



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Administrative Committee Agenda**

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room

658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Monday, January 14, 2013 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**
  2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**
  3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**
  4. **Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda**
  5. **Old Administrative Committee Business**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*  
*Timely receipt of LUPC materials for agenda and letter generations*
  6. **New Administrative Committee Business**  
*(Discussion and possible action.)*
- A** **Request for Administrative Committee Report** Kristopher Valentine  
[secretary@venicenc.org](mailto:secretary@venicenc.org)

**MOTION:** Neighborhood Committee to make a presentation at January's Board meeting.

- B** **Create a Policy Directing all Mello Act units be built in Venice** Linda Lucks  
[President@Venicenc.org](mailto:President@Venicenc.org)

**MOTION :** LUPC is directed to study and report to the Board on recent incidents of broken rules requiring new developments to replace low income housing in the Coastal Zone. The Council Office and LA Housing Department allowed \$1 million dollars due from a developer to build low income housing in Venice to be given to an outside Venice organization to build in Mar Vista. I seek a strong recommendation that all Venice units subject to the Mello law be built in Venice.



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## **C Weekly Eblast Organization**

The weekly Venice News eblasts are problematic for the Communications Officer. It is unclear who is responsible for organizing the material submitted from a variety of places and writing correct copy by Wednesday each week.

## **D Code of Civility**

**MOTION:** The Code of Civility shall be distributed to all committee members for signature.

## **7 Consideration and approval of January 22, 2013 Proposed Board Agenda**

## **8 Adjourn**



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

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, January 22, 2013 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)**

The meeting called to order in memory of Maude Pauker, Mother of Jed Pauker, former LUPC and VNC Board member.

**2. Approval of the Agenda (7:05PM – 5 minutes)**

**3. Approval of Outstanding Board minutes (7:10PM – 5 minutes)**

<http://venicenc.org/files/121218BoardMinutes.pdf>

**4. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (7:15PM --10 minutes)**

*[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*

**5. Consent Calendar (0 minutes)**

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

**6. New Business (Part 1) (7:25PM -- 45 minutes)**

**Winter Shelter Storage Project** (David Ewing [seriousbus@aol.com](mailto:seriousbus@aol.com))

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the CD 11 Winter Shelter Storage pilot program, a program to provide a short term storage option for personal property of homeless people who wish to access the winter shelter program. The VNC requests that CD 11 provide the community with a report on the outcome of the program within 60 days of its completion.



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**7. Scheduled Announcements (8:10PM – 50 minutes)**  
*[No discussion or Public Comment]*

**A. Volunteer for the Venice Homeless Count Wednesday, January 30, 2013**  
**8 p.m. – Midnight (5 minutes)** Timothy Sweeney on behalf of Venice Community Housing  
([gtsweeney@vchcorprg](mailto:gtsweeney@vchcorprg))

Every two years the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) coordinates a County-wide homeless count. This count is done as a sample; LAHSA does not release detailed numbers for specific areas such as Venice.

This year Venice Community Housing is organizing a Complete Count of Venice so that we'll be able to get real, current data on the homeless population in our community and in turn ensure that our services reflect the true needs of the most vulnerable among us. We need YOU to help us count! Here's how you can sign up @ [www.theycountwillyou.org](http://www.theycountwillyou.org)

1. Click on "Volunteer," then Create Account
2. Complete Personal Information section
3. Choose A Team: select Venice Counts
4. Choose An Area: select West Los Angeles
5. Choose A Site: select Venice Community Housing
6. Choose A Role: We need Counters and Volunteer Trainers

**B Public Safety - LAPD Report (10 minutes):** Senior Lead Officers Peggy Thusing ([25120@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25120@lapd.lacity.org)), Kristan Delatori [32914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32914@lapd.lacity.org), Gregg Jacobus, [35162@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:35162@lapd.lacity.org). Lt. Paola Kreeft, Beach Detail([lapdpaola.kreefft@gmail.com](mailto:lapdpaola.kreefft@gmail.com)) *This report includes a monthly Venice crime report and updates on law enforcement issues in Venice.*

**C 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 (from Venice) as well as the numbers of people in process.*

**D Oxford Retention Basin Multi-Use Enhancement Project (5 minutes)** Joshua Svensson on behalf of LA County Department of Public Works [JSVENSSON@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:JSVENSSON@dpw.lacounty.gov)

Oxford Retention Basin Multi-Use Enhancement Project: Improve flood control function, water quality, habitat, aesthetics, and recreation opportunities of Oxford Basin. Work will include regrading, a circulation berm, replacement of non-native vegetation with native species, a decomposed granite walking path around the basin, and less obstructive fencing. There are several renderings of the project at the Marina del Rey Projects website as well as the following



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brief project description on the projects website homepage; see

<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/pdd/marinadelrey/index.cfm?ID=3>

and <http://marinadelrey.lacounty.gov/BandH/DPWOxBasPres032609.pdf>

**E Mayor's Budget Survey (5 minutes)** (Hugh Harrison, Budget Rep)

The 2013 Mayor's Budget Survey will be released before the end of this month, with an end date of the end of February. All board members and stakeholders are requested to participate.

