



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Board of Officer Meeting Agenda Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium) 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291 Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 7:00 PM

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****ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA VOTED UNANIMOUSLY UNLESS NOTED****

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 5 minutes)**

PRESENT: LL, MS, JP, BL, SK, HH, JM, KV, JK, B Lond., CR, MK, KW, CC

ABSENT: DT, CM, MR, MA, IG, AS

Get well wishes for former board member, Challis MacPherson.

Congratulations to Venice Architect Isabelle Duvivier on being given a green award by the International Green Council for her Leed certified Venice home:

http://venice.patch.com/articles/venice-home-wins-greenest-house-in-the-us-award#comment_5483411

2. **Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:05PM – 5 minutes)**

<http://venicenc.org/files/121023BoardMinutes.pdf>

ACTION: Minutes approved unanimously (IK/JM)

3. **Recognition of 2010-2012 VNC Board Officers - Councilman Bill Rosendahl (7:10PM - 20 minutes)**

Introduction of previous VNC Presidents: Sheila Bernard, Suzanne Thompson, Dede Audet, Mike Newhouse (Tish Bedrosian - deceased).

4. **Swearing in of 2012-2014 VNC Board Officers - Councilman Bill Rosendahl (7:30PM - 10 minutes)**

ACTION: New VNC board is seated



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- 5. **Roll Call of New Board (7:40PM - 5 minutes)**
PRESENT: LL, MS, KV, HH, JK, HS, MK, TE, IK, SK, OK, AM, EM, ESW, MSo, MSI, CR, SG, TW, SA, BJ
- 6. **Approval of the Agenda (7:45PM – 5 minutes)**
ACTION: 8B & 8C moved to the consent calander (MS/IK)
Agenda approved unanimously (KV/SG 19-0-1)

Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:50PM --10 minutes)
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
Public Comment: Colleen Soro, Carolyn Rios, Steve Zimmer, Maxine Leral, Kelley Willis, Ari Ruiz

- 7. **New Board Administrative Business (8:00PM - 40 minutes)**
[NOTE: Certain items on this agenda are mandated by the VNC Bylaws or Standing Rules and may not be changed.] [Discussion and possible action]
- A **Selection of 4 Community Officers to the Administrative Committee** (nominations and selection of officers to serve on the VNC Administrative Committee chosen by the 14 Board Community Officers)- Ira Koslow, Chair Rules and Elections Committee
ACTION: IK, SK, TW, SA, ESW self-nominate.
IK (13 votes), TW (13), SK (12), SA (6) are appointed onto Ad Com.
- B **Open nominations for selection of Land Use Planning Committee members:** are due by the start of the VNC Board meeting on December 18, 2012. Applications received before the end of the AdCom meeting on December 10, 2012, will be posted on the VNC Web page. Applications received after that date will not be posted. **[See LUPC Application Exhibit]**
ACTION: LUPC nominations are opened.
- C **Open nominations for selection of Neighborhood Committee members:** Applications for Neighborhood Committees are due by the start of the VNC Board meeting on December 18, 2012. Applications received before the end of the AdCom meeting on December 10, 2012, will be posted on the VNC Web page. Applications received after that date will not be posted.
ACTION: Neighborhood Committee nominations are opened.
[See NC Application Exhibit]
- D **VNC Assignments:**
Committees: (board members serve on a minimum of one Standing Committee and to serve on and/or chair other committees. Committee Chairs will be selected at the December VNC Board meeting)
Logistics: Volunteer appointments for facility booking, Farmer’s Market set up, break down meetings; set up VNC sound system; provide Board meeting equipment and materials; agenda posting; timekeeper; etc.
Caterer: Daryl Barnett



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8. Consent Calendar (8:40PM – 5 minutes)

[No discussion or Public Comment. Items may be removed and they will go to the end of the agenda]

- A **Dept of Public Works & Responsibility for Milwood Walk Streets** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Neighborhood Committee marc.saltzberg@VeniceNC.org [EXHIBIT]

MOTION: Be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles officially designate the City's Department of Public Works to take responsibility for the Milwood Walk Street Neighborhood and so designate such responsibility on all City maps and documents, and

This resolution shall be sent to City of Los Angeles District 11 City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, the Los Angeles City Council, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and the Los Angeles Board of Public Works.

- B **Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC)/ LUPC Proposed Infrastructure Motions** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of WRAC marc.saltzberg@VeniceNC.org [EXHIBIT]

MOTION: The VNC recommends an immediate proper annual assessment of infrastructure be undertaken based upon accurate and up-to-date information, to:

- Determine present and future development carrying capacity of the Westside prior to the issuance of approvals/permits for upcoming projects.
- Balance long-term impacts on the environment and geopolitics
- Identify and establish funding sources for infrastructure upgrades, including directing payments from local sources to the local area instead of the City's general fund.

