

MINUTES:

Ocean Front Walk Committee Meeting, Monday, February 4, 2013

LOCATION:

Leaving at 6pm from Rose and Ocean Front Walk to Hotel Erwin for meeting.

Call to order and roll call:

Welcome everyone to the first OFW Committee meeting of the new Venice Neighborhood Council! Thomas Elliott and Melissa Diner present. Sris Sannathamby arrived later.

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda approved

Outstanding Board Minutes:

None. 1st meeting.

Announcements/Public Comment:**Outlines of issues discussed :**

- PATH, St Josephs, VA, LAPD were identified as organizations working with homeless on the boardwalk. It was decided that a committee member will be assigned to research and reach out to these agencies and invite them to future OFW meetings, and that the OFW Committee would work in tandem to with these agencies to help resolve some of the homeless issues.
- 4215 Ordinance for vendors. Figure out what Venetians believe are the best suggestions to modify this ordinance. It was the consensus of the committee and guest speakers that it is not working as written. Tom put forth the idea to create an "Art Panel" in conjunction with the VNC Art Committee which would arbitrate which vendors would be allowed to sell. This was well received. Melissa will contact the Art Committee Chair to discuss further.
- The idea of Park Ranger was put forth. It was agreed to research this possibility.

Event Calendar:

Next meeting March 4, 2013, First Monday of every month. Will include a "beach walk" to the meeting, from Rose Ave, down Oceanfront Walk to Hotel Erwin. Walk begins at 6:30. Meeting is 7 to 9pm.

Governmental Reports: None

Old Business: N/A

Motions: None

Accouncements/Public Comment not on agenda:

- The idea was put forth to create the Venice Music Series on the Rose Avenue pier in conjunction w Heal the Bay. Proceeds would go to fixing the storm drain in order to capture the toxic waste that's currently running into the ocean.
- Form a beach and boardwalk clean up team in conjunction with the Outreach Committee.
- Create a system for committees to stay in contact with each other, so that where there is cross over btwn the OFW Committee and Visitor Impact, Public Safety, Environmental, Land Use and Planning, Outreach and Art Committees, there can be a synergy that make these committees even more powerful by working together.
- Tina Hess introduced herself as a candidate for City Council.

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