



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Administrative Committee Agenda**

Extra Space Storage, Presidents Row Room  
658 South Venice Blvd, Venice, 90291  
**Monday, October 15, 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.**

### **\*\*ALL VOTES UNANIMOUS UNLESS NOTES\*\***

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**  
The meeting is in memory of Victoria Bunge, owner of Figtree Cafe on Ocean Front Walk.  
**PRESENT: LL, MS, KV, HH, IK, CC, DT**  
**ABSENT: BL**
2. **Approval of the Administrative Committee Agenda**  
**ACTION: Agenda approved as written (HH/IK)**
3. **Approval of outstanding Administrative Committee minutes**  
<http://venicenc.org/files/120910AdComMinutes.pdf>  
**ACTION: Minutes approved as written (IK/HH)**
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 November Board Meeting Date** Marc Saltzberg [VP@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VP@VeniceNC.org)

**MOTION :** The Venice Neighborhood Council shall move its November 2012 meeting date from November 20th, 2012 to November 27th, 2012 in order to avoid meeting during the week of Thanksgiving.

**ACTION: Board meeting changed to November 27<sup>th</sup>. (MS/CC)**



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**B** Retreat for Newly Elected Board Marc Saltzberg [VP@VeniceNC.org](mailto:VP@VeniceNC.org)

**MOTION:** The VNC shall hold a Board Retreat for its newly elected Board at the earliest date possible following election, but after the Board Orientation. At this point in the election cycle, that would likely be in December or January.

**ACTION: Motion to plan retreat defeated. (MS/KV 3-4-0)**

**C** Consideration and approval of October 23, 2012 Proposed Board Agenda

**ACTION: Draft board agenda approved (IK/KV)**

**7. Adjourn**

**ACTION: Meeting adjourned (MS/IK)**



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

Westminster Elementary School (Auditorium)

1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, 90291

**Tuesday, October 23, 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)**

A Meeting called to order in memory of Victoria Bunge, owner of Figtree Cafe

B Congratulations to The First Baptist Church on its 102th anniversary, and to Pastor Horace Allen celebrating his 7th year as of service.

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

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

<http://venicenc.org/files/120918BoardMinutes.pdf>

**ACTION: Item added to invite Congressional Candidates U.S. Representative Henry Waxman and Mike Bloomfield to present platforms on Venice related issues for ten minutes each. No board member questions or public comment to be allowed. Placed after item 3 on the agenda. (LL/KV 4-2-0)**

**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]*

**4. Consent Calendar (7:30PM – 0 minutes)**

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



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## 5. **Scheduled Announcements (7:30PM – 50 minutes)**

*[No discussion or Public Comment]*

- A** **VNC Elections Update/upcoming events (10 minutes)** VNC Elections Co-chairs Ivan Spiegel and Elizabeth Wright [parliamentarian@venicenc.org](mailto:parliamentarian@venicenc.org) - Candidates for Board election may introduce themselves and the office that they are running for.
- B** **Resource Fair for West Los Angeles Residents at Oakwood Rec (2 minutes)** Kelly Nakamura on behalf of Rebuilding Together Greater Los Angeles [knakamura@rtgla.org](mailto:knakamura@rtgla.org) - Rebuilding Together, the Handyworker Contractor for West LA, is holding a resource fair on November 3rd at Oakwood Recreation Center
- C** **Presentation by Joe Cruz, ABC, Asst Director, Southern Division (5 minutes)** presentation by Joe Cruz, Assistant Director, Southern Division of California Alcohol Beverage Control. To address history and status of ABC control in regards to Venice.
- 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 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>  
**ACTION: Postponed to November Board Meeting**
- E** **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.*
- F** **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.*
- G** **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



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- **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**; Paola Valdivia, West Area Representative ([Paola.Valdivia@lacity.org](mailto:Paola.Valdivia@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]*

**6. Old Business (8:15 30 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action.]*

**A Update on Venice Post Office** Joel Silver, (10 minute presentation, 20 minutes Q & A)

**7. New Business (8:45 65 minutes)**  
*[Discussion and possible action]*

**A 1524 S ABBOT KINNEY BLVD; “PARDEE PROPERTIES”; ENV-2012-1397-CE & ZA-2012-1396-CDP; CHANGE OF USE (20 minutes)** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:lupc@venicenc.org)

**MOTION:** The VNC supports the Change of Use, as presented. The project requires 8 parking spaces; 1 is grandfathered, 2 are provided on-site, leaving a need for 5. To provide the additional on-site parking for this change of use would require demolition of the entire building structure. The applicant has chosen to restore a historic 1910 single story structure and maintain the character, scale and mass of this corner, therefore the VNC supports the following options:

- 1) In Lieu of Fee for this project only, where physical parking will be provided by money the applicant pays into the Venice Coastal Parking Impact Trust Fund (#864).
- 2) The applicant could provide 5 parking spaces within 750 feet, by Covenant Agreement, whether grandfathered spaces or physical spaces. Research by the Land Use and Planning Committee of the VNC resulted in the belief that the property owner has more than 5 extra grandfathered spaces or rights available at a nearby property, which could be tied to this property by Covenant Agreement.