- C **Budget Performance Standards and Line Items for Venice Beach Park (10 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Neighborhood Committee and Budget and Finance Committee VicePresident@VeniceNC.org [EXHIBIT]

MOTION: Resolved, the Venice Neighborhood Council shall work with the City's Department of Recreations and Parks to develop Performance Based Budgeting Standards for Venice Beach Park and Budget Line Items that lead towards accomplishing those Performance Standards, and

Such Standards and Budget Line Items shall be provided to the Mayor of Los Angeles and the City Council of Los Angeles in time for incorporation into the 2013-2014 City Budget

- D **LUPC deMinimis Projects** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org



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[EXHIBIT LUPC DeMinimis Report]

MOTION: Motion to have President Lucks work with Chair of LUPC to create a template deMinimis letter for projects that are no longer actively at issue before the City. It shall include language to effect that the VNC Board recognizes that the following projects were previously considered deMinimis by LUPC and were sent forwarded to Los Angeles City without comment from the VNC.

ACTION: 8D removed from consent calendar (JK)
Item tabled (JK/IK)

- E** **Temporary renewal of Ad hoc Committees** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of Ad Com
VicePresident@VeniceNC.org

All existing Ad hoc Committees are hereby renewed for a period of one month

ACTION: 11B & 11C moved to the consent calendar (MS/IK)
8D removed from consent calendar (JK)
Consent Calendar has been approved unanimously (HH/SK)

- 9. Scheduled Announcements (8:45PM – 35 minutes)**
[No discussion or Public Comment]

- A** **The Great Venice Toy Drive (3 minutes)** Mariana Aguilar VNC_ToyDrive@VeniceNC.org

The Great Venice Toy Drive is a two part holiday event for Venice stakeholders. The first part is the actual toy drive. The VNC will collect new, unwrapped, non-violent toys at various locations in Venice. Then, on December 8, 2012, the VNC will give the toys away to local kids, during a fun-filled day for children at Oakwood Recreation Center.

Toys can be dropped off through December 6, 2012 at: (1) Abbot's Habit, 1401 Abbot Kinney Blvd.; (2) the VNC booth at the Venice Farmers' Market (Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.), intersection of Venice Blvd. and Venice Way; (3) The Cow's End, 34 Washington St.) and (4) the VNC's Board meeting on November 27, 2012 (7:00 p.m.), Westminster Elementary School, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd.

- B** **2012 Santa Monica-Venice Christmas Run (5 minutes)** Ashley Sanchez on behalf of Jive Live Entertainment ashley@jive-live.com

Notification about 2012 Santa Monica-Venice Christmas Run and street closures pertaining to race.

- C** **Final report from 2012 VNC Election Committee (5 minutes)** (Ivan Spiegel, Elizabeth Wright)



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- D Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing (25120@lapd.lacity.org), Kristan Delatori 32914@lapd.lacity.org ,Gregg Jacobus, 35162@lapd.lacity.org, Drake __ *This report includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*
- E PATH (People Assisting the Homeless) (5 minutes)** Update on Councilman Rosendahl’s Roadmap to Homes Program, Joel Roberts, Joel.Roberts@epath.org), Tomasz Babiszkiwicz (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.*
- F Government Reports (10 Minutes)**
 - **U.S. Congress Representative Henry Waxman**, Deputy Lisa.Pinto. (Lisa.Pinto@mail.house.gov)
 - **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas (Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov) 310-318-6994
 - **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford** , Representative,
 - **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, 213-974-3333
 - **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**; Paola Valdivia, West Area Representative (Paola.Valdivia@lacity.org) 310-479-3823
 - **Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors Department, Ken Foreman, Facilities and Property Maintenance Divison Chief**, KForeman@bh.lacounty.gov, 310.305.9559
 - **City Councilmember 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 (9:20 - 5 minutes)
[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]
Public Comment: Isabella Duvivic

10. LUPC (9:25 - 90 minutes); Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org

A 1647 S Crescent Place; "new Single Family Dwelling" Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org **[SEE STAFF REPORT]**

MOTION: The VNC Board supports the project as presented, per drawings dated 11/7/2012 noting:

- a. this single family dwelling is not requesting a variance or an exception;
- b. the applicant and architect reached out to their neighbors and the community, listened to their concerns and requests, and accommodated those requests for the home’s design, including mass, scale, articulation and sunlight impact;
- c. the applicant had formal support from immediate neighbors;
- d. the project complies with all codes within the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan;THE

Motion made by Jake Kaufman, seconded by John Reed PASSED LUPC BY 7-0



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- e. Off site sale of beer and wine only, no sales of alcohol under \$5 and no singles.

