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Joint Meeting of VNC Board and Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Meeting Agenda

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1. 7:00 pm - Call to Order
2. 7:05 pm - Roll Call

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3. 7:10 pm – Approve Agenda as presented or amended
4. 7:15 pm – Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented see draft minutes June 24, 2020
5. 7:20 pm - OFWC members to declare any conflicts of interest or ex parte communications relating to items on this meeting's agenda
6. 7:25 pm- Chair Report
7. 7:30 pm – General Public Comment on non-agendized items related to Venice Neighborhood Council Ocean Front Walk Committee

8. Venice Community Plan concepts for Ocean Front Walk

Whereas, the current Venice Community Plan concepts propose that Ocean Front Walk be a “mixed-use corridor,” and that the height limit increase to 4 stories;

Whereas, Section 30253 of the Coastal Act requires siting new development so that that it minimizes risks to life and property. Ocean Front Walk is located in an area vulnerable to flood hazards and sea level rise and as such, development and density and thus the amount of housing in hazardous areas such as Ocean Front Walk must be minimized;

Whereas, land use designations and intensities must be commensurate with the level of available infrastructure and if there are current infrastructure constraints it may be necessary to scale back development potential; and per the certified Venice Coastal Zone Land Use Plan, which is part of the Venice Community Plan (LUP): “Residential land use densities in this LCP have been assigned in the Venice coastal area to reflect the year 2010 Venice population as



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limitations, the assigned Land Use Categories result in substantially lower build out densities than current zoning capacity. The development standards also define for each land use designation a density of housing units and lot coverage ***to maintain the scale and character of existing residential neighborhoods and minimize the impacts of building bulk and mass.*** New residential development is linked to the availability of public services and infrastructure, and in addition to traffic consideration, environmental and coastal access concerns as required by the Coastal Act;" projected by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Based on circulation and infrastructure

Whereas, one of the most important goals of the Venice Community Plan is to protect housing;

Whereas, allowing conversion of a 100% residential structure to mixed use, even if the same number of existing residential units are incorporated into the new commercial use, does not protect the 100% residential structure and use and is a violation of the Mello Act state law;

Whereas, in order to keep the same number of units (and the same sized units) as an existing 100% residential use, a new mixed use development must be made significantly larger than the existing 100% residential structure, most likely beyond the upper limits of mass and scale allowed in the LUP, in order to accommodate both the size and number of the existing units as well as the additional commercial business(es). This forced increase in size would change the scale and character of Ocean Front Walk and thus would have an adverse effect on the visual resources and character of the area, in violation of Coastal Act Sections 30251 and 30253 as well as the LUP; and

Whereas, preserving and protecting the character and scale of the Venice Coastal Zone, designated by the Coastal Commission as a Special Coastal Community, is required by Coastal Act Sections 30251 and 30253 as well as the LUP.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the Venice Community Plan concepts for Ocean Front Walk indicate that all development standards, including height, remain the same as in the current LUP, that there must not be any conversions of 100% residential structures to mixed-use/commercial, live/work or AIR uses, and that there must not be any changes in zoning from residential to commercial.



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9. Cleanup and Resurfacing of Oceanfront Walk

Submitted by Nick Antonicello on 2020-06-29

Committee Referred To: Ocean Front Walk

Agenda Motion Request:

The current conditions of the Venice Boardwalk also known as Oceanfront Walk is in dire need of renovation and repaving, and

WHEREAS, the Venice Boardwalk has not been repaved, power washed or renovated since the Spring of 2000, some twenty years ago,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council endorse the repaving and resurfacing of the area known as Oceanfront Walk from the Venice Fishing Pier south and the Santa Monica border due north and that a letter be sent urging immediate construction and renovation to Council Office #11 and the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti for their approval of said funding



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10. Request Title: **Covid-19 Cleanup of Oceanfront Walk/Boardwalk**

Committee: Ocean Front Walk Committee

First Name: Nicholas Last Name: Antonicello Email: nantoni@mindspring.com Phone: 310-621-3775

Date of meeting: 2020-06-29

Agenda Motion Request:

Whereas, Oceanfront Walk more commonly referred to as the \"Venice Boardwalk\" has become dirty, unsafe and in some ways uninhabitable and uninviting due to the closure of most retailers and park amenities in lieu of COVID-19 over the last four months, and

Whereas, the maintenance of this tourist destination has become non-existent and a health hazard to tourists and residents alike, and

Whereas, with the re-opening of the parking lots and other park offerings, the need for a comprehensive power washing and sanitizing is evident,

Therefore be it resolved, that the Venice Neighborhood Council requests a comprehensive maintenance plan be implemented on a weekly basis that includes power washing and the sanitation of the rest rooms, benches, and other structures that are susceptible to the spread of COVID-19 through human transmission and that a letter requesting such action be sent to Los Angeles Parks & Recreation, Mayor Eric Garcetti and the 11th District Council Office of the City of Los Angeles.



