

Venice Neighborhood Council

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MINUTES

Monday, August 3, 2026, 6 PM – 8:00 PM

The WaterFront Venice

205 Ocean Front Walk, Venice, CA 90291

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1) Call to order and roll call. Meeting was called to order by FS at 6:10 PM.

Fran Solomon - CHAIR (FS)	X
Nick Antonicello (NA)	X
Noel Johnston (NJ)	X
Deborah Keaton (DK)	X
Todd Eichenberger (TE)	X
Clark Brown (Secretary)	-

2) Declaration of Conflicts of Interest or Ex-Parte Communications – None

3) Motion to approve minutes of prior OFW meeting. Minutes from June meeting were not available, no meeting in July.

4) Committee Member Announcements. None

5) Chair Report (optional 2 minutes) – FS discussed:

- *Attending Outreach event.
- *Meeting with Sean Silva and Suzanne Thompson on mural restoration
- *Meeting with County on Mobi Mats.
- *Meeting with Bird Scooters on continued concerns.
- *LA28 meeting. First Olympics medal to be presented on OFW in Venice. More info to follow in next meetings.

6) Presentation of Government Reports

Sean Silva (CD11) reported including:

- *More police presence and added staff for summer
- *Additional safety measures on pier.
- *FIFA event's successes and the event screens are available for future events.
- *First medal for 2028 Olympics will be in Venice.
- *In 2027, trials (Triathlon, Marathon, Road Cycling) will be held here; a dry run for 2028
- *Budget for bathroom repair has contracted. Discussed "bathroom ambassadors".
- *Pagodas are being refurbished based on current budget limitations.
- *Emily Winters mural to be restored.
- *Anticipates co-operation with Santa Monica for Olympics.
- *Mentioned "Adopt A Median" program offered by Public Works (Office of Community Beautification).

Adan Polido (Recs and Parks) reported including:

- *Many events including FIFA and body building at Muscle beach.
- *Interested in suggestions on how to use the screens purchased for FIFA event.
- *Bike rails added near Whaler at Washington Square.
- *Small skate park at Windward being refurbished.
- *Paddle tennis area being worked on, pole replaced.
- *Calisthenics area being worked on. Rings, rope will be replaced.
- *Early fall RAP should have an events calendar online.

Eswien Faena (BID) reported including:

- *Accomplishments of The Clean Team in the last quarter including the number and poundage of items removed and
- *Accomplishments of The Safe Team including quality of life issues and community assistance

7) NEW BUSINESS –

Motion A was withdrawn.

Motion B - Clean up Bathrooms - Stakeholder Nick Antonicello

Motion regarding upkeep, maintenance of publicly accessible restrooms:

Whereas the public restrooms at Venice Beach are widely criticized by locals and visitors for being unsanitary, poorly maintained, and prone to severe shortage of toilet paper, and

Whereas, these facilities are poorly maintained, and suffer from vandalism, over-usage, and lock outs caused by individuals occupying these stalls, and

Whereas, the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Board previously approved 24-hour access for some multi-stall locations like the Venice Recreation Center, ongoing maintenance issues leave most outdoor facilities in subpar condition. The bathrooms closest to the basketball courts are sometimes cited as the only reliably clean options, leading to long lines, and **Whereas**, to avoid these poorly maintained facilities, many beachgoers and tourists use restrooms in restaurants, cafes and retail shops along Oceanfront Walk, and

Therefore be it resolved that the Oceanfront Walk Committee strongly recommends to the Venice Neighborhood Council the restoration of the current restrooms and that a reliable maintenance plan be implemented immediately to accommodate those who need to use these facilities, and that a capital improvement plan be adopted to construct additional facilities before the 2028 Summer Olympics of which several events will be at the beach.

And that communication with the Mayor's Office, the CD-11 Council Office and Recreation & Parks be composed endorsing this plan of action and improvement.

Motion B was unanimously approved 5-0-0.

8) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (1 minute per speaker) Various.

9). ADJOURNMENT: FS stated that the next meeting of the OFWC would be Tuesday, September 8 at the same time and place and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 PM.

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