



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officer Meeting Agenda Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:00 PM

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- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**
Meeting dedicated to the memory Muriel Olga Frank. Mother of Deputy Mayor, Venice resident Larry Frank and Al Raider, 102 years old, father of Phil Raider, longtime VNC Board Secretary and LUPC chair.
ABSENT: Ira Koslow, Ivonne Guzman, Kelley Willis, and Mariana Aguilar
- 2. Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 5 minutes)**
ACTION: MS/JP – Approved Unanimously
- 3. Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**
<http://venicenc.org/files/120221BoardMinutesDraft.pdf>
ACTION: HH/KV – Approved unanimously

Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
Public Comment: Alan Silverman, Dr. Maria Joy, Daniel Housman, Emily Winters, Jay Handal

- 4. Consent Calendar (7:20PM – 5 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment. Items may be removed by a Board member or stakeholder and it will be agendized at the end of New Business.]
ACTION: MS/HH – Approved as amended unanimously.



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- A** **Scheduling ratification elections at April Board meeting** Ira Koslow on behalf of REC (ira.koslow@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Hold ratification elections for all replacement Board members and to ratify the reformatted Bylaws at the April 18, 2012 board meeting.

ACTION: Taken off Consent Calendar. Postponed to May.

- B** **Request urging no further cuts to Neighborhood Council** Linda Lucks (President@Venicenc.org) and Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@Venicenc.org)

[EXHIBIT A]

MOTION: Send a letter to the Mayor, Councilman Rosendahl, City Council, and the Miguel Santana, City Administrative Officer urging no further cuts to Neighborhood Council funding in the 2012-2013 Budget.

- C** **Increase Summer Venice Beach area Maintenance and staff budget** Linda Lucks (President@Venicenc.org) Marc Saltzberg (VicePresident@Venicenc.org) [EXHIBIT B]

MOTION: Send a letter to the Mayor, Councilman Rosendahl, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County Department of Beaches and Harbors and LA City Department of Recreation and Parks Department, to increase the budget for Summer Venice Beach area maintenance and staff for purposes bike path, trash pick up, lighting and bathroom maintenance.

- D** **VNC Board Support for Legislation Supporting Venice Post Office** Jed Pauker (jed.pauker@venicenc.org) [EXHIBIT C]

MOTION: The VNC Board send a letter to US Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and US Representatives Janice Hahn and Henry Waxman, asking their support of pending legislation ([HR3591](#) (12/11/11 - DeFazio/Hinchley/Slaughter + 111 co-sponsors) and [S1853](#) (11/11/11 - Sanders) to address and resolve the Post Office crisis in Venice and elsewhere.

- E** **Support for Liaison between LADOT and Westside Communities** (Marc Saltzberg, Daffodil Tyminski, Nick Hipplesley-Coxe on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee and Public Safety Committee (vicepresident@VenicenNC.org, daffodil.tyminski@venicenc.org) [EXHIBIT D]

MOTION: Whereas, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) has appointed a liaison to Westside communities in the past (last filled by Mo Blorfroshan), and in December, 2011, 11th District Los Angeles City Council Member Bill Rosendahl requested this appointment to be renewed, and

Whereas, having a liaison will allow LADOT to proactively work with communities to resolve traffic problems before they rise to the level of accidents involving personal injury and property damage;



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Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council supports 11th District Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl's request for a liaison between LADOT and the 11th City Council District.

- F** **Request for Accident and Traffic Speed Data from LADOT** Marc Saltzberg, Daffodil Tyminski, Nick Hippenley-Coxe on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee and Public Safety Committee vicepresident@VeniceNC.org, daffodil.tyminski@venicenc.org

[EXHIBIT E]

MOTION: Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council is concerned about reports of accidents and near accidents between motorists, bicycles and pedestrians on Pacific Ave, north of Washington to the Santa Monica border; and on Washington Blvd. between Pacific Ave. and Ocean Ave., and

Whereas, many of these incidents appear to involve excessive vehicle speed;

Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council needs better data to fulfill its advisory role in making recommendations concerning traffic and traffic safety;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to provide accident and traffic speed data for Pacific Ave, north of Washington Blvd. to the Santa Monica border and on Washington Blvd. between Pacific Ave. and Ocean Ave. and,

The Venice Neighborhood Council asks the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and LA City Council District 11 to partner with it to study and develop possible solutions to the traffic safety hazards along Pacific Ave. between Washington Blvd and the Santa Monica border.

