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Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291
Monday, August 8, 2011 at 7:00 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: Carolyn Rios, Chair; Ira Koslow; Joe Murphy; Cindy Chambers; Daffodil Tyminski; Hugh Harrison; Kristopher Valentine.
Absent: Linda Lucks.

2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Approved as amended

3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

June 11, 2011 (Insert link)

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Approved as amended

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

5. Old Administrative Committee Business

Methods to make the Board meetings run more quickly.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Postponed to September 12, 2011 Administrative Committee Meeting

6. New Administrative Committee Business

Change of location for August Board meeting to Oakwood Recreation Center.

7. Consideration and approval of August 16, 2011 Proposed Board Agenda

7. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

8. Adjourn



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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Oakwood Recreation Center

767 California Avenue (at 7th), Venice, 90291

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 7:00 PM

BOARD MEETINGS: The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

3. **Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes**

<http://venicenc.org/files/110524VNCBoardMeetingMinutes1.doc>

<http://venicenc.org/files/110621JDMVNCBoardMeetingMinutes.pdf>

Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

4. **Public Safety- LAPD LAPD Report (5 minutes)**: Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing/Theresa Skinner/Gregg Jacobus, (310-622-3968; 25120@lapd.lacity.org, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, 31142@lapd.lacity.org)

5. **Scheduled Announcements**

Community Meeting Re: pending Main Street Road Diet Bicycle Extension from Santa Monica to Venice. Paul Backstrom, Legislative Deputy to Councilman Rosendahl

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

6. **Consent Calendar**

[No discussion or Public Comment. Items may be removed and it will go to the end of the agenda]

7. **Old Business**

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

A. **Motion to postpone La Fortuna Market business**

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Postponed to September 12, 2011 Administrative Committee Meeting

B. **Presentation & discussion only of one of the four Krekorian motions**

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda



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8. New Business

[Discussion and possible action regarding the following matters]

A. Board Seat Vacancy

Candidates may self-nominate from the floor.
Close of nominations and presentations by candidates (3 minutes each)
Candidates as of the posting of this agenda:
Grant Burton - all information provided.
Michael Jensen - just name submitted, questions unanswered.
Colleen Saro – application submitted
Selection will be made by the VNC Board at its September meeting

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

B. LAUSD to Consider Charter Operator Applicants' Quality for Walgrove Elementary; Cindy Chambers (chambers.cindy@gmail.com)

MOTION: Whereas, LAUSD will soon release an RFP for prospective charter operators to lease land on the Walgrove Elementary School campus; and

~~**Whereas, the Venice community has long sought an additional alternative to only one public middle school serving the area; and**~~

Whereas, there are multiple public elementary school options in the area;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the LAUSD consider first and foremost the applicant’s capacity and ability to address the needs of middle schoolers in the RFP evaluation process.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda as amended

C. Support Ocean Charter School; Birgitte Hellsten (agreatdane@me.com) **[EXHIBIT F]**

MOTION: Whereas Ocean Charter School was co-founded by several Venice and Mar Vista parents, is currently attended by 51 Venice families and 78 Mar Vista families, and is and has co-located in classrooms on the Venice-adjacent Walgrove Elementary campus in Mar Vista for the last 4.5 years granted them by the Los Angeles Unified School District, and

Whereas the Los Angeles Unified School District has recently issued an Intent to Lease unused space on the Walgrove Elementary campus to a charter school, and

Whereas the selection of a charter school other than Ocean Charter School will result in the eviction of children currently attending school on the campus and potential disruption of children’s education in a leading local public school.

Be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council Board shall send a letter to the Los Angeles Unified District Board Of Education containing the following language: While the Venice Neighborhood Council may or may not support any Charter school cooccupying the Walgrove campus, should it be mandated that a school be on that site, we support the continuation of Ocean Charter School’s co-occupation. We are concerned about any disruption to the education of Venice children that may result from dislocating students from attending school on the Walgrove Elementary campus.

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- D. Resolution Opposing Reduction of Public Parking in Marina Del Rey;** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Visitor Impact Ad Hoc Committee (outreach@VeniceNC.org) [EXHIBIT A]

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the City of Los Angeles:

1. Oppose the conversion of parcels OT, FF, GG/ 52 and NR in Marina Del Rey from their current use as public parking lots to other uses,
2. Oppose any amendment of the Marina Del Rey LCP that reduces public parking in Marina Del Rey,
3. Testify before the California Coastal Commission requesting that it deny the Marina Del Rey LCP Amendment proposed by Los Angeles County

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

- E. Resolution Rejecting MDR Redevelopment Project Traffic Study;** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Visitor Impact Ad Hoc Committee (outreach@VeniceNC.org) [EXHIBIT B]

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that until such a time that:

1. a comprehensive traffic study for the Marina Del Rey Development Project is conducted that cures the deficiencies found in the April 2010 traffic study, analyses the regional impacts ignored by the April 2010 traffic study and
2. all mitigation measures are evaluated by *both* Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles and included in the Marina Del Rey Redevelopment Project Plans, the City of Los Angeles request that Los Angeles County halt permitting activities for new Marina Del Rey Redevelopment Project construction; that Los Angeles County comply with the City's request; and that the California Coastal Commission reject the County's Local Coastal Plan Amendment.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

