



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, November 15, 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 (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**
2. **Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**
October 18, 2011 <http://www.venicenc.org/files/111018VNCBoardMeetingMinutes.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 Report (7:20PM – 5 minutes):** Sgt. Paula Kreeft, Venice Beach Detail 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. **Special Guest: City Council Member (and former President Pro-tempore), Jan Perry (7:25PM – 10 minutes)** **[EXHIBIT A]**



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6. **Scheduled Announcements (7:35PM – 40 minutes)**

[No discussion or Public Comment]

A Introduction of a new LACOE Head Start Service Provider (3 Minutes)

Presentation of Head Start services by Debi Anderson

(Anderson_Debi@lacoedu.edu)

B PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) (3 minutes) Update on Councilman

Rosendahl's Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel

Roberts, (Joel.Roberts@epath.org), Executive Director, PATH (People Assisting the Homeless)

C Announce Board selection to fill the vacant Vice President position on December 20 (15 Minutes)

Nominations close today. Nominations from the

floor. Stated candidates: Michael Chamness, Marc Saltzberg

D NC Election Survey (3 Minutes)

The City Clerk has distributed the NC Election Alternatives Method Survey to all NCs. This survey is meant to provide NCs an opportunity to voice their preference regarding what method should be used for implementing elections in 2014, as well as which entity should implement these elections. The surveys will be due back to the City Clerk on or before Friday, January 6, 2012.

In the interest of making sure that every NC's input is counted and so that your NC Board might have enough time to discuss its survey responses, we recommend that NCs take the steps to agendaize its discussion for its upcoming November and December Board meetings (and January, if prior to January 6). Additionally, the City Clerk will be posting materials discussed during our Election Alternatives Education Workshops up on our [website](http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC_Board_Election_Alternatives_Survey_10.26.pdf) by October 28 to help the Board discuss its survey choices. Fill out the Survey @ http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC_Board_Election_Alternatives_Survey_10.26.pdf

E The Great Venice Toy Drive (3 Minutes)

Mariana Aguilar (mla5@cornell.edu)

We are currently collecting toys for The Great Venice Toy Drive. Please bring unwrapped, non-violent toys to the below locations through December 7, 2011 and join us at Oakwood Recreation Center on December 10, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a fun-filled day. (Toys will be distributed to children up to 16 years of age beginning at 10:30 a.m.--first come-first served, children must be present with a parent or guardian to receive a toy.) Abbot's Habit, 1401 Abbot Kinney Blvd; Venice Fabric Planet, 423 Lincoln Blvd; The November 15, 2011 VNC Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbott Kinney Blvd., Venice



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- F** **Metro Express Lanes Demonstration Program (10 Minutes)**
Bronwen Trice (triceb@metro.net) on behalf of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Status Update/Briefing on the Metro Express Lanes Demonstration Program. Metro Express Lanes is a pilot, one-year demonstration program overseen by Metro and Caltrans to improve mobility and sustainability on two of our busiest freeways in Los Angeles County.

- G** **Christmas Run in Venice (3 Minutes)** Catherine Griffin

7. Governmental Reports (8:15PM - 10 minutes)

- **U.S. Congressional Representative Office** (TBD)
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Jennifer Zivkovic (jennifer.zivkovic.senate@gmail.com) 310-615-3516
- **State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler**, Representative, Stephanie Romero, (Stephanie.Romero@asm.gov) (310-615-3515)
- **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)

8. Consent Calendar (8:25PM – 5 minutes)

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

- A** **Support Neighborhood Team Program** on Behalf of WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils) and the Neighborhood Committee.

