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Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 3, 2013 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Canal Club (310-823-3878)
2025 Pacific Avenue (near North Venice Boulevard)
Venice, California 90291
No Host Refreshments Available

Agenda

[130903VNCDiscussionForumMeetingAgenda.pdf](#)

Prepared by the DFC facilitators [[Joe Murphy \(310-305-1444\)](#), [Ira Koslow \(310-392-0868\)](#), [Daffodil Tyminski \(609-876-8418\)](#)] to initiate discussions as directed by the DFC. Please contact facilitators with questions or ideas.

7:00 Call to Order

7:05 Debrief of DFC Presentation to Board

This  was accepted and used as the framework for the August 20, 2013 DFC Presentation to Board.

The DFC has been	→ Working on a Venice Walkability Study Bike-Sharing Component Compiling a VNC Walkability Vision Goal Ideas Matrix
The DFC intends to	→ Continue developing & providing the VNC Board with long-term integrated VNC Vision Goal Implementation Strategies

The debriefing of the 130820 DFC Presentation to Board in the context of the above framework will be the topic of this month's discussion which the [130820DFC-PresentationToVNCTakeaway](#) (<http://www.venicenc.org/discussion-forum-ad-hoc-committee/>)

and the following questions  are intended to stimulate:

1. What are the positives and negatives which the presentation accomplished?
2. What is your reaction to the opinions expressed in response to the above question?
3. In light of what you've heard in the responses to the above questions, what has the DFC learned to avoid/continue doing in the future?
4. Of what should that future consist?

9:00 Adjourn

NOTE: *Those who were present at the 130820 DFC Presentation to Board are invited to attend and participate in this discussion. Contributions in written format are also solicited and welcomed.*

Copies of this agenda and the above-referenced Takeaway document will NOT be made available at the meeting. Please print and bring your own copies if you plan to attend.



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Minutes of Prior DFC Meetings

- 5/1/2012 & 6/11/2012 & 7/11/2012 & 8/11/2012** Formation & decision to focus on **VNC Walkability Vision Goal**
- 9/11/2012** How can we encourage the residents and visitors of Venice to get out of their cars and spend more time enjoying our community as pedestrians?
- 10/2/2012** How would we group the ideas from our last meeting into categories that illustrate the primary positive qualities that embody our vision of walkability in Venice?
- 11/6/2012 & 12/4/2012** We have spent several sessions discussing **Walkability** and it is time to plan how we will complete work on this topic and report back to the VNC. Questions considered were:
Product: What will report cover and how will it be organized?
Process: What work needs to be completed and who will take responsibility for each piece?
Schedule: What are main tasks we need to complete going forward and when will each one be due?
- 1/8/2013** At Sarah's suggestion, Ilaria Mazzoleni, an architect who focuses on sustainable ideas for the built environment, shared insights learned from research work on bike-sharing and related topics accomplished with her graduate and undergraduate students at SCI-Arc – a presentation which stimulated intense pragmatic discussion on how to pedestrianize urban communities.
- 2/5/2013 & 3/5/2013** Discussion of **Plan for Presentation to Board** & how to implement walkability ideas received.
- 4/2/2013 & 5/7/2013 & 6/11/2013 & 7/2/2013 & 8/6/2013 & 8/20/2013** Preparation & Presentation of **Presentation to Board:**
(i) Venice Walkability Study Venice Bike-Sharing Study Component; **(ii) Additions to VNC Walkability Vision Goal Ideas Matrix.**
- 9/3/2013** Debriefing of **Presentation to Board**

VNC Vision Goals

VNC Standing Rule 20 adopted unanimously 090421

To stimulate the vitality of the VNC, the Board and VNC Committees are encouraged to consider the below **VNC Vision Goals** in their deliberations.

Although the VNC is a political body, and inevitably it may become embroiled in issues that divide the community, these goals are designed to promote a more proactive, collaborative vision for VNC Committees to include in their deliberations as they formulate recommendations for Board consideration. The intent is to create a working framework of integrated strategies capable of achieving, over time, broader consensus and increased:

Participation

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate broader involvement of stakeholders, major organizations, community groups, and government institutions, etc.

Walkability

Consider strategies that reduce the use of cars and that promote alternatives such as walking, skateboarding, biking & bike racks, circulation systems (trolleys), park & ride rather than additional parking, street-narrowing/sidewalk widening, walk/bike/skateboard lanes separated from traffic, easier neighborhood pedestrian access to commercial stores, etc.

Diversity

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate realistic recommendations designed to increase economic diversity, including affordable housing, etc.

Creativity

Consider strategies that promote the arts, encourage & facilitate creativity. This can apply to architecture, public art, social events (neighborhood gatherings/street movies/theatre/dance/pottery/...), etc.

Collaboration

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate 'level playing fields' for collaborative negotiation; opt for procedures & policies that 'promote flexibility & dialogue' over 'reacting defensively to rigid criteria', facilitation/mediation training, etc.

Brainstorming

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate exploring of non-traditional options for achieving shared objectives, etc.

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Upcoming DFC Meetings

(1st Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified)

10/1/2013 - 11/5/2013 - 12/3/2013