- F. Amendment to Bicycle Harassment Ordinance;** Joseph Shields (josephs@associatedimages.com) [EXHIBIT C]

MOTION: Request to have Bill Rosendahl amend the bicycle ordinance to make it fair to both cyclists and drivers. ** need to attach new ordinance to exhibits

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Postponed to September 12, 2011 Administrative Committee Meeting

- G. Beach Bus Express;** Eli Lipmen on behalf of the Palms Neighborhood Council (secretary@palmsla.org) and Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC supports the leveraging of the existing Venice Blvd. Rapid Bus Line to mirror the service frequencies of the Metro Exposition Light Rail Line, with rebranding and promotion to connect Expo Line riders with the community and its recreational and business opportunities, while simultaneously promoting use of the Exposition Light Rail Line to Westside residents

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Referred to Public Safety Committee

- H. State Department of Agriculture to Regulate Medical Cannabis;** Nathan Donahoe, Board Member WLANC (wlanmcc@gmail.com) [EXHIBIT D]

MOTION: The VNC requests Councilman Bill Rosendahl to initiate a motion at City Council requesting Governor Jerry Brown and the State Assembly to immediately create quality control and safety standards for the production and distribution of medical cannabis through the State and County Departments of Agriculture.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Declined to place on Board Agenda



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- I. **Use 3rd party agriculture inspectors to regulate medical cannabis;** Nathan Donahoe, Board Member WLANC (wlanmcc@gmail.com) [EXHIBIT E]

MOTION: The VNC requests Councilman Bill Rosendahl to initiate a motion at City Council requesting Governor Jerry Brown and the State Assembly to explore using qualified third party agricultural certification companies as an immediate and short term solution for ensuring the quality control and safety standards for the production and distribution of medical cannabis in Los Angeles.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Postponed to September 12, 2011 Administrative Committee Meeting

- J. **Oppose Commercial Bidding on Beach and Surf Camp Permits;** Patrick Murphy on behalf of the Coalition for Safe Beaches (pat@learntosurfla.com)

MOTION: The VNC opposes any modification(s) proposed to the existing regulations regarding beach use by beach and surf camp operators that would introduce a bidding element, or otherwise increase the costs associated with running such operations.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

- K **Renewal of Santa Monica Airport Ad Hoc Committee;** Amanda Seward on behalf of the Santa Monica Airport Ad Hoc Committee (amandaseward@artvista.net) [EXHIBIT G]

MOTION: To renew Santa Monica Airport Ad Hoc Committee for one year or until the seating of a newly elected Board, whichever occurs soonest.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

9 LUPC Motions

- A. **42-44 Ozone Avenue, Venice, CA 90291 – New Single Family Dwelling - Cases: ZA-2011-754-ZAA; DIR-2010-2718-SPP-MEL; ENV-2010-2719-CE** (Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC) (jake.kaufman@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board of Officers shall

1. Deny the request for relief from Mello Act
2. Deny request for 5ft front-yard setback and approve 10ft front-yard setback
3. Approve side yard setback from 4-ft to 3-ft.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

- B. **113 Vista Place, Venice, CA 90291 - 3-phase project to add 2-car garage and space to existing rear unit; ZA-2010-875-ZV-ZAA-SPP and ENV-2010-876-CE** (Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC) (jake.kaufman@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas existing conditions require the applicant to phase their project encorder to maintain their non-conforming rights; and
Whereas the existing buildings have enjoyed reduced setbacks since the early 1900's; and
Whereas the abutting neighbors on both sides have similar setback and height conditions; and
Whereas parking in the neighborhood is very limited and the proposed project will reduce this impact by creating two new parking stalls without reducing public parking
Be it resolved that the VNC Board of Officers approves this project as presented by LUPC.

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- C. Presentation by the LUPC Chair on:
 - 1- the status of projects presented before the VNC Board and LUPC in the past 12 months
 - 2- a committee update
 - 3- LUPC goals for the next year

10 Treasurers Report (20 minutes); Hugh Harrison **[EXHIBIT H]**
[Discussion and possible action to approve financial statements and expenditures]

MOTION: The VNC approves the submitted financial statements for the period July 1 through July 21, 2011.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

11. Governmental Reports (15 min)

- **U.S. Representative Office**
- **State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler**, Representative, Stephanie Molen (Stephanie.Molen@asm.ca.gov)
- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**; Joseph Hari, West Area Representative (310-479-3823) (Joseph.Hari@lacity.org)
- **City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl**: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org; Arturo Pina, District Director, Arturo.Pina@lacity.org;
- **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils**: Mike Newhouse, President (mnewhouse@newhouseseroussi.com); Alternate, Carolyn Rios;
- **PlancheckNC**: 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, (hippisleyle@earthlink.net, Daffodil Tyminski)
- **LA Alliance of NC's Representative**: Ivan Spiegel, (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

12. Scheduled Announcements (20 Minutes)

- **President**: Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)
- **Vice President**: Carolyn Rios (VP@venicenc.org)
- **Jake Kaufman LUPC Report**
- **Scott Kramarick Website Report**

Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
[20 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]

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

14. Adjourn (approx. 10:00PM)

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

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