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|  | **Ocean Front Walk Committee Meeting**April 7, 2014 Monday, 7-9p.m.,The Canal Club, 2025 Pacific Ave,Venice, CA 90291**AGENDA** |  |

**Call to order**

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| **Roll Call** |  | **P**  | **NP** |  |  |  | **P** | **NP** |
| Thomas Elliott, Chair |  | x |  |  | Gail Rogers |  |  | X |
| Ron Kramer |  | x |  |  | Therese Dietlin |  | X |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Shelly Gomez |  | X |  |
| Melissa Diner |  | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Approval of Agenda Therese move to approve, Ron second**

**Announcements:** (15 minutes)

General PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the agenda within jurisdiction of this Committee **(15 minutes)**

**Grant for People St application is almost done---Melissa**

**OFW Task Force Meeting Therese let everyone know that Tom wanted to do OFW Drug Task Force.**

**For Discussion and Possible Vote: (1.5 hours)**

1. **Extended hours of Muscle Beach on Sundays.**

**MOTION:**

The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council move to extend the hours of operation of Muscle Beach on Sunday to parallel those of Saturday which are 8am-7pm summer and 8am- 5pm winter.

Currently Muscle Beach is only open 12pm-4pm.

Withdrawn

**MOTION:**

The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council move to ask Rec and Parks to extend the hours of operation of Muscle Beach on Sunday to parallel those of Saturday which are 8am-7pm summer and 8am- 5pm winter.

Currently Muscle Beach is only open 12pm-4pm on Sundays.

Motion Ron, Melissa Second

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| Thomas Elliott, Chair |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ron Kramer |  |  | X |  | Therese Dietlin |  | X |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Shelly Gomez |  | X |  |
| Melissa Diner |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |

0 Opposed

0 Abstained.

Public Comment:

Andrew Hawkins ---regular at Muscle Beach, thinks the hours should be extended. Positive activity

Debora Lashever--- City hours stop at 4pm

Kimmet Iem---Positive, support the hours being open, member.

Board Comment:

-Ron---Saturday highest revenue day, Weekends are the most popular, by the time they get there, once the gym closes, it becomes a place where crime takes place. Ron talked to everyone at Muscle Beach and everyone who works at the city and they all want it opened later.

Therese-when is park open 12-4pm? Who runs Muscle Beach? They City.

Tom-How are you going to costs of extension that the city may ask us?

Ron it will create additional revenue. Close on another day, not on a Sunday.

1. **Prohibiting of amplified music in the sports areas.**

**MOTION**: The Ocean Front Walk recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council move against mobile amplified music on the boardwalk in the sports area from the beginning of the basketball courts to the end of the paddle tennis courts. Moving persons with amplified music should be prohibited in the sports area.

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| Thomas Elliott, Chair |  |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| Ron Kramer |  |  | X |  | Therese Dietlin |  |  | X |
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| Melissa Diner |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |

**AMENDED**

**MOTION**: The Ocean Front Walk recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council put pressure on the City and LAPD to distinguish Commercialism of Music vs. Music as freedom of speech and create a sports area and detail in 42.15.

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| Thomas Elliott, Chair |  |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| Ron Kramer |  |  | X |  | Therese Dietlin |  |  | X |
|  |  |  |  |  | Shelly Gomez |  |  | X |
| Melissa Diner |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |

0 Abstained.

Public Comment:

Andrew Hawkins : Hard to Focus/Distracting if we are working out/someone could get hurt. Can’t make a zone but they can write you a ticket?

Debora Lashever--- If you are going to work out in public, you have to deal with it.

Amplified music up to a certain decimal.

Abraham—Decimal machine unconstitutional. Harry Perry against the City of LA, because Harry Perry beat the city. Hunt against the city of LA. Matt Dial against the city of LA, which just won. They make soundproof glass. 9th Circuit have already ruled on this Matter and 42.15 allows

Board Comment:

Ron---What happens 3 weeks ago. City’s noise ordinance says you cannot play amplified music for commercial purposes. Everyone can do it or not.

Shelly---Carol Sobel, just one a case in the 9th circuit. No noise ordinance. Shelly got a ticket; it will go to court again. No vending should be happening. LAPD has said he cannot be ticketed because they are moving. Sports zone and area for all of muscle beach to

Therese---add more specifics.

