**MINUTES VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 5, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:35 PM

**ATTENDANCE:** Deborah Keaton, Nico Ruderman, Nick Antonicello, Mehrnoosh Morallali, Mark Rago, Fran Solomon, Clark Brown (secretary), Ex Officio Brian Averill.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes were unanimously approved.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mark Ryavec discussed getting motorized vehicles off OFW and installing anti motorized vehicle signs. Sarah Mahir spoke on preserving the OFW pagodas. Harmony Simpson, a SMCC student, spoke on her class doing an OFW project. Sean Silva, as part of his Government Reports, also spoke on a Cal Poly Pomona class doing an OFW project.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** SLO Monique Contreras spoke on LAPD thin forces for the area between the border with Santa Monica and Dockweiler and problems with motorized vehicles and their vendors.

**CHAIR REPORT:** Deborah Keaton reported on items which had come up at previous meetings including: sprinkler turnoffs on berms, plans for OFW during the Olympics, funding for beautification projects, including contacting the SLAP vendor for cash contributions from income earned from posters on walls around construction sites. Installing flags during the Olympics on commercial buildings.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Fran Solomon spoke on Hands Across Venice as a fund raiser for Venice and a repeat of Hands Across America during the last Los Angeles Olympics

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:02 pm.

Clark Brown, Secretary