- G** **Request for Crosswalk at Washington and Strongs Drive** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee vicepresident@VeniceNC.org **[EXHIBIT F]**

MOTION: Whereas, the Venice Neighborhood Council is concerned about the potential for traffic accidents resulting from jaywalking across Washington Blvd between the east side of Pacific Ave and Dell Ave, in part because there are no pedestrian crosswalks at any corner along that section of Washington;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City of Los Angeles to install a crosswalk at Washington and Strongs Drive, crossing Washington Blvd.

- H** **Request for Crosswalk at Pacific Ave. and 25th Street** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee vicepresident@VeniceNC.org **[EXHIBIT G]**

MOTION: Whereas, the Venice Canals Foundation created an ADA approved public



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Beach Access connecting the historic Venice Canals and the Venice Beach using \$1900 provided by Venice Neighborhood Council Community Improvement funding, and

Whereas, the Culver City bus stops at 25th and Pacific and a crosswalk at that location would benefit bus riders, and

Whereas, members of the Venice Canals Foundation met with a representative of DOT in 2008, receiving assurances that implementing an ADA approved crosswalk at 25th and Venice would not be a problem;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City of Los Angeles to install a crosswalk at the intersection of Pacific and 25th Ave, crossing Pacific at the newly constructed ADA compliant beach access.

I **Opposition to Current Redistricting Maps** Marc Saltzberg
(vicepresident@VeniceNC.org)

MOTION: Whereas the current proposed redistricting map has caused certain existing Neighborhood Councils to be divided among multiple city council districts

The Venice Neighborhood Council opposes the current redistricting map. We ask the city council adopt a plan that maintains the integrity of existing Neighborhood Council boundaries.

ACTION: REMOVED

J **Funds for Venice Japanese-American Memorial Marker** Hugh Harrison
on behalf of the Budget Committee (treasurer@venicenc.org)

MOTION: Whereas the Board has approved \$1,300 in funding for the commemorative plaque to be part of the Venice Japanese-American Memorial Marker to be erected at Venice and Lincoln, and whereas the completion of the plaque is not scheduled to be completed within the time frame for Community Improvement Project funding, it is moved that the \$1,300 in approved funding be reallocated for the Civil Engineering Report required by CalTrans as a condition of approval of the project.

Budget Committee vote: 2-0-1

K **Approval of Westside NC Election Survey** :Linda Lucks on behalf Of Administrative Committee, Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian **[EXHIBIT H]**

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the Administrative Committee recommendations for the Westside Neighborhood Council Election Survey. The preferences are:

1. Day of the week = Sunday
2. Month = October



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3. Hours = 10AM-4PM
4. Number of Polling Places = 1
5. Name of NC = Venice

5. **Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County Board Supervisor (7:25PM 45 Minutes -- 10-minute presentation. 15 minutes for Board Q&A; and 20 minutes for Public Q&A)**
(<http://zev.lacounty.gov>)213-974-333 Zev@, FGKrisiloff@
Supervisor Yaroslavsky represents all of the Westside from MDR to Malibu and parts of the San Fernando Valley. He has jurisdiction over the LA County Beaches and Harbors Department which manages Venice Beach as well as the Department of Mental Health and homeless services.
Public Comment: Mark Lipman, David Ewing, Peggy Lee Kennedy, Suzanne Thompson, Karen Wolfe, Yolanda Gonzales, Brian O'Connell, Sue Kaplan, DeDe Audet, Jim Murez, Linda Allred
6. **Scheduled Announcements (8:10PM – 50 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment]
- A **Venice NC Town Hall Thursday, April 12th (1 minute)** The Emergence of Silicon Beach - Westminster School Auditorium, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd. 6:30-8:30PM Matt Kline (Matt.kline@Venicenc.org)
- B **Results of Venice Chronic Homeless Intervention Project (10 Minutes)** Va Lecia Adams on behalf of the St. Joseph Center vadams@stjosephctr.org
A presentation at the March VNC meeting on the results of the first two years of the Venice Chronic Homeless Intervention Project, which targets the most vulnerable chronically homeless individuals in the community.
- C **PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) (3 minutes)** Update on Councilman Rosendahl's Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel Roberts, Joel.Roberts@epath.org, Tomasz Babiszewicz (tomaszb@epath.org); *This report includes statistics on the number of people placed in permanent and temporary housing as well as the numbers of people in process.*
- D **Public Safety - LAPD Report (15 minutes):** 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). *This report includes crime reports, updates on the status enforcement of the OFW Vending ordinance (LAMC 42.15) and new rules regarding the closure of Ocean Front Walk from Midnight to 5 a.m. and recent police activity*
- E **Report from Communications Committee on new Venice NC Web Site design and Launch Date (Preview) (10 minutes)** Brennan Lindner, Scot Kramarich (communications@Venicenc.org, Scot.Kramarich@Venicenc.org)



