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Venice Neighborhood Council General Board Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 11/29/2021

Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Meeting Location: Zoom Webinar

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Topic: OFW

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1. 7:00 PM – Call to Order

Jim Robb (Chair) X	Brian Averill X
Noel Johnston X	Peter Ruiz X
Robin Rudisill X	
NickAntonicello X	Mark Rago X
Andrew Mika X	Jason Tong
Mel Scheer	James Murez (ex officio)

2. Roll Call 8-0

3. Approve minutes from prior meeting JR BA 8-0

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agenda items related to the OFW Committee (1 minute per speaker)

5. THE BEACH AND OFW AS CD11’S INITIAL SENSITIVE USE AREA (Brian Averill) BA NA 7-0-1

WHEREAS the beach is a very unique public resource within CD11 enjoyed by millions of Angelenos and our visitors, and WHEREAS the City of Los Angeles spent several months and over 5 million dollars on its successful OFW Encampment to Home Program and WHEREAS humane, compassionate outreach & services AND the fair and reasonable regulation of shared public space are not mutually exclusive endeavors, THEREFORE the Venice Neighborhood Council formally requests that the beach, Recreation Center and OFW be designated a sensitive use area in Council District 11 under the recently amended LAMC 41.18, with letters sent to Councilmember Bonin and Mayor Garcetti.

6. REGULATE THE UNPERMITTED FOOD/DRINK VENDORS ON OFW (Jason Tong) BA JR 8-0-0-

WHEREAS there has been a recent increase in the number of unpermitted food & drink vendors on OFW, some of them now offering alcoholic beverages, the VNC requests a focused effort to regulate these individuals with letters sent to Captain Steven Embrich (30993@lapd.online) and SLO Monique Contreras (38228@lapd.online)

7. DESIGN AND INSTALL AN ARCH AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE VENICE PIER (Peter Ruiz) PR JR 8-0-0

WHEREAS the newly remodeled pier deserves an iconic arch/sign at its entrance befitting of Venice’s unique cultural and creative history, the VNC requests that a project to design and fund this effort be initiated, with letters sent to Councilmember Bonin, Michael Shull (michael.shull@lacity.org) and Sonya Young-Jimenez at RAP.

8. ADDRESS VALET VIOLATIONS AND PARKING ALONG SPEEDWAY (Jim Robb) JR RR 8-0-0

WHEREAS the valet companies along Speedway (most notably at Venice Blvd) regularly drive and/or direct visitors the wrong way on Speedway and also routinely park cars in private spaces owned by other OFW businesses, the VNC requests that this issue is rectified, with letters sent to Brian Hale (brian.hale@lacity.org) at LADOT, Eric Bruins (eric.bruins@lacity.org) at CD11, and SLO Contreras.

9. STREET DRAINAGE/ROSE AVE STORM DRAIN (Brian Averill) BA JR 8-0-0

WHEREAS our last 2 significant rainfalls have resulted in a clear failure of our drainage system along with overwhelming noxious fumes across North Venice, the VNC requests that the source of these problems be identified and genuinely rectified with letters sent to Barbara Romero at LASAN (barbara.romero@lacity.org) Keith Mozee (keith.mozee@lacity.org) at Street Services and Councilmember Bonin.

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10. REPAINTING OF THE OFW EASEMENT LINES AND VENDOR SPACES (Noel Johnston) NJ NA 8-0-0

WHEREAS there are currently white easement lines to the west of the businesses along Ocean Front Walk and WHEREAS these lines are being ignored by many businesses and vendors along OFW who now encroach on the right of way, THEREFORE the VNC recommends that Rec & Parks, in co-ordination with the Venice Beach BID, repaint and enforce the limits of these easements with a letter sent to Sonya Young-Jimenez (sonia.young-jimenez@lacity.org) at RAP.

11. REPAINTING OF THE BEACH RESTROOMS (Andrew Mika) AM BA 8-0-0

WHEREAS the patchy gray paint on our beach restrooms is dreary and uninviting and does not at all reflect Venice's creative history, THEREFORE the VNC requests that a more colorful, aesthetically pleasing repainting project be undertaken with letters sent to Michael Shull, Sonya Young-Jimenez, and Councilmember Bonin.

12. ADJOURN

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