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Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291
Monday, February 12, 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: Linda Lucks, Chair; Hugh Harrison; Ira Koslow; Joe Murphy; Cindy Chambers.; Daffodil Tyminski; Marc Saltzberg; Kristopher Valentine.

2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Approved

3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

January 9, 2012 (<http://venicenc.org/files/120109VNCAdministrativeCommitteeMinutes.pdf>)

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Approved

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

5. Old Administrative Committee Business

A **Discussion of length of Board meetings**

B **VNC Letters**

6. New Administrative Committee Business

A **Consideration and approval of February 21, 2012 Proposed Board Agenda**

7. Adjourn



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Board of Officers Meeting Agenda

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)
1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291
Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting dedicated to the memory of Martha Lonsdale, Mother of VNC Board member, Barbara Lonsdale and Mrs. Doris Dabbs, 95 year old Venice resident

Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to former VNC Board member Carolyn Rios by Councilman Rosendahl's office.

Announcement that LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky has confirmed attendance at the March 20 board meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

3. Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes

January 17, 2012 (<http://venicenc.org/files/120117VNCBoardMeetingMinutesRevised.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. Scheduled Announcements

A Venice NC Town Hall Thursday, February 2/23/12

The Emergence of Silicon Beach – ~~Pain or Gain~~, Westminster School Auditorium, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Matt Kline (Matt.kline@Venicenc.org)

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on agenda as amended

B **Public Safety - LAPD Report:** Lt. Paola 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)

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

C **Public Safety - Committee Report:** Daffodil Tyminski and Nicolas Hippisley Cox

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

D **PATH** (People Assisting the Homeless) Update on Councilman Rosendahl's Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel Roberts (Joel.Roberts@epath.org), Executive Director, Tomasz Babiszkiwicz (tomaszb@epath.org)

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

E Governmental Reports

- **U.S. Congressional Representative**, District Director, Elise Swanson, (Elise.Swanson@mail.house.gov) 310-831-1799
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Jennifer Zivkovic (jennifer.zivkovic.senate@gmail.com) 310-615-3516



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- **State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler**, Representative, Stephanie Romero (Stephanie.Romero@asm.ca.gov) 310-615-3515
- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**; Joseph Hari, West Area Representative (Joseph.Hari@lacity.org) 310-479-3823
- **City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl**: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org) 310-568-8772; Arturo Pina, District Director (Arturo.Pina@lacity.org)

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

5. Consent Calendar

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

- A Amendment of Standing Rule 4** Ivan Spiegel on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee (parliamentarian@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT A]**

MOTION: The VNC Board approves amendments to Standing Rule 4 (CIP Timeline) to comply with the new City funding regulations.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Consent Calendar of Board Agenda

- B Endorsement of LA City Council "Move to Amend" the Constitution Resolution 11-0002-S123** Michele Sutter (mcsvox@verizon.net) **[EXHIBIT B]**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council's endorses the Los Angeles City Council's non-binding Resolution 11-0002-S123: Corporate Activities in Electoral Processes which was passed by the City Council in a unanimous vote on December 8, 2011.

Letters stating the VNC position shall be sent to: Assemblywoman Betsey Butler, State Senator Ted Lieu, Governor Jerry Brown, Congresswoman Janice Hahn, and Senators, Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein. A letter of endorsement shall also be sent to Move To Amend, Los Angeles.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Consent Calendar of Board Agenda

6 Old Business *[Discussion and possible action]*

- A Election to fill the board positions of Secretary and Community Officer** **[EXHIBIT C]**

<u>Community Officer</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Community Outreach Officer</u>
Hershel Gerson	Kristopher Valentine	Matthew Kline
Lisa Green		
Joe Murphy		

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

- B Mayor's Budget Survey** Linda Lucks (PresidentVNC@gmail.com)

The board and stakeholders will be asked to fill in hard copies of the budget survey during the 2.21.12 meeting:

The link to the Mayor's 2012 Community Budget Survey is:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012LABudgetSurvey>

A hard copy of the survey will be available at the meeting and can be found on the Mayor's budget website at: <http://mayor.lacity.org/Issues/BalancedBudget/index.htm>



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7 Land Use and Planning Committee: *[Discussion and possible action]*
No motions this month.

