

MOTIONS PASSED AT THE OFW COMM SPECIAL MEETING ON 11.25.13

1) AUTOMATED RETRACTABLE BOLLARD SYSTEM

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA does not install automated bollards due to cost of installation and maintenance, and potential for failure.

2) GATE AND BOLLARD SYSTEM

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA does not install a lockable gate system because it will obstruct delivery, restrict handicap access and is potentially dangerous in crowded panic situation.

3) HARD STREET CLOSURES

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA does not install steel and concrete bollards at OFW, but rather supports the use of functional and artistic obstructions that may include welcome arches, bike racks, statues, art, monuments, and concrete seating areas that do not obstruct ocean views and beach access. These items should be placed close enough together to block vehicles, but far enough apart to allow pedestrian, wheelchair and hand-delivery access to the boardwalk on all streets except Navy, Rose, Brooks, Market, 18th, Venice Bl, and Washington. Further, the OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA consult the community of Venice and the VNC regarding the use of local art and artists in the design and construction of these Hard Street Closures.

4) TEMPORARY BOLLARDS

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA removes the temporary bollards on OFW because they are unsightly, ineffective, broken, and are a pedestrian safety hazard.

5) SIGNAGE

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA removes the “Dead End”, “Road Closed” and “Do Not Enter” signs, and replace them with “Welcome to Venice Beach”, “Pedestrians Only” and directional signs for parking where appropriate, ie Speedway, because the existing signs are unsightly, unwelcoming, and obstruct the view of the beach.

6) SECURITY CAMERAS

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA does not install security cameras on OFW, because they are an invasion of privacy, they have historically been poorly maintained, and they would be technologically unfeasible.

7) PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA install a Public Address System on OFW for use in emergency and evacuation purposes only.

8) LIGHTING

The OFW Committee supports lighting upgrades as the number one priority of the RAP Assessment, and recommends vast expansion of lighting on OFW, the bike path and Speedway, using green, LED and solar technology as a crime deterrent, safety measure, and to support commerce on the boardwalk.

9) INCREASED LAPD FOOT PATROL

As a result of the OFW Public Safety Town Hall held in October 2013, the people of Venice overwhelmingly agree that the number one issue surrounding safety on OFW is a marked decrease in Police Presence on the boardwalk in recent years, and that LAPD must increase the number of officers on the boardwalk beat, specifically on foot patrol, as there is a dramatic difference in interaction with citizens when officers are on foot, versus in a vehicle of any sort. Further, Police Presence should be 24/7, as nighttime patrol is paramount to safety. Further, "Education", "Community-Style Policing", "Training Specific to the Boardwalk", and "Even-handed Enforcement" of all ordinances, including 42.15, should be the standard. Further, the Police Substation at Windward should be "open and staffed" 24/7.

10) OPEN AND CLEAN ALL PUBLIC RESTROOMS

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA MAINTAIN, CLEAN DAILY and KEEP OPEN ALL public restrooms in the Park DURING PARK HOURS.

11) MAINTAIN BIKE PATH

The OFW Committee recommends that the City of LA, in conjunction with the County of LA, maintain the bike path by sweeping sand from the path DAILY, and mitigating sand build-up on the grassy knolls between the path and the boardwalk, as sand on the bike path is major safety concern.

12) WARN, BAG AND TAG PROGRAM

Language TBD

13) VOLUNTARY STORAGE PROGRAM

Language TBD

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