**F VNC Monthly Committee Report: Neighborhood Committee (5 minutes)**

*[A monthly report on one of the VNC's standing or Ad Hoc committees.]*

This month's report will be from the Neighborhood Committee.

**G Report on Status of LAX Airport Modernization (5 minutes)** Marc Saltzberg

[mas\\_marina@yahoo.com](mailto:mas_marina@yahoo.com)

Report to be presented by Denny Schneider, a member of the Westchester Neighborhood Council and President of ARSAC (Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion).

**H Governmental Reports (10 Minutes)**

- **U.S. Congress Representative Henry Waxman**, Deputy Lisa.Pinto., [Lisa.Pinto@mail.house.gov](mailto:Lisa.Pinto@mail.house.gov)
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Veronica Zendejas ([Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Veronica.Zendejas@sen.ca.gov)) 310-318-6994
- **State Assemblyperson Steve Bradford**, Representative,
- **LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky**, Flora Gill Krisiloff 213-974-3333
- **Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa**; Paola Valdivia, West Area Representative ([Paola.Valdivia@lacity.org](mailto:Paola.Valdivia@lacity.org)) 310-479-3823
- **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))

**8. Old Business (9:00 - 35 minutes)**

**A Ballona Wetlands Wildlife Friendly Restoration Alternative (30 minutes)** Marcia Hanscom on behalf of Environment Committee [wetlandact@earthlink.net](mailto:wetlandact@earthlink.net)

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Board is opposed to the Army Corps of Engineers' announced plan for the Ballona Wetlands that is highly invasive and will bring a massive construction site, including significant traffic impacts, to the Westside community for years; a mechanized, bulldozer-driven landscape alteration 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. The VNC Board also objects to public access being severely limited for the past 9 years and essentially being held hostage for this plan to be completed.



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Instead, the VNC Board supports the "Wildlife Friendly Restoration Alternative" (linked) community-engaged restoration, based on the "Seven Guiding Principles for Rejuvenation of the Ballona Ecosystem."

<http://venicenc.org/files/Support%20the%20WildlifeBALLONA.pdf>

<http://venicenc.org/files/7%20Guiding%20Principles%20Ballona%20Ecosystems%20Rejuvenation.pdf>

- B** **Reconsideration Of Vote To Approve Mural Ordinance (5 minutes)** Emily Winters on behalf of Venice Arts Council [emilywinters@verizon.net](mailto:emilywinters@verizon.net)

**MOTION** : The Venice Neighborhood Council shall reconsider its vote to accept the LA City Mural Ordinance and postpone voting until the final Mural Ordinance has been finalized.

*(NOTE: This motion must be made by a Board member who voted in favor of the original motion last month)*

- 9. Announcements & Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (9:35 - 5 minutes)**  
*[5 speakers, no more than 1 minute per person – no Board member announcements permitted]*
- 10. LUPC (9:40 - 60 minutes);** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

**A** PLACE HOLDER

- 11. New Business (Part 2) (10:40 80 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

- A** **Provide public access to the USPS-owned Edward Biberman mural (30 minutes)** Greta Cobar on behalf of Free Venice Beachhead, [gretathegreat99@aim.com](mailto:gretathegreat99@aim.com)

**MOTION:** The Edward Biberman 1941 "Story of Venice" mural featuring Abbot Kinney, housed in the 1939 Work Projects Administration building that previously was the Venice Post Office, was removed from the wall by the building's new owner, Joel Silver. The mural is still the property of the USPS (United States Postal Service). The covenant between Joel Silver and the USPS concerning the mural states that the mural will be available for public viewing six days out of the year by appointment only. This contradicts the community's input to the USPS and it defies the purpose of a mural, which is made to be available to the public. The building will be under renovation for the next two years and the mural will not be available to the public during that time period. In order to provide public access to this public work of art, the mural needs to be moved to a public location, such as the Abbot Kinney library.



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**B** **Trash Cleanup Motion for Venice Neighborhood Council (15 minutes)** Stewart Oscars  
[stewart.oscars@gmail.com](mailto:stewart.oscars@gmail.com)

**MOTION** : Whereas Venice has a problem of large amounts of trash/litter deposited on our streets, alleys, and sidewalks; and

Whereas Venice lacks necessary trash receptacles on our streets; and

Whereas the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) has a budget of some \$45,000.00 to use for improving Venice; and

Whereas this trash problem cuts across all neighborhoods in Venice and is the result of thoughtless behaviors; and

Whereas the VNC has both a Neighborhood Committee and an Education Committee;

The VNC Board shall empower the Neighborhood Committee to work with governmental entities and private entities to secure proper waste receptacles for Venice's major streets; and empowers the Education Committee to create advertising that educates the public in the benefits of maintaining a clean community; and to use whatever funds needed to expedite these efforts.

**C** **VNC Board Ethical Issues (20 minutes)** Richard Duncan [rickforvnc@gmail.com](mailto:rickforvnc@gmail.com)

**MOTION** : That the VNC Board, at the January 2013 board meeting should determine if it is appropriate for a board member to negotiate with Venice and Los Angeles city employees regarding items that impact the Venice community without the VNC board authorization.

