



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint Meeting of VNC Board and Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: 8/26/2019

Meeting Time: 6:30pm-9:30pm

Meeting Location: 767 California Ave. Venice, CA 90291

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BOARD MEETINGS: The Venice Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. All are welcome to attend.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: See last page.

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DISABILITY POLICY: See last page.

ALL AGENDA TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MEETING.

1. **6:35 pm – The Department of City Planning and CD11 to discuss "Formula Retail" along Ocean Front Walk presentation. We will be conducting a special OFW committee After they will conduct a small workshop with our committee and community stakeholders.**
2. **7:15 pm - Call to Order and Roll Call**

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3. **7:20 pm – Approve Agenda as presented or amended**
4. **7:23 pm – Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented**
5. **7:25 pm – PUBLIC COMMENT – 10 Minutes on non-agenized items related to OFW.**
6. **7:35 pm - E-Transportation Concerns & Reports from: CD11, LAPD, B.I.D**
7. **7:45pm - Chair Report**
8. **7:50 pm – Old Business**
9. **7:55pm – New Business**

(a) Item for Discussion and Possible Action - Motion

WHEREAS, Venice currently hosts twenty-two (22) sidewalk locations for scooters, and
WHEREAS, Venice cannot absorb or tolerate additional locales for these devices,



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) endorse a policy that limits four (4) scooters per designated location per approved vendor.

(b) Item for Discussion and Possible Action - Motion

WHEREAS, a reasonable and manageable number of scooters should be limited to 616 for all approved vendors, and
WHEREAS, Venice is saturated and inundated with thousands of these devices, taking a toll and financial hardship on existing retailers who employ locals and pay taxes,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) endorse a hard limit of 616 devices for all approved vendors designated at the twenty-two sidewalk locations.

(c) Item for Discussion and Possible Action - Motion

WHEREAS, each device company offers an APP which tells riders where drop-off areas are located throughout Venice, and
WHEREAS, these devices must be parked at these locations in order to turn off the meter,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) endorse a policy that device meters not shut down until properly parked and deposited at these designated drop-off locations.

(d) Item for Discussion and Possible Action - Motion

WHEREAS, signage regarding the usage of scooter devices will assist in the self-regulation and usage, and
WHEREAS, LA DOT has produced signage indicating that traveling on sidewalks is a violation of the terms of operation and can result in a \$197 fine, and
WHEREAS, the estimated violations revenue would in the tens of thousands of dollars in Venice alone, and
WHEREAS, the estimated revenue in enforcing violations by riders could be as high as \$59,000 per day, and
WHEREAS, a pilot program of law enforcement commences thirty days (30) after the installation of these signs,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) endorse the enforcement of operating procedures such as monitoring riding on the sidewalk and allowing minors to operate these devices alone which would be considered child endangerment holding the parents or cardholder liable and accountable.

(e) Item for Discussion and Possible Action - Motion

"Restore ADA access and walkability to 1201 Oceanfront Walk, Clubhouse Ave and surrounding properties/businesses therein."



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In previous years concrete barriers were placed along several streets to prevent traffic from entering oceanfront walk. Since then metal bicycle racks and signage have been used to prevent traffic and provide a service to the public. The concrete barriers were removed from all streets but one, located on clubhouse ave. and oceanfront walk. The stakeholders and the closet business owners and residents at/around 1201 oceanfront walk ask that the barrier be removed to allow ADA access, prevent violations of LAMC 56.08, increase walkability, prevent loss of business and liability nuisances surrounding.

(f) Item for Discussion and Possible Action - Motion

“Open bathrooms along oceanfront walk during night time hours until approved temporary mobile restrooms are in place. Encourage the city of Los Angeles to deliver approved mobile restrooms in a timely manner.”

The city of Los Angeles has approved throughout the City of Los Angeles including Venice Beach. We seek to encourage timely delivery of mobile restrooms and until such time we seek to open all public restrooms located along oceanfront walk, including rose Ave, Brooks Ave, horizon ave, 18th Ave and N Venice Blvd, to prevent public safety hazards and environmental dangers through public waste as well as provide a needed service to the health and wellbeing to the areas unhoused individuals.

(j) Item for Discussion and Possible Action - Motion

“Amend 42.15 and related ordinances to Restore rights to sell handmade jewelry along oceanfront walk.”

Throughout recent commercial sales bans for vendors along oceanfront walk, vendors rights to sell noncommercial handmade wearable art was removed. Wearable art in question, like jewelry, can represent religious and expressive freedom of speech, a right oceanfront walk is known for and assures. We seek to restore previously assured rights to sell noncommercial wearable art along oceanfront walk.

10. **8:55pm - COMMITTEE COMMENTS – Comments by Committee Members on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Ocean Front Walk Committee but not on the Agenda**
11. **900pm -ADJOURN**



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