



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Administrative Committee Agenda**

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room

658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Monday, September 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM**

(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. Note

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**  
<http://venicenc.org/files/120813AdComMinutes.pdf>
4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*
6. **New Administrative Committee Business**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*
- A **Changing October Board Meeting Date** Linda Lucks [PresidentVNC@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentVNC@gmail.com)

**MOTION** : Motion to discuss and possibly change the time and date of the October Board meeting from Oct. 16 to October 23 to avoid conflicting with the Vice Presidential debate which airs from 6-8 pm.

- B **Discuss length of, posting online, and missing exhibits** Kristopher Valentine  
[kristophervalentine@venicenc.org](mailto:kristophervalentine@venicenc.org)

- C **Mission Statement for proposed Mass, Scale and Character AdHoc Committee**  
Linda Lucks [PresidentVNC@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentVNC@gmail.com)

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Mass, Scale, and Character Adhoc Committee will study the application of requirements for new development in the Coastal Zone to be compatible with existing neighborhoods in mass, scale, and character as mandated by the VCZSP and related



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planning documents. It will meet with, and solicit input from residents of the Venice Coastal Zone, city officials, and other interested and relevant people in order to research standards and protocols by which these issues may be evaluated in new Coastal Development Projects in order to implement the intent and letter of the governing planning documents in the most fair and practical manner. The conclusions of this Committee will be reported directly to the Venice Neighborhood Council Board. The Committee shall automatically terminate after one year or the seating of a new VNC Board, whichever occurs first.

**D Consideration and approval of September 18, 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, September 18, 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)**
2. **Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**  
<http://venicenc.org/files/120821DraftBoardMinutes.pdf>
4. **Introduction of new interim Venice Librarian Rachel Binder (7:15PM -- 5 minutes)**

**Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:20 -- 10 minutes)**  
*[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

5. **Consent Calendar (7:30PM – 5 minutes)**  
*[No discussion or Public Comment. Items may be removed and they will go to the end of the agenda]*
- A **Ballona Wetlands Wildlife Friendly Restoration Alternative** Marcia Hanscom on behalf of Environment Committee [wetlandact@earthlink.net](mailto:wetlandact@earthlink.net)

*Whereas, the following facts about the Ballona Wetlands are indisputable:*

- *more than 600 acres of land were acquired in 2003/2004 by the State of California to be preserved;*
- *the public, for more than 30 years, worked to protect the Ballona Wetlands;*



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- *more than 95% of coastal wetlands ecosystems have been destroyed;*
- *\$139 million was spent to acquire the Ballona Wetlands, mostly from Wildlife Conservation bond funds, and therefore, the voters' intention – the purpose of **conserving wildlife** - must be adhered to above all else;*

*Whereas, the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve is a gem of nature on the Los Angeles coast which:*

- *includes habitats that are havens for birds flying to Los Angeles from as far away as Guatemala, the Amazon River, Idaho and the Arctic Circle;*
- *includes a rare remnant mosaic of seasonal ponds, salt pannes, wet meadows and associated adjacent upland habitats;*
- *includes abundant wildflowers and a high diversity of pollinators, as well as a rich diversity of native animals which are part of California's historical heritage;*
- *includes shelter and food for endangered and imperiled species at the Ballona Wetlands, including the Least Bell's Vireo, California Gnatcatcher, California Least Tern, Belding's Savannah Sparrow, White-tailed Kite, El Segundo Blue Butterfly and Lewis' Primrose;*

Now **THEREFORE**, The Venice Neighborhood Council Board supports:

- community-engaged restoration of the Ballona Wetlands based on the "Seven Guiding Principles for Rejuvenation of the Ballona Ecosystem" adopted by Sierra Club, Ballona Wetlands Land Trust, Ballona Ecosystem Education Project, Ballona Institute, Grassroots Coalition and Wetlands Defense Fund; (attached)
- the "Wildlife-friendly Restoration" alternative, as outlined by Ballona Institute; (attached)
- a fully transparent and engaged public process during any environmental review for any work or future management to be planned at the Ballona Wetlands; and
- public access to the Ballona Wetlands that is sensitive to the ecosystem;

FURTHERMORE, the Venice Neighborhood Council Board objects to:

- the "holding hostage" of Ballona Wetlands public access for a plan that is highly invasive and will bring a massive construction site, including significant traffic impacts, to the Westside community for years;
- a highly mechanized, bulldozer-driven plan that would disrupt the ecosystem and harm habitat for rare and endangered species; and
- disruption of the ecosystem and the recreation area (bicycle/walking path and rowing area) of the Ballona Creek channel by removal of the earthen levees. access to the Ballona Wetlands that is sensitive to the ecosystem.

