



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Administrative Committee Meeting Exhibits

Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:00 PM

AD COM EXHIBIT A – Stakeholder Letter re: Brown Act

Dear Madam VNC President:

I have been listening to various VNC Board officers telling me that Joe Murphy, VNC Board Secretary, is sending out communications that express his opinion on matters that are within the jurisdiction of the VNC Board, which is a violation of the Brown Act.

I am requesting that the VNC Board of Officers take formal action to correct this behavior including the possibility of censure and/or removal from the VNC Board of Officers.

I expect to hear back from you, Madam President, within thirty (30) day as to how you intend to resolve this issue, or I will be forced to take further action.

Sincerely,

Challis Macpherson, VNC Stakeholder
Former VNC Board Member



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VNC Board Meeting Exhibits DRAFT

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Exhibit A - Motion regarding removal of 38 trees on the four corners of Venice Blvd and Abbot Kinney

Upon investigation by Jim Murez of Venice Neighborhood Council's Land Use and Planning Committee, it is apparent that DWP was not aware that the palm trees at the corner of Venice and Abbot Kinney were part of the Landscaping Plan adopted in 1994 and were intent on cutting them down without consulting the Venice Community.

When this history was brought to their attention, they began to argue that the trees pose a potential safety problem because they might interfere with overhead high voltage wires. They now suggest that there are only three options to deal with the situation which are: (A) overhead reconfiguration of the wires and conductors; (B) complete under-grounding of services; or (C) tree removal and replacement of different trees. They can leave them as is until there are funds available to implement one of the alternatives, which won't threaten the existing trees (overhead reconfiguration or undergrounding). Simply put, the Venice Neighborhood Council does not want these 38 trees removed or replaced and would like for DWP to implement options A or B.

Further, experience suggests that replacements by DWP often result in eroding the existing friendly community character underlying the VNC Vision Goals, in particular:

Walkability: Consider strategies that reduce the use of cars and that promote alternatives such as walking, skateboarding, biking & bike racks, circulation systems (trolleys), park & ride rather than additional parking, street-narrowing/sidewalk widening, walk/bike/skateboard lanes separated from traffic, easier neighborhood pedestrian access to commercial stores, etc.



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Exhibit B - Vera Davis McClendon Youth and Family Center in Venice – Budget Item for \$60,000

May 26, 2011

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Vera Davis McClendon Youth and Family Center in Venice- Budget Item for \$60,000

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa:

On June 21, 2011, The Venice Neighborhood Council voted unanimously to support the collaborative contract with the various agencies comprising the new Friends of the Vera Davis Center serving as managers of the historic facility. As the final budget will be approved before the VNC Board can officially ratify its strong vote of support for the effort by the Friends of the Vera Davis McClendon Center, we urge you to approve the \$60,000 budget line item as approved by the Los Angeles City Council to support the Vera Davis McClendon Youth and Family Center in its 2011-2012 Budget.

In addition, the Board of the Venice Neighborhood Council will ratify its support of keeping the name of the facility in the name of beloved Venice activist, Vera Davis McLendon in perpetuity.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Linda Lucks
President

Cc: Board, Venice Neighborhood Council
Councilman Bill Rosendahl



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Exhibit C - Land Use and Planning Committee Staff Report DRAFT

Address of Project:	542 Rose Ave (SE Corner w Rennie Ave)
Project Name (if available):	Rosewater
Case Number:	ZA-2011-967-CDP-CUB-ZV AA-2011-966-PMLA
Date:	May 18, 2011
Project Description:	
<p>Mixed Use: 3 units, with 2 residential units (owner occupied) and one commercial (restaurant, owner operated). Currently a vacant lot.</p> <p>RESIDENTIAL UNITS Unit 1, 2861 sq ft (including decks) Unit 2, 3121 sq ft (including decks)</p> <p>RESTAURANT 524 sq ft (service floor) + 100 sq ft (revocable sidewalk dining permit). CUB Type 47 (full alcohol) Hours: 9am-12midnight</p> <p>No variance or exceptions for required parking.</p>	
Project Description by Applicant on submitted LUPC Project Form Stating:	
See above.	
Requested Action by Venice Neighborhood Council (DRAFT MOTION FOR VNC TO CONSIDER):	
<p>The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of the project as presented, noting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 3 unit Mixed Use Project with 2 residential units and one restaurant, 2. All required parking shall be provided, 3. Hours of operations 9am-12midnight daily; patio closed and cleared by 10pm on Sunday-Thursday (weeknights) and 11pm on Friday and Saturday (weekends). 4. Project complies with all Venice CUB and BMP Conditions, 5. No music outdoors after 10pm on weeknights and 11pm on weekends, 6. Path of travel of trash is through the garage rather side of building, 7. Noting a Bike Rack of at least 5 bikes and we support the applicants request additional space on public right-of-way. <p>MOTION MADE BY JAKE KAUFMAN, SECONDED BY JAY GOLDBERG: APPROVED: 5-0-1</p>	
Summary of Arguments Against this Project/Issue:	
Additional development and traffic in Venice.	



