



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Ocean front Walk Committee Meeting Agenda

Physical Meeting Location

Rose Room. 6 Rose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90291

10.09.2023

6:30-8:00 PM

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CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Deborah Keaton (Co-Chair)	Nico Ruderman (Co-Chair)	Nick Antonicello
Noel Johnston	Mehrnoosh Morallali	Mark Rago
Colleen Saro		

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES

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CHAIR REPORTS

Nico and Deborah discuss issues.



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OLD BUSINESS

Discussion item: Request to approve development of signage for Venice Pier and Boardwalk

Whereas: Venice Beach is the second most popular destination for international tourists and there is currently no signage to let visitors know where they are. And whereas Venice Beach is a historically significant destination that should have welcome signage. We would like to create a sign for the Pier entrance and the Venice boardwalk.

OUTCOME: Discussed that the Washington Square committee is already exploring this. She have asked to be included in their meetings.

Asked that Washington square do a presentation of the project to the committee

Discussion item: Request to fix the Venice Beach bluffs.

Whereas: the Venice Beach bluffs have been badly damaged we would like to fence them in and replant and beautify them. We would like to work with the Arbor Committee and others to design and implement this project.

OUTCOME: Tabled motion.

Set up a meeting with the arbor committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) MOTION TO ENSURE THE BOLLARDS AT VENICE BEACH ARE OPERATIONAL AND SERVE AS A DETERRENT TO PASSENGER VEHICLES ON OFW

(Submitted by Nicholas Antonicello)

WHEREAS, the bollards at Oceanfront Walk at Venice Beach were installed to prevent passenger and unauthorized commercial vehicles along the boardwalk, and

WHEREAS, unauthorized passenger vehicles seem to make their way to the boardwalk on a daily basis, and

WHEREAS, the bollards were installed after the tragic deaths of two tourists in August of 2013, and the additional injury of 17 others, and

WHEREAS, these bollards should be operational and that the appropriate government agencies and parties have immediate access to their controls, and



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WHEREAS, a policy exist that the bollards do what they were intended to do, and that is prevent unauthorized vehicles from gaining access to the Venice Boardwalk,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oceanfront Walk Committee recommend to the Venice Neighborhood Council to compose a letter verifying that the current bollards are operational, and that they be used as a deterrent to stop unauthorized vehicles from gaining access to the boardwalk, especially during peak hours and high volume activity at the beach, and that a copy of this motion be sent to the LAPD, LAFD, and the CD-11 Council Office.

2) **Mark Ryavec to present for Venice Arbor Committee**

Discussion of landscaping possibilities along the Boardwalk, including introducing native plants to the dirt strip along the Rose Avenue parking lot.

3) **Additional Discussion Items**

- **Vendors that are renting bikes and scooters on the boardwalk.**
This is a safety hazard. Look at banning motorized bikes/scooters.
- **OFW Bathrooms** Upgrade facilities to have a single entrance with a full-time attendants. Have them cleaned more than once a day.
- **Unclog the sewers on the boardwalk and then put cement around them -**
Currently the drainage system is backed up (and was covered by sand) but as the drains are cleared there should be cement poured around them to stop the flow of dirt and sand from piling back onto and into them
- **The sand needs to be cleaned off the bike bath -** Everywhere else you ride outside Venice the bike path is 2 feet wider and cleaner, this sand presents a serious public safety hazard. It should be fully cleaned every day
- **Put up sand blockers -** I understand the sand blowing onto the bike path, grass areas etc, is an issue - as previously discussed (and done in other parts of the bike path) dune fencing, sea grass, and curbs would prevent the sand blowing
- **Increase and upgrade the overflowing trash cans**
- **Rose Ave Drainage -** there's obviously other issues with this but for starters the cement pier needs to be reopened and upgraded



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- **Vendor Permits / Applications** - Boardwalk Vendors lottery system reinstated Vendors should have to submit legal paperwork and pay a small fee for their spaces (\$1) it allows for accountability and responsibility. When someone has to work a bit for something they're more likely to care more
- **Food drop offs in Rose parking lot** - there's regularly trash and food left behind from the food drop offs in Rose parking lot. Alternative location?

Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration

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