

OFW Minutes July 2018

630 pm - meeting came to order

PRESENT – Colleen Saro (CS), Gail Rogers (GR), Noel Johnston (NJ), Peter John Ruiz (PJR), Jason Moore (JM), Therese Deitlin (TD), Casey Parker (CP). – Katherine Conway is not the on Committee, July, August & October.

631 pm – TD moved to approve agenda, NJ 2nd, all approved.

633 pm – NJ moved to accept minutes from June, GR 2nd, all approved.

635 pm – ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Discussion of possibly moving meeting time. Will address at August meeting.

Stephanie Cohen will be attending August meeting to discuss bike path update.

640 pm – Thomas Lord from LIME, presented at the meeting. They have offices in Inglewood & SM. Possible ambassadors for Venice, which would encourage people to not ride on bath and boardwalk. Hope to start it this coming weekend. 8/4/18.

730 – GR made motion, 2nd CS :

MOTION: ENFORCEMENT AND GUIDELINES FOR SCOOTERS AND ANY MOTORIZED VEHICLES ON VENICE BOARDWALK AND VENICE BIKE PATH. 5-1-0 – TD only opposition.

Whereas, the Venice Boardwalk, is limited to pedestrians, for the exception of ADA compliance, and

Whereas, the Venice Bike Path (Marvin Braude Bike Trail), is limited to bikes, and

Whereas, the Ocean Front Walk (OFW) Committee feels the need for LAPD to enforce the abundance of Scooters (BIRD, LIME and other misc. scooters) in addition to any electrical and gas powered vehicles, which are now being used on the Boardwalk and the Bike Path illegally which is causing safety issues and littering issues.

Whereas, the Scooters are being left in the sand, off the Bike Path, and scattered along the Boardwalk, which is becoming a nuisance, and

Whereas, the Scooters and other electrical and gas powered vehicles are making it unsafe for pedestrians on the Boardwalk and bikes on the Bike Path.

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) recommends to: Transportation Committee, Public Safety Committee, Councilman Mike Bonin, President Herb Wesson, LA City Council Members, County Supervisor Kuehl and Senator Ben Allen, District 26 to:

1) create a mandate for an ordinance that all Scooters and electrical and gas powered vehicles have a Geo Fence installed so the Scooters and

other vehicles will be disabled to go west of Pacific, which would keep them off the Boardwalk and Bike Path.

2) create a Geo Fence where a helmet needs to be within a 4' distance from the scooters, otherwise it will be disabled.

3) create nesting /docking areas stationed at specific locations, like the Hulu and City Bikes, so they are not inconveniencing residents, blocking sidewalks and creating litter. As now LAMC 56.11, is being violated per the current Ordinance and not being enforced.

4) create rules and limitations posted on the handlebars, or the box (ride anywhere) mounted on the handlebars where the rider has to sign in.

5) create a weight lock off. Once a person steps on the Scooter, the initial weight will be registered, so when more weight is added, (an additional person) on the Scooter, which is illegal, the Scooter would then be disabled.

6) Enforcement and up-dated enforcement of LAMC 63.44 & 63.44 (o).

731 pm – Lifeguard Tower update - repair or removal is at the bottom of the county list. They are wanting a feasibility study, but it's not been addressed. No motion at this time.

735 pm - Ad's on Boardwalk. Looking into enforcing the existing ordinance. Will contact Taylor regarding this. No motion at this time.

739 pm – Chains on Boardwalk. Will follow-up with Taylor. No motion at this time.

EMAIL ARTICLES TO BOARD MEMBERS

745 pm – Items: 12, 13, 14 – Since Jason was not at meeting, and these items were his suggestions, they will be addressed at August meeting. No motions at this time.

750 pm – NEW BUSINESS:

Need more police on the boardwalk

755 pm – PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nick – public comment – regarding bike path conversation with Stephanie Cohen not having signs put up. He was unhappy about the conversation and was not happy with her response to him.

800 pm – GR moved to adjourn, TD 2nd.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 27, 630 PM @ CANAL CLUB, VENICE, CA 90291