

OFW COMMITTEE
Minutes for April 24, 2017 Meeting
Canal Club, 2025 Pacific Ave, Venice, CA 90291

1) 630pm - Meeting called to order

Present: Colleen Saro (CS), Ilana Marosi (IM), Gail Roger (GR), Noel Johnston (NJ), Ron Kramer (RK), Peter John Ruiz (PJR), Therese Dietlin (TD), Fran Soloman (FS), Cathy Drefuss (CS), Casey Parker (CP).

2) 631pm - Senior Lead Officer Roberts introduced himself to the committee and meeting. He gave same statistics that were given in the April VNC Meeting. Year to Date violent crime down 39.7%. Property is biggest problem. We now have 15 -20 more officers in the Pacific Division, and will be loan through end of September. So count on LAPD are 40-50 now.

3) 650pm - IM moved to approve agenda, FS 2nd, all approved

4) 653pm - IM moved to approve March minutes, FS 2nd, all approved

5) 657pm - Suzanne Thompson - from the Venice Arts Council presented. She has been in Venice 30 years, and involved with VNC 2005. She provided the committee with information that has been submitted to Recs & Park about a breakdown of costs to existing art in Venice/ Boardwalk that needs to be repaired/replaced. Per Recs & Park they have committed to replace 5 of the 11 park benches.

6) 720pm -

MOTION 2: Funding for Maintenance, Repair and Additional Art and Art Performance on OFW

Whereas, Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Committee requests the CD11 Councilman Bonin office and Recs & Park Bob Davis, request to LA City Council that a line item be added to the yearly budget under Recs & Park or City, but specific to: OFW/Venice for: Repair, Maintain, Add to, and Expand Art on OFW. The amount OFW Proposes is 100,000.00 per year.

Whereas, Venice is the 2nd largest tourist attraction in LA, LA City Council should have a budget line specific to address the much needed attention to: the Mural Memorials, Art Tile Benches, Handball Court Mosaic Letters, Dreams Come True Column, Running of the Grunion (Restrooms @ 17th, Brooks, Horizon), Venice Beach Poet's Monument (LAPD Substation, and same 3 Restrooms as stated, 17th, Brooks, Horizon), Venice Canals @ Windward Plaza, Children's Fountain @ Windward Plaza, Voxal 2000, Children of Venice Trash Can Art and Pedestals with Historic Signage, and but not limited to include additional Art to be added along the Boardwalk, Windward Plaza, Venice Pier, Pagodas and Rose Parking Lot.

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Noel Johnston - Motion

Cathy Drefuss - 2nd

Ilana Marosi, Gail Rogers, Colleen Saro, Peter John Ruiz, Ron Kramer, Therese Dietlin, Fran Soloman, Casey Parker - all yes. No Abstentions, No No's.

7) 725pm - Committee would like the OFW Mission statement to be re-worked to include Arts.

8) 732pm - Committee proceeded for goals for committee before end of term. Every member submitted 3 ideas and we voted on the top 5, next meeting 3 out of the 5 will be voted on.

PJR - improve general appearance on boardwalk, vendor stripping, better and more trash cans

NJ - bring arts back onto OFW as well as maintain what we currently have, improve vision we have for OFW

CD - long term goal for homeless, short term goal for homeless, homeless on Park to provide for them a more sanitary experience to help them move forward, BID - less hostile between residents & businesses, & raise businesses conscience of the residents

GR - fine tune OFW Committee and work with other committee where there is a crossover

TH - more variety for Arts back on the boardwalk, more performance art at Pavilion, Snap Chat concerns

FS - Sand fences up during appropriate time of the year, have at least one bathroom open during the night, Town Hall regarding Social Media & City issues on how companies are impacting the community

IM - agreed on bathroom, patrolling bathroom, Snap Chat

CS - agreed on bathroom, agreed on Snap Chat, would like to see the Pagodas decorated

RK - enforcement of noise ordinance: east & west side, lower business amplified east of boardwalk, enforce performance noise ordinance

CP - trash can maintenance & beautification

VOTES:

BATHROOMS - CS, IM, NJ, PJR, TD, FS, CD, CP - yes

GR, RK - no

NOISE ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT - CS, IM, NJ, PJR, TD, CD, CP, GR, RK - yes

FS - abstain

HOMELESS SANITARY, SHORT & LONG TERM - CS, IM, PJR, TD, CD, CP, RK, FS - yes

GR - no

TRASH CANS, ALL INCLUSIVE ABOVE - UNANIMOUS YES

BID - UNANIMOUS YES

ARTS ON OFW, ALL INCLUSIVE ABOVE - UNANIMOUS - YES

OFW COMMITTEE, FINE TUNE, ALL INCLUSIVE ABOVE - UNANIMOUS - YES

TOWN HALL WITH SOCIAL MEDIA & COUNCILMAN BONIN - UNANIMOUS - YES

9) 815pm -

MOTION 1: Town Hall - Social Media Companies and all Government Offices that Apply
Whereas, the Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Committee represents the concerns and values of the residents and business owners on OFW. Per public request to any and all Social Media that interfaces with OFW and it's permittees, to include east up to Main Street, north up to Navy and south up to Washington, OFW is requesting a Town Hall. The Town Hall is to include a panel to consist of Social Media Companies within the area stated, CD 11 Councilman Mike Bonin, LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Recs & Park Bob Davis, Beaches & Harbors John Kelly, State Senator District 26 Ben Allen, Coastal Commissioner Chuck Posner. Colleen Saro will introduce guidelines for the Town Hall. There will be a moderator and a time keeper provided. The Town Hall format will consist of a 30 minute introduction of concerns per the public, provided by OFW, to be followed by responses from the Social Media Companies, CD 11 Bonin, County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Recs & Park Bob Davis, Beaches & Harbors John Kelly and Coastal Commissioner Chuck Posner. To be included in the Town Hall, 60 minute of Q & A for the panel. OFW will provide getting refreshments donated, and delivered to the Town Hall. The Outreach Committee will be responsible for the Venue, set up, refreshment table set up, and strike of all mention set ups.

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10) 820pm - FS announced on June 23rd, 1-230pm Isreal Center @ OFW will have a meeting being runner with Becky Dennison (VCHC), education and Q & A

11) 821pm - no motion was needed to Fred Kia request about the parking lot on Washington, as CS and Mr Kia have already been in conversation with Beaches & Harbors, and LAPD

12) 822pm - GR - voiced concern, more and more "regular people" can't afford Venice, we are losing our community

13) 823pm - CD - short term rental solution is on the horizon regarding City Council passing, but enforcement will be a challenge

14) 825pm - Margaret Malloy - Public Comment - voiced concerns about trash cans possibly having lids/tops that can be deposited into, but not able to retract from, as a negative for homeless, as they reach in for food & drink

15) 827pm - CP & PJR want to have a presentation on their research and information they have accumulated for the BID

16) 828pm - MOTION FOR BID - NOT SUBMITTED - MAY MEETING

17) 828pm -

MOTION 3: Funding from Beaches & Harbors to benefit OFW & Venice Beach

Whereas, Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Committee states concerns for additional monies to be utilized for additional restrooms, showers, trash cans and maintenance on the Boardwalk. OFW requests that the CD 11 Councilman Bonin and County Supervisor Sheila Kuel work with John Kelly Beaches & Harbors to utilize monies they have available to repair, restore and add to the existing restrooms, showers and trash cans in Venice, as Beaches & Harbors contribute to other beaches along the coast that lie with in LA County, as should they be able to attend to Venice as well.

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Colleen Saro Motion

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16) 830pm - GR moved to adjourn, FS 2nd

