

# Venice Neighborhood Council

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Ocean Front Walk Committee

MINUTES

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	P	
Ron Kramer			NP		Shelly Gomez	P	
Melissa Diner, chair		P			Therese Dietlin	P	
Noel Johnston		P	=		Carl Lambert	P	

Thomas Elliott P

Jody Maroni P

### **1.) Approval of Agenda Shelly, Noel**

**No objections**

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

**None**

### **3.) Announcements**

**Named on committee Thomas Elliott, Carl Lambert & Jodi Maroni to OFW Committee.**

Presentation-Shelly Gomez- Postponed

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

1.) Re write/brainstorm OFW Committee Mission Statement

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Postpone

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Therefore be it resolved,

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**AMENDMENT:** (To last sentence only)

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Thomas motion, Carl Second.

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Noel Johnston		F	=		Carl Lambert	F	

Thomas Elliott F  
 Jody Maroni F

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### Public Comment:

None

### Board Comment:

Silly Committee motion, Gail was Topless in 73 and there was a gay beach.

Not a bother, Noel-the average age has gone up

Jodi Maroni-has it ever bother anyone

Therese

Thomas-Very serious issue, woman being afforded the same rights as man.

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.

## POSTPONE

### Public Comment

Noel-What is it for? Great idea Art objects dolphins.

Thomas---Great idea App/smart phone

Carl Boardwalk App and Chamber together half the money goes to arts/homeless even one dolphin would be Hugh

Approval signs

Nick Mike has funds ask for signs

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Can we do community grant for this? Yes due April 4  
Therese has information available on the boardwalk  
Jodi --Arrow to canals so bad sign  
Thomas --bronze sculptures home of skateboarding

## RON KRAMER ARRIVES

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 Angelinos 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)

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<http://www.venicenc.org/811-815-ocean-front-walk/>

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.

**AMENDMENT:** (deleted Whereas this is the 1<sup>st</sup> new building on Ocean Front

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Public Comment:

One of the oldest apartments in Venice Nick

Board Comment:

Gail –Park Ave. we have low fences, spoke at LUPC will include battle of the bands in front, they are also going to put in mechanical lifts. She would love a mini whole foods/organic food market instead independent.

Jodi-this is not entertainment zone in front

Carl—we can't tell applicant

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Therese---do we agree to go alone with this plan?

Thomas ---doesn't like the additional parking

Carl—the additional parking is part of the Venice specific plan

Jodi---

Shelly ---we need entertainment

MOTION: Carl motion, Ron Kramer second

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Noel Johnston			O		Carl Lambert		F	

Thomas Elliott F

Jody Maroni F

MOTION CARRIES:

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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 recommendation.

## AMENDMENT:

The Venice Neighborhood Council recommends that OFW committee must be notified of any projects that are presented to LUPC in regards to commercial projects on OFW.

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Thomas Elliott F  
Jody Maroni F

Tom, second Therese

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Public Comment

Nick –amendment any commercial applicants before lupc be submitted

Board comment

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

**POSTPONE**

## **7.) 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.)

**POSTPONE**

b.) The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Sand Fencing installation on the Westside of the bike path and surrounding area or we don't put up sand fencing and let it go back to beach instead of green knoll.

**POSTPONE**

No public comment

Board Comment—Noel (see above new notes on motion

Thomas can't do that because of the bike path, 3-foot wall concrete. Temporary solution or permanent solution.

Beaches and Harbors follow Noel

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8) Public comment for items not on agenda.

Noel-Leaking items on OFW what can we do?

## **9.) Meeting Adjourned**

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