

## MINUTES

Schools & Parks Committee Meeting  
Venice Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library  
501 S Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

January 18, 2024. 5:30pm - 6:30pm

1. 5:35pm Call to Order & welcome

Attendance: Paul Davis, Eric Donaldson, John Parks, Regan Kibbee, Mehrnoosh Mojallali, Robin Murez, Julie Bean

Guests: approximately 12 stakeholders (Ecole Claire Fontaine families) with approximately 6 children plus 2 stakeholders (neighbors of Penmar Park)

Sean Silva - Venice Rep for CD11 Councilmember Traci Park

2. Approval of Prior Minutes - postponed to enable inclusion of additional information

3. 5:45 General Public Comment

### **Meeting Discussion focused on two subject areas:**

- **Safety needed for Schools and Parks - how to remove rv's from Lutheran & Penmar, and encampment from dog park AND**
- **Immediate and ongoing need for community input on RAP planning, maintenance, budgeting & facilities re: Windward Playground, Centennial Park, Penmar, and all**

Amanda - Requests different committee meeting time so that parents can attend e.g. 9 or 10am or 3pm

Pia & Melissa - expressed concerns re: RV's within Penmar Park and surrounding streets. Active drug dealing, safety concern, lack of response from park employees. Empty school bus, graffiti. Overnight parking signs ignored.

Amanda - Windward Playground demolition - update? website needed. CD11 newsletter does not address. No response to emails and zoom from CD11. Design notes, schedule, next steps, RAP says "still processing community feedback"

Holden - Offered to undertake professional "user research" for free. No response received.

Amanda - Offered Project Management. No response received.

Kent (?) - Offers budgeting / producing

Giovani - Suggests inviting playground manufacturers

- **Sean** arrived, introduced. Noted that RAP design proposed at Oct Windward Playground zoom was not well received. RAP to make changes: materials, colors, align with community vision

Amanda - OFW - resident dogs off leach between 26-28th streets. She has been attacked 5 times. Requests fencing dog run.

Dog Park - safety issues regarding people living in parking lot cars. Request lot be closed at night

Katy - tent camper David leaves Thurs & returns after clean-up. Attracts more tent camping. Can schedule be randomized?

Sean - Cleaning schedule tied to The Bridge Home.

Matt - "bare minimum" public spaces need to be safe and maintained. Concern re: RV's at First Lutheran/ECF

Robin - **VNC Board passed motion Oct 17\*** requesting RAP Commissioners and Executive Staff to meet with VNC & community experienced and knowledgeable regarding parks. No response received despite multiple requests. (Attached below)

Sean - Overview history of vehicle dwelling regulations 85.02 stopped at end of 2020. Traci Park moving to reinstate in residential, sensitive and commercial corridors AND provide safe parking locations. Proposal passed Transportation Committee of City Council. Homeless & Housing committee is holding up the ordinance.

41.18 controls outdoor encampments. Does not include sidewalk sprawl from rv's  
Overnight parking restrictions not enforced since 85.02 ended

Ballona Wetlands took 7 months & all Mayor's resources.

CVC 4.62 (?) City can demolish vehicles

City paying for additional storage for vehicles

Glencoe Bike Land pre-planned by DOT

Clay - What can the community do?

Sean - Reach out to Nithra Raman, Chair of Homeless & Housing Committee

Pull permits for street fairs, beautification projects, or construction

Record infractions - e.g., drugs, dumping in sewer.

LAPD has open investigations of Lutheran & Penmar sites

John - **Jan 26 meeting at Lutheran/ECF to discuss rv's**

**Will provide Ordinance File info**

Robin - the next **RAP monthly commissioners meeting is Feb 1 at 9am at Westchester Park.**

Venice community should attend and speak to park planning and maintenance issues.

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**\*VNC Board Motion Oct 17**

**Motion:** The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks confer with representatives of the Venice Neighborhood Council, prior to and ongoing, to see that plans for all Recreation and Parks locations in Venice retain and incorporate important features, enhanced access, community projects, and public interests.

Currently, we specifically request that RAP meet with VNC representatives prior to undertaking any further removal of existing assets, demolition, addition of non-permit compliant elements, expenditure of public funds or construction at: Centennial Park and Ocean Front Walk Windward Playground. (distribution list - RAP Commissioners & Executive Staff) Vote: 19-0-0-2

Meeting adjourned: approximately 6:45pm