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11.Request Title: **Mandatory Mask wearing at Venice Beach**

Committee: Ocean Front Walk Committee

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Date of meeting: 2020-07-20

Agenda Motion Request:

WHEREAS, Venice Beach is one of the most visited tourist destinations in the State of California, and

WHEREAS, somewhere between 28,000 to 20,000 people visit Venice Beach each and everyday for a total of some 11,000,000 visitors annually, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is a job destroyer as well as a threat to the health of all, and

WHEREAS, a great majority of visitors do not practice Social Distancing, the wearing of masks or gloves or any other precaution to prevent the spread or transmission of same, and

WHEREAS, there is virtually no maintenance of the Venice Beach area that should be taking place such as the power washing of the boardwalk, paddle courts, bike path or any number of the amenities that remain unclean and still used by large numbers of visitors and tourists alike, and

WHEREAS, the number of vacancies that exist at the boardwalk will continue unless a plan of strategy is implemented to make the visitation of Venice Beach a safe and healthy experience,



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the wearing of facial masks by all visitors be made mandatory for runners, bike riders, pedestrians and tourists alike as well as scooter riders and anyone else of all ages at the beach, boardwalk and bike path from the Venice Pier to the Santa Monica border north and that LAPD deploy officers to ticket violators until a flattening of the curve occurs so that mask wearing will be no longer mandatory and necessary and that an endorsement of this policy be sent to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as well as the Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles City Council.

12. MOTION: LIGHTING AND SECURITY CAMERA IMPROVEMENTS ALONG OFW AND THE BEACH PARKING LOTS (brian.averill@venicenc.org)

Whereas violent crime has risen dramatically along OFW and the nearby blocks and

whereas OFW remains dimly lit at night and

whereas our current camera systems haven't been updated in years,

the Venice Neighborhood Council hereby requests the timely installation of improved lighting and updated camera technology along Ocean Front Walk and its parking lots with letters sent to CD11, the Mayor's Office, Rec/Parks, Capt Steven Embrich (30993@lapd.online) and SLO Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online)

13. Venice Community Plan concepts re OFW

Whereas, inadequate off-street parking near in the vicinity of OFW for visitors and residents is one of the Venice Coastal Issues as per the certified Land Use Plan (LUP), and according to the Coastal Commission Venice has one of the most serious parking/coastal access issues in the state's Coastal Zone;

Whereas, the coastal regulations prohibit expansion of the beach surface parking lots;

Whereas, the LUP designates the parcel where the "median project" is to be built for parking only. Developers who have not provided adequate parking for their projects in Venice have paid "in-lieu" fees to the City of L.A. for years, with those fees being earmarked for parking solutions and expansion. By law (the VCZSP and the LUP), these funds are required to be funneled back into parking solutions for development/expansion of public parking facilities that improve public access to the Beach Impact Zone area, specifically using the site at the Venice median. LUP III.D.6. specifically requires that new parks, with parking to the rear, shall be considered



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on City-owned parking lots on the canals (aka Venice median).

Whereas, the LUP Parking Policy II.A.1. General states: "It is the policy of the City to provide increased parking opportunities for both visitors and residents of Venice, and improve summer weekend conditions with respect to Venice Beach parking and traffic control;"

Whereas, the LUP Policy II.A.2. Expansion of Public Beach Parking Supply states: "The construction of new public parking facilities should be implemented, as well as maximizing the use of existing ones by restriping existing parking lots or converting them to multi-level structures where consistent with other Coastal Act policies...the established Venice Coastal Parking Impact Trust Fund, into which in-lieu parking fees shall be paid, will continue to be utilized for expenditure on improvement and development of public parking facilities that improve public access to the Venice Coastal Zone as specified in the LUP;" and

Whereas, the Windward block between Ocean Front Walk and Pacific Ave currently contains 40 parking spaces.

Therefore be it Resolved that the Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that the Venice Community Plan concepts require that the Venice median be preserved for Open Space and for additional visitor parking and that the Windward Ave pedestrian promenade not be considered unless the lost 40 parking spaces on that block are provided for with respect to expanded parking on the Venice median.

14. 10:00 pm **Adjourn**



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