

OFW NOV, 27, 2017 MINUTES

638 - meeting came to order

In attendance: Colleen Saro (CS), Noel Johnston (NJ), Katherine Conway (KC), Peter John Ruiz (PJR), Jason Moore (JM), Therese Dietlin (TD), Cathy Dreyfus (CD), Casey Parker (CP).

642 - NJ approved agenda as presented, CD 2nd

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645 - CD approved minutes as presented, TD 2nd

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647 - Announcements:

652 - NJ - gave up-date on the Beaches & Harbors meeting - status of lifeguard tower. John Kelly said it is top priority for them within the next year.

CS - announced that Ilana Marosi will not be on the committee for the next 3 months due to work schedule, so that makes the committee count at 11.

702 - CS gave update on bike path per the updates from Kheuls office at the last VNC meeting.

CS provided blueprints that were available at the VNC meeting. Was noted that any additional up-dates or work on path would have to go to Coastal Commission.

Public Comment:

Nick Antonicello - voiced concerns about not addressing what is really needed on bike path, fixing the grassy knoll problem. He suggested a letter be sent back to Kuehl's office to ask why they won't acknowledge the sand on the bike path. After much discussion it was suggested that Supervisor Kuehl, CD11 & Recs & Park come to OFW Committee in January and for a presentation regarding the proposal for the bike path, as none of the members were at the VNC and they have some questions. CS will extend and invite and hope to have all attend.

725 - Discussion regarding a permanent stage at Windward Circle. CS gave Recs & Park update regarding this idea. Recs & Park feels a permanent stage may be too big of a jump forward. Portable stage, question is where would it be stored. Felt we need to show a need, and we should concentrate on the existing amphitheater. A Sub-Committee was formed of Katherine Conway, Peter John Ruiz & Therese Dietlin. CS will contact Sunny Bak with Arts Committee and see if they are willing to partner for an "Arts Day" at the existing amphitheater space.

741 - Discussion regarding the k-rails that are still at walk streets on OFW. Email CS sent to CD11, Recs & Park, Beaches & Harbors and County: Taylor & Jesse, Please give us a timeline for removal and more appropriate replacement for the cement barriers that were placed back in July.

I was informed that it was temporary, please define temporary and give us a projected month and year so I may inform the residents that are inquiring.

I've been patient and asked everyone to give you all a couple of months, so now that we are going into 4/5 months, please give me a more solid answer and resolution to this matter.

If money is in question and this is a safety/terrorist issue, then money shouldn't come into play, as this falls under Homeland Security, and they should be providing the monies and funding.

Email response from Taylor Bazley with CD11: We have a letter in with Homeland Security asking for help and funding. To quote the Congressional office staffer I talked to though, "getting money out of the federal government right now is like getting water out of a stone." That being said, we sat down with a bollard company last week to talk about different mechanisms and the plan for a replacement is high on our agenda. Any security improvement will probably need to be phased and I think it is fair enough to say that we will replace the side streets (such as Park ave.) that have K-Rail as defense right now, first.

752 - - MOTION PROPOSAL FOR PARK RANGERS ON OFW/VENICE BEACH

Whereas:

1. There are violations of rules and regulations on Venice Beach and the Ocean Front Walk (OFW) that are considered by the Los Angeles Police Department to be low priority;
2. Examples of these violations are: riding motorized vehicles on the OFW and bike path, including Segways, motorized skateboards and motorized bicycles; riding bicycles on the OFW; drinking and smoking on OFW; camping on OFW, Venice Beach, and the median grassy knolls during unsanctioned times;
3. The violations of these rules and regulations create a safety and health hazard for the residents and visitors to the OFW, bike path and Venice Beach;

Whereas: Los Angeles Police Department does not have the resources or personnel to monitor the OFW, bike path and beach to prevent these violations and enforce proper use and regulations;

Whereas: Providing Park Rangers will enable LAPD to attend to higher priority violations, and will improve the use and enjoyment and safety of OFW, bike path and beach for residents and visitors;

Therefore, the Ocean Front Walk committee **RECOMMENDS:**

That the Venice Neighborhood Council send a letter to CD11, Councilman Bonin, Robert Davis with Recs and Parks, Carol Baker with Beaches and Harbors, and Sheila Keuhl of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors District 3 to add a line item in the relevant budgets and assign four (4) PARK RANGERS to OFW, bike path and Venice Beach.

CS-moved, CD & JM 2nd.

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800 - TD - voiced concerns that the restrooms have still not been dealt with.

810 - NJ moved to adjourn, TD 2nd

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 29TH @ 630PM. LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER