



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Administrative Committee Agenda**

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room

658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Monday, April 09, 2012 at 7:00 PM**

**Note: (i) The Administrative Committee does not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda, postponed, referred to a specific committee for review and recommendation, treated as an announcement, or considered and resolved as a non-Board administrative matter. (ii) The Administrative Committee has the discretion to reorder consideration of matters on the agenda to accommodate stakeholders or for other reasons.**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**  
The meeting is dedicated to honor the recent marriage of Jessica Koslow, daughter of VNC Board member Ira Koslow to Dov Rudnick, son of Robin Lithgow and Tim Rudnick.
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**  
<http://venicenc.org/files/120312AdComMinutesDraft.pdf>
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**
- A **Approval of Mission Statement for proposed AdHoc Discussion Forum Committee**  
Joe Murphy [joedmurphy@ca.rr.com](mailto:joedmurphy@ca.rr.com)

**MOTION** : The VNC Administrative Committee approves the following Mission Statement for a proposed Ad Hoc Discussion Forum Committee: The Discussion Forum Committee shall provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the Standing Rule 20 VNC Vision Goals adopted by the Board on April 21, 2009.

- B **Consideration and approval of April 17, 2012 Proposed Board Agenda**
7. **Adjourn**



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## **Board of Officer Meeting Agenda** Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 Tuesday, April 17, 2012 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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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The public is requested to fill out a "**Speaker Card**" to address the Board on any Old or New Business item on the agenda and the Treasurer's Report. Comments from the public on these agenda items will be heard only when that item is being considered. Comments from the public on other agenda matters or on matters not appearing on the agenda but within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per speaker, unless modified by the presiding officer of the Board. No new speaker cards will be accepted once Public Comment has begun.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**  
Meeting called to order in memory of Peter Douglas, longtime executive Director and spirit of the California Coastal Commission and in celebration of the marriage of Jessica Koslow and Aron (Dov) Rudnick
2. **Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**  
[http://venicenc.org/files/120320BoardMinutes\\_Draft.pdf](http://venicenc.org/files/120320BoardMinutes_Draft.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. **Consent Calendar (7:20PM – 5 minutes)**  
*[No discussion or Public Comment. Items may be removed and it will go to the end of the agenda]*

- A **"Gateway to the Arts" Project** Cynthia Rogers on behalf of the Arts Committee  
[cynthia.rogers@veniceNC.org](mailto:cynthia.rogers@veniceNC.org)

**[EXHIBIT A]**

**MOTION:** In order to further the Venice Neighborhood Council's mission to support and maintain the artistic community of Venice, the VNC Board approves support, in principal, for a project proposed by Pacific Resident Theater to create an installation at or near the intersection of Venice Blvd. and Lincoln Blvd., tentatively entitled "Gateway to the Arts".



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The project will brand Venice Beach as an artistic community by way of welcoming visitors into the community with an artistic installation serving to beautify the area in and around Venice and Lincoln, a major thoroughfare into our community.

## 5. **Scheduled Announcements (7:25PM – minutes)**

*[No discussion or Public Comment]*

- A** **PATH** (People Assisting the Homeless) **(3 minutes)** Update on Councilman Rosendahl's Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel Roberts, [Joel.Roberts@epath.org](mailto:Joel.Roberts@epath.org)), Tomasz Babiszkiwicz ([tomaszb@epath.org](mailto: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.*
- B** **Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes)**: Lt. Paola Kreeft, Venice Beach Detail; Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing/Theresa Skinner/Gregg Jacobus, (310-622-3968; [25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org), [35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org), [31142@lapd.lacity.org](mailto: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.*
- C** **Presentation of Great Observation Wheel for Venice Beach (20 minutes)** Nigel Ward, Head of Global Site Development on behalf of Great City Attractions Global Limited, Brian Regan, LA City Recreation and Parks Department [nigel.ward@greatcityattractions.com](mailto:nigel.ward@greatcityattractions.com), [brian.regan@lacity.org](mailto:brian.regan@lacity.org)

Great City Attractions proposes to install a Great Observation Wheel, a temporary structure, on Windward Plaza, in cooperation with the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Dept. Great City Attractions has installed similar wheels in historic and environmentally sensitive urban environments around the world.