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F Governmental Reports (10 Minutes)

- **U.S. Congress Representative Janice Hahn**, Deputy Natalie Rodgers, (Natalie.Rodgers@mail.house.gov) 310-831-1799
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas (Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov) 310-318-6994
- **State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler**, Representative, Stephanie Romero, (Stephanie.Romero@asm.gov) 310-615-3515
- **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, 213-974-3333
- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**; Joseph Hari, West Area Representative (Joseph.Hari@lacity.org) 310-479-3823
- **City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl**: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); (Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org); Arturo Pina, District Director (Arturo.Pina@lacity.org)

Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
Public Comment: Suzanne Thompson, Mike Chamesse, Zein Obagi, Linda Allred, Elizabeth Wright

7. **Old Business (9:05PM -- 15 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible Action]

A **Election to fill Community Outreach Officer (5 Minutes)**

Outreach Officer

Matt Kline (matt.kline@Venicenc.org)

ACTION: Nominations closed. Election postponed until next month.

B **Election to fill Ad Com seat vacancy by Community Officers (5 Minutes)**

ACTION: Barbara Lonsdale elected to Ad Com unanimously.

8. **Land Use and Planning Committee Reports (9:20 -- 60 minutes)**

[Discussion and possible action]

A **609-1/2 Rose Ave, "Unnamed Bar/Restaurant"** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC (chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

[EXHIBIT I]

ZA-2010-3387-CUB-CDP

Appeal to ZA Determination on Change of Use and CUB at 609-1/2 Rose Ave.

Staff, Jim Murez

Applicant: Annette Vait. annett_vait@yahoo.com

MOTION: To deny the project ~~support the appeal~~, as there are several discrepancies and the project does not comply with the Venice Specific Plan for the following reasons:

- 1) Does not comply with parking,



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- 2) Did not have a determination that an intensification of use exists as defined by the VSP,
- 3) Additionally, two of the on-site existing parking spaces are leased under a pre-existing recorded agreement and were represented as available to the project required parking.

Motion made by Jim Murez, Seconded by Sarah Dennison PASSED 6-0
PUBLIC COMMENT: Suzanne Thompson, John Shaw, Inge Mueller, Karen Wolfe
ACTION: JK/BL Motion approved unanimously (15-0-0).

B **2 Rose Ave, "Venice Ale House"** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC (chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

[EXHIBIT J]

**ZA-2011-2694-CUB-SPP-CDP & ENV-2011-2695-EAF;
 CHANGE OF HOURS, SEATING AND CUB CONDITIONS**

Staff, Jim Murez
 Applicant, Tom Elliott, Spoon Singhm , JONATHAN LONNER (310)420-9165
spoon@venicealehouse.com

- MOTION:** The VNC approves the project as proposed with the following conditions:
1. No variance or exception from parking requirements of VCZSP; in other words, all parking met by existing grand fathered parking rights or by lease agreement at neighboring 305-307 Ocean Front Walk lot. Grand fathered rights are specifically supported here because of the business’s proximity to the City owned Rose parking lot.
 2. Hours of operation: 8am-12 Midnight on Weekdays and 8am-2am on Weekends (Friday and Saturday nights). Ocean Front Park laws (closing time) would supersede any conditions for outdoor dining only. These hours are supported because of neighboring business hours of operation and to promote activity and crime reduction in the area.
 3. All parking lot signage and lighting shall be done as to not intrude with the neighbors across Speedway.
 4. The license for Alcohol shall include the names of each of the business owners in addition to the business name. This is being done to ensure the owners remain on title and responsible for the business operation. Any change in this condition shall trigger a new permit with community hearings.
 5. Type 23 License (“incidental use” brewery to support for) on-site sales of beer.
 6. Type 47 License for full-line of alcohol, a change from current Type 41 for beer and wine only.
 7. All conditions of VNC and LA Alcohol Related Permit Conditions shall apply.
 8. All VNC and LA BMP conditions shall apply.
- Motion made by Jim Murez, Seconded by Jory Tremblay
 7-0, Passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jonathan Lonner, Tom Elliot, Justin Henry, 55 people in support
ACTION: JK/MK Motion approved unanimously (15-0-0)



