



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Administrative Committee Agenda**

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room

658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Monday, August 13, 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**

Meeting dedicated to Councilman Bill Rosendahl:

**2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**

**3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**

<http://venicenc.org/files/120709AdComMinutes.pdf>

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

**5. Old Administrative Committee Business**

*[Discussion and possible action.]*

**A Review of LUPC Procedures**

Discussion and possible action regarding Land Use and Planning procedures including (but not limited to) notifying the VNC Board of "de minimis" decisions on land use issues and outreaching to stakeholders regarding upcoming items on LUPC agendas.

**6. New Administrative Committee Business**

*[Discussion and possible action.]*

**Consideration and approval of August 21, 2012 Proposed Board Agenda**

**7. Adjourn**



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## **DRAFT Board of Officer Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, August 21, 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 dedicated to Councilman Bill Rosendahl  
LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to attend Sept. VNC board meeting.
2. **Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**  
<http://venicenc.org/files/120717BoardMinutes.pdf>

**Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:15 -- 10 minutes)**  
*[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

4. **Consent Calendar (7:25PM – 5 minutes)**  
*[No discussion or Public Comment. Items may be removed and they will go to the end of the agenda]*
- A **Motion to send President's letter re: Venice Main Post Office** Jed Pauker on behalf of the Venice Post Office Task Force [Jed.pauker@venicenc.org](mailto:Jed.pauker@venicenc.org)

**MOTION :** The VNC Board approves the President's letter to Los Angeles City Planning Department and relevant entities regarding status of Venice Main Post Office.



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- B** **Requesting Public Access Language Be Included in the Historic Preservation Covenant for the VMPO** Mark Ryavec and Jim Smith on behalf of the Coalition to Save the Venice Post Office [VeniceStakeholders@ca.rr.com](mailto:VeniceStakeholders@ca.rr.com) **[EXHIBIT A]**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council calls upon the United States Postal Service and the City of Los Angeles to include in the preservation covenant the following language:

"The grantee hereby covenants on behalf of itself, its heirs, successors and assigns to allow members of the public to enter the structure for the purpose of viewing the foyer and the Edward Bieberman "Story of Venice" mural during usual business hours, e.g., 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday, excepting legal holidays and any days the foyer is closed for legally permitted repairs and/or restoration.

- 5. Old Business (7:30 - 15 Minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible Action]*
- A** **Venice Neighborhood Council Elections, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2012 (10 minutes)** Ivan Spiegel, Liz Wright, Matt Kline (10 minutes)
- B** **VNC Post Office Task Force Report (5 minutes)** Amanda Seward and Jed Pauker, co-chairs
- 6. Scheduled Reports (7:45PM – 25 minutes)**  
*[No discussion or Public Comment]*
- A** **PATH** (People Assisting the Homeless) **(5 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)**: Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing ([25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org)), Kristan Delatore [32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, [35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org), . *This report includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
- C** **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



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- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**; Joseph Hari, West Area Representative ([Joseph.Hari@lacity.org](mailto:Joseph.Hari@lacity.org)) 310-479-3823
- **Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors Department, Ken Foreman, Facilities and Property Maintenance Division Chief**, [KForeman@bh.lacounty.gov](mailto:KForeman@bh.lacounty.gov), 310.305.9559
- **City Councilmember 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))

**Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:10 - 5 minutes)**  
*[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

**7. New Business(8:15 45 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*

**A Label Genetically Engineered Food** Ken Eliezer on behalf of Label GMO [ke0@yahoo.com](mailto:ke0@yahoo.com)  
**[SEE GMO EXHIBIT]**

**MOTION** : The Venice Neighborhood Council, representing 30,000 stakeholders in Los Angeles, hereby supports Labeling Genetically Engineered food that is now Proposition 37, a California ballot initiative which, if approved by voters in November, will establish mandatory food labeling requirements for certain genetically engineered foods, and supports the resolution addressing the same now before the Los Angeles City Council.

We believe that consumers have a right to know what is in the food they feed their families and having that information available on the label helps people make informed choices.

**B Motion For LUPC** Sue Kaplan [sakaplan@ca.rr.com](mailto:sakaplan@ca.rr.com)

**MOTION** : The Board instructs that the Land Use And Planning Committee shall consider mass and scale, and character for an Applicant's proposed project, even when the proposed project is otherwise in compliance with the height, setback, and other requirements of the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan and the Los Angeles Municipal Codes.

