



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Administrative Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT**

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room  
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291  
Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:00 PM

**NOTE: All ACTIONS TAKEN, unless otherwise noted, were decided by unanimous vote and the chair abstained.**

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Present:** Linda Lucks, Chair; Hugh Harrison; Ira Koslow; Joe Murphy; Cindy Chambers.  
**Absent:** Daffodil Tyminski; Kristopher Valentine.

### 2. Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Approved

### 3. Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes

November 7, 2011 (<http://venicenc.org/files/111107VNCAAdministrativeCommitteeMinutes.pdf>)

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Approved

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

### 5. Old Administrative Committee Business

### 6. New Administrative Committee Business

**A Consideration and approval of December 20, 2011 Proposed Board Agenda**

**B Addition of Committee Reports to the Main Agenda** Linda Lucks

Rationale: Committees are doing great work and no one knows if they're not on the committee. I am adding an update under president's report (until new VP) for committees to keep stakeholders notified and to serve as recruitment too.

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Postponed to January 9, 2012 Administrative Committee Meeting

### 7. Adjourn



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## **Board of Officers Meeting Agenda**

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

Tuesday, December 20, 2011 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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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call (7:00PM – 15 minutes)**  
Annual Holiday performance by the Mark Twain Middle School Bell Ringers.
2. **Approval of the Agenda (7:15PM– 5 minutes)**
3. **Approval of Outstanding Board Minutes (7:20PM– 5 minutes)**  
November 15, 2011 (<http://venicenc.org/files/111115BoardAgenda.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. **Public Safety- LAPD Report (7:30PM – 5 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))
5. **Scheduled Announcements (7:35PM – 40 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)), Executive Director, Tomasz Babiszewicz ([tomaszb@epath.org](mailto:tomaszb@epath.org))  
**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Placed on Board Agenda
  - B **American Cancer Society Inaugural Relay For Life of Venice 2012** Nicole Padilla on behalf of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Venice ([nicole.padilla@cancer.org](mailto:nicole.padilla@cancer.org))  
  
The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is coming to the Venice community in spring/summer of 2012. Relay For Life is a unique, challenging, and fun way to raise funds for the American Cancer Society in a community, large or small – and raise awareness of cancer and the work of the American Cancer Society. Relay For Life is a celebration. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the Inaugural Relay For Life of Venice can contact Nicole Padilla at [213-368-8529](tel:213-368-8529) or email [nicole.padilla@cancer.org](mailto:nicole.padilla@cancer.org). For more information: [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org)  
**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Removed. Advise to present during Public Comment
  - C **Presentation on Issues with Smart Parking Meters** Liz Barris ([elizabethbarris@aol.com](mailto:elizabethbarris@aol.com))



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**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Removed. Advise to present during Public Comment**

## 6. Governmental Reports (8:15PM - 10 minutes)

- **U.S. Congressional Representative**, District Director, Elise Swanson, ([Elise.Swanson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Elise.Swanson@mail.house.gov)) 310-831-1799
- **State Senator Ted Lieu**, Representative, Jennifer Zivkovic ([jennifer.zivkovic.senate@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.zivkovic.senate@gmail.com)) 310-615-3516
- **State Assemblyperson Betsy Butler**, Representative, Stephanie Romero ([Stephanie.Romero@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Romero@asm.ca.gov)) 310-615-3515
- **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 ([Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org](mailto:Cecilia.castillo@lacity.org)) 310-568-8772; Arturo Pina, District Director ([Arturo.Pina@lacity.org](mailto:Arturo.Pina@lacity.org))

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Add info re: Janice Hahn**

## 7. Consent Calendar (8:25PM – 5 minutes)

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

- A** **Request for Legal Opinion on "Opt-Out" Of Parks Advertising** Dennis Hathaway ([venicedd@gmail.com](mailto:venicedd@gmail.com)) **[EXHIBIT A]**

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the City Attorney render an opinion as to the legal issues involved with Councilwoman Jan Perry's proposal that individual communities be allowed to "opt out" of allowing commercial advertising in parks and public facilities in order to raise revenue for park and facility maintenance and programs. Said opinion should include, but not be limited to, such issues as legal ramifications for the proposed citywide sign ordinance and the 2002 ban on new off-site advertising signs, and the methods by which a city ordinance enabling an "opt-out" provision could be implemented.