**B** **Sponsorship of the 2nd Annual Venice Area Middle Schools Forum** Julia Morgan on behalf of the Education Committee

**MOTION** : The VNC agrees to co-sponsor a Venice Area Middle Schools Forum to be held on October 18, 2012 at Coeur D'Alene Elementary School. The forum provides an opportunity for



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local schools to showcase their unique programs and strengths, and allows parents to meet school leaders before making a middle school placement decision for their child. Passed 5-0-0

**6. Scheduled Announcements (7:35PM – 85 minutes)**

*[No discussion or Public Comment]*

**A VNC Elections Update/upcoming events (3 minutes)** VNC Elections Co-chair Ivan Spiegel

**B Neighborhood Council Congress -- September 22 from 7:45 am to 4:00 pm including mayoral candidate debate (2 minutes)** Ivan Spiegel, Marlene Savage - Congress Planning Committee

**C Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (45 minutes)** will address the Venice Neighborhood Council and it's stakeholders on county-wide issues that effect Venice.

**D 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 Babiszkievicz ([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.*

**E 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.*

**F 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
- **Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors Department, Ken Foreman, Facilities and Property Maintenance Divison 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))

**G Update on overall study for Westside Mobility Plan (10 minutes)** Fehr & Peers on behalf of Arellano Associates [ECruz@arellanoassociates.com](mailto:ECruz@arellanoassociates.com)

**Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (8:40 - 5 minutes)**  
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7. **Old Business (0 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*

8. **New Business (9:00 85 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*

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

**MOTION :** The Venice Neighborhood Council, believing that consumers have a right to know what is in their food, shall send a letter to the LA City Council in support of its decision to establish mandatory food labeling requirements for certain genetically engineered foods. This is now Proposition 37, a California ballot initiative.

B **1627 S CRESCENT PLACE; New Single Family Dwelling** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC  
[chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

**MOTION:** to support the project as presented (drawing dated 8-13-2012) noting:

1. The applicant reached out to community and made changes to suit many of the requests, included a more open and transparent design,
2. A 3 story SFD with attached garage with, no variance or exception to VCZSP (height, setback),
3. Fence and hedges to be per the LAMC (42"),
4. No rooftop structure or deck.

MOTION BY JAKE KAUFMAN, SECOND JAY GOLDBERG, Passed 7-1-0

C **3009 S SANBORN AVE; new SFD requesting variances; ENV-2012-1080-CE & ZA-2012-1079-ZAA; DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SFD AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 2;697 SQ FT SFD WITH 342 SQ FT GARAGE.** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC  
[chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED. GIVEN THE HARDSHIP OF THE CHALLENGING SIZE AND SHAPE OF LOT, THAT IT IS ON END OF RESIDENTIAL STREET FACING MOSTLY COMMERCIAL, HAS THE ACCEPTANCE BY ONLY ADJACENT NEIGHBOR (TO THE NORTH), THE LOTS TO WEST AND EAST ARE PARKING LOTS AND TO THE SOUTH IS A COMMERCIAL BUILDING. WE FEEL THE REQUESTED VARIANCES OF 10'6" SETBACK ON THE FRONT AND 6'0" ON THE REAR ARE ACCEPTABLE. NOTE THAT THE PROJECT IS REQUESTING NO OTHER VARIANCES OR EXCEPTIONS, HAS 2+ ON-SITE PARKING SPACES AND WILL HAVE AN IN-CODE 42" OR LESS FENCE.

MOTION MADE BY JAKE KAUFMAN, SECONDED BY MIA HERRON.

APPROVED 8-0



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- D** **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**  
[chairlupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chairlupc@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, then 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

- E** **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 subsequently changed in response to community feedback. It is now presented as a small lot subdivision for 2 lots with 1 single family unit on each parcel, both of which are 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

- F** **Support for Grayce Liu to become the permanent General Manager of DONE** Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LAANCC

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Deputy Mayor Torie Osborn recommending that they appoint Grayce Liu, currently an interim General Manager, as the new permanent General Manager of the Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment.

- G** **Creation of Mass, Scale, And Character Adhoc Committee** Linda Lucks, President

**MOTION:** The VNC Board shall create the Mass, Scale, and Character Adhoc Committee with the Mission Statement approved by the Administrative Committee.



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**9. Treasurers Report (10:25 -- 15 minutes);** Hugh Harrison ([Treasurer@Venicenc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Venicenc.org))  
*[Discussion and possible action]*  
**[EXHIBIT B]**

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

**B MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall request that Councilman Rosendahl submit a Council motion to instruct EmpowerLA to have expenses for the use of Westminster Elementary School during the 2011-2012 fiscal year that were not paid due to improper billing by LAUSD be paid from funds allocated for 2011-2012.

**C MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reallocate \$1,358.52 from Board Community Improvement Projects to cover the balance of the community improvement funds awarded for Beethoven Elementary School in the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

**10. VNC Announcements (10:40 -- 10 Minutes)**

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

**11. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction**  
[ 10:50 -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person]

**12. Adjourn (approx. 11:00)**

**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