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Ocean Front Walk Committee

Canal Club

MINUTES

2025 Pacific Ave.

Venice, CA 90291

Monday June 29, 6:30-8:30pm



Ocean Front Walk Committee

Roll Call		P	NP			P	NP
Thomas Elliott			NP		Gail Rogers	P	
Ron Kramer		P			Shelly Gomez	P	
Melissa Diner, chair		P			Therese Dietlin	P	
Noel Johnston			NP		Carl Lambert	P	
Jodi Maroni		P			Colleen Saro	P	

Quorum 5/9 Gail, Melissa Jodi Shelly Therese (Colleen not on board yet 5/9)

Enter Colleen, Ron, Carl prior to vote/announcements

Enter other before any voting

1.) Approval of Agenda

Gail, second Jodi

2.) Public Comment for items not on the Agenda

Gail : Concerned with middle class being priced out of Venice.

Jed jordanmonkarsh@gmail.com add to ofw@venicenc.org

Police Update at meeting requested by Jodi.

Bollards like bicycles/cut bikes after a certain time period if parts missing. What is policy?

Colleen incident with Tattoo parlor fighting. Police should be on the boardwalk in the evening and at night. IF they are they incidents could be prevented.

Colleen top sirens at 6am to move homeless. What is alternative?

What happened with opening gym extended hours? Follow up.

3.) Announcements

Announcement Colleen Saro named to the OFW Committee

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Shelly email ofw@venicenc.org when meeting will be happening with Police

All discussed plan of action police: No attempt to have the cops work and get to know the community and deploy them in a meaningful way.

4.) New Business for Discussion and Possible Action:

1.) Re write/brainstorm OFW Committee Mission Statement

Proposed:

Ocean Front Walk Committee understand the following goals and works to maintain the enforcement of laws, integrity of free speech, art, diversity, merchandise mix and place making specifically Ocean Front Walk and Ocean Front Walk surrounding area as defined by West of Main S to the end of the Marina Peninsula to the Santa Monica Border at Navy St.

Postpone Nick Antonicello to work on. Added Rons request of enforcement of the laws.

2.) Brainstorm Activation of Westminster Senior Center:

Possible options:

Storage Facility

Historical Society Museum

How else can all enjoy this space?

Selling building?

What happened on lighting in Westminster Park for trees?

Private Master Lease/Partner with Chamber to operate as community center/tourist center.

Should stay community space

City needs to maximize and utilize senior center as a community space and if not operating as such consider land lease for private operator to come in and manage leasing. Visitor Center/Event Space/Historical Society. Sliding scale for pay.

Postpone

3.) MOTION: Whereas the Ocean Front Walk is a pedestrian only street Whereas cars are prohibited and for the safety of humanity as a whole, The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the installment of a bollard of the south end of the Rose Ave Parking lot and the entrance of the bike path where in

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8-0-0 Motion Carries

- 5.) MOTION the Venice Neighborhood Council strongly urges that the city of Los Angeles, Councilman Mike Bonins office and the LAPD enforce the sound ordinances as described in 42.15. See attachment.

AMEND:

MOTION the Venice Neighborhood Council strongly urges the City of Los Angeles to enforce all city noise and sound ordinances on Ocean Front Walk and send a letter to Councilman Mike Bonins office and the LAPD to enforce the law.

Ron, second Gail

Roll Call		F	A			A	F	O
Thomas Elliott					Gail Rogers		F	
Ron Kramer		F			Shelly Gomez	A		
Melissa Diner, Chair		F			Therese Dietlin		F	
Noel Johnston					Carl Lambert		F	
Jodi Maroni		F			Colleen Saro		F	

7-0-1 MOTION CARRIES

Old Business for Discussion and Possible Action:

- 6.) The Venice neighborhood supports the extension of operating hours for all merchants east of the boardwalk to match the park hours of 12am.

- 7.) The Venice Neighborhood Council supports research or investigation that will supply donation boxes or mechanism for donations being installed on Venice Beach, CA. These funds would be used to help support, safety, and beautification on Ocean Front Walk.

Sales Tax for this? Talk to Evan Boardwalk App.

- 8.) The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a green exercise and lounge area, which can be made of astro-turf and gravel on our near Muscle Beach, Playground or Windward Plaza. (A sports park and obstacle challenge

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area etc.)

9.) The Venice Neighborhood Council supports Sand Fencing installation on the Westside of the bike path and surrounding area or alternative to sand fencing: restore green knolls, natural berm, native grasses etc.

Public Comment for items not on the Agenda:

Venice signature Signs along the board walk and on all side streets. Nick to work on Motion

Colleen Pacific bet Rose and Brooks. Highlight cross walk and come up with motion for cross walks all along pacific.

Carl and Therese to look into senior center

Meeting Adjourned

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