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Summary of Arguments For this Project/Issue:

Located in a commercial Zone (C4); where VCZSP encourages mixed-use along Rose (between 4th and 7th).

Adding jobs to community; local chef.

No Variances or Exceptions required.

One of very few projects in Venice with no grandfathered parking or requests for variance/exception.

15 car on-site parking lot (5 for residential and 10 for restaurant).

Neighborhood restaurant, family owned and operated by Local Resident and Occupants.

Unique, eclectic, architecture with historic references to Old Venice.

Senior Lead Police Officer in favor of the project.

Summary of Public Comment:

Like the architecture and design of the building.

Favorable to family-run, small, restaurant.

Favorable to Type 47.

Favorable to alternative parking ideas, such as marked spaces, local hiring, bike racks, possible valet parking district and others.

Do not want variance for parking.

Author of Report:	Jake Kaufman
Completed Date:	May 18, 2011
Size of Parcel:	7500 Sq Ft
Size of Dwelling or Project:	See above.
Venice Subarea:	Oakwood
Permit Application Date:	April 25, 2011
Applicant:	John Reed, Marisa Solomon, Gustavo Spolinsky
Address:	657 Rose Ave, Venice 90291
Representative:	John Reed, Marisa Solomon, Gustavo Spolinsky
Contact Information:	310.393.9128
Date(s) heard by ZA:	TBD
Date(s) heard by LUPC:	May 18, 2011
WLA Area Planning: (if known)	TBD
Commission Dates: (if known)	
Community Planning Bureau Dates: (if known)	



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June 21, 2011 – DRAFT LETTER

Los Angeles City Planning Department
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2601

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Sincerely,

Linda Lucks
President
Venice Neighborhood Council

cc:

Applicant, Danny Samokow, dansvenice@aol.com
Representative, Elizabeth Peterson, elizabeth@epgla.com
California Coastal Commission
Councilmember Rosendahl:
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Exhibit D - Treasurers Report

2010 - 2011 Expenditures to Budget

April 22, 2011 - May 22, 2011

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

Office Supplies	OFF	\$550.00		\$0.00	\$146.43	\$403.57	73%
Copies	OFF	\$372.46		\$15.58	\$201.89	\$170.57	46%
Office Equipment	OFF	\$750.00		\$0.00	\$105.33	\$644.67	86%
Staffing/Apple One	TAC	\$216.54		\$0.00	\$216.54	\$0.00	0%
Telephone Expense	MIS	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100%
Storage	FAC	\$3,620.00		\$162.00	\$1,620.00	\$2,000.00	55%
Board Retreat	EDU	\$700.00		\$0.00	\$270.27	\$429.73	61%
General Operations	MIS	\$800.00		\$0.00	\$623.17	\$176.83	22%
sub Total Operations		\$7,009.00	10%	\$177.58	\$3,183.63	\$3,825.37	55%

200 Outreach

Copies / Printing	POS	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$117.11	\$382.89	77%
Facilities For Public	FAC	\$2,000.00		\$160.00	\$1,265.48	\$734.52	37%
Refreshments	EVE	\$400.00		\$94.06	\$345.91	\$54.09	14%
Web Site & e-mail	WEB	\$5,100.00		\$1,562.00	\$1,995.34	\$3,104.66	61%
Advertising & Promotions	ADV	\$230.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$230.00	0%
Newsletter Production	NEW	\$1,030.00		\$515.00	\$1,030.00	\$0.00	0%
Newsletter Printing	NEW	\$3,800.00		\$0.00	\$1,904.00	\$1,896.00	50%
Newsletter Delivery	NEW	\$2,800.00		\$0.00	\$1,360.00	\$1,440.00	51%
Elections	ELE	\$335.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$335.00	100%
General Outreach	EVE	\$2,050.00		\$407.17	\$928.96	\$1,121.04	55%
sub Total Outreach		\$18,245.00	26%	\$2,738.23	\$8,946.80	\$9,298.20	51%