## **D** **Governmental Reports (10 Minutes)**

- **U.S. Congress Representative Janice Hahn**, Deputy Natalie Rodgers, ([Natalie.Rodgers@mail.house.gov](mailto:Natalie.Rodgers@mail.house.gov)) 310-831-1799
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas ([Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov)) 310-318-6994
- **State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler**, Representative, Stephanie Romero, [Stephanie.Romero@asm.gov](mailto: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](mailto:Joseph.Hari@lacity.org)) 310-479-3823
- **City Councilperson Bill Rosendahl**: Cecilia Castillo, Field Deputy (310-568-8772); ([Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org](mailto:Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)); Arturo Pina, District Director ([Arturo.Pina@lacity.org](mailto:Arturo.Pina@lacity.org))



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

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### 6. **Old Business (8:50 -- 20 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible Action]*

#### A **Election to fill Board Community Outreach Officer Seat (10 Minutes) [EXHIBIT B]**

Outreach Officer

Jeffrey Harris

Matt Kline ([matt.kline@Venicenc.org](mailto:matt.kline@Venicenc.org))

#### B **VNC Post Office Task Update** Amanda Seward, Chair, VNC Post Office Task Force

### 7. **Land Use and Planning Committee Motions (9:10 -- 90 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

#### A **522 Venice Blvd, "Unnamed Project"** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC ([chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)) **[EXHIBIT C]**

#### **ENV-2009-2489-EAF & VTT-70870**

#### **12 UNIT SMALL LOT SUBDIVISION WITH NEW CONSTRUCTION**

Staff, Sarah Dennison

Applicant, LEN JUDAKEN (310) 838-4818

**MOTION:** The VNC denies 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 Venice Specific Plan, 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 Venice Specific Plan.

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 Mild

Motion made by Sarah Dennison motion; Seconded by Jay Goldberg.

6-0, passed



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- B** **729 California Ave, "Unnamed Project"** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC ([chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org))

**AA-2011-3026-PMLA-SL-SPP & ENV-2011-3027-MND**  
**4 UNIT SMALL LOT SUBDIVISION WITH NEW CONSTRUCTION**

Staff, Robert Aronson  
Applicant., Bruce Nahid

**MOTION:** The VNC denies this project as proposed for the following reasons:

- 1) The project as designed does not create a high quality environment for all the residents.
- 2) The project does not contain an affordable unit as is required by the VCZSP.
- 3) The project has 4 units instead of the allowable 2 and are not proposing a 3 units where one is affordable as required by the VCZSP.
- 4) If the VCZSP allowed four units on this lot, it would require 9 parking spaces, including one guest parking space. The proposed project includes 8 parking spaces and no guest parking space.
- 5) The project violates the VCZSP because it does not comply with the density, parking and affordable housing requirements of the VCZSP.
- 6) The project also violates the VCZSP because it is not compatible in character with the density and mass of the neighborhood.
- 7) The project ignores the prevailing set back in the neighborhood as specified by the Small Lot Sub division guidelines.
- 8) The project does not mesh well with the existing neighborhood context
- 9) The project does not enhance the public realm.
- 10) Where there is a lot area that would allow the additional units 64% of the lots have applied for additional units resulting in the cumulative increase in density of 41%.

Motion was made by Jory Tremblay, Seconded by John Reed Passed 6-1

- 8. New Business (10:40 -- 65 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

- A** **Environmental Committee Recommendation on The Great Wheel project**

Barbara Lonsdale on behalf of the VNC Environmental Committee

[Barbara.Lonsdale@Venicenc.org](mailto:Barbara.Lonsdale@Venicenc.org)

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council opposes the concept of The Great Observation Wheel. If the wheel does come to Venice, we request the utilization of solar power as opposed to diesel generators. If the wheel does come to Venice, a full EIR on concerns about parking, pollution, traffic congestion and trash, and that there are regularly scheduled beach clean-ups in front of the Great Observation Wheel.

- B** **VNC Visitor Impact Ad-Hoc Committee** Amanda Seward and Matt Kline, Co-chairs, on behalf of the Visitor Impact Ad Hoc Committee



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**C**     **Resolution to Support Jones Settlement** Mike Chamness on behalf of Occupy Venice  
[yrwenla@yahoo.com](mailto:yrwenla@yahoo.com)     **[EXHIBIT D]**

**MOTION:** In the spirit of community and compassion for the plight of homeless people, the Venice Neighborhood Council rejects the recent interpretation offered by the City Attorney and the LAPD that purports to limit the scope of the Jones Settlement agreement to Skid Row. The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the plain meaning and intent of the Jones Settlement that permits homeless people to sleep on public sidewalks throughout the City of Los Angeles, including Venice. We ask that the LA City Attorney and the LAPD comply with the terms of the Jones settlement as it is written and refrain from ticketing or arresting people for violation of LAMC Section 41.18 so long as the settlement remains in effect.

