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Special Joint Committee meeting

Ocean Front Walk, Public Safety, and Visitor Impact Committees

Oakwood Recreation Center Meeting Room

767 California Ave, Venice, CA 90291

Thursday, November 7, 2013, 6-9pm

MINUTES

1.) Approval of Agenda

Melissa Diner motion to approve, second by Sevan Gerard.

2.) Public Comment for items not on the Agenda

First Friday of December, Lighting of the Venice Sign

December 7, 2013 Venice Toy Drive

3.) Discussion and Possible Action:

Draft a Motion(s) in response to the City of Los Angeles Ocean Front Walk Public Safety Assessment,

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-0981_rpt_drp_8-14-13.pdf

The Committees will also consider recommendations and suggestions from the public and those presented at The VNC Public Safety Town Hall on October 29, 2013.

Motion to adapt motion as written with adaption. Tom motion, Gail second.

AUTOMATED RETRACTABLE BOLLARD SYSTEM-Public Comment

Debra Leshever-Tragic but do we really need this?

People of Venice- Agrees with Debra, hurt when you run/walk into them. Waste of money.

Board Comment---

Gail Rogers--- Not in favor, random act, cost ridiculous

Shelly Rogers----Not in favor, temporary bollard broken

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Melissa Diner---Not in favor of automated bollards

Therese Dietlin-Not in favor of automated bollards

Laura Orrico- Not in Favor, do they make a warning sound when they go up and down?

Sevan Gerard- Not in Favor with break function at the wrong time, etc.

Joseph Shield-Not in Favor

Daniel Samakow Is this the best use of the money, come up with the best use of the money

Carl Lambert- in certain locations is a good idea/ok.

Thomas Elliott- Not in favor, come up with other ideas.

Linda Lucks-Not in favor

MOTION:

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends that the VNC Board not support automated bollards.

Melissa Motion, Sevan Second

9 in favor
0 opposed
1 abstain

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends that the VNC Board not support automated bollards. Recommend further study.

Melissa Motion, Sevan Second

As amended
9 in favor
0 opposed
1 abstain

GATE AND BOLLARD SYSTEM

Gail Rogers--- oppose

Shelly Rogers----oppose

Melissa Diner---have particular streets closed and bollard put in place where the guy drove onto boardwalk

Therese Dietlin----oppose

Laura Orrico- Not in Favor, do they make a warning sound when they go up and

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down?

Sevan Gerard- Not in favor

Joseph Shield-More cost effective

Daniel Samakow More cost effective

Carl Lambert- not in favor

Thomas Elliott- Not in favor, come up with other ideas.

Linda Lucks-Not in favor, bike racks/planters etc. Public Private partnership.

MOTION:

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend that the VNC Board not support a lockable gate system.

Carl motion, Gail second.

9 in favor

0 opposed

1 abstain

Public Comment:

Nic Antinello Take into consideration what Sevan says
Abraham-we need the money for the poor its safe here

HARD STREET CLOSURES

Public Comment

Where were the Police
Do we need this

Gail Rogers--- oppose

Shelly Rogers----not opposed to street closures

Melissa Diner---in favor taking into consideration what local businesses need

Therese Dietlin----oppose

Laura Orrico- Interested in exploring, not for greenery that will not be maintained. Be specific.

Sevan Gerard- Hard closures, native plants require, bike racks, against steel bollards. Delivery access only. Signs on Ocean Front Walk and signs on speedway. All for bike racks.

Joseph Shield- in favor

Daniel Samakow -ok thing we need to vote in favor of something

Carl Lambert- ok to do take businesses into consideration, concrete furniture in areas where it improves business. Take into consideration what would be best for each street.

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Thomas Elliott- In favor

Linda Lucks- In favor with more community input

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends to support hard street closures on the streets recommended and additional streets like Westminster that would include existing bollards and other options to enhance beauty and safety of the street. Joseph second. Linda withdrew motion, Melissa Second withdrawal

PUBLIC COMMENT

People of Venice Plants making neighborhood or parks and rec maintain them.

Nick Signage key Welcome to Ocean Front Walk, pedestrians only.

Debra---Is this necessary.