The applicant has agreed to pay for 10 bicycle racks in the parkway fronting Rialto, needed in Venice on Abbott Kinney.



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Character, Scale and Mass Comment: Although this is an intensification of use of the property (an adaptive reuse project converting a live-work to retail space), the building has not increased in size or in character/architecture. Secondly, the new use is in line with today's current uses on Abbot Kinney and has the written support of a large number of surrounding neighbors.

Motion made by Sarah Dennison, Seconded Jim Murez, Passed by LUPC 7-0-0

No documentation provided by LUPC.

**B** **MOTION TO SUPPORT PARKING METER MONEY STAYING IN VENICE (15 minutes)** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

**MOTION:** Venice is a major attraction and revenue generator for the City of Los Angeles and has a significant need for additional money and resources to maintain and improve the lighting, bicycle racks, public bathrooms, trash removal, the beaches and general public safety.

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests Councilman Rosendahl to introduce a Motion to create a "***Venice Parking Meter Beautification Trust Fund***" where 50% of gross revenue generated from all new meters installed in Venice be deposited in this fund only for use on additional (new) expenditures for beautification, maintenance and the safety of Venice. Once this program is in place, we ask that a fair percentage from existing meters be included in this new fund. Accounting for revenue and expenditures shall be publicly available and managed by Council District 11 with the Venice Parking Impact Trust Fund.

Motion made by Jake Kaufman, Seconded by Steve Traeger, Voted by LUPC 7-0-0.

**C** **MOTION TO APPROVE LETTER TO PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND PROJECT APPLICANT BY LUPC (10 minutes)** Jake Kaufman on behalf of LUPC [chair-lupc@venicenc.org](mailto:chair-lupc@venicenc.org)

**MOTION:** to Approve LUPC Chair to write the following letter when appropriate:

Dear Bud Ovrum, General Manager, LA City Department of Planning,  
The Venice Neighborhood Council's (Land Use and and Planning Committee (LUPC) has attempted to reach out to the applicant [NAME, PHONE, EMAIL] on the following cases: [XXXXX] and [YYYYY] at [ADDRESS]. This applicant has provided insufficient information to support the case and to allow review with the community.



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Therefore, we request that City Planning and/or the Zoning Officer refuse to schedule the hearing until the Venice Neighborhood Council receives the information and provides an opinion, or until the latest possible date.

- D** **Selection/Appointment of VNC Budget Representatives (5 minutes)** Linda Lucks  
([president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))

**MOTION** : The VNC Board elects/selects two NC Budget Representatives who will attend the Mayor's Community Budget Day event on Saturday, November 17 at City Hall.

**ACTION: Removed from the agenda by President.**

- E** **"100 Trees and a Farm" (15 minutes)** Rafael O. Quezada on behalf of The Waters Wheel, LLC  
[rafael@waterswheel.org](mailto:rafael@waterswheel.org)

**MOTION** : The VNC approves a CD-11 pilot urban agriculture installation with accessory buildings to be located on an undeveloped wedge lot, located at the diagonal crossing of Venice Way and North Venice Blvd. (Assessor's ID No. 4238-020-900), Venice CA 90291.  
(OR) **ANNOUNCEMENT** : Proposing aquaponics/aeroponics demonstration of remedies addressing quality of life/health/education/crime/homelessness issues in City of Los Angeles.

**ACTION: Referred to LUPC**

- 8. Treasurers Report (10:00 -- 5 minutes);** Hugh Harrison ([Treasurer@Venicenc.org](mailto:Treasurer@Venicenc.org))  
*[Discussion and possible action]* **[EXHIBIT A]**

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

**ACTION: Item B added to Treasure's Report to add Thanksgiving Turkey giveaway item.**

- 9. VNC Announcements (10:05) -- 10 Minutes)**

- **President:** Linda Lucks ([president@venicenc.org](mailto:president@venicenc.org))  
VNC Board elections - Sunday, Oct. 28, Westminster School 10-5.  
Toy Drive – December 8<sup>th</sup>
- **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, ([hippisleys@earthlink.net](mailto:hippisleys@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),



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

**10. Board Member Comments on subject matters within the VNC jurisdiction**  
[10:15 -- 5 minutes, no more than 1 minute per person]

**11. Adjourn (approx. 11:20)**

**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