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Ocean Front Walk Committee

Minutes

Canal Club

2025 Pacific Ave.

Venice, CA 90291

Tuesday, December 2, 2014 5-7pm



Ocean Front Walk Committee

Roll Call		P	NP			P	NP
Thomas Elliott, Co-chair				CUT	Gail Rogers		NP
Ron Kramer			NP		Shelly Gomez	P	
Melissa Diner, chair		P			Therese Dietlin	P	
Noel Johnston			NP		Carl Lambert		CUT

1.) Approval of Agenda

2.) Public Comment for items not on the Agenda

3.) Announcements

New committee Member announcements, Thomas, Carl cut from committee, Alexandra and Matthew interested in joining. When they come we will add.

4.) New Business for Discussion and Possible Action:

a.) (Noel) The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the playground being light up at night to promote a safe environment on the boardwalk and more family and children friendly activities after sunset.

Proposed amendment Shelly:

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the installation of lighting that would illuminate the playgrounds and bathrooms both on Rose Ave and adjacent to Park headquarters to promote a safe environment on the boardwalk and create family and children friendly activities after sunset.

Shelly Motion, Melissa Second.

Favor-2

Abstain- 1

Opposed-0

B.)(Noel) The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a green exercise

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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.

Therese move to postpone, Melissa Second

Favor -3

Abstain 0

Opposed 0

c.) (Noel) Snow Fencing.

Venice is not getting Snow Fencing for the 2nd year in a row. What can we do about it?

Therese will bring up at Task Force Meeting

d.) Free Shuttle Stops on OFW or surrounding area.

Shelly:

Speedway pass by

Free Shuttle

Melissa move to postpone, Therese second

Favor 3

Abstain 0

Oppose 0

OLD BUSINESS for Discussion and Possible Action

A.)(Shelly) The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the formation of an Ocean Front Walk Free Expression Advisory Board Ad Hoc Committee. The purpose of this committee is to ultimately create a self-regulating body to handle all boardwalk relations as they pertain to 42.15. Present your product to be approved if there is any question, if you have had a problem on the boardwalk and have a question or if there is a group with the same issue this would be the conversation starting point. Committee would be made up of:

1. OFW Free Speech expressionists
- 2.) 3 OFW artists
- 3.) Art director or curator
- 4.) LAPD member
- 5.) 1-art committee member
- 6.) 1 ofw committee member
- 7.) OFW Business owner

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Amendment:

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- 3.) 1 OFW or OFW walk street resident. (Replaced Curator or Art Director)
- 4.) LAPD member
- 5.) 1-art committee member
- 6.) 1-ofw-committee member
- 7.) OFW Business owner
- 8.) A Venice resident Lawyer

Public Comment

Abraham- sounds great

Shelly motion, Therese second

Favor 3

Oppose 0

Abstain 0

b.) Ice Rink Motion

1.)

The permit issued to allow the attraction for a trial period of not more than 4 months in 2012 and that at the end of the trial period, the attraction be dismantled, and the initial permit be granted on a non renewal basis until such time as the attraction is evaluated to consider the impact on the community.

2.)

At the end of the initial period, any permanent or renewable installation shall be subject to environmental review by the City of Los Angeles and the California Coastal Commission and to input from the VNC and the community, including but not limited to Electrical and Water Usage, regarding the impact on the community, including without limitation, the noise impact, parking, visual blight, whether appropriate security and safety considerations have been met, the hiring practices of the Operator and whether they are compatible with the community goals set forth in condition 9 and how the company has handled crowd control, and revenue earned

3.) Nighttime lighting, except for special performances, shall be confined to the minimum required for proper security;

4.) Nighttime security shall be provided by a minimum of two people at all times;

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5.) At least 2/3rds of gross revenue paid to the City by the operator of the Attraction (the Operator”) shall be spent by the Department of Recreation and Parks for maintenance of and enhanced services at Venice Beach in addition to previously budgeted items, such that no funds currently budgeted by the Department of Recreation and Parks for such maintenance and services shall be replaced by this revenue and that a separate account be established to track both the revenue generated by the City from the Attraction and the expenses paid from that revenue to better assure enhanced spending to improve maintenance and other services in the Venice Beach community.