To increase community awareness and transparency, members of the Neighborhood Committee and the VNC Board are asked to review projects on the CNC--to be distributed by LUPC -- to help LUPC identify projects that do not comply with the VCZSP.

**C PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR GRANTING RIGHT-OF-WAY ACCESS TO FREE MARKET INNOVATIONS** -[nickgarzilli@gmail.com](mailto:nickgarzilli@gmail.com) 310-729-6905  
[http://jPods.com/PerformanceStandard\\_1.html](http://jPods.com/PerformanceStandard_1.html)

**MOTION**: WHEREAS, Returning communication infrastructure to a free market in 1984 resulted in vast innovation, better service at lower costs and millions of jobs;  
 WHEREAS, Privately funded freight railroads average over 400 ton-miles per gallon efficiency;



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WHEREAS, Establishing performance standards based on economic work accomplished per unit of energy consumed may allow free market solutions that repeat communication infrastructure success in transportation infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment Study PB-244854 (1975) identified Automated Guideways and Personal Rapid Transit (PRT) networks as a solution to the 1973 Oil Embargo and the PRT network at Morgantown, WV has delivered 110 million oil-free, injury-free passenger-miles since starting service in 1975;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

Non-exclusive access to City rights-of-way will be granted to transportation systems providers meeting the following free market principles:

- (1) Privately funded construction, and
- (2) Privately operated without Federal subsidies, and
- (3) Exceed 120 passenger-miles per gallon, or equivalent efficiency, and
- (4) Exceed safety performance of transportation modes already approved for use.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Regulation of free market innovations shall be based on:

- (1) Transportation systems maintaining the safety, insurance, inspection practices consistent with the ASTM and theme park industry, and
- (2) Environmental approvals will be granted based on a ratio of energy consumed per passenger-mile of the innovation versus transport modes approved to operate in the rights-of-way, and
- (3) All taxes and fees assessed on the transport systems providers, passengers and cargo shall be limited to 5% of gross revenues and paid to the aggregate rights-of-way holders by transportation systems providers.

## 8. **Scheduled Announcements and Presentations (9:00PM – 20 minutes)**

*[No discussion or Public Comment]*

- A Brief Overview of the k9 connection Program (5 minutes)** Juliet Beynon, Project Director [juliet.beynon@k9connection.org](mailto:juliet.beynon@k9connection.org)  
K9 connection, empowering teens and rescuing shelter dogs since 2005, wants to take a more active role in the community.
- B Proposed Changes to the City's Public Campaign Finance System (5 minutes)** Katelyn Leenhouts, on behalf of Common Cause [kleenhout@gmail.com](mailto:kleenhout@gmail.com)  
Presentation on proposal to strengthen the City's matching funds program and incentivize local campaigning.
- C The Teen Project's New PAD in Venice (5 minutes)** Lauri Burns on behalf of The Teen Project, Inc. [lauri@theteenproject.com](mailto:lauri@theteenproject.com) [mariana.aguilar@venicenc.org](mailto:mariana.aguilar@venicenc.org)  
Presentation regarding The Teen Project's Venice PAD, which has recently opened in Venice, and the services it offers. A short description of the PAD is in **[Exhibit B]**



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**D** **2nd Annual Community Unity Sleep Out at Beyond Baroque (3 minutes)** Deborah LaShever on behalf of Occupy Venice is sponsoring, Venice Community Housing Corporation (VCHC) and other organizations are supporting [bohemianexchange@gmail.com](mailto:bohemianexchange@gmail.com) Please join us for the 2nd Annual Community Unity Sleep Out at Beyond Baroque August 25-26th beginning at 4pm on the 25th and ending around 10am on the 26th! We have wonderful daytime activities and an evening program on the 25th. Then a breakfast and gospel music the next morning. This event is put on by Occupy Venice for the community and is free! Everyone is welcome!

**9.** **LUPC Business (9:20 90 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*

**A** **739 California Ave; Small Lot Subdivision, 2 homes Re-present with Significant Changes to AA-2011-3026-PMLA-SL-SPP-CDP-MEL and ENV-2011-3027-MND**

Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the project based on the original project presented as a 4-unit small-lot subdivision and was changed in response to community feedback, and is now represented as a small lot subdivision for 2 lots with 1 single family unit on each parcel, both which are each have been shown in full compliance with the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.

