

Minutes for the Schools & Parks Committee Meeting

Venice Branch Library

501 S Venice Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

October 17, 2024 . 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

In attendance:

Paul Davis, Julie Bean, Mehrnoosh Mojallali, Melissa Macfadyen, John Palka

Called to order at 5:44 pm

Guests, journalism students from Loyola Marymount University (LMU), were welcomed.

General Comment:

Yolanda Gonzalez, a VNC community officer, introduced herself and welcomed the students from LMU

Chair Report:

The Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) renewed the Schools & Parks Committee as an ad hoc committee, with Eric Donaldson and Paul Davis as co-chairs.

Paul Davis reviewed the design history of the Ocean Front Walk (OFW) playground.

Dillon Thomas, RAP employee at Penmar Park gave a report on Penmar Park, including...homeless situation seems to be improving, gates were installed in the parking lot, there are 500 children who participate in organized sports at Penmar Park, 6 Tennis courts are open and the new pickleball courts will open soon.

Old Business:

Julie Bean moved to approve the motion "Security and Ordinance Enforcement Needed at Penmar Recreation Center" The motion was seconded by John Palka. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved. (See the attachment for the approved motion.)

New Business:

John Palka moved to approve the motion "Venice OFW Playground Update." The motion was seconded by Melissa Macfadyen. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved. (See the attachment for the approved motion.)

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Submitted by John Palka