

OFW OCTOBER 2018 MINUTES

631pm – Meeting came to order

In attendance: Noel Johnston (NJ), Peter John Ruiz (PJR), Jason Moore (JM), Therese Dietlan (TD), Colleen Saro (CS), Casey Parker (CP)

632pm - PJR moved to approve the agenda as presented, JM 2nd

635pm - NJ moved to approve the minutes as presented, PJR 2ND

640pm – IN ATTENDANCE:

John Burton – LA County DPW

Guillermo Gonzalez – LA County DPW

Bob Davis – Recs & Park

Stephanie Cohen – Supervisor Kuehl’s Office

Zachery Gaidzik – Supervisor Kuehl’s Office

Kenneth Foreman – Beaches & Harbors

Lt Mike Soliman – LAPD

Officer Urrea – LAPD

Taylor Bazely – CD11

1) Mark Rago – spoke on Chains on the Boardwalk and presented concerns from Venice Dogz – Taylor Bazley from CD11 commented that CD11 Bonin agreed and introduced a Interim Control Ordinance re: National and International Chains. 3 to 4 years till the Community Planning Process happens. This is what would govern planning in certain parts of the city; it just started a couple of week ago. They will be trying to limit the numbers of chains allowed on the Boardwalk, areas/distances that similar businesses can be within each other. They are putting through a short-term plan to put a hold on all chains that haven’t had permits pushed through at this point. Per Mark Rago – so far 3 chains, B&J Sugars, Starbuck and a possible Sketchers are on the Boardwalk at this time. CD11 will be introducing their plan to City Council this up-coming week.

2) Morgan with BIRD attended the meeting to address the scooter issue. He spoke about a bike path / bird watcher program. They are reassessing and redistribute BIRDS through out the area. It was suggested by the committee that Geo Fence be developed for west of pacific. They are working on this and will get back with committee regarding introducing this. It was suggested that a Geo map be put on a phone app showing where riding is available and not. Morgan will contact Transportation at the City and Matt Shaw, at BIRD and see where they can go with this. CP asked why there is not a red line for the Boardwalk and Bike Path, which BIRD has for location not allowed to ridden. Morgan will be looking into this as well. Top speed is 15 miles per hour, state law. Committee encourages element requirements of the BIRDS. LAPD hopes to have more task force and traffic west division enforcement reach. Lt Soliman said they are working on this as well. Nick Anticello, Jim Robb gave public comment.

3) Bike Path – completed at end of this past week. Dept Public Works did the work, which was removing the sand and structure of bike path and signs. County met with City, Beaches & Harbors, and Recs & Park & County and were asked to access the bike path for sand barriers of some sort. Depends on budget. Nick Anticello – public comment

4) Lifeguard Tower - Kenneth Foreman with Beaches & Harbors. The middle and top portions of the structure is vacated and determined not safe. Lower area is being occupied and used by B&H Maintenance and Lifeguards. The Community would like to remove the upper part of the structure, but the challenge is funding. No money and how to remove without the lower part being damaged and where to put people on the lower part while this would be occurring. The County's roll is to provide beach maintenance and parking lots. County leases the building from the city, the city owns the building. It is a large ticket item and cost to tear it down. At this point no money so "a no go". It was suggested the community provide a suggestion on what we would like to see there.

5) Why can the county not provide us with money for the bathrooms in Venice – Measure M – funding dollars for the bathrooms. Kenneth Foreman will be looking in to this.

6) Park Rangers – general manager wants to restore them to our beach area, but there is a hiring issue. It's hard to keep them once they are trained as they (Park Rangers) want to advance. Bob Davis with Recs & Park is pushing for this in Venice.

7) LAPD - On line reporting is just now starting and getting going. Will have portal soon to report issues and concerns.

8) Rose Ave bathroom is looking to award a bid for the construction. It will be 10 stalls and 50% ADA. It will have the same footprint as existing bathrooms and will have showers. Completion is looking for May 2020. Regarding the other bathrooms. Bid Davis has submitted budget request for the attendant model at all bathrooms to the Recs & Park Commissioner.

800pm – guest speakers left.

No Motions

815pm – Meeting adjourn. NJ moved, CP – 2nd

NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER OF 2018