

OFW COMMITTEE
Minutes for March, 29, 2017 Meeting
James Beach, 60 N Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 630pm
Present: Colleen Saro (CS), Ilana Marosi (IM), Gail Rogers, (GR), Noel Johnston (NJ), Katherine Conway (KS), Peter John Ruiz (PJR), Fran Solomon (FS), Cathy Dreyfuss (CD), Casey Parker (CP).
- 2) 632 pm - Agenda presented and approved by all present. IM motioned to approve, GR second, all present voted yes.
- 3) 635pm - Minutes presented and approved by all present. IM motioned to approve, CD second, all present voted yes.
- 4) 640 pm - FS - announced that the Israel Levin Center will be speaking soon to VCHC to talk about up-coming projects.
- 5) 641pm - Guest Speaker - Jesse Holzer - came to up-date on the Metro Bike Share Program. They had 300 suggestions and comments on line. They narrowed down spaces for bike re-balancing for stations. It's down to 25 station options. They have already released the 2nd map. In the next couple of weeks they will produce the final proposed map. One location - North Venice & OFW, south or north side of parking lot. 2nd stop Navy & OFW. PJR asked why or if they can have the stops near bus or train stops. What they plan on doing, connections will be close to transit - point to point transportation. This is suppose to fill gaps where bus stops aren't always available. 15 stations through out Venice. Per public No Stations at Washington Square, public was very vocal about that location. Possible date for installation, August. But they still need to go to the Coastal Commission. Yearly fee - 40.00, to include 1.50 hour, Monthly fee - 20.00, to include walk up 3.50, Regular walk-up 7.00 hour, additional 30 minutes for 3.50. They plan to keep away from rental shops, and plan on having on the post, locations of rental shops.
- 6) 706 pm - **NJ Motion. Re-Striping of Vendor Spaces on OFW.**
Whereas there are 205 Vendor spaces designated on the west side of the Boardwalk (OFW), and the striping hasn't been re-done in many years, which makes the vendors uncertain of where spaces start and end. OFW Committee would like Councilman Bonin to have the city re-strip the spaces before the summer/tourist season starts in 2017. FS - second and all present voted yes. 9 - yes votes
- 7) 710 pm - **NJ Motion. Monitoring 2 Feeding Stations on OFW.**

Whereas there are two (2) Feeding Stations on OFW, 1st Feeding Station - Navy & OFW, 2nd Feeding Station - Breeze & Wavcrest. The community has concerns to who is monitoring the stations, as the food is just being dumped, left in garbage bags, and seems to be unsanitary. At the end of the day, the stations aren't cleaned up and the bags stay there for birds, or animals to rummage through. OFW Committee request that either: Recs & Park, City or County take up responsibility to make sure these two (2) locations are being addressed, but not dismissed, abandoned or vacated. CS - second, all present voted yes. 9 - yes votes

8) No Public Comment

9) 716 pm - Committee brought up concerns regarding SnapChat, especially the location that houses the Venice Freak Show. Committee is concerned as to how all this change is changing the feel/essence of OFW. This in turns would effect the reason people come to the Boardwalk. Suggestions came up that there should be a Town Hall, and Councilman Bonin should be present.

10) 745 pm - NJ brought up the concern regarding the 15 broken tiles that were installed in 2000 by SPARK, in the Rose Ave parking lot. 1/2 of the tiles are damaged. SPARK needs funding to repair or re-install. PJR is going to try and clean one and see if that is all that is needed. NJ is going to contact SPARK and find out the cost of repair, and up-keep. Next month we will have an up-date and then move forward when we see what our options are. NJ is going to ask Suzanne Thomason and Emily Winters to come and speak at our April meeting to discuss further about the tiles.

11) 749 pm - PJR & CP - discussed their research on the BID from speaking with Donald Duckworth, whom is the Executive Director of the Melrose BID, Westchester Town Center BID and was involved with organizing the Hollywood BID. They presented flyers and great information on these BID's. CP will be part of the Venice BID, as he is owner of Big Daddy's on OFW.

12) 800 pm - PJR has requested everyone on the committee to bring 2 goals each would like to see attained by the OFW Committee at the ends of it's term in 2018. At the next meeting the members will all submit their suggestions, and from those suggestions we will vote on the top 3 goals.

13) 803 pm - Meeting adjourned

14) NEXT MEETING - APRIL 24, 2017 - 630PM - CANAL CLUB, 2025 PACIFIC AVE, VENICE, CA 90291.