



# Venice Neighborhood Council



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

DATE: Wednesday June 24, 2020

TIME: 7:00pm – 10:00 pm

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNORS EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID – 19, THIS VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY TELEPHONICALLY TO JOIN THE MEETING PLEASE USE THIS LINK

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1. 7:00 pm - Call to Order
2. 7:05 pm - Roll Call

Jim Robb, Chair <a href="mailto:James.Robb@venicenc.org">James.Robb@venicenc.org</a>	✓	Nick Antonicello <a href="mailto:nantoni@mindspring.com">nantoni@mindspring.com</a>	✓
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3. 7:10 pm – Approve Agenda as presented or amended JR, BA
4. 7:15 pm – Approve Minutes of last meeting as presented see draft minutes 10/28/2019 JR, BA
5. 7:20 pm - OFWC members to declare any conflicts of interest or ex parte communications relating to items on this meeting's agenda
6. 7:25 pm- Chair Report
7. 7:30 pm – General Public Comment on non-agendized items related to Ocean Front Walk - 15 minutes

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8. 7:45 pm - Concerns & Reports from: CD11, LAPD, B.I.D
9. 8:00 pm – ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: MOTION.

9 (a). MOTION: Regulation of electric transportation devices (ETDs) on OFW **JR, NA**  
([jim.robb@venicenc.org](mailto:jim.robb@venicenc.org))

Whereas there has been a huge surge in private non-geofenced ETD rentals on OFW and  
Whereas LADOT has still not installed signage communicating the illegality of these  
devices on OFW and Whereas the safety of our residents and visitors is of the utmost  
importance,

### requests

The Venice Neighborhood Council ~~recommends~~ timely installation of the  
aforementioned signage, including the \$197.00 fine amount, along OFW with  
notifications sent to both CD11 and LADOT.

**MOTION PASSES 8-0-0**

~~Locations of establishment that are currently need to be put on notice: —~~

~~1601 Ocean Front Walk Venice, CA 90291. 1309-1377 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, CA 90291. Ride!  
Venice. 1915 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, CA 90291. Scoot e-bike Rental aka Venice Segway Rentals  
1501 Ocean Front Walk. Venice, CA 90291 J's or Jay's rentals 1501 Ocean Front Walk. Venice, CA  
90291 multiple locations. 18th and Speedway Ave side entrance and 1 on OFW Venice Boardwalk Bike  
Rental 517 Ocean Front Walk. Unit 1. Venice, CA 90291 Beach Front Bike. 1733 Ocean Front Walk.  
Venice, CA 90291 Star Bike Rental —~~

~~[https://www.yelp.com/biz\\_photos/beach-front-bike-losangeles?select=Lj1SOBo4PiSz-P2XyF0Zt-g](https://www.yelp.com/biz_photos/beach-front-bike-losangeles?select=Lj1SOBo4PiSz-P2XyF0Zt-g)~~

~~THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. The Oceanfront Walk Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council  
requests that the LAPD, BID and the LADOT insure that all Laws and Ordinances be followed and  
enforced. —~~

9 (b). MOTION: Cleanup and Restoration of OFW (Nick Antonicello [nantoni@mindspring.com](mailto:nantoni@mindspring.com))

WHEREAS, the current conditions at Oceanfront Walk are beyond any norm of acceptable,  
practical or healthy visitation by locals as well as tourists as it pertains to the continued  
proliferation of homeless encampments, and

WHEREAS, those who continue live outside in a COVID-19 environment do not possess or wear any  
safety items such as clean masks, gloves or social distancing guidelines as mandated for all by the CDC,  
and

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WHEREAS, the current conditions in these encampments are unhealthy and dangerous as indicated by Governor Gavin Newsom in his daily briefings urging all homeless individuals be brought inside to far more humane and safe conditions to themselves as well as others, and

WHEREAS, at least three (3) individuals have been found dead in these encampments that has caused a "chilling effect" on Venice residents inside and outside of these filthy living conditions, and WHEREAS, these encampments are a breeding ground for lice, rodent infestation and other uninhabitable conditions including hypodermic drug injection leaving unsanitary needles about the encampments as well as along the boardwalk, beach and other points of access that are left exposed to residents, tourists and children, and

WHEREAS, as the state of California begins phase two re-openings of parks such as OFW, the ability to clean the boardwalk via power washing methods as well as children's playgrounds, the handball courts, basketball courts and other amenities would benefit from this kind of proper cleaning of the entire Oceanfront Walk area from these encampments in an effort reduce the risk of infection by a professional cleaning and maintenance of the boardwalk including the -month shutdown, and

WHEREAS, Venice Beach is a tourist destination that is visited by as many as 30,000 people per day on average in pre-COVID-19 times and that residents and tourists have a legal right to expect that visitation is safe and free as possible from infection and that these encampments be removed immediately so that the proper and professional cleaning required can take place while Governor Newsom's call to have these homeless individuals brought inside where the proper medical, psychological and dietary services be made available to the Venice homeless,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. That the Oceanfront Walk Committee of the Venice Neighborhood Council endorse a policy that Oceanfront Walk be relieved of any encampments, tents and other housing structures so that the cleaning that is necessary be done in a timely fashion as per CDC guidelines and that Venice be relieved of these encampments at a tourist destination that has been shuttered by nearly a four-month absence that has leveled our local economy and the many retailers and businesses that rely on a stable flow of tourism in wake of this crisis. That a copy of this motion be sent to Mayor Eric Garcetti as well as Council District-11 urging that a reasonable and reliable evacuation take place because residing outside is not a solution for the homeless currently encamped at the beach and this will force city officials to offer long-term goals and objectives that eliminate any need for outside living by any homeless individual at Oceanfront Walk.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN BY NA**

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9( c ).MOTION: Fresh Produce for sale Ocean Front Walk (Melissa Diner [sec@venicenc.org](mailto:sec@venicenc.org)) **JR, no second**

Fresh Produce for sale Ocean Front Walk be made available for Persons engaging in any activity that is described in Subsection D. and who are predominantly giving away Food,

Therefore be it resolved that a minimum of 2 more spaces be made available for vendors to sell, local, fresh produce. Vendor must be licensed to sell fresh produce and items must be similar to items sold at a traditional farmers market.

(9 (d). MOTION: Creation of a Farmers Market on Windward Ave/Windward Plaza . (Melissa Diner [sec@venicenc.org](mailto:sec@venicenc.org)) **BA, JR**

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a farmers market on Windward Ave. or Windward Plaza. **(7-0-1, NA abstains)**

Adjourned

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