**D**     **Venice Canals Maintenance and Repair** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee  
[mas\\_marina@yahoo.com](mailto:mas_marina@yahoo.com)     **[EXHIBIT E]**

**MOTION :** RESOLUTION REQUESTING CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO REPAIR HISTORIC VENICE CANALS PEDESTRIAN WALK BRIDGES

WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) approved the application of the Venice Canals Association (VCA) for Community Improvement Project (CIP) funding in the amount of \$1700 to retread the nine (9) Historic Venice Canals walk bridges with non-skid coating in the interest of public safety; and

WHEREAS, the VCA requested a report from the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering, Structural Engineering Division, on the overall condition of the bridges prior to the application of the non-skid coating and the Bureau of Engineering reported (report attached hereto as Exhibit D) that bridge repairs were required before any skid-coating work could be implemented. The VCA determined the cost of the required repairs detailed in the report would exceed the VCA's proposed CIP budget and therefore notified the VNC the Community Improvement Project could not be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Venice Canals Historic District was placed in the National Register of Historic Places in August 1982 and on August 2, 1982, the District was also declared Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument #270 by the City of Los Angeles and the nine walk bridges are included in the District, and

WHEREAS, the nine bridges are used by Venice stakeholders, residents of the City of Los Angeles, as well as the many tourists who also visit world-famous Venice Beach, and

WHEREAS , the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services has a duty to maintain the bridges because of their historic nature, utility to the community and attraction to visitors; and



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WHEREAS, the Venice Neighborhood Council Neighborhood Committee is concerned for the safety of residents, Venice stakeholders, and the many visitors to the Canals who must, of necessity, use the nine walk bridges to navigate the Canals by foot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services do the repairs as outlined in the report from the Bureau of Engineering, as well as any other repairs the Bureau of Street Services deems necessary for the safety and protection of the bridges and pedestrians who use them, including, but not limited to the resurfacing of the bridge treads with non-skid coating on all nine Canal walk bridges, and

This motion be forwarded to: Director Nazario Saucedo, LA Bureau of Street Services, LA City Council Member Bill Rosendahl, LA City Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, LA Convention and Tourist Board Vice President Patti MacJennett, and Ken Bernstein, LA Office of Historic Resources.

**E** **Formation of an Ad Hoc VNC Discussion Forum Committee** Joe Murphy  
[joedmurphy@ca.rr.com](mailto:joedmurphy@ca.rr.com)

**MOTION** : The VNC Board approves the formation of an Ad Hoc Discussion Forum Committee with the following Mission Statement as approved by the Administrative Committee: *The Discussion Forum Committee shall provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the Standing Rule 20 VNC Vision Goals adopted by the Board on April 21, 2009.* The Committee shall expire one year after the creation date or at the seating of a new Board, whichever is shorter.

**F** **Jumpstart UCLA Literacy Fair** - Ayla Stern on behalf of Jumpstart at UCLA  
[astern@college.ucla.edu](mailto:astern@college.ucla.edu)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board supports the Jumpstart UCLA Literacy Fair and shall include info in their electronic newsletter or other means of communication so that community members can benefit from this fun, family friendly resource fair.

**G** **Support: the Eco-LogicalART Project ReStore Youth Mural Program** Peter Schulberg; Director, the non-profit Eco-Logical ART Gallery [eco-la@sbcglobal.net](http://eco-la@sbcglobal.net)

Project ReStore is an environmentally responsible youth oriented public art mural program. ReStore starts with "eco" canvases made from recycled billboard vinyl (thrown into landfills by the ton monthly) The material is stretched onto hard panels measuring 4 x 8 feet. By putting modules together the system produces large (8 x 16 feet) easily installed exterior murals. A typical \$4000 NPG grant will allow for 4 murals to be displayed over a period of 12 months (3 additional months if within a LANI improvement zone) with the works changed out quarterly. 2 of the murals will be original works created by stakeholders



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from within the Venice NC. ReStore images will be bold, engaging and accessible. Many of the works will be "paint by number" simple so that school kids and community groups can create them with a good level of execution. The pieces can be produced over time or more spontaneously at street fairs, farmer's markets, art walks, or neighborhood outreach events. Install sites initially will be at public school campuses.

Once installed Project ReStore murals will add new energy to tired and seemingly forgotten streets. And in being created from within the community, neighborhood pride in and ownership of the imagery will result. From experience with youth public art installations in the past, Eco-LogicalART has also proven that the works also help to mitigate graffiti. Additionally the program also offers youth a positive--and legal way of expressing themselves visually.

For more info: [www.eco-logicalart.org](http://www.eco-logicalart.org) / <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRnFLzTB004>

**9. Treasurers Report (11:55 - 10 minutes);** Hugh Harrison([Treasurer@Venicenc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Venicenc.org))  
**[EXHIBIT F]**

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

**A MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period February 22, 2012, through March 21, 2012, and the itemized purchase card invoice.

