

MINUTES VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE

MEETING MARCH 2, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 PM

ATTENDANCE: Fran Solomon (Chair), Deborah Keaton, Clark Brown (Secretary), .Nick Antonicello, Todd Eichenberger, Ex Officio Gary Pearl. Absent: Noel Johnson

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: The February, 2026 minutes were unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

CHAIR REPORT: Fran Solomon reported on the: community's sense of improved public safety on Ocean Front Walk (OFW) and the walk streets; motor bike control on OFW; the 2/17 artist repair walk; the 2/22 OFW Mardi Gras parade; the upcoming 3/21 Venice Fest and a ribbon cutting jointly sponsored by CD 11 and the Business Improvement District (BID)

BID REPORT. BID officer, Eleni Polokoff, reported that: The BID is partially expanding its offices to include space at the Westminster Senior Center location. The location will be the permanent home of the Venice Heritage Museum and will feature photo exhibitions from local photographers hi-lighting the evolution of Ocean Front Walk and Venice Beach. Eleni reported on graffiti removal of 117 tags, BID revised boundaries, pressure wash, response to and resolution of 2500 public safety and quality of life complaints and inquiries.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT: None.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS (RAP): Sonia Young Jiminez, the RAP representative for Venice, reported on the efforts to finance and rehabilitate the pagodas.

GOVERNMENT REPORT: Sean Silva the CD11 Venice representative, reported at length on various Venice issues, including: financing, rebuilding and design of the pagodas: CD11's contribution toward the financing: completion of the Windward playground; improved signage on OFW by summer, relocation of the Heritage museum to the Westminster building; development of parking capacity near the beach as permitted by the Coastal Commission.

NEW BUSINESS: Fran Solomon presented a Motion to develop a Boardwalk Cultural Preservation Plan for presentation to the VNC Board. The Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: 2 stakeholders spoke on installing barriers on the south end of OFW and controlling motor bikes on OFW.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:35pm

Clark Brown, Secretary