



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Re: Restoration of Venice Pagodas

Dear Commissioners Patsouras and Halper:

Please be advised that at a regular public meeting of the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Board of Officers held on April 19, 2022, the following motion was approved.

WHEREAS, in the 1930's the iconic "Pagoda" shade structures with seating were installed on Ocean Front Walk; and, WHEREAS, all are in need of repairs, including: replacement of shingles, paint and spires; and, WHEREAS, the City may be considering repainting the Pagoda's with murals or tearing them down, completely, contrary to the integrity and appreciation of our beautiful, iconic, historic, cultural architectural landmarks; and, WHEREAS, the City has confirmed that they would be doing repairs but has not committed to the Venice Neighborhood Council Preserving Public Places Ad Hoc Committee ("PPP") that it would maintain the historic integrity of the design;

MOTION: THEREFORE, the Venice Neighborhood Council requests confirmation from the Department of Recreation and Parks that the iconic "Pagoda's" on Ocean Front Walk will be restored this year in keeping with their historic design, features and color, and that such plans will be shared in advance with the VNC Board via Preserving Public Places (PPP) VNC Ad Hoc Committee. PPP will provide assistance as needed, including to recreate the distinctive missing spires (No Funds Requested).

ACTION: The motion was approved by a vote of: Yea:19 / Nay:0 / Abstain:0 / Recuse:0 / Ineligible:0

Sincerely

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Supporting Documents:

[:https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/request624cdb9668696.pdf](https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/request624cdb9668696.pdf)