LUPC Motion Made by Sarah Dennison, Seconded by Jay Goldberg. LUPC Passed Motion 7-0

Support files can be seen at [www.cityhood.org](http://www.cityhood.org) AND [www.Venicenc.org](http://www.Venicenc.org)

**B** **1621 S Crescent Place, DIR-2012-734-SPP-MEL & ENV-2012** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT C]**

**MOTION :** The VNC Board approves this project because it does meet Code and VCZDP requirements and is not asking for any variances or exceptions. While it raises concerns of character, mass, and scale of the walk street and is larger and different from surrounding homes, the Board supports the project as presented. Furthermore, the VNC suggests that the rooftop structure should slope downward towards the east facing neighbor.

Motion made by Jake, Seconded by Jim; LUPC Passed Motion 6-2

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- C** **1427 Abbot Kinney "Gjelina: New Case Filing for new CDP, DIR and CUB DIR-2012-552-SPP and ENV-2012-553-CE, Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)**

**MOTION:**

The VNC Board supports the project as presented, noting:

- Hours of Operation of M-Su - 6a to 1a
- CUB is a change from beer and wine to full alcohol, on-site sales only
- Seating Indoor 68 and Outdoor Patio 40
- Confirmation from the City that they determined the space has grandfathered parking of 6 BIZ, 20 other for Total of 26 spaces.
- Total Sq ft - 4775 and Total SFA of 1,140.
- No variance or exception granted from VCZSP
- All standard CUB and BMP conditions to apply
- All reasonable efforts should be made to create 3 new physical parking spaces and if shown to be infeasible, than in lieu fees may be paid within 1-year of Approval
- Plan Approval in 5 years or upon change of ownership.

Motion made by Sarah Dennison, seconded by John Reed; LUPC passed 7-0

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- D** **Hosteria: 512 E Rose Ave 90291; ENV-2012-534-CE; ZA-2012-533-CUB** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

**MOTION:** The VNC Board supports the project as presented, noting:

- All conditions imposed by WLPC and ZA for neighboring Cafe Gratitude, except quarterly meetings.
- No relief from parking requires from original entitlement of the building,
- 2750 sq ft total SFA
- 78 indoor and 58 patios seating
- 8a-12Midnight daily
- Type 47 full alcohol license
- Patio to close at 10p Sunday-Thursday, 11pm Friday and Saturday
- At least 20 bicycle racks on-site
- Permanent (iron) barriers 3ft high surrounding patio
- 31 spaces on-site and 90 minute validated parking with all sales; no relief from Parking per VCZSP
- Plan approval after 5 years or change of ownership and / or operator (Vittorio Viotti and Roberto Ivan)

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- E **Stakeholder Notification** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)  
**MOTION:** The VNC Board recognizes that the Land Use And Planning Committee is concerned by stakeholder statements that they are not being notified (by mail) of DIRs and therefore do not have a chance to appeal projects to the City. The Board recommends that neighbors should always have the right to appeal a case.  
Motion made by Jake, Seconded by Jim; LUPC Passed Motion 8-0
  
- 10. **Treasurers Report And Motions (10:50 -- 10 minutes);** Hugh Harrison  
([Treasurer@Venicenc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Venicenc.org)) [*Discussion and possible action*]
  
- A **MOTION:** The VNC Board approves the attached report on expenditures for the period July 1, 2012 through July 21, 2012, and the itemized purchase card invoice. **[EXHIBIT D]**
  
- B **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate \$100 from Copies, \$100 from Office Equipment, \$350 from Board Retreat and \$250 from General Operations in the currently approved budget and move that \$800 to the Staffing line item to assist the President and Chair of LUPC to produce timely letters, reports, and other paperwork.
  
- C **MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall allocate \$250 for sponsorship of the 2012 Congress of Neighborhoods to be held on September 22 at City Hall.
  
- 11. **VNC Announcements (11:00 -- 10 Minutes)**
  - **President:** Linda Lucks ([president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))  
Update on Zip Line Appeal  
LA County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas to attend Sept. VNC board meeting.  
Candidate Recruitment Reception- Thursday, August 30, Canal Club 6-8 p.m.  
VNC Board elections - Sunday, Oct. 28, Westminster School 10-5.
  - **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. [Chair@westsidecouncils.org](http://Chair@westsidecouncils.org), [VicePresident@Venicenc.org](mailto:VicePresident@Venicenc.org),

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





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**12. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction (11:10 -- 5 minutes), no more than 1 minute per person]**

**13. Adjourn (approx. 11:15)**

**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>	Matt Kline	<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, Karen Wolfe, Bob Yorgason
<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