

Venice Neighborhood Council  
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 Ocean Front Walk Committee  
 Canal Club 2025 Pacific Ave. Venice, CA 90291  
 Tuesday May 2, 2016 6:30-8:30pm



Ocean Front Walk Committee Roll Call

Roll Call		P	NP			P	NP
Thomas Elliott					Gail Rogers		
Ron Kramer		CUT			Shelly Gomez		
Melissa Diner, Chair					Therese Dietlin		
Noel Johnston					Carl Lambert		
Jodi Maroni		CUT			Colleen Saro		

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Board/Scheduled)

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- 1.) Ocean Front Walk Committee Member expectations
  - a.) Committee Member responsibilities
  - b.) Committee goals with new board
  
- 2.) BID, Business Improvement District on Ocean Front Walk and surrounding areas.
  
- 3.) Adopt a Homeless/Motion of Acknowledgement  
 The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that each and every person do what they can to solve homelessness by:
  - a.) Acknowledging unhoused people as humans. This seems like a given but is not in many cases. Saying hello or making eye contact for someone that is stuck in their own mind or lost in life could be the thing to help them snap out of it and want to make their lives better.
  - b.) Much like AA, Big Brother/Big Sister, Encouraging members of the community who chose to engage beyond this new standard we would like to create in our community of acknowledgement, continue to empower not enable people we see living on the streets with the information and resources available to become housed so should they chose to want a better life because ultimately they have to want to leave the streets, we as a community are doing everything we can to provide resources and helping hands when they are ready to abandon the hardships of living unhoused.
  - c.) The council office, city government and non profits to work together to provide access to all of resources available via direct contact, online, and v311 for anyone looking to find a shelter, short term or long term housing, alcohol or substance abuse support. Even if it is

“not their job” the 311 operators should have access to internet to give this information even if not government related to anyone in need.

- 4.) The Venice Neighborhood Council requests reversal of sale the United States Post Office building on Windward Circle to Joe Silver and any entities, corporations or llcs associated with him, due to the fact that he is in direct violation of the Memorandum of Agreement in which he is engaged by:
- not granting public access of the mural since he took position
  - not maintaining landscaping which has been reported as a safety issue due to vagrants living and harassing youth who have to ride the public bus to school
  - lack of progress of construction which has turned into visible blight and left to sit vacant for years on end.

Furthermore, the VNC emphasizes and insists our Federal, California Senate Representative or any public division behind the agreement to use whatever means necessary to return the structure to its original glory and grant access to the mural during standard public sector business hours (8am to 5pm) for any sale moving forward after possession had been regained.

<http://variety.com/2015/film/news/joel-silver-venice-post-office-in-debt-1201460341/>

- 5.) The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends all lighting along the boardwalk and all new lighting installed for Ice Rink and/or more publicly supported Roller Rink be on automatic dimmers to manage the light pollution, Intensity of light and efficiency in order to minimize the overall glow from light cast to protect wildlife and allow opportunity for custom lighting for events and programming.
- 6.) The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends arrow signs or community vetted and city approved arrow art installations that point up to look at actual rule signs of Ocean Front Walk. Further more we encourage a community competition campaign for signage improvement on Ocean Front Walk and surrounding area.

## **OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:**

- 1.) Spray paint motion- resubmitted to Adcom pending comments from CD 11 office.

Whereas, spray paint is known to the State of California as a toxic material; and

Whereas, vendors on Venice Boardwalk have for years engaged in activities utilizing spray paint; and

Whereas, these activities are carried out in close proximity to residences and in the midst of large crowds of people milling about on the Boardwalk; and

Whereas, residents, visitors and other vendors are thus subjected daily to toxic chemical propellant fumes and toxic paint mist released from cans of spray paint; and

Whereas, these chemicals can remain airborne for up to two hours and whereas this spray

painting is often repeated many times throughout the day, and thus spray paint chemicals can and do remain in the air all day long; and

Whereas, this spray painting is frequently associated with sawing and sanding of materials used in conjunction of the spray painting, causing health hazards from particulate matter being spread into the air; and

Whereas, the use of spray paint along the Boardwalk is a clear danger to the health of residents, visitors and other vendors; and

Whereas, the use of spray paint by artists and others should be confined to proper paint booths with environmental controls;

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council hereby calls upon the City of Los Angeles, the Public Health Department of the County of Los Angeles and the South Coast Regional Air Quality Board to act to immediately prohibit the use of these toxic materials in the Venice Beach Recreation Area.

Wendy motion, Carl second 8:0:0 MOTION CARRIES

Roll Call

Thomas Elliott

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Gail Rogers

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Ron Kramer

CUT

Shelly Gomez

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Melissa Diner,  
Chair

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Therese Dietlin

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Noel Johnston

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Carl Lambert

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Jodi Maroni

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Colleen Saro

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Wendy L. Kaysing F

- 2.) Update: Coordinate, define and draw out Venice Beach services map.
- 3.) Update: Resubmitting letter from VNC to County of Public Works to keep bike path clear of sand and regular maintenance especially with the opening of the metro this spring, increasing the traffic and danger of injury to patrons if bike path is not kept clear and clean daily.
- 4.) Resubmit motion passed by OFW in regards to Westminster Senior Center that was delayed until public announcement for intent was made.

Westminster Senior Center and Dog Park USES FOR ALL and alternative sites for exclusive homeless storage  
Agenda motion Request: A.) The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the bus depot behind the Veterans Wall between Thornton Ave and Paloma Ct East of Pacific be considered for an area for homeless storage. The Venice Neighborhood Council does not recommend that Westminster Dog Park be utilized exclusively for homeless storage as the RFI specifically states "provide community services and/or of a recreational nature," for ALL.  
(see RFI attached.)

Melissa Motion, Carl second.

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Carl Lambert

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Colleen Saro  
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Wendy L. Kaysing  
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4:2:2 Motion Carries.

- 5.) Update: Continuing discussing with Public Works, Recreation and Parks and Beaches and Harbors how we maximize events and filming in Venice Beach.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

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