

Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes 11-3-05

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Exec Com members in attendance: DeDe Audet, LJ Carusone, CJ Cole, Richard Myers, Naomi Nightingale and Phil Raider
Exec Board members absent: Yolanda Gonzalez,
Parliamentarian in attendance: Ivan Spiegel.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the 10-17-05 meeting were approved without correction.
Phil Raider moved, LJ Carusone 2nd,
Motion carried 3-0-0

3. **Public Comment**

Brian Crommie, Oakwood Rec Center neighbor wants to know what can be done about drug dealing, noise and threats to neighbors in the area around the center. Police seem to be powerless and The Parks Dep. tolerates the situation. He feels that the park is a resource which is being wasted. He has tried to contact Stan Muhammad and Bill Rosendahl's office with no response.

Jim Murez, Wants GRVNC to address the long overdue Venice Bl. Landscape and open space plan. He was referred to The LUPC in order to develop an action to bring to The Board.

Robin Murez, presented a public arts plan to install decorative camel sculpture/benches in prominent locations throughout Venice. She has completed similar public arts projects in other cities.

Emily Winters, Chair of Venice Arts Council presented her proposal for an Envision Arts in Venice workshop. She wants to develop a comprehensive coordinated approach to public art in Venice. She requested that GRVNC act as a sponsor and is seeking a \$1000.00 contribution from The GRVNC to defray printing costs.

Suzanne Thompson, Requested that The GRVNC reimburse Don Geagan \$600.00 and SPARC \$1,000.00 in keeping with actions of the previous board. Requested that The GRVNC ask The City Attorney's office to open a conflict of interest/ethics investigation of Bill Christopher, BONC Commissioner and principle of Urban Concepts, development representatives.

4. **Committee Reports**

There were no committee reports.

The Board will do extensive outreach to flesh out the existing unpopulated committees.

DeDe Audet reported that there was a meeting regarding the OFW Ordinance and Bill Rosendahl's office would like The GRVNC to be involved. The GRVNC OFW Committee is currently not functioning.

Joel Shields the ordinance is stalled, merchants and vendors are upset, The GRVNC needs to get this committee up and running.

5. Old Business, Establish Committees

DeDe Audet announced her appointment of Carolyn Ward as Chairperson of the Conservation Committee. DeDe will have a bio and additional information circulated prior to the 11-15-05 board meeting.

Phil Raider questioned whether or not GRVNC wants to have its own ethics committee or rely on the City Attorney's office to address these concerns. We need to have better representation from The City Attorney's office at our meetings.

6. November 15, 2005 Agenda Building

Nominations for District 2 Representative

DeDe Audet announced that Jan Sproull has resigned and read her letter. Her resignation, dated 11-1-05 was received by Phil Raider for the file

Nominations for District 2 Representative will be on the agenda. The bylaws section dealing with empty seats was read. It was clarified that who ever is selected to fill the position will need to be confirmed by the Stakeholders and will not be able to fully participate until that time. The election by the stakeholders could happen at the December general meeting.

Request for Approval of 2004 Expenditures

Format for Agendas

DeDe Audet received an agenda format from Deanna Stevenson which she would like to see incorporated into our format. The format has some verbiage that should be incorporated into our previously approved format. This verbiage should also be included on any committee agendas as well.

There are specific instructions in The GRVNC Bylaws concerning Board Member requests to include an item on the agenda. Stakeholders wanting a specific item to be placed on the agenda should attend the Exec Com meeting and make their case for inclusion on the agenda. This policy will be announced at the next Board meeting. Requesters should also bring a proposed motion for the Exec Com to consider.

Move that The Exec Com add to the agenda a request that the GRVNC provide 30 minutes prior to each general Board meeting for educational presentations by any committee.

Moved by LJ Carusone, 2nd by Richard Myers

After discussion this motion was withdrawn. An announcement will be made concerning this proposal.

Move that The GRVNC supports The VAC Envision Art workshop under the auspicious of The Event Committee who will present any budgetary requests to The Budget Committee.

Moved by Naomi Nightingale, 2nd by Richard Myers

The previous motion was never withdrawn or voted on.

Move that the following item be added to the 11-15-05 agenda for the meeting of the GRVNC Board, The GRVNC resolve to act as sponsors of the Venice Art Councils January event titled Envision Art in Venice workshop. Further that pending verification by The Budget Committee this sponsorship to be up to the amount of \$1000.00 to help defray printing costs.

Moved by Phil Raider, 2nd by Richard Myers

Motion carried 5-0-0

This item was also referred to The Events Committee for additional input.

Moved that The Government Relations officer shall study the letter concerning Bill Christopher's possible conflict of interest and ethics question, submitted by Suzanne Thompson, and draft a letter, that would be in the name of The GRVNC that could be brought in front of The Board for a vote.

The agenda item for The Board would be "Move that the letter written by The Government Relations Officer be approved."

Moved by Richard Myers, 2nd by CJ Cole

Motion carried 5-0-0

The draft letter should be part of the Agenda and posted with the Agenda. Discussion followed as to the proper way to address Suzanne Thompson's request for payment of previous GRVNC Boards actions.

Move that The Exec Com direct The Treasurer to investigate whether or not we can pay these expenses.

Moved by Richard Myers, 2nd by CJ Cole

Motion carried 5-0-0

The board went through the list of requests compiled by Richard Myers and DeDe Audet and decided as follows;

On Agenda

Nominations for District 2 Representative
LUPC Report and consideration of motions from LUPC
Disaster Preparedness Committee Report
Financial Report and motions from The Budget Committee
Approval of Naomi Nightingale as Education Cmte Board liaison.

Referred to Committee

Calendar of Meetings, **Outreach Cmte**
Neighborhood Council Liaison Meeting, 12-3-05, **Gov Relations Cmte**
LANC Congress, **Gov Relations Cmte**
Lincoln Place Presentation, **LUPC**
Chain Store Ban, **LUPC**
Map of Posting Places, **Communications Cmte**

Tabled until next Exec Com Meeting

Pipeline Rehab Design Group
Education Cmte Proposal, pending study

Announcements

LANC Congress
Abbot Kinney Birthday Bash
Mayors Survey
Educational Period prior to Board Meeting
Rose Ave Cleanup
Committee Staffing

7. Announcements

Joe Murphy and Ivan Spiegel offered to help DeDe Audet craft a more concise agenda for Board and Exec Com meetings

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 9:30 prox