**D** **Resolution on Proposed \$3 Billion Street Repair Bond Measure (10 minutes)** (Ivan Spiegel on behalf of LANCC) [parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org)

**MOTION : RE: City Council File 13-1300-S1**

Whereas the City Council believes that the Neighborhood Councils do not inform their stakeholders about Council initiatives;

Whereas the City Council requests better participation in city issues by Neighborhood Councils;

Whereas Councilmember Parks held hearings at Education and Neighborhoods Committee regarding Neighborhood Council participation in city issues;

Whereas yet again, the City Council, without any warning or advance notice, introduced a motion on January 4, 2013 to place a three billion dollar bond measure on the May ballot with a vote scheduled to be taken on January 10, 2013, thereby again silencing their stakeholders' voice in this matter;

Whereas the Venice Neighborhood Council has already adopted and transmitted a position to the City Council asking for 60 days time for Neighborhood Councils to be able to weigh in on issues;



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The VNC Board instructs the President to immediately transmit the VNC's opposition to the City Council action precluding the Neighborhood Councils and their stakeholders from weighing in on the ballot measure.

Furthermore, the VNC demands that a City Council decision on this item be postponed for 60 days until the 95 certified Neighborhood Councils have an opportunity to hold a Brown Act compliant meeting and report back to the Councilmembers with their stakeholders' views.

Adopted unanimously by LANCC January 5, 2013

- E** **Sponsor Santa Monica Airport Committee Joint Forum with MVCC (5 minutes)** Abigail Myers on behalf of VNC Santa Monica Airport AdHoc Committee [abigail.myers@venicenc.org](mailto:abigail.myers@venicenc.org) 310-487-7797

**MOTION** : The VNC shall sponsor a joint forum on May 4, 2013 with the Mar Vista Community Council on the issues surrounding Santa Monica Airport and the expiring lease agreement between Santa Monica and the FAA in 2015.

- 11. Treasurers Report (12:00AM -- 15 minutes);** Hugh Harrison ([Treasurer@Venicenc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Venicenc.org)) **[EXHIBIT B]**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

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

- B** **Speed Monitoring Radar Signs on Pacific Blvd** Marc Saltzberg on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee [VicePresident@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VicePresident@VeniceNC.org)

**MOTION** : Whereas, it is the responsibility of the City of Los Angeles to provide for the safe flow of traffic on city streets, roads and boulevards and,

Whereas, traffic on Pacific Blvd in Venice does not flow safely as evidenced by the high number of accidents between Navy Street and Washington Blvd (see Appendix 1) and,

Whereas, a comprehensive traffic study has not been completed for Pacific Blvd but excessive vehicle speed has been a factor in many of the reported accidents and,

Whereas, Speed Monitoring Radar Signs are known to have a "calming" effect on traffic;

The Venice Neighborhood Council agrees to set aside \$500 of Community Improvement funds for installation of Speed Monitoring Radar Signs to demonstrate its commitment to improve traffic safety in the Pacific and Brooks area and asks Council District 11 and the Mayor's Office to find ways to provide the additional funding required to complete the installation of Speed Monitoring Radar Signs on Pacific in the vicinity of Brooks Ave. When these funds are





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identified the VNC asks CD11 to introduce a City Council Motion asking the City to install the Speed Monitoring Equipment on an expedited schedule.

This resolution shall be sent to Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles Council District 11, the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

- C ANNOUNCEMENT:** In January, the Budget Committee will be reviewing the 2012-2013 budget to see what re-allocations might be appropriate. If there are items you feel should be included in the budget and are not, please let the treasurer know before that meeting.

## 12. VNC Announcements (12:15AM -- 10 Minutes)

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

Mandatory Retreat - TBA in February.

Appointments: Ivan Spiegel to LAANC; Merhoosh Mojalalli and Marlene Savage WRAC LUPC; Hugh Harrison, City Attorney VNC Legal Liaison; Erin Ward-Sullivan, Business/Chamber Liaison

The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners seeking volunteers to review the City Plan for Neighborhood Councils

Environment Committee seeking co-chair and members

Visitor Impact Committee in formation.

- 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))
- Westside Regional 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),

## 13. 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

**(12:25 PM -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person)**

## 15. Adjourn (approx. 1:00 AM)

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

<b>Administrative</b>	Linda Lucks	<b>Santa Monica Airport</b>	Abigail Myers, Laura Silagi
<b>Neighborhood Outreach</b>	Marc Saltzberg	<b>Visitor Impact</b>	<b>in formation</b>
<b>Budget</b>	Matt Kline	<b>Ocean Front Walk</b>	Tom Elliot
<b>Land Use and Planning</b>	Hugh Harrison	<b>Public Safety</b>	Sevan Gerard
<b>Education</b>	Jake Kaufman	<b>Environment</b>	<b>in formation</b>
<b>Communications</b>	Bud Jacobs	<b>Rules &amp; Elections</b>	Ira Koslow
	Helen Stotler	<b>Arts</b>	Cynthia Rogers, Eduardo Manilla