8 New Business *[Discussion and possible action]*

A Confirmation of Neighborhood Committee Members Marc Saltzberg
(vicepresident@VeniceNC.org)

[EXHIBIT D]

MOTION: Confirm new Neighborhood Committee members: Jerry Jaffe

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

B Overview of JFS Services for Seniors in Venice Monica Dunahee on behalf of
the Jewish Family Service (mdunahee@jfsla.org)

[EXHIBIT E]

MOTION: The VNC shall grant permission for the Jewish Family Service to include a one-page flier with the VNC Newsletter which is delivered door-to-door. The flier will provide an overview of services available to seniors in Venice and phone numbers for each service.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

C Motion to Oppose LA County Board of Supervisors Ban on Beach Balls and Frisbees and Send a Letter to La County Board Of Supervisors <http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/65848.pdf>
Linda Lucks (PresidentVNC@gmail.com)

[EXHIBIT F]

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council opposes any ban on beach balls at Venice Beach and demands that the LA County Board Of Supervisors rescind Ordinance _____ immediately.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

D Approval of new Election Task Force recommendations Ivan Spiegel, Venice Representative on behalf of (Los Angeles Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (LAANCC)(parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council Board of Officers approves the recommendations from the Election Task Force concerning the upcoming NC elections and will transmit their recommendations to appropriate LA City officials and Departments.

1. Election Task Force recommends that Neighborhood Councils will run their own elections or selections at such time, place, and manner of their choice with assistance of the Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) as it is capable
2. Election Task Force encourages Neighborhood Councils to run elections cooperatively and, if desired, to conduct regional elections with the assistance of the Department.
3. Regions are to be established by Neighborhood Councils and their regional alliances.
4. Neighborhood Council elections or selections should be monitored or overseen by a trained, independent third party.
5. Election Task Force requests the City Council to allocate in the FY 2012-13 budget, the amount of \$650,000 to the Department for additional staffing and resources for the Neighborhood Council election process.
6. Election Task Force requests that the City Council expedite the process for contracting Independent Election Administrators and staffing associated with Neighborhood Council elections which should not exceed 60 days.
7. Election Task Force recommends to Neighborhood Councils the inclusion of independent poll watchers as part of their elections.
8. Election challenges must be heard and decided by arbiters hired and paid for by the Department.

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E **Motion to Improve Street Lighting on Speedway** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the VNC Neighborhood Committee (vicepresident@VeniceNC.org)

MOTION: Whereas, Ocean Front Walk is now subject to a 12AM to 5AM curfew, forcing pedestrian traffic to travel on Speedway (which has no sidewalks) or Pacific (which has no contiguous sidewalk on the west side of the street between Westminster and Washington Blvd) and,

Whereas, the street lighting on Speedway is relatively poor for a route carrying both pedestrian and vehicular traffic without sidewalks;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the City of Los Angeles provide, as an emergency measure, improved street lighting on Speedway.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE 1-23-12

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

F1 **LA City Review of Hines/Bergamot Project and Master EIR Request** Mike Newhouse & Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC (marc.saltzberg@VeniceNC.org) **[EXHIBIT G]**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council urges that the City OF LA review the DEIR for the Hunies/Bergamot project and further supports that master EIR be developed for the Bergamot Area Plan in Santa Monica.

The VNC also recommends that a comprehensive EIR that fully considers the regional impacts on the City of Los Angeles, taking into account the cumulative impact of all the major development projects pending in the 140 Bergamot area, be developed and submitted for review in compliance with CEQA.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

F2 **Board to support Councilman Rosendahl's resolution regarding the Hines/Bergamot project.** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC. **[EXHIBIT H]**

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Councilman Rosendahl's resolution regarding the Hines/Bergamot project and will take no position on the WRAC motion (8F1).

Approved by LUPC 5-0 (note Steve Traeger recused himself as he works for City of Santa Monica and has been involved in the project).

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G **Board to create a Standing Rule to defining Task Force** Ivan Spiegel (parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

MOTION: The VNC Board creates a the following definition of a Task Force as a Standing Rule: "A Task Force is a temporary group of people formed to carry out a specific task and to report back to the entity that created it at it's next meeting. After presenting its report the Task Force will automatically terminate."

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9. VNC Announcements

- **President:** Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)

A Announcement of VNC Board Retreat: March 17 at The Canal Club, hours TBD.
Accept volunteers for Retreat Committee

B Appointment of Task Force to study in Venice of LAMC Ordinance 176,354 Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance

Appointment of Task Force to review and possibly make recommendations at the March 20, 2012 board meeting about the consequences of City Planning Department Director's Interpretation (DIR 2008-4703-DI), which interpreted the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance (Ordinance No. 176,354) to override the density, guest parking, and affordable housing provisions of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan (Ordinance No.175,693) where the VCZSP restricts the number of units on a lot. Chair is Robert Aronson, members are Steve Clare, Sue Kaplan, Challis MacPherson, and John Reed.

- **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg (Vicepresident@Venicenc.org)
- **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 (Daffodil.Tyminski@Venicenc.org), Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe, (hippiskey@earthlink.net)
- **Westside Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Board Agenda

10. Treasurers Report; Hugh Harrison

[EXHIBIT E]

[Discussion and possible action to approve financial statements and expenditures]

1. Attached are the report on expenditures for the period December 22, 2011 through January 21, 2012, and the itemized purchase card invoice.
2. All Board members and stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the Mayor's Budget Survey.

ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on board agenda.

Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
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11. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction.

12. Adjourn

List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

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