

OFW MEETING - MARCH 26, 2018
MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Colleen Saro (CS), Peter John Ruiz (PJR), Noel Johnston (NJ), Therese Dietlen (TD), Gail Rogers (GR)

ABSENT:

Katherine Conway, Jason Moore, Casey Parker, Fran Solomon

645pm - meeting started

650pm - PUBLIC COMMENT:

Amanda Mejia from Athen's Recycling, Government Affairs Manager came and explained the concern they have on OFW and wanted to reach out to the community and encourage community to contact her so they can improve their services.

655pm - Peter John Ruiz from Venice Pier Project to announce that Heal the Beach has agreed to support the VPP in keeping the beach from Venice Pier to the 1st jetty. he will have a clean up event on April 14, June 7 & Sometime in Sept. 9-11. come and help keep this part of the beach clean.

700pm - PJR moved to approve the minutes, TD 2nd. 5-0-0

705pm - TD moved to approve agenda as presented, NJ 2nd. 5-0-0

710pm - MOTION: ADD AN ADDITIONAL AND PERMANENT OFW SENIOR LEAD OFFICER.

Whereas the Venice Boardwalk is known to be one of the most-visited destinations in Southern California; and whereas the unique nature of the area creates special service demands for city departments, particularly LAPD; Therefore the VNC recommends to Councilman Mike Bonin, Chief Charlie Beck, the LAPD Police Commission, Deputy Chief Dennis Kato, and Capt. James Setzer that funding and organizational resources be made immediately available for the creation of the unique position of Senior Lead Officer for the Venice Beach Boardwalk in addition to the current contingent of 5 SLO's assigned to Venice. NJ moved to accept the motion, GR 2nd. 5-0-0. MOTION PASSES.

720pm - MOTION: PROVIDE AN EARLIER, CONCRETE DATE FOR BOLLARDS TO BE INSTALLED AND REPLACE ALL K-RAILS.

Whereas, on July 2017, K Rails were installed as a temporary measure per National Security on OFW; and Whereas per CD11 Taylor Bazley announced at the OFW Meeting, February 26, 2018, stated that the K-Rails are to be replaced with permanent or retractable bollards, depending on the locations on OFW, by end of the fiscal year, or beginning of 2019; and Whereas the K-Rails were set up as a temporary fix, and the public were informed they would not be up more than 6 months; and Whereas the community feels that the K-Rails have created a nuisance with people utilizing them to tent, camp, litter, attract graffiti, as well as create a safety hazard in reference to access to get on and off the Boardwalk. Therefore, the OFW Committee requests that the VNC send a letter to: CD Councilman Mike Bonin, Chief Charlie Beck, Recs & Park Robert Davis, and County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl that an earlier and solid date is provided to the community for the temporary and permanent bollards to be installed. GR moved, PJR 2nd. 5-0-0. MOTION PASSES.

733pm - MOTION: RESTORE THE BEACH PATROL FOR VENICE BEACH.

Whereas, since last year the Beach Patrol cars have been removed from the Pacific Division; and Whereas there is need for the Beach Patrol to be reinstated to keep effective and efficient control of campers and crime on Venice Beach. Therefore, the OFW Committee

requests that the VNC send a letter to: CD11 Councilman Mike Bonin, Chief Charlie Beck, Recs & Park Robert Davis, County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and Carol Baker with Beaches & Harbors. NJ moved GR 2nd. 5-0-0. MOTION PASSES.

744pm - TD moved to adjourn, CS 2nd. 5-0-0