



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officer Meeting Minutes

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 (7:00PM)**
ABSENT: Hugh Harrison, Jake Kaufman, Ivonne Guzman

2. **Approval of the Agenda (7:20PM)**
ACTION: IK/MS Approved as amended unanimously
5B – moved before to item 2
6A – No Community Outreach Position applicants. Postponed to next board meeting.
Added: Picture of board after item 6B

3. **Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes (7:25PM)**
<http://venicenc.org/files/120117VNCBoardMeetingMinutesRevised.pdf>
ACTION: JP/BL Approved (DT abstained)

Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:30PM)
Speakers: Patrick McCarthy, Lisa Green, Greta Cobar, Yolanda Gonzalez, David Ewing

4. **Consent Calendar (7:35PM)**
ACTION: MS/KW Consent Calendar Approved (MA abstained)
 - A **Amendment of Standing Rule 4**
MOTION: The VNC Board approves amendments to Standing Rule 4 (CIP Timeline) to comply with the new City funding regulations.

 - B **Endorsement of LA City Council “Move to Amend” the U.S. Constitution Resolution 11-0002-S123**
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.



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C Motion to Improve Street Lighting on Speedway

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.

5. Scheduled Announcements (7:35PM)

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

B Report On New Rule Changes Affecting LA Beaches, By LA County Board of Supervisors

ACTION: Moved before Item 2

C Public Safety - LAPD Report

D Presentation by LA Department of Sanitation on the proposed Reusable Bag Policy

E Public Safety Committee Announcement

F PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) Update on Councilman Rosendahl's Roadmap to Homes Program

G Announcement and distribution of 2012-2013 CIP applications

H Governmental Reports

- State Senator Ted Lieu, Representative, Veronica Zendejas
- City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl: Arturo Pina, District Director

Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:15PM)
Speakers: Craig Cadwallader



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ACTION: Kristopher Valentine and Joe Murphy resigned their seats.

6. Old Business

[Discussion and possible action]

A Election to fill the board positions of Secretary, Outreach Officer, and Community Officer (8:15PM)

Secretary

Kristopher Valentine

ACTION: Kristopher Valentine elected secretary 14 for, 1 abstention.

Outreach Officer

Matthew Kline (Withdrawn)

ACTION: Election postponed. Nominations opened and will be closed at next meeting.

Community Officer

Hershel Gerson

Lisa Green (Withdrawn)

Joe Murphy

ACTION: Joe Murphy elected community officer with 14 votes. Lisa Green received 1 vote.

B Mayor's Budget Survey Linda Lucks (PresidentVNC@gmail.com) (8:25PM)

The board and stakeholders were asked to fill out the Mayor's 2012 Community Budget Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012LABudgetSurvey>

7. Land Use and Planning Committee:

No motions this month.

8. New Business

[Discussion and possible action]

A Election to fill the position of Sub-Area 7 (Oakwood-Millwood-Southeast Venice) on the Neighborhood Committee (8:30PM)

MOTION: To approve Margaret Michon to fill the position of Sub-Area 7 (Oakwood-Millwood-Southeast Venice) on the Neighborhood Committee.

ACTION: Margaret Michon elected as member of Neighborhood Committee unanimously (15 votes).



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B Overview of JFS Services for Seniors in Venice (8:35PM)

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.

ACTION: LL/KW made original motion. MS/JP Substitute Motion to advertise this as a city program passed (14-0-3).

Public Comment: Monica Dunahee, Jeffery Solomon, DeDe Audet

C Approval of new Election Task Force recommendations (8:45PM)

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 DONE will run the 2012-2013 elections or selections at such time, place, and manner of their choice with input from the Neighborhood Councils.
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 challenges must be heard and decided by independent arbiters.

ACTION: IK/JM – Approved as amended. (10-0-7)

D Hines/Bergamot Project (9:00PM)

1. LA City Review of Hines/Bergamot Project and Master EIR Request

MOTION: The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the Motion of Councilman Bill Rosendahl (see:

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=12-0130>) that the City of LA review the DEIR for the Bergamot Transit Village project proposed for the site of the PaperMate Pen factory in Santa Monica (at 26th and Olympic); and



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Further, because the 140-acre Bergamot Area is presently being planned by the City of Santa Monica under a HUD Grant, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports the need for a comprehensive EIR, to be prepared by the City of Santa Monica, that fully considers the regional impacts on the City of Los Angeles and that takes into account the cumulative impact of all the major development projects pending in this area as shown on Exhibit F.

ACTION: MS/KV motion approved 15-0-2

Public Comment: Yolanda Gonzalez, Nick Antonicello

2. Board to support Councilman Rosendahl's resolution regarding the Hines/Bergamot project

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).

ACTION: Item not considered since it is included in item 8D1.

9. VNC Announcements (9:10PM)

- **President:** Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)
 - **Announcement of VNC Board Retreat:** March 18 at The Canal Club, hours TBD.
ACTION: Board Retreat postponed; Joe Murphy, Barbara Lonsdale volunteer to help plan for an April date TBD.
- **LA Dept of Water & Power/Memoranda of Understanding:** VNC Rep DeDe Audet

10. Treasurers Report (9:15PM)

- A** **MOTION:** Attached are the report on expenditures for the period December 22, 2011, through January 21, 2012, and the itemized purchase card invoice.
ACTION: MS/KV approved unanimously

11. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (9:18PM)

12. Adjourn (9:20PM)

ACTION: KV/MS meeting adjourned.