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Not placed on board agenda**

- B** **Motion to encourage Venetians to Shop Locally** Linda Lucks ([PresidentVNC@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentVNC@gmail.com)) **[EXHIBIT B]**

**MOTION:** Be it resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that stakeholders make every effort to purchase goods and services in Venice as possible and at the minimum, within City of Los Angeles boundaries:

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Consent Calendar of board agenda as amended to strike Exhibit B**

- C** **Emergency Safety and Shelter Task Force Letter** Linda Lucks on behalf of the Emergency Safety and Shelter Task Force ([PresidentVNC@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentVNC@gmail.com)) **[EXHIBIT C]**

**MOTION:** The VNC shall send a letter of support and thanks to Councilman Rosendahl, County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LAPD Chief Charlie Beck, LA City Attorney Carmen Trutanich, LAPD Captain Jon Peters, Los Angeles Housing Services Authority, for focusing on the specific needs of the Ocean Front Walk Area of Venice in an effort to resolve ongoing issues:

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on Consent Calendar of board agenda**



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## 8. New Business (8:35PM – 70 minutes)

*[Discussion and possible action]*

### A VNC Post Office Task Force Seeks Historic Status for Post Office

Amanda Seward on VNC Post Office Task Force

**MOTION:** VNC Post Office Task Force seeks authority to prepare and submit **to the VNC** a National Register nomination of the Venice Post Office for listing of this resource on the National Register of Historic Resources.

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Moved to Scheduled Announcement section of board agenda as amended

### B VNC Post Office Task Force Seeks Historic Status for Post Office

Amanda Seward on VNC Post Office Task Force

[EXHIBIT D]

**MOTION:** The administrative record of the U.S. Postal Service decision to move postal services from the historic Venice Post Office to the Annex states that the VNC has been supportive of the move. The VNC Task Force seeks to have the VNC correct this misconception by resending its July 29, 2011 letter specifying its objections to the move and stating this position as the official position of the VNC.

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Placed on board agenda

### C Support for a letter to Improve OFW lighting and safety

Daniel Samakow VNC Board and Public Safety Committee ([Dansinvenice@aol.com](mailto:Dansinvenice@aol.com))

[EXHIBIT E]

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council Supports improving and increasing OFW lighting and safety by sending a letter to Councilman Bill Rosendahl and Captain Jon Peters, LAPD.

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Placed on Consent Calendar section of board agenda

### D Approval Of DONE Report on Regional Grievance Procedures

Linda Lucks, Ivan Spiegel ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))

[EXHIBIT F]

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to the City Council, BONC, and DONE endorsing the DONE report on Regional Grievance Procedures.

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Placed on board agenda

### E Approval Of DONE Report on Training Linda Lucks, Ivan Spiegel ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))

[EXHIBIT G]

**MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall send a letter to the City Council, BONC, and DONE endorsing concepts contained in the DONE report on Training.

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Placed on board agenda.

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

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

## 9. Old Business (8:35PM – 70 minutes) *[Discussion and possible action]*

### A Selection to fill the vacant Vice President position (15 Minutes) [EXHIBIT H]

Candidates:

Marc Saltzberg

Matthew Schildkret

Jeffrey Solomon (withdrawn)



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**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Placed on board agenda

**B** <Insert REC motion here>

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Placed on board agenda

**C** **Letter to City Clerk requesting election costs** Linda Lucks (President@VeniceNC.org) [EXHIBIT I]

**Motion:** The Venice Neighborhood Council has participated in the Election Survey as presented by the City Clerk, however, the VNC has great reservations as to unknown costs associated with any of the choices and has concerns about insuring the integrity of elections regardless of the methodology used. Without knowledge of these costs, NC's are unable to make informed choices. As the City is again considering cuts from 6-12% of NC budgets, this information is critical.

The VNC requests that the City Clerk itemize the specific dollar amounts to be attached to each possible election method and to resubmit the survey for Neighborhood Council input prior to publishing any survey results.

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Placed on board agenda

**10. New Business (8:35PM – 70 minutes)**

*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A** **Rankings for 2012 Community Improvement Projects** Ivan Spiegel on behalf of the Neighborhood Committee ([parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org))

Announcement of 2012 Community Improvement Project rankings.

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Moved to Scheduled Announcement section of board agenda

**B** **Lincoln Fine Wines; ABC LICENSE TYPE 42 FOR WINE TASTING** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC ([chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)) [EXHIBIT J]

**MOTION:** Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.24.W.1, the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the addition of a California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Type 42 license or on-site wine tasting in the [Q]C2-1-CDO zone, in conjunction with an existing permitted 1,833 square foot retail liquor store selling a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption with a Type 21 ABC license noting:

- a. Hours of Operation shall be unchanged at 10a to 11p
- b. Meets all VCZSP parking conditions, no change in parking (5 off-street spots on-site retained).
- c. Full list of 30 conditions in Appendix.

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Placed on board agenda

**C** **To make the "Oakwood Park Picnic Table Area a Historic Landmark**  
Rick Selan, Amanda Seward ([whistleblower@rickselan.com](mailto:whistleblower@rickselan.com))

The Oakwood Park Picnic Tables Area has for almost thirty years served as "a public meeting location for a significant number of Oakwood residents and "Friends of Oakwood".