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- C** **741 Milwood Ave, "Unnamed Project"** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC (chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

[EXHIBIT K]

ZA-2011-2968-ZAA & ENV-2011-2969-CE;
2-STORY ADDITION TO EXISTING SFD; DEMO 2-CAR GARAGE; CONSTRUCT NEW 2-STORY CARPORT; REC ROOM AND ROOF DECK. Staff, Sarah Dennison
 DEVIN DONNER, Applicant (310)860-0081 devin.donner@verizon.com

MOTION: The VNC approves the side yard setback ~~variance~~ request noting:
 Side Yard Setback of Single Family Dwelling: Continued maintenance of north side yard setback of 3'-8" and south side yard setback of 4'-0".
 Side Yard Setback Accessory Building: ~~To allow a 2' north side yard setback for new detached garage and a 2' side yard setback for new recreation room at second level above in lieu of 4' setback required.~~
 Because the house to the south is blocking access to light and air, and is not opposed by neighbor to the north.

And as condition of approval, the Front Fence *and Hedge* Height brought down to 42" while the gate and pilasters may remain over height as existing.

Motion made by Jake Kaufman, Seconded by Sarah Dennison
 7-0, passed.

Public Comment: Scott Mayers, Karen Wolfe, Sue Kaplan, David Ewing

ACTION: JK/MK – Amendment to the motion to go 0' to 2' (10-2-1)

JD/HH – Amendment to strike language (10-0-3)

JP/BL – Amendment to make a 4' setback (9-0-4)

JK/BL – Motion is approved as amended (9-0-4)

- 9. New Business (10:20 -- 5 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]

- A** **Formation of Ad Hoc Election Committee (5 minutes)** Ivan Spiegel
parliamentarian@venicenc.org

MOTION: The VNC Board shall create an AdHoc Election Committee to administer the VNC Elections during the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year with the following Mission Statement: The VNC Election Committee shall be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the 2012-2013 VNC Elections including, but not limited to: development of election rules, setting the timetable for election events and deadlines, recruitment and orientation of candidates, coordination with Independent Election Administrator and DONE, and supervision of polling place and tabulation of ballots. The Committee shall expire one year from the date of creation.

ACTION: LL/JM – Motion approved unanimously.



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10. Venice Neighborhood Council Announcements

- **President**, Linda Lucks (President@Venicenc.org)
 - A** Report on VNC attendance at the Education & Neighborhoods Committee; Mayor's Budget Day, VNC Board acknowledged for 100% board participation in the Budget Survey
 - B.** Report on VNC Post Office Task Force meetings at offices of Senator Feinstein and Boxer to seek support to save the Post Office
 - B.** attendance at meeting with US Representative Henry Waxman
 - C.** Appointment of Chairs of the Ad Hoc Election Committee
 - D.** Assignment of Great Observation Wheel project to the Ad Hoc Visitor Impact Committee, Chair Amanda Seward; Representatives of Great Observation Wheel promoters confirmed to present at the April 18 VNC Board meeting.
- **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, (hippisley@earthlink.net)
- **Westside Alliance of Neighborhood Councils**- Mike Newhouse, President, Marc Saltzberg, VNC Representatives.

11. Treasurers Report (10:35PM - 10 minutes); Hugh Harrison(Treasurer@Venicenc.org) *[Discussion and possible action to approve financial statements and expenditures]* **[EXHIBIT L]**

A Attached are the report on expenditures for the period January 22, 2012, through February 21, 2012, and the itemized purchase card invoice.

ACTION: HH/KV – Motion approved unanimously.

B In April the Budget and Finance Committee of the LA City Council will be considering the scope of the election outreach encumbrance and reallocation of the 2011-2012 budget to be more in alignment with current needs and expectations. Suggestions are welcomed.

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

12. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction [10:45PM - 5 min, no more than 1 minute per person]

13. Adjourn (approx. 10:50 PM)



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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
Arts	Clark McCutchen, Cynthia Rogers		