Motion made by Jake Kaufman, Seconded by Steve Traeger, PASSED 7-1

All documents are posted at

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=29517&UGP=Anonymous>

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Murez

ACTION: Motion is approved (JK/MS 19-0-1)

- D **1429 S. Abbot Kinney; "Gjelinis"; Change of Conditions/Seating** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC chair-lupc@venicenc.org **[SEE STAFF REPORT]**

MOTION : The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends supporting 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
- Seating Indoor 68 and Outdoor Patio 40
- Confirmation that the City has determined the space has grandfathered parking of 6 BIZ, 20 other; Total 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 apply
- The applicant shall provide all required parking either through grandfathered rights and/or by providing in-lieu stalls prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.
- Plan Approval in 5 years or upon change of ownership.

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

All documents are posted at

<http://www.cityhood.org/ReportCaseActivityDetail.cncx?CID=26443&UGP=Anonymous>

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Murez

ACTION: Motion is approved (JK/MS 17-1-2)

- 11. **New Business (10:55 10 minutes)**
[Discussion and possible action]

- A **Creation of ad hoc Communications Committee (5 minutes)** Helen Stotler, Communications Officer- Helen.Stotler@Venicenc.org

MOTION: The VNC Board approves the creation of an ad hoc Communications Committee with the following Mission Statement as amended and approved by the Administrative Committee (motion made by Marc Saltzberg, seconded by Cindy Chambers- passed 5-0-1)



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“The Ad Hoc Communications Committee will ensure accurate and timely communications with and information distribution to Venice stakeholders.”

ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (HS/KV)

- B** Support for BONC motions on Neighborhood Council funding (5 minutes) Linda Lucks, President@Venicenc.org; Ivan Spiegel, Parliamentarian@Venicenc.org

MOTION: The VNC Board supports the Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners’ motions to 1) increase the level of funding for DONE and 2) restore the yearly Neighborhood Council allocation to \$50,000.

ACTION: Placed and approved on consent calendar

- C** Support to delay a City Council vote to create of A City Valet Parking Operator Permit Program Program - CF 09-0206 Linda Lucks, President@Venicenc.org

[See City Valet Parking EXHIBITS]

Motion: The VNC Board requests that the City Council postpone a vote to establish a valet parking operator permit program until such time that the Venice Neighborhood Council has an opportunity to study the proposed ordinance and place on an agenda for a vote. The proposed ordinance will, when enacted, create guidelines, rules and regulations affecting all areas of the City with serious issues with valet parking. Having found out about said ordinance only last week, and learning that only the community of Hollywood was consulted in creating the draft ordinance, the VNC asks for a full Council vote not earlier than March, 2013.

ACTION: Placed and approved on consent calendar

- 12.** Treasurers Report (11:05PM -- 5 minutes); Hugh Harrison, (Treasurer@Venicenc.org) **[EXHIBIT]**
[Discussion and possible action]

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

ACTION: Motion approved (HH/IK 18-0-1)

- B** Sponsor request for 1st Annual Venice Sign Holiday Lighting (11:05AM - 5 minutes) Linda Lucks., (President@Venicenc.org), Matt Kline, Outreach@Venicenc.org

MOTION: The VNC shall become a \$100.00 sponsor for the 1st Annual Venice Sign Holiday Lighting Ceremony, joining with the Venice Chamber of Commerce and the Venice Beach Merchants Association on Friday, November 30 at Windward Plaza. The funds shall be taken from the general outreach line item in the VNC budget.

ACTION: Motion approved unanimously (HH/IK)



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13. VNC Announcements (11:15PM -- 10 Minutes)

- **President:** Linda Lucks (president@venicenc.org)
 - 500 turkeys were distributed at Vera Davis Youth and Family Center on Weds. Nov. 21, supported in part by the \$500. donation from the VNC.
 - December Board meeting: Tues. Dec. 18 - Special Guests, The Mark Twain Bell Ringers at 6:45
 - January, Board Meeting, Date Change to Tuesday, January 22, 2013Reminder: Great Venice Toy Drive on Dec. 8 at Oakwood Park!
- **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 Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, President, Marc Saltzberg , VNC Representatives. Chair@westsidecouncils.org, 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]

14. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction [11:25PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person]

15. Adjourn

ACTION: Meeting adjourned at 10:55PM (IK/MS)