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Ocean Front Walk Committee Meeting

August 12, 2013, Monday, 7-9p.m.,
The Canal Club, 2025 Pacific Ave,
Venice, CA 90291

AGENDA

Call to order

Roll Call		P	NP			P	NP
Thomas Elliott, Chair		P			Gail Rogers	P	
Ron Kramer		P			Therese Dietlin	P	
Barbara Duffy			NP		Shelly Gomez	P	
Melissa Diner		P					

Approval of Agenda --- Thomas Elliott move to approve agenda, Second by Gail Rogers.

Outstanding Board Minutes: Posted on www.venicenc.org/ocean-front-walk-committee

General PUBLIC COMMENT in memory of 8/3/2013 tragedy on the Boardwalk. (5 minutes)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Installing bollards all along parking lot at Sunset, have installed bollards on Rose and Ocean Front walk and one other area.
- 3 murals going to the family in Italy, Items for memorial to sell off the items to raise money for those injured, \$1000 in the fund thus far, organize a fund, Shelly will give me the fund.
- Shelly Gomez offering healing on the boardwalk
- Proposed community healing event, rabbi, and
- Ceclia Castillo **Bonin asked a motion for the committee to work together and report back in 14 days. More signs have already been added to educate in areas that are not clear.**

Announcements: (15 minutes)

- Parks and Recreation: Bathroom update, communication on events, bike path, erosion of green areas etc.,

NOTES:

Rec and Parks Priority for restrooms, to have manned restrooms.

Bike path and sand is la beaches and harbors. They sweep it once a week.
Beaches and Harbors was that letter Nick sent sent to Beaches and Harbors.

Why are the storm fences not up? Sand burms? Pampass Grass? to prevent sand from eroding and blowing onto bike bath. At that to letter that Linda sent.



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Research how much it costs to maintain the grass?



- WARN, TAG & BAG/Line item Carl---Carl not present **will have update next meeting 9/9/2013.**
- New location for OFW Committee Meetings. Ideas for rotating locations. **Suggestions** Oakwood, Erwin, Library, meeting places. Thomas Elliott Woud like to keep it on the boardwalk if possible so keep it open. Melissa Diner would like to have someone take over coordinating and confirming meeting place.
- **Zipline Update:** Rachel Metzger, Flight Linez: Not quite hitting the numbers, but they have been granted an extension through Oct. 23, 2013. See notes from Zipline meetings for more info on our they are working on routing these funds back to Venice.
- Bryan Embry, Art Gallery on Dudley Temporary
Notes: Art Gallery in the space where Henry's Market used to be through Oct..
Let Arts Committee know to put up organizations in Venice that are VNC approved.

General PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the agenda within jurisdiction of this Committee (5 minutes)

Gary Harris: Busing program why it has to be in Venice.

Cecilia Castillo: Winter shelter program is run by the county. They make pick up spots in places where there are a lot of displaced people and dropped off in the same area.

For Discussion and Possible Vote:

1.) The Public Safety Committee will vote on the below motion next week. (10 minutes)

E OFW Automated Bollards

MOTION: The VNC requests that the City of LA to install traffic control bollards along OFW to help protect the public safety. The proposed bollards shall be fully automated at all major points of access to OFW and cross streets at Speedway to allow easy-access to first responders. Manual bollards shall be installed at all lesser important cross streets.

Meeting tomorrow 6:30pm at Toms to discuss Public Safety.

NO VOTE WAS TAKEN

2.) Narrowing in on Topic for Outreach Committee proposed **Ocean Front Walk Town Hall.** (10 minutes)

Ideas: Candidate form/debate, Specific focus, Bullet point list.

Forum on Venice Beach Safety, Pathway to a Park. Making Venice Beach a park, Small Business/Commerce, Community resources, Maintenance falls on Parks and Rec and Beaches and Harbors, Line item focus on Ocean Front Walk.

Notes: Gail Rogers: Ira Koslow and Marc Saltzberg went to the city there is no line item.

Matt Kline: Identify for Town Hall:



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Who?
What is the goal?
What time of information do we need to do the case?

3.) **Illegality of bike riding on OFW in Venice.** (10 minutes)

MOTION: VNC aims to reinforce that no bikes are allowed to be ridden on OFW Boardwalk as per Sidewalk Riding (LAMC 56.15) Prohibits the riding of bicycles (or other human power devices) on sidewalks (bikeways or boardwalks) with a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property. Disallows the riding of bicycles on Ocean Front Walk in Venice.

Update: Gail Rogers efforts to reinforce this law as per correspondence with Cecilia Castillo.

Walk your bike on the busy areas. Ask the police to do it.

**NO VOTE WAS TAKEN BUT WE SHOULD INVITE Police force to next meeting to discuss.
Who will do this?**

4.) **Tourist Resources** (10 minutes)

MOTION: OFW Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council will compile and post Tourist resources currently available on the OFW Committee page of the Venice Neighborhood Council website.

Vote ALL IN FAVOR 5 OPPOSED 0

Verify VNC approves:

Venice Paparazzi
Venice Historical Society
Etc.

5.) **Venice Welcoming committee** (5 minutes)

Matt Moore recommended

Rec Center unused space. 1800 Ocean Front Walk Storage as a possible home basis for this.
Who can look into this?

Old Business:

1.) MOTION: (10 minutes)

The Ocean Front Walk (OFW) committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council will form a subcommittee to collect and assemble public information, including OFW property owners, business owners, business operators, building occupants, free speech zone expressionists, free speech zone performer, free speech zone artist or free speech zone vendors that are located east of Speedway within the boundaries of Venice. The sole



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purpose of this effort is to use in outreach efforts for Venice Neighborhood Council and to promote commerce, tourism and culture of OFW. All data collected will be maintained and available through Ocean Front Walk Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council.

This sub committee will collect and consolidate information via online form.

Additional efforts will include community outreach days and efforts.

VOTE : ALL IN FAVOR 2 OPPOSED 3

Agenda building for next meeting September 9, 2013:

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