ([kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org](mailto:kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org)) See Exhibit C

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports a citywide ban on single-use plastic bags, as has been done by Santa Monica on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and Los Angeles County on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Adopted unanimously by Environmental Committee 03/08/2011)

**ACTION TAKEN** Approved



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## 7. Scheduled Announcements (5 Minutes)**President:** Linda Lucks ([president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))

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o **Nominations open one seat on the VNC Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC)**

<http://venicenc.org/Apply> (Application Online)

**Vice President:** Carolyn Rios ([VP@venicenc.org](mailto:VP@venicenc.org))

**Food Truck Update;** Jed Pauker ([jed.pauker@venicenc.org](mailto: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

**CD36 Candidate Forum (April 27<sup>th</sup>);** Marc Saltzberg ([marc.saltzberg@venicenc.org](mailto:marc.saltzberg@venicenc.org))

**Update on Status of the Vera Davis Youth and Family Center (15 Minutes);** Linda Lucks ([President@Venicenc.org](mailto:President@Venicenc.org))

Arturo Pina, District Director, Councilman Rosendahl, Clifford Weiss, Director, Central - West Region, Community Development Department and Olga Garay, Executive Director, Department of Cultural Affairs will present a status report on the future of the Center in the light of budgetary crisis.

**Update on Plans to Change Location and Sale of the Venice Post Office;**(15 minutes) Linda Lucks & Amanda Seward ([President@Venicenc.org](mailto:President@Venicenc.org))

Eduardo Ruiz, District Director of the USPO (or other PO representative) will report on the plans to move the Venice Post office to the Postal Annex across the street and plans to sell the old post office with historical status preserved.

USPO officials in Washington, DC and here are in touch with the VNC legal liaison and Kate Anderson of the 36th District Congressional office, and will ask for cooperation of the VNC organizing community meetings regarding updates of the plans which are in the preliminary stages.

**Clean Water (Wastewater) Program;** (10 minutes) Joann Moss ([joann.moss@lacity.org](mailto:joann.moss@lacity.org))

The Bureau of Sanitation would like to attend one of your upcoming meetings to share with your membership how the Clean Water (Wastewater) Program is working for you, discuss how we hope to do more, and receive your input and comments.

## 8. New Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

**A Solar Waste Compactor Pilot Program in Venice Beach;** (10 minutes) Kristopher Valentine on

behalf of the Environmental Committee ([kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org](mailto:kristopher.valentine@venicenc.org)) **See Exhibit D**

Presentation by James Poss (206-604-9818, [jposs@bigbellysolar.com](mailto:jposs@bigbellysolar.com)) of BigBelly Solar regarding the efficacy of Solar-powered Waste Compaction system in reducing the fiscal and environmental toll of waste collection. Solar-powered, public-space compactors reduce litter, collection costs and air pollution by up to 80%. Attached recycling modules foster recycling. The devices are proven in 47 states and 30 countries. Currently, hundreds of machines are deployed with success in LA Parks, Ports, BID's and nine LACCD Campuses.

**MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the implementation of a Solarpowered Waste Compaction system with attached recycling modules in Venice parks and public streets to reduce the fiscal and environmental toll of waste collection.**

(Adopted unanimously by Environmental Committee 03/08/2011)

**ACTION TAKEN IK/JM: Remanded to Environment Committee 11-1-1**



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**B Downtown Stadium and Convention Center Renovation;** (5 minutes) Mike Newhouse on behalf of Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) ([mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com](mailto:mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com))

**MOTION:** The VNC opposes public funding (including interest on infrastructure bonds and no forgiveness of loans), require market-rate lease of city land, and a full Environmental Impact Report with no appellate or other exemptions.

**ACTION TAKEN** AS/YG: **Approved 11-0-1**

**C Non-Permitted Street Furniture Installation in the Coastal Zone;** (5 Minutes) Carolyn Rios ([Vice-President@Venicenc.org](mailto:Vice-President@Venicenc.org) on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee and Sherie Scheer ([sherie.scheer@verizon.net](mailto:sherie.scheer@verizon.net)) **See Exhibit E**

**MOTION:** The VNC believes that the Los Angeles Department of Public Works allowed CBS Outdoor to place street furniture west of Lincoln without a Coastal Development or City Permit and therefore moves that a letter be sent to The CA Coastal Commission and the City of Los Angeles requesting enforcement action in response to a violation of the Coastal Act.

**ACTION TAKEN** Postponed

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

**A** Attached is the report on expenditures for the period February 22, 2011, through March 21, 2011.

**B** The Budget Committee is requesting the allocation of funds from the Board's community project to the pre-event expenditures for the 2011 Venice Community Barbecue.

**MOTION:** The Venice Community Barbecue Committee has requested and the Budget Committee has approved the financial capacity to fund \$600 towards the preliminary expenses for the 2011 community barbecue.

The project was voted affirmatively by the Budget Committee by a unanimous vote.

**ACTION TAKEN** Postponed

## Public Comment

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

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

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