

# MINUTES

## Schools & Parks Committee Meeting

Venice Branch Library  
501 S Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

September 19, 2024 . 5:30pm - 6:45pm

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL: Time \_\_5:35PM\_\_**

Paul Davis Y	Eric Donaldson Y	John Palka N
Regan Kibbee Y	Mehrnoosh Mojallali Y	Robin Murez Y
Julie Bean N	Allen Spiegler N	Melissa Macfadyen Y

**2. APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES. postponed**

**3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-agenda items) - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting.**

**4. CHAIR REPORT**

**5. GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Guests: Amanda (stakeholder)

**6. OLD BUSINESS (PARKS)**

a. Status Update on previous Motions

1. OFW Playground:

Amanda addressed OFW Playground design. Said she speaks to Craig at RAP weekly. Wants changes but will wait until after approved by Coastal. Robin suggested changes should be suggested now. Once approved, changes may not be possible. Send follow up letter with community suggestions: (Paul wanted neighbors to each send their own; Robin said the

Committee can follow up on past motion, without a new motion, it is VNC committee responsibility to follow up and represent the community):

Omit surfboards between swings

Replace fiberglass/faux boulders with real

Add shade over benches & swings - change color to blue like the sky

Fully enclose fencing

Add picnic benches (per Melissa) Robin: not likely due to homeless issues

Add engaging Universal Access equipment

If boats are static, replace catamaran with challenging equipment like slack rope

## 2. Centennial Park

Send follow up letter (no motion needed to follow up on past motion) asking CD11 & RAP for update. What will be included? Suggest entire space be planned not piecemeal. Butterfly Garden, Playground, Carousel, Food Forest? Site plan shows all integrated.

Robin will draft 2 follow up letters, OFW and Centennial Park, to be sent by Committee.

## 3. Penmar Park

Melissa concerned that 41.18 still not enforced. Campers still there. Contact Juan, Sean and LAPD for 41.18 enforcement.

Concern raised re: fencing adequate to replace temporary golf course fence.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS - SCHOOLS**

Get contacts for PTA, Booster Clubs, Coeur D'Alene 501c3

Internships - create list of Venice businesses who would host student interns

Parks as Playgrounds - Paul to follow up with Melody

## **COMMITTEE CLOSING COMMENTS ADJOURNMENT:**

**Time \_\_6:50pm\_\_\_\_\_**

