



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Ocean Front Walk Committee

### REGULAR MEETING

Date: March 02, 2026 | Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Location: The Waterfront Restaurant, 205 Ocean Front Walk, Venice CA

### AGENDA

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#### CALL TO ORDER:

#### ROLL CALL WITH DECLARATION OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST if any:

Fran Solomon, Chair	Todd Eichenberger	Noel Johnson
Deborah Keaton	Clark Brown, Secretary	Nick Antonicello

**APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES:** Motion to approve minutes of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 meeting.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHAIR REPORT

#### PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

#### GOVERNMENT REPORTS

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### 1. Discussion and Possible Action of an Ocean Front Walk Cultural Preservation Plan:

##### Description:

Venice's Ocean Front Walk ("Boardwalk") is internationally heralded as a jewel in the City of Los Angeles' crown. It is one of Southern California's iconic public spaces and the second- most visited tourist destination in the region, attracting approximately 28,000–30,000 visitors per day and roughly 10 million per year.

This motion affirms street performers, musicians, and independent artists as essential contributors to Venice Beach's cultural identity, tourism economy, and public life. It calls for a culturally sensitive and transparent approach to permitting and

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enforcement along Ocean Front Walk, ensuring that public safety and cleanliness are maintained without displacing long-standing performance traditions or destroying artistic property. We believe that the Boardwalk's cultural vitality — including street artists, musicians, and performers — contributes significantly to Venice's identity,

Recent multi-agency enforcement and cleanup actions along Ocean Front Walk have disrupted long-standing performance practices and raised community concern regarding cultural displacement and lack of culturally sensitive enforcement. We believe that such enforcement actions risk conflicting with City policies supporting arts, cultural equity, and lawful public-space use, including **CF 11-0923** and **CF 15-1138**;

Issues such as infrastructure, safety, cleanliness, and accessibility should be developed collaboratively with Venice residents, stakeholders, and cultural advocates, and that such improvements respect Venice's historic character and social fabric. Ocean Front Walk functions as both a critical public safety corridor and a culturally significant public space, it needs a careful balance between cleanliness, accessibility, enforcement, and cultural preservation. Meaningful engagement with Venice residents, neighborhood councils, local businesses, artists, and cultural advocates is essential to achieving durable and community supported improvements.

Finally, the City of Los Angeles is preparing to host major international events, including the **2026 FIFA World Cup** and the **2028 Summer Olympic Games**, which will place unprecedented global attention on Venice Beach; and significantly increase the importance of infrastructure investment to enhance visitor experience. Venice is expected to experience a substantial increase in visitation associated with these events, necessitating proactive investment in historic assets, cultural amenities, and public-space infrastructure to ensure Venice remains safe, welcoming, and culturally authentic.

The Ocean Front Walk Cultural Preservation Plan will establish a comprehensive framework to preserve, restore, and protect the historic, cultural, and artistic character of Venice Beach's Boardwalk. The Plan addresses the restoration and long-term protection of historic infrastructure, the recognition and support of street performance and independent artistic expression; community engaged and context-sensitive public-space improvements; and proactive preparation for increased global visitation associated with upcoming international events. The Plan seeks to balance public safety, accessibility, cleanliness, and enforcement with the preservation of Venice's unique cultural identity and historic legacy, while harmonizing this amended motion with that previously adopted by board action concerning the restoration of the historic pagodas.

### **NEW MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:**

#### ***Motion:***

1. *The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), in coordination with RAP, LAPD, Council District 11 and relevant enforcement agencies, to develop a **Boardwalk Cultural Preservation Plan**, which shall include:*

- Recognition of street performers and independent artists as cultural assets;*
- A transparent and equitable permitting or use framework consistent with **CF 11-0923**;*
- Clear enforcement guidelines designed to avoid unnecessary confiscation or destruction of artistic property; and*
- Community input from Venice stakeholders and cultural practitioners.*

*The Mayor's Office, in coordination with the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and City Administrative Officer (CAO), identify funding opportunities — including capital funds, grants, or*

event-related allocations — to support Pagoda restoration and Boardwalk cultural infrastructure in advance of the 2026 and 2028 international events referenced in **CF 20-0317** and **CF 21-1246**

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2. *The City to meaningfully engage Venice residents, neighborhood councils, local businesses, and cultural advocates in the planning and implementation of Boardwalk improvements to ensure alignment with Venice's historic and cultural identity.*

*Upon passage of this motion, the Venice Neighborhood Council directs that a formal transmittal letter be sent to: Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), City Administrative Officer (CAO), Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), Office of Historic Resources (OHR), Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA), Los Angeles Police Department, Pacific Area (as applicable)*

### VOTE:

Motion Made By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_ Recused \_\_\_ Ineligible

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