The Operator, The City of Los Angeles and Rec and Parks will disclosure all financial details of the permit.

6.) The VNC (and through the VNC, the community of Venice) shall have “meaningful consultation” rights with the Department of Recreation and Parks regarding the maintenance and services specified in condition 5 above;

7.) The Operator shall reduce the parking impact of the attraction by offering incentives to encourage non-vehicular and public transportation customers;

8.) The Operator offer incentives, including discounts and other incentives to assure access by Venice residents and families;

9.) The Operator shall undertake best efforts to hire residents of the Venice community and at risk youth as employees at the site of the Attraction.

10.) No “for profit” or commercial signage shall be allowed on any part of the Attraction;

11.) The Attraction does not displace regularly scheduled events;

12.) The Operator hosts once a month benefits for Venice based nonprofits and non-profit organizations that serve the Venice community;

13.) The Operator, the Department of Recreation and Parks, LA City Council District 11, the VNC and community members shall meet monthly to review Attraction operations and Venice Beach maintenance and services as mentioned in condition 5 above; and take corrective action should any of the above conditions not be met and/or other problems arise;

14.) The identity of the operator of ice rink shall be disclosed 90 days prior to start date and present their plans to adhering to the above items in person 90 days prior before the Venice neighborhood council.

15.) In order to provide positive nighttime activities the ice rink should be open until 10pm or later.

Ice Rink Motion as amended:

MOTION Tom, Therese Second

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Thomas Elliott, Chair		F			Gail Rogers	A		
Ron Kramer					Therese Dieting		F	
Melissa Diner		F			Shelly Gomez	A	F	

Visitor Impact Committee

Roll Call		F	O				F	O
Joseph Shields		F						
Clabber Hartley		F						

Proposed Amendment: (Shelly)

Amendment:

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the formation of the ice rink for the 2014/2015 seasons.

Public Comment:

Dance Rink
 Pavilion, done with all this piece mail

Amendment:

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the installation of a permanent pavilion on Windward Plaza that can be used for multiply activities including dance hall ice rink, roller rink, central market, movies etc.

Therese, Shelly

Favor: 3

Abstain: 0

Opposed :0

b.) PAGODA BEAUTIFICATION: (Shelly)

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The OFW recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council support the formation of an “ Adopt- A-Pagoda” project and adjacent benches project.

The Venice artist community is thriving and public murals have evolved into a way to tie the Venice aesthetic with improving public spaces while creatively engaging residents and visitors. However as Venice deals with the impacts of new art vending regulations and the polarization among many of its residents regarding the evolution of the boardwalk and its role in serving the larger needs of the entire Venice neighbors and boardwalk businesses by giving artists more public space to create on the boardwalk. And the most ideal spaces for more public art are the pagodas along the boardwalk.

The pagodas currently serve as a gathering place for a wide range of locals and tourists and function as a true community amenity that could be improved by hosting local artists as muralists who adopt the space on a rotating basis.

Artists would cover the entire pagoda space and surrounding mini wall surrounding mini walls with their work and coordinate with Venice arts organizations and the VNC arts and OFW Committees to feature their installations as a focus for events like the Venice Art Crawl. Murals in the Pagoda spaces would also beautify the boardwalk, add to Venice’s uniqueness, and create options cross-collaborative partnering among neighborhood artists, businesses and residents.

Concepts must be presented and approved by Arts Committee & OFW Committee and Venice Neighborhood Council prior to installment.

Shelly Motion, Gail second

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Ron Kramer		F			Shelly Gomez	F	
Melissa Diner, Chair		F			Therese Dietlin	F	
Noel Johnston		F			Carl Lambert		

Proposed Amendment:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1z_L30UwJaa7Rrq0h0XcNlsxX9a8T6WTVoW8rp2RXgPI/viewform?usp=send_form

Shelly motion, Melissa second

Favor 3

Abstain 0

Opposed 0

8.) Follow up tree lighting in Dog Park. Email follow up.

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9.) Public comment for items not on agenda.

9.) Meeting Adjourned

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