300 Community Improvement

Venice Community BBQ	CIP	\$6,600.00		\$0.00	\$3,545.36	\$3,054.64	46%
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2010-11	CIP	\$17,900.00		\$484.10	\$14,359.13	\$3,540.87	20%
General Community Projects 2010-11	CIP	\$3,505.35		\$332.45	\$2,404.89	\$1,100.46	31%
Neighborhood Commun Proj 2011-12	CIP	\$16,000.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,000.00	100%
sub Total Comm Improvement		\$26,105.35	38%	\$816.55	\$20,309.38	\$5,795.97	22%
Total		\$51,359.35		\$3,732.36	\$32,439.81	\$18,919.54	\$0.37

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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 Courtvard	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$2,085.00	-\$85.00	-4%
Master in the Chapel-Concerts	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0%
Westminster School-Printers	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$1,987.42	\$12.58	1%
Boys and Girls Club-Sewing Project	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0%
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	\$1,828.61	\$171.39	9%
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		\$484.10	\$954.10	\$515.90	35%
Vintage Motorcycle Rally	\$1,508.00		\$0.00	\$1,504.00	\$4.00	0%
Total	\$20,000.00		\$484.10	\$14,359.13	\$5,640.87	28%
General Comm Improvement						
2009-2010						
Total Available	\$5,909.35				\$5,909.35	
Santa Monica Airport	\$850.00		\$0.00	\$272.44	\$577.56	68%
Metal at the Beach	\$1,000.00		\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	50%
Toys for Tots	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0%
Francis Fagan-Photography	\$1,000.00				\$1,000.00	100%
Vera Davis-Turkeys	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	0%
Total Allocated	\$4,150.00					
Total To be Allocated	\$1,759.35					
Total Spent			\$1,300.00	\$2,072.44	\$3,836.91	65%
Expenditures Previous Reported Charged						
Westminster Benches	\$1,922.38	2/10				

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P. O. Box 6343
Fargo, ND 58125-6343



CITY OF LA - DONE

ACCOUNT NUMBER XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-1949

STATEMENT DATE 05-23-11

TOTAL ACTIVITY \$ 3,696.48



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

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DO NOT REMIT PAYMENT

NEW ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

POST DATE	TRAN DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	REFERENCE NUMBER	MCC	AMOUNT
04-22	04-20	OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA PUR ID: 095120110420 TAX: 0.27	24445741111100200230155	5943	3.03
04-22	04-20	OFFICE DEPOT #951 CULVER CITY CA PUR ID: 095120110420 TAX: 5.08	24445741111100200230239	5943	57.21
04-25	04-21	8011 EXTRA SPACE STOR 310-301-7970 CA PUR ID: 11101002 TAX: 0.00	24323001112253111010029	4225	162.00 ✓
04-25	04-24	FEDEX OFFICE #1015 MARINA DEL RE CA PUR ID: < PO not entered > TAX: 1.03	24445001114300153791312	7338	15.58 ✓
04-25	04-24	PAYPAL *DYNAMICGRAP 402-935-7733 CA PUR ID: 5168919549 TAX: 0.00	24492151114849689196011	8999	515.00 ✓
04-26	04-25	USPS 05811095522002455 MARINA DEL RE CA PUR ID: 438 TAX: 0.00	24164071115418004594387	9402	1.88 ✓
04-26	04-25	SMARTFINAL33210303329 VENICE CA PUR ID: 001115513644492 TAX: 0.00	24164071115929070013789	5411	49.25 ✓
04-29	04-28	VALLEY PRINTERS 818-3627771 CA PUR ID: TAX: 0.00	24492791118118000100014	5994	484.10
05-06	05-05	EIG*IPOWER 866-5392854 MA PUR ID: 24587836 TAX: 0.00	24351781125556149213671	5968	20.00
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		STATEMENT DATE 05-23-11	DISPUTED AMOUNT \$.00	PREVIOUS BALANCE
			PURCHASES & OTHER CHARGES	\$3,696.48
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	AMOUNT DUE \$ 0.00 DO NOT REMIT		CASH ADVANCES	\$.00
			CASH ADVANCE FEE	\$.00
			CREDITS	\$.00
			TOTAL ACTIVITY	\$3,696.48



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Account Name:	HUGH HARRISON
Company Name:	CITY OF LA - DONE
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Statement Date:	05-23-11

NEW ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

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05-23	05-21	8011 EXTRA SPACE STOR 310-301-7970 CA PUR ID: 14101001 TAX: 0.00	24323001142253141010019	4225	162.00

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