

Venice Neighborhood Council

STAKEHOLDER MOTION

Renewal of Preserving Public Places Ad Hoc Committee

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DESCRIPTION: This is a request to renew the VNC Ad Hoc Committee titled: Preserving Public Places. As previously, our Mission Statement is:

Preserving Public Places Committee is dedicated to preserving and activating Venice's renowned historic public places. Our goals are to identify, preserve, maintain, enhance, revitalize, restore, commemorate and provide an informational clearinghouse for Venice's historic public places.

Although many of Venice's historic places are over 100 years old, several are in need of immediate attention.

In this past year, the committee has undertaken the following projects:

- Stopped demolition, prepared & presented the nomination causing the Venice Lifeguard Station to be designated a LA Historic Cultural Monument
- Presented the Venice Dunes Project with the Venice Oceanarium & Bay Foundation
- Created the historic Butterfly & Pollinator proposal
- Collected data and uploaded over 250 sites to the Venice Walking Tour App, a CIP
- Presented Windward Historic District plan to LA Planning for the Community Plan
- Hosted the discussion & created a survey for the OFW Playground replacement
- Chair was invited speaker at CA Preservationists annual meeting
- Worked with Transportation, Arts, Arbor and Schools & Parks Committees

In its first year, the committee initiated several projects including:

- Identified the means to Restore the Venice Colonnade
- Saved the iconic Venice Lifeguard Station Tower from demolition

- Hosted a professional restorationist as Guest Speaker
- Initiated preservation of the Pagodas on Ocean Front Walk
- Initiated the motion to create the Historic Grand Canal / Trolley Car Bridge Park
- Submitted the approved Community Improvement Project to create a Venice Walking Tour App
- Identified the means to form the long awaited Windward Historic District
- Prepared a Historic Cultural Monument application for the Venice Lifeguard Station
- Initiated the online data base for historic references

MOTION: The VNC Board moves to renew the Preserving Public Places Ad Hoc committee with the mission statement as approved by the Administrative Committee. Following the creation, the committee chair shall be appointed by the VNC President.

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