# Venice Neighborhood Council

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PO Box 550, Venice, CA 90294 / www.VeniceNC.org Email: info@VeniceNC.org Ocean Front Walk Committee Canal Club 2025 Pacific Ave. Venice, CA 90291 Tuesday, March 24, 6-8pm

#### Ocean Front Walk Committee

Roll Call	P	NP		P	NP
			Gail Rogers		
Ron Kramer			Shelly Gomez		
Melissa Diner,			Therese Dietlin		
chair					
Noel Johnston		=			

### 1.) Approval of Agenda

## 2.) Public Comment for items not on the Agenda

### 3.) Announcements

Presentation-Shelly Gomez

# 4.) New Business for Discussion and Possible Action:

- 1.) Re write/brainstorm OFW Committee Mission Statement
- 2.) Whereas Venice Beach was founded and designed around the European culture of Venice, Italy,

Where topless bathing is commonplace throughout Europe, much of the rest of the world and many places within the US,

Whereas Venice Beach as been a safe haven for liberal views and free expression,

Whereas historically Venice Beach allowed nude bathing,

Therefore be it resolved,

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports women being afforded the same rights as men to visit Venice Beach, CA Topless.

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- 3.) The Venice Neighborhood Council supports research or investigation that will supply donation boxes or mechanism for donations being installed on Venice Beach, CA. These funds would be used to help support, safety, and beautification on Ocean Front Walk.
- 4.) Whereas Ocean Front Walk Committee clearly understands and works to maintain the integrity of free speech, art, diversity, merchandise mix and place making specifically Ocean Front Walk,

Whereas the proposed location has been an area of blight and non activated space for years,

Whereas there are very limited quality options of sit down restaurants on Ocean Front Walk with a view of the ocean, (tourists, Los Angelenos and locals alike come to the beach to see the ocean, dine, shop and see the sites)

Whereas this is the 1<sup>st</sup> new building on Ocean Front Walk in over 30 years,

Therefore be it resolved,

The Venice Neighborhood Council Supports the proposed development at 811-815 Ocean Front Walk. (The Ocean Front Walk Committee Understands the land use committee will speak to the compliance of the Venice coastal specific plan)

81-815 Ocean Front Walk (mixed use-2 residential units & 110- seat restaurant w/CUB), North Venice sub Area C1-1 zone, Land Use Designation Community Commercial, Dual Permit Jurisdiction Coastal Zone (aka "Appealable Area" post LCP)

ZA-2014-3007-CDP-CUB-ZV-SPP-MEL and ENV-2014-3008-EAF <a href="http://www.venicenc.org/811-815-ocean-front-walk/">http://www.venicenc.org/811-815-ocean-front-walk/</a>

CASE NOT SCHEDULED FOR HEARING

Projection Description: demo of 9 res units and constr of 8,456 sq. ft mixed-use project consisting of 2 residential units over 100 seat ground floor restaurant (2,691 sq. ft) with new CUB for full alcohol & hours of Sun-Thurs 8am-12 midnight, & Fri & Sat. 9am to 1am; request for parking variance to allow mechanical lifts & tandem parking with parking attendant.

5.) The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends Any Commercial Endeavour or project with a commercial component on OFW being considered by VNC or VNC committees should be vetted by OFW Committee prior to final

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recommendation.

6.) The Venice neighborhood supports the extension of operating hours for all merchants east of the boardwalk to match the park hours of 12am.

### 5.) Old Business for Discussion and Possible Action:

### Postponed from previous meeting:

- **a.)** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a green exercise and lounge area, which can be made of astro-turf and gravel on our near Muscle Beach, Playground or Windward Plaza. (A sports park and obstacle challenge area etc.)
- **b.)** The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Snow Fencing installation on the Westside of the bike path and surrounding area.
- 6) Public comment for items not on agenda.

#### 6.) Meeting Adjourned

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