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the concept of the Neighborhood Team Program (NTP), an emergency support Program organized through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD). Under the Neighborhood Team Program, community members who have taken the CERT training volunteer as NTP Team Leaders, organizing and providing direction to other neighborhood residents in preparing for and responding to emergencies such as earthquake or major Fire:
Passed unanimously 11.3.11

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9. New Business (8:35PM – 70 minutes)

[Discussion and possible action]

A 12-Single Family Townhouse Complex; 522 VENICE BLVD 90291; ENV-2009-2489-EAF & VTT-70870 (20 Minutes) Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC (jake.kaufman@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT B]**

MOTION: To deny the project of the 12 lot Small Lot Sub Division each with a single family dwelling project as presented, and noting :

1. The total density of the lot exceeds the Venice Specific Plan Section 10.G.2.a.(2) by applying the Density in Residential Zones section of the VSP which the VNC has opposed in the past.
2. It does not comply with the landscape plan for Venice Blvd and Ocean. The project requires the sale to the applicant of public land currently planned for a landscape plan Venice Blvd and where a grant and public matching money have been raised to develop this public park on the corner of Venice, Ocean and Mildred. .
3. The roof top structure(s) each exceeds the 100 sq ft limit in the VSP.
4. The Unit Lot 12's is creating a "Reverse Corner Lot" where the side lot and back lot creating zero set back condition as the front yard would not be on Ocean or Mildred.

(Dennison motion Goldberg second. 6-0 passed)

B BUDGET REQUEST (15 Minutes) **[EXHIBIT C]**

1 Turkeys for Thanksgiving Mariana Aguilar and the Neighborhood Committee

MOTION: To recommend that the VNC board allocate \$500 for the purchase of turkeys for the annual Thanksgiving distribution at the Vera Davis Youth and Family Center on November 17. (passed 11.2.11-unanimous vote):

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 1. \$2000 for Neighborhood Watch.
 2. \$1000 for "Map your Neighborhood"
 3. \$800 for Disaster Expo 2012



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- C** **Request for City to Commit to Alley and Alley Gate Maintenance (15 Minutes)** Mariana Aguilar on behalf of the Alley Task Force (mla5@cornell.edu) **[EXHIBIT D]**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council resolves that the City of Los Angeles should repair, reconstruct and maintain the alleys and alley gates in Venice. Moreover, to provide assistance to the City, the VNC resolves to work with the community to identify alleys in need of repair and collect the information for presentation to the City Council and Mayor.

- D** **DWP Fee Increase for Low-Income Seniors/Disabled Residents (5 Minutes)** Rachel Siemons (rachel.siemons@gmail.com) **[EXHIBIT E]**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that Councilman Bill Rosendahl hold a community forum to allow for input on the recent rate increases of the Solid Resource and Trash fees by the Department Of Water And Power.

- E** **Occupy Venice requests Statement of Support From VNC (15 Minutes)** Mike Chamness (mchamness@yahoo.com) on behalf of Occupy Venice **[EXHIBIT F]**

MOTION: The VNC endorses the Occupy Venice movement.

10. VNC Announcements (9:45PM - 10 Minutes)

- **President:** Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)
 - VNC Committee and Task Force Updates: 1 minute each (Post Office, Emergency Safety & Shelter, other)
 - Report on Results of CA Coastal Commission Hearing on MDR Development- Marc Saltzberg
 - Straw poll on quorum for December 20th Board Meeting
- **LA Alliance of NC's Representative:** Ivan Spiegel, (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)
- **Plancheck NC:** 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:** Daffodil Tyminski, Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe, (hippisley@earthlink.net)
- **Westside Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, President, VNC Rep.



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- 11. Treasurers Report (9:55PM - 5 minutes); Hugh Harrison [EXHIBIT G]**
[Discussion and possible action to approve financial statements and expenditures]
- A MOTION:** That the VNC approve the submitted financial statements for the period September 22 through October 21, 2011, and the itemized purchase card invoice.
- B** Report on the Mayor’s Budget Day, the election of the Westside budget advocates and the up-coming budget survey.-

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- 12. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction**
10:25PM) [5 min, no more than 1 minute per person]
- 13. Adjourn (approx. 10:25PM)**

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

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