

MINUTES VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OCEAN FRONT WALK COMMITTEE
MEETING APRIL 6, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 6:07PM

ATTENDANCE: Fran Solomon (Chair), Deborah Keaton, Nick Antonicello, Todd Eichenberger, Noel Johnston, Clark Brown (secretary), Ex Officio, David Feige, Gary Pearl

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MIUTES: The Minutes of the March 2, 2016 minutes were corrected to show the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. The corrected minutes were unanimously approved.

CHAIR REPORT: Fran Solomon reported on: The ribbon cutting of the renovated Venice Lifeguard Tower. The relocation of the Venice Heritage Museum to Windward Park. The VNC Board's passage at its March, 2026 meeting of the development by relevant City agencies of an Ocean Front Walk/Boardwalk Cultural and Restoration Plan. And improved cleanliness of Ocean Front Walk.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS:

Sonja Young-Jiminez, the Department of Recreation and Park's ("RAP") Venice representative, reported that RAP just opened its Ocean View Park on Ocean Front Walk RAP is proceeding with improved maintenance of the Pagodas, resurfacing of the basketball and paddleball courts and regularly meeting with the local Olympic planning committees.

Sean Silva, the CD 11 Venice representative, spoke on: Installation and maintenance of gates , meridians, bollards and signs on Ocean Front Walk and better LAPD and City enforcement to prevent motorized and electric vehicles from entering upon Ocean Front Walk. Improvements to Muscle Beach. Meeting with Officials of the planning committees for the 2028 Olympics.

Eswien Faena, the representative of the Business Improvement District ("BID"), reported that during the last 30 days the BID has intervned and remedied 2300 incidents of inappropriate and harmful conduct and conditions in and around Ocean Front Walk .

VENICE PIER MONUMENT PROPOSAL

Tima Bell, VNC Board Secretary, architect and founder of Bell Design Group, presented his Venice Pier Monument Concept Proposal, which is part of the Supporting Documents for the meeting. He proposes removal of the ticket booth at the end of Washington Square to enhance the view of the Venice Pier, erection of large, Italianate archs leading toward the pier and creation of a square within a portion of the existing parking lot adjacent to Ocean Front Walk which could be used for events, among other things. He requested community participation to refine the proposal. He further requested the OFW Committee and the VNC Board to support the proposal before to the Coastal Commission, the City Planning Commission and the VNC's Outreach Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Clark Brown, Secretary