**B Cutoff Date Of Allocated Funds**

**MOTION:** Whereas DONE has strict budgetary cut-offs, and as there is no authority to roll funds over to the next fiscal year except for election outreach, it is moved that any approved funds not spent by May 1, 2012, are subject to loss and reallocation for other expenses. 2011-2012 CIP funds must be spent by May 16. Budget Committee vote: 5-0-0

**C Public Safety Committee Mini Emergency Preparedness Expo** Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe/Daffodil Tyminski on behalf of the Public Safety Committee  
[Nicolas.Hippisley-Coxe@VeniceNC.org](mailto:Nicolas.Hippisley-Coxe@VeniceNC.org), [Daffodil.Tyminski@Venicenc.org](mailto:Daffodil.Tyminski@Venicenc.org)

**MOTION :** The Venice Neighborhood Council approves the sponsorship of a Mini Emergency Preparedness Expo on Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Venice Library and approves an expenditure of up to \$200 for the promotion and successful fulfillment of this highly beneficial local project.

**D Encumbrance Of Funds for VNC Elections** Brennan Lindner on behalf of the Outreach Committee [brennan.lindner@venicenc.org](mailto:brennan.lindner@venicenc.org)

**MOTION :** The Venice Neighborhood Council ("VNC") Outreach Committee recommends that the VNC encumber \$5,300 in funds for use in the upcoming VNC election as follows:





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- \$3,800 for the publication and circulation of a VNC newsletter devoted to the VNC election and the VNC election process;
- \$650 for the purchase of advertisements in the Argonaut, Free Venice Beachhead, Venice Patch, Venice Papparazzi, Open Venice, Abbot Kinney First Fridays, Oxford Triangle, Walk Street Association, President's Row Association; Yo! Venice!, Spirit of Venice, Wave Crest Neighbors, Park Avenue Neighbors, Open Venice, Abbot Kinney Festival, Google, or Facebook regarding the VNC election and the VNC election process;
- \$300 for the purchase of paper fliers from Sharp Dots to publicize the VNC election and the VNC election process;
- \$550 for other outreach purposes with respect to the VNC election, to be spent at the discretion of the VNC Outreach Committee, which may include online advertisements (e.g. Venice Patch, Yo! Venice!, etc.) regarding the VNC election and the VNC election process, posters publicizing the VNC election and the VNC election process to hang in businesses throughout Venice, or a vinyl banner to hang at the location of the VNC election stating that Neighborhood Council Elections are being held here.

Subsequently approved by the Budget Committee 5-0 April 3, 2012

## 10. VNC Announcements (11:45 --10 Minutes)

- **President:** Linda Lucks ([president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))  
A Schedule a May VNC Board Combo Retreat/BoardWeb Training :at The Canal Club or other Venice venue.  
B.Report on LA City Council Vote on 2011-2 Neighborhood Council Elections.
- **Vice President** Marc Saltzberg ([Vicepresident@Venicenc.org](mailto:Vicepresident@Venicenc.org))
- **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))
- **LA Dept of Water & Power/Memoranda of Understanding:** VNC Rep DeDe Audet ([daudet@ca.rr.com](mailto:daudet@ca.rr.com))
- **LAPD Community Police Advisory Board:** Daffodil Tyminski ([Daffodil.Tyminski@Venicenc.org](mailto:Daffodil.Tyminski@Venicenc.org)), Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe, ([hippisley@earthlink.net](mailto:hippisley@earthlink.net))
- **Westside Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, President, Marc Saltzberg , VNC Representatives.

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

## 11. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (12:05 - 5 min, no more than 1 minute per person]

## 12. Adjourn (approx. 12:10 AM)

### List of Venice Neighborhood Council Committees & Chairs – Volunteers Welcome

<b>Administrative</b>	Linda Lucks	<b>Santa Monica Airport</b>	Laura Silagi & Amanda Seward
<b>Neighborhood</b>	Marc Saltzberg	<b>Visitor Impact</b>	Amanda Seward, Matthew Kline
<b>Outreach</b> open		<b>Ocean Front Walk</b>	Ivonne Guzman
<b>Budget</b>	Hugh Harrison	<b>Public Safety</b>	Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe, Daffodil Tyminski
<b>Land Use and Planning</b>	Jake Kaufman	<b>Education</b>	Cindy Chambers,
<b>Rules &amp; Elections</b>	Ira Koslow	<b>Environment</b>	Barbara Lonsdale
<b>Arts</b>	Cynthia Rogers	<b>2012 VNC Elections</b>	Elizabeth Wright, Ivan Spiegel