Melissa—Is there a sound system at Muscle Beach/Basketball Courts?

Tom----Commercialism of Music vs. Music as freedom of speech. How do we differentiate the sports area? Venice Beach is Noisy. I don’t think Parks and Recs should play DJ. Create a sports zone.

Therese: Moving vs. not moving, cannot spot vending when they are moving. Where does this come from?

3.) **Community Improvement Project Grant Extension**

**MOTION:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council move to extend the application period for the community improvement grant in order to apply for funds to be used toward Westminster/People St/LA DOT program if accepted. Additionally, if an extension cannot be made, The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends the Venice Neighborhood Council support this project financially with whatever additional funds they may have available.

Withdrawn.

MOTION:

The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends that the Venice Neighborhood Council make all future Community Improvement project accessible to all by requiring and providing all applications to be submitted by email and/or mail.

Melissa Motion: Shelly Second.

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| Thomas Elliott, Chair |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ron Kramer |  |  | X |  | Therese Dietlin |  |  |  |
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| Melissa Diner |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |

1 abstained, Therese

MOTION:

Whereas, the VNC previously voted in favor of the joint committee meeting motions regarding hard street closures to include art, monuments, bike corrals and public seating areas,

The Ocean Front Walk Committee requests that the Venice Neighborhood Council support the People St./LA Dot projects including but not limited to Westminster and any other street already approved by the VNC for hard street closures financially on the contingency the grant(s) are approved.

Motion, Melissa, Second, Shelly

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| Thomas Elliott, Chair |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ron Kramer |  |  | X |  | Therese Dietlin |  | X |  |
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| Melissa Diner |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |

Debora---The VNC doesn’t have money. Why should it be given special consideration? Should be the city.

Ron---Extend and for how long?

Melissa---

Tom---Should be well thought out and well crafted. Better thought out.

4.) **All Pending and Confirmed Events on OFW**

**MOTION:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends to the Venice Neighborhood Council that Rec and Parks make available to OFW Committee on or before the first of each month all pending and accepted applications of public and private events occurring on OFW.

Withdrawn

**MOTION:** The Ocean Front Walk Committee recommends to the Venice Neighborhood Council that Rec and Parks make available to OFW Committee on or before the first of each month all pending, accepted and paid applications of public and private events occurring on OFW.

Melissa, Ron

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| **VOTE** |  |  | **FOR** | **OPPOSE** |  |  | **FOR** | **OPPOSE** |
| Thomas Elliott, Chair |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ron Kramer |  |  | X |  | Therese Dietlin |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Shelly Gomez |  | X |  |
| Melissa Diner |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |

1 Abstained. Therese

5.) **OFW Ocean Town Hall**

**MOTION:** Whereas the Ocean is an important element in the lives of Venetians and is a key reason why our city attracts millions of visitors from all over the world.

Whereas a recent report from experts on the topic of Sea Level Rising have determined much of Venice would be effected in the coming years by the rise of Ocean waters.

Whereas many Venetians are interested and concerned about Ocean cleanliness as they swim and surf in the waters of Venice Beach.

The Environmental Committee along with the Public Safety, Outreach and Ocean Front Walk Committees make a motion to support a Town Hall on our Ocean.  The Town Hall will be co-sponsored by Heal the Bay and will provide a panel discussion on Sea Level Rising including what can be done to prevent and prepare for such an event.  Ocean cleanliness will also be discussed.

This Town Hall will occur Wednesday, April 30th (or 28th or 29th)  at 7pm at TBD.

N/A now forum.

**General PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the agenda within jurisdiction of this**

**Committee (5 minutes)**

**Debora----No police report? When are the sweeps for the boardwalk?**

**Does LAPD have Coastal permits to put trailers?**

**Drum circle?**

**The ninja show is being taking up half the beach parking? Submit Motion**

**Shelly---Warn Bag and Tag said nothing about spraying chemicals.**

**The Ocean Front Walk Committee request that the Venice Neighborhood Council demand**

**When the HAZMAT crew comes and what they spray.**

**Additionally Debora would like where you can store your items to be posted.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**

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