Those who have been Venice residents since birth and those who have moved into Venice" utilize this area for communications as well as an area to improve the quality of life for those living in the Venice Community.





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If the VNC and LA City Council approve this Landmark, a refurbishing and restoration of these "same benches and tables" will occur by those who use the area as well as "Friends of Venice". All cost to refurbish this area will come from donated funds/ materials from various Venice business as well as any funding that might be provided through unused Quimby Funds. The labor will be donated by those who use this area as well as "Friends of Venice".

I move that the VNC recommend to the LA City Council through Factual VNC Member Amanda Seward to approve the current Oakwood Park Picnic Area be turned into a Venice Historic Landmark.

On November 1, 2011 at the Park Board Meeting, over 60 community members were on hand to support the Picnic Tables Remaining Where They Have Been For A Quarter of A Century. No one at this public meeting supported Mr. Becker's idea to remove the benches, not even Mr. Becker if he attended.

This advocate proposes that VNC, under factual member Amanda Seward, begin the process for the "picnic tables" to become a Historical Landmark

This "mean spirit" intensified when Oakwood Park was turned over to the San Fernando Valley and taken out of the Westside. Valley Administrator Charles Singer and his deputy Marc Israel denied intervention with the Oakwood Community as was directed by Mr. Singer's Superiors. Mr. Singer still denies intervention even under the facilitation of LA Human Relations.

Charles Singer, Liska Mendoza and former Appointed PAB President Cameron Rodriguez were caught creating chaos through their ability to libel and slander local community in a series of "less than the truth" e-mails and phone calls.

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Not placed on board agenda**

- D Request Support to send a letter LAUSD maintain current Adult Division funding, accept public input and provide transparency regarding Career Tech Ed programs** Cindy Chambers, VNC Education Committee Chair, ([cindy.chambers@venicenc.org](mailto:cindy.chambers@venicenc.org)) **[EXHIBIT K]**

**MOTION:** Whereas, adult education serves as a vital job training, enhancement and networking resource within all our communities especially during an economic downturn;

It is hereby resolved the VNC write and send a letter to the appropriate decision makers at the LAUSD including Ed Morris, Steve Zimmer and the LAUSD Board of Education; Mayor Villaraigosa and the Los City Council stating that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) opposes the Los Angeles Unified School District's (LAUSD) plan to terminate the Adult Education Program. The VNC requests that LAUSD maintain the current Adult Education Program; and, that LAUSD host public forums throughout the City to gain vital community input and provide transparency of all discussions and decisions relating to this and all education issues.

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN Placed on board agenda**



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## 11. VNC Announcements (9:45PM - 10 Minutes)

- **President:** Linda Lucks ([president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))
  - VNC Committee and Task Force Updates: 1 minute each
  - **Department of Transportation- Lincoln Blvd. Trolley Survey**  
<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e5cvxr3qgvcepy8y/a0130gvtrfjtj/greeting>
  - **Fill out the Election Survey**  
[http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC\\_Board\\_Election\\_Alternatives\\_Survey\\_10.26.pdf](http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC_Board_Election_Alternatives_Survey_10.26.pdf)
- **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, Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe, ([hippisley@earthlink.net](mailto:hippisley@earthlink.net))
- **Westside Alliance of Neighborhood Councils-** Mike Newhouse, President, VNC Rep.

## 12. Treasurers Report (9:55PM - 10 minutes); Hugh Harrison

[EXHIBIT L]

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

- A MOTION:** That the VNC approve the report on expenditures for the period October 22 through November 21, 2011, and the itemized purchase card invoice.
- B MOTION:** The Venice Neighborhood Council resolves that Community Improvement Projects shall continue to be paid through the use of City issued P-cards and the Demand Warrant system. Vote 3-0-0 by the Budget Committee

**ADCOM ACTION TAKEN** Placed on board agenda.

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

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

## 13. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction.

[5 min, no more than 1 minute per person]

## 14. Adjourn (approx. 10:25PM)

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

Administrative	Linda Lucks	Santa Monica Airport	Laura Silagi & Amanda Seward
Neighborhood		Visitor Impact	Amanda Seward
Outreach	Marc Saltzberg	Ocean Front Walk	Ivonne Guzman
Budget	Hugh Harrison	Public Safety	Nicolas Hippisley-Coxe Daffodil Tyminski
Land Use and Planning	Jake Kaufman	Education	<b>Cindy Chambers</b>
Rules & Elections	Ira Koslow	Environment	Barbara Lonsdale, Kristopher Valentine
Arts	Clark McCutchen, Cynthia Rogers		