

**MINUTES VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MAY 6, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:40 PM

**ATTENDANCE:** Deborah Keaton, Nico Ruderman (co-chairs), Nick Antonicello, Mehrnoosh Morallali, Mark Rago, Colleen Saro, Clark Brown (secretary)

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mark Ryavec spoke on developing plans and design for berms along Ocean Front Walk

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Concept Plans for Washinton Square Monument.** Tima Bell offered to develop conceptual plans for a monument or gateway at the west end of Washington Square to be a historical and cultural marker and entry for the pier and Ocean Front Walk. The Committee unanimously accepted Tima's offer who will provide a status report at the next committee meeting.

**2. Motion for Ordinance to Regulate Chain Stores on Ocean Front Walk.** Mark Rago presented a motion to prohibit and regulate national chain stores on Ocan Front Walk. The Committee amended and unanimously approved the Motion as follows:

**Motion** The Ocean Front Walk Committee requests an ordinance be put into place to limit, prohibit or regulate national chain stores or "formula" establishments from North Venice Boulevard to Navy on Ocean Front Walk, and west of Speedway.

Whereas cities all over the country, including San Francisco, have enacted laws and ordinances to protect the uniqueness of certain areas, protect independent stores not being able to compete economically with large corporations, and protect creative communities from becoming homogenized and losing their appeal,

**Now therefore it is resolved that:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee requests an ordinance be put into place to limit, or regulate national chain stores or "formula" establishments from North Venice Boulevard to Navy on Ocean Front Walk, and west of Speedway.

**3. Motion for Ordinance to Provide Better Enforcement Against Homelessness Uses in Venice**

At the request of VNC President, Brian Averill, the Committee declined to consider the motion presented by Clark Brown on the ground the VNC's Parking and Transportation Committee had already considered and approved the Motion and it will be on the VNC Board Agenda for May, 2024

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40pm.

Clark Brown, Secretary