Linda—nicer signage

HARD STREET CLOSURES

MOTION:

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends that the VNC not support the use of steel and concrete bollards on OFW and support the use of functional and artistic obstructions that may include welcome arches, bike racks, statues, art, monuments and concrete seating areas etc. These items should be placed close enough to block vehicles but far enough apart to allow pedestrian, wheelchair access and delivery access on all streets with access to OFW except Navy, Rose, Brooks, Market, 18th ave, Venice blvd and Washington blvd.

Sevan Motion, Melissa Second

8 In Favor
0 Opposed
2 Abstain

PUBLIC COMMENT: People of Venice signs are enough

Debra-not in favor

We need more bike racks

Gail Rogers---disagree

Shelly Rogers----who will maintain plants?

Melissa Diner---in favor taking into consideration what local businesses need

Therese Dietlin----oppose

Laura Orrico- support

Sevan Gerard- Hard closures, native plants require, bike racks, against steel

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bollards. Delivery access only. Signs on Ocean Front Walk and signs on speedway. All for bike racks.

Joseph Shield- in favor

Daniel Samakow -support

Carl Lambert- bollards on OFW

Thomas Elliott- In favor

Linda Lucks- In favor with more community input

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL AND SAFETY MEASURES

MOTION:

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends that the VNC support removing the temporary bollards on Ocean Front Walk.

Melissa Motion, Gail second

8 in favor

2 opposed

0 Abstain

MOTION:

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommends to the VNC that the removal of the Dead End, Road Closed, Do Not Enter signs and replace them with Welcome to Venice Beach, Pedestrians Only and Directional signs regarding parking where appropriate, i.e. Speedway.

Carl Motion, Joseph second

10 Favors

0 oppose

0 Abstain

Public Comment

People of Venice---

Board Comment:

Come to Venice and Slow down street traffic, pedestrian and welcoming signs.

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SECURITY CAMERAS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend the VNC not support security cameras.

Sevan Motion, second Laura.

7 in favor
3 oppose
0 abstain

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend the VNC to support the use of public address system for use in emergency and evacuation purposes only.

Sevan Motion, second Laura.

7 in favor
3 oppose
0 abstain

LIGHTING UPGRADES

The Ocean Front Walk Committee, Public Safety Committee and Visitor Impact Committee recommend the VNC support Lighting Upgrades as the number one priority of the Safety Assessment and support vastly expanding lighting on Ocean Front Walk, the bike path and Speedway using green technology, LED and solar.

Danny Motion, Shelly second

9 favor
0 oppose
1 abstain

Debra: Most positive of all should rank all points in order of importance.

Gail Rogers---

Shelly Rogers----

Melissa Diner--

Therese Dietlin----

Laura Orrico-

Sevan Gerard-

Joseph Shield-

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Daniel Samakow -number one issue

Carl Lambert-

Thomas Elliott- additional lighting

Linda Lucks-

Support the expansion of lighting on ocean front walk, bike path and speedway.

OTHER

Clean Bathrooms

24-hour bathrooms

Bike Path Safety

Moving and storing unattained packages

No bikes on OFW

More Police On Boardwalk

Parks and Rec Overall Maintenance Steam Cleaning Restrooms

Improve recycling program, motorized vehicles.

Visitor survey

If plants are implements make sure community does.

4.) Meeting Adjourned

Ocean Front Walk Committee

Roll Call		P	NP			P	NP
Thomas Elliott, Chair		P			Gail Rogers	P	
Ron Kramer			NP		Therese Dietlin	P	
Matt Moore			NP		Shelly Gomez	P	
Melissa Diner		P					

Visitor Impact Committee Quorum

Joseph Shields P

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Catherine Chevalier NP
Gail Rogers P
Daniel Samakow P
Gogi Overhoff NP
Clabe Hartley NP
Carl Lambert P
Nancy Feinberg NP
Therse Dietlin P

Public Safety Committee Quorum

PHS Committee Members	Position
Sevan Gerard P	Chair
	Co-Chair
	Secretary
	Member
Theresa Haley NP	Member
Laura Orrico P	Member
Member	
Member	

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