



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Meeting Agenda, Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Meeting Date: 05/29/2019 - Wednesday  
Meeting Time: 630pm  
Meeting Location: Venice Library 501 Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291  
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### 1) 630 pm – Call to Order and Roll Call

Colleen Saro - Chair		Peter John Ruiz	
Noel Johnston		Jason Moore	
Katherine Conway		Therese Dietlin	
		Casey Parker	
		Melvin Scheer	

- 1) 631 pm – Approve Agenda as presented or amended
- 2) 633 pm – Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented
- 3) 635 pm – PUBLIC COMMENT – 10 Minutes on non-agenized items related to OFW.
- 4) 645 pm - Scooter Concerns & Reports from: CD11, LAPD
- 5) 700 pm – POSSIBLE MOTION RE: FILM PERMITS IN RELATION TO SCOOTERS ON THE BOARDWALK AND BIKE PATH

WHEREAS, per 63.44, motorized devices, except ADA compliant devices are prohibited on the Bike Path & OFW Boardwalk

WHEREAS, advertising media show devices on the Bike Path, which is against 63.44

WHEREAS, as of Memorial Day 2019, DOT & LAPD are enforcing geo-fencing for no motorized devices on the Venice Bike Path & OFW Boardwalk,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council urge the City of LA, CD11, Film LA & County Supervisor 3<sup>rd</sup> District not allow filming on the Bike Path and OFW Boardwalk, for any reason, to help prevent misinformation regarding motorized vehicles being allowed.

### 5) 715 pm - POSSIBLE MOTION RE: LIMITATION OF AMOUNT OF MOTORIZED DEVICES WITHIN THE VENICE COMMUNITY:

WHEREAS, motorized devices are saturating the Venice Community,

WHEREAS, the device companies have not voluntarily offered to contain their counts within the Venice Community



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WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are between 1000 and 1500 devices within the Venice community alone

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council urge the City of LA, DOT & CD11 agree all device companies are limited to no more than 50 devices within the Venice community, to have a total of no more than 550 devices within the Venice Community.

**7) 725 pm - POSSIBLE MOTION RE: DEDICATED SCOOTER PATH ALONG VENICE BEACH:**

WHEREAS, the proliferation of motorized electrical scooters have saturated the roadways, streets and sidewalks of Venice, and WHEREAS, these devices have become a pedestrian hazard and are in conflict with the speed and efficiency of a traditional and non-motorized bicycle, and WHEREAS, the current bike path that routes through Venice Beach is not designed for motorized and non-motorized access for safety reasons, and WHEREAS, the drivers of these scooters are in constant non-compliance of safety concerns, lack of helmets, dual-riding and alike, and WHEREAS, these devices while popular with tourists are a burden to the Venice community and the vendors who provide these scooters do little if any self regulation, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Venice Neighborhood Council urge the City of Los Angeles in cooperation with the County of Los Angeles have a feasibility study to investigate the construction of a scooter only lane that begins at the Venice Pier and ends at the border of Venice and the City of Santa Monica. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter be sent to CD11 as well as all members of the LA County Board of Supervisors as well as LA DOT and the California Coastal Commission for their input, and that the cost of construction be in part subsidized in a private/public partnership between the approved scooter vendors and the City and County of Los Angeles.

**8) 735 pm – POSSIBLE MOTION IN SUPPORT OF RESTRICTING CHAINS ON THE BOARDWALK.**

CD11 Motion:

The Venice community in the City of Los Angeles is experiencing a significant amount of investment and redevelopment due to a strong local economy and robust housing market. This has resulted in economic pressure on commercial properties such as rising rents and the displacement of locally-owned independent retail businesses. Ocean Front Walk, in particular, is experiencing these impacts. Locally-owned independent businesses are a hallmark of a healthy community and



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help to safeguard the public welfare. Neighborhood-based businesses are important contributors to the identity of Venice and help to sustain the social fabric of the community by providing local services to residents in a walkable environment. Other cities such as San Francisco, CA and Jersey City, NJ have enacted land use planning and zoning rules to preserve the “sense of place” and unique neighborhood character in their communities by supporting small businesses and independent retail uses. These so-called “formula retail ordinances allow a local government to shape the mix of businesses in their city. Some ban all chain stores from certain neighborhoods; some cap the number of retail chain stores allowed within a neighborhood; and others require a case-by-case approval of proposed retail use projects. I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of City Planning study the impacts of independent retail uses on the social fabric of a community and to report back on the levels of economic, social, and cultural activity such uses support, including the number of jobs per square foot and the diversity of residents. I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of City Planning, in consultation with the City Attorney, report of the feasibility of using zoning and other land use planning tools to encourage the siting of independent retail uses on Ocean Front Walk in the Venice community.

THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council send a letter to the City of LA, and the Planning Commission in support of CD11.

**9) 745 pm – POSSIBLE MOTION RE: REMOVE, REPLACE OR REPAIR THE VENICE LIFEGUARD TOWER.**

Whereas the deteriorating structure at 2300 Ocean, known as The Venice Lifeguard Tower, has been unoccupied and unusable for the past 4 years, Whereas the Feasibility Study has been shelved until funding is identified and secured.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Venice Neighborhood Council urge the City of Los Angeles CD11 in cooperation with Beaches & Harbors, and County Supervisor 3<sup>rd</sup> District LA County to remove the top level of the Lifeguard Tower to resolve this issue.

**9) 755 pm - ADJOURN**

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