



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Board of Officers Meeting Minutes**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)  
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291  
Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM

1. **Annual Holiday Performance**

2. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Linda Lucks, Hugh Harrison, Ira Koslow, Kristopher Valentine, Marc Saltzberg, Brennan Lindner, Clark McCutchen, Cynthia Rogers, Ivonne Guzman, Jed Pauker, Kelley Willis, Mariana Aguilar, Barbara Lonsdale, Jake Kaufman, Amanda Seward, Daffodil Tyminski

**ABSENT:** Joseph Murphy, Cindy Chambers, Scott Kramarich, Matt Kline

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**ACTION: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**NOTE: ITEM 8C POSTPONED; EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> SECRETARY JOE MURPHY AND COMMUNITY OFFICER KRISTOPHER VALENTINE ARE RESIGNING. NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL JANUARY XX BOARD MEETING.**

4. **Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes**

November 15, 2011 <http://venicenc.org/files/111115VNCBoardMeetingMinutes.pdf>

**ACTION: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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5. **Public Safety - LAPD Report**

6. **Scheduled Announcements**

- **Q&A with District Director Elise Swanson, Field Deputy Natalie Rodgers** from U.S. Congressional Representative Janice Hahn's office.
- **Tomasz Babiszkiwicz** from PATH (People Assisting the Homeless)
- Judy Baca, Founder of **SPARC** (Social Public Arts Resource on **Update Regarding City Mural Ordinance** (LAMC 11-0923-Rosendahl)
- Ivan Spiegel on **Distribution of 2012 Community Improvement Projects**

7. **Governmental Reports**

- **Joseph Hari**, West Area Representative for Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
- **Cecilia Castillo**, Field Deputy for City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl



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## 8. Consent Calendar

### A Motion to Encourage Venetians to Shop Locally

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that stakeholders make every effort to purchase goods and services in Venice as possible and at the minimum, within City of Los Angeles boundaries.

**ACTION: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

### B Emergency Safety and Shelter Task Force Letter

**ACTION: MA REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

### C Support for a letter to Improve OFW Lighting and Safety

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Supports improving and increasing OFW lighting and safety and shall send a letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl and Captain Jon Peters, LAPD asking for additional lighting.

**ACTION: POSTPONED**

### D Community Improvement Projects Paid through P-cards

**MOTION:** Venice Neighborhood Council resolves that Community Improvement Projects shall continue to be paid through the use of City issued P-cards and the Demand Warrant system.

Vote 3-0-0 by the Budget Committee

**ACTION: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 9. Old Business

### A Selection to fill the vacant Vice President position

**ACTION: MARC SALTZBERG APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT (12-1)**

### B NC Elections Alternative Survey Recommendation by REC

**MOTION:** The VNC supports the recommendation regarding the Neighborhood Council Elections Alternative Survey Recommendation by REC

**ACTION: APPROVED (IK-MA 14-0-1)**

### C Letter to City Clerk Requesting Election Costs

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council has participated in the Election Survey as presented by the City Clerk and agrees that elections need to be held in 2012. However, the VNC has great reservations as to unknown costs associated with any of the choices and has concerns about insuring the integrity of elections regardless of the methodology used. Without knowledge of these



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costs, NC's are unable to make informed choices. As the City is again considering cuts from 6-12% of NC budgets, this information is critical.

The VNC requests that the City Clerk itemize the specific dollar amounts to be attached to each possible election method and to resubmit the survey for Neighborhood Council input prior to publishing any survey results.

**ACTION: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (LL-KW)**

## 10. New Business

### A VNC Post Office Task Force Seeks Historic Status for Post Office

**MOTION:** VNC Post Office Task Force seeks authority to prepare and submit to the VNC a National Register nomination of the Venice Post Office for listing of this resource on the National Register of Historic Resources.

**ACTION: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (AS-HH)**

### B Post Office Task Force Seeks to Clarify Letter Dated July 29

**MOTION:** The administrative record of the U.S. Postal Service decision to move postal services from the historic Venice Post Office to the Annex states that the VNC has been supportive of the move. The VNC Task Force seeks to have the VNC correct this misconception by resending its July 29, 2011 letter specifying its objections to the move and stating this position as the official position of the VNC.

**ACTION: APPROVED (AS-IK 14-0-1)**

### C Approval Of DONE Report on Regional Grievance Procedures

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to the City Council, BONC, and DONE endorsing the DONE report on Regional Grievance Procedures.

**ACTION: APPROVED (IK-JP 11-1-2)**

### D Approval Of DONE Report on Training

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to the City Council, BONC, and DONE endorsing concepts contained in the DONE report on Training.

**ACTION: APPROVED (KW-AS 6-4-6)**

### E Lincoln Fine Wines; 727 Lincoln Blvd; ABC LICENSE TYPE 42 FOR WINE TASTING

**MOTION:** Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.24.W.1, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the addition of a California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Type 42 license or on-site wine tasting in the [Q]C2-1-CDO zone, in conjunction



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with an existing permitted 1,833 square foot retail liquor store selling a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption with a Type 21 ABC license noting:

- a. Hours of Operation shall be unchanged at 10a to 11p
- b. Meets all VCZSP parking conditions, no change in parking (5 off-street spots on-site retained).
- c. Full list of 30 conditions in Appendix.

**ACTION: APPROVED (JK-HH 12-0-3)**

**F VNC approve letter requesting LAUSD Maintain Current Adult Division Funding, Accept Public input and Provide Transparency Regarding Career Tech Ed programs**

**MOTION:** Whereas, adult education serves as a vital job training, enhancement and networking resource within all our communities especially during an economic downturn;

It is hereby resolved the VNC write and send a letter to the appropriate decision makers at the LAUSD including Ed Morris, Steve Zimmer and the LAUSD Board of Education; Mayor Villaraigosa and the Los City Council stating that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) opposes the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) plan to terminate the Adult Education Program. The VNC requests that LAUSD maintain the current Adult Education Program; and, that LAUSD host public forums throughout the City to gain vital community input and provide transparency of all discussions and decisions relating to this and all education issues.

**ACTION: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (AS-IG )**

**10. VNC Announcements**

- **President:** Linda Lucks ([president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))
  - VNC Committee and Task Force Updates: 1 minute each
  - **Department of Transportation- Lincoln Blvd. Trolley Survey**  
<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e5cvxr3qgvcp8y/a0130qvtrftjt/greeting>
- **LA Alliance of NC's Representative:** Ivan Spiegel, ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))
- **Plancheck NC:** VNC Rep Challis Macpherson ([Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net](mailto:Challis.Macpherson@Verizon.net))
- **Westside Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, President, VNC Rep.

**11. Treasurers Report**

- A MOTION:** That the VNC approve the report on expenditures for the period October 22 through November 21, 2011, and the itemized purchase card invoice.  
**ACTION: APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY (HH-IK)**

**12. A Emergency Safety and Shelter Task Force Letter**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a letter of support and thanks to Councilman Rosendahl, County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LAPD Chief Charlie Beck, :A



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City Attorney Carmen Trutanich, LAPD Captain Jon Peters, Los Angeles Housing Services Authority, for focusing on the specific needs of the Ocean Front Walk Area of Venice in an effort to resolve ongoing issues.

**ACTION: POSTPONED TO JANUARY 2012 ADCOM MEETING**

## Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

13. **Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC Jurisdiction**
14. **Adjourn (approx. 10:25PM)**