



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 7, 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

130507VNCDiscussionForumMeetingAgenda.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 Mention Requests for Volunteers

- a. Marc: Investigate placement of sharrow markers (shared use of street traffic lanes by bikes & cars) on busy streets – perhaps including submitting a Board Agenda Request suggesting action by Board.
- b. Linda: Organize & conduct 2-hour mobility workshop.
- c. ???: Attendance at meetings of City Mobility Committee ???

#### 7:10 DFC Discussion Generator: Continued Work on Presentation to Board

Status updates on work accomplished since April 2, 2013 DFC Meeting & preparation for trial run at June 11, 2013 DFC Meeting:

- a. Photographer (?) Take picture of DFC members for incorporation into [DFCPresentation.ppt](#)
- b. Sarah & Ilaria [Venice Walkability Study \(Bike-Sharing component\)](#). Associated Files\*  
[130305DRAFT-VeniceWalkabilityStudy-BikeSharingComponent.pdf](#)
- c. Joe [VNC Walkability Vision Goal Ideas Matrix](#); DFC member contributions & public input plan. 130402DRAFT-DFCWalkabilityIdeasMatrix.pdf
- d. Daffodil & Mark [Review of draft DFCPresentation.pdf](#); allocate speaker parts to specific DFC members. 130402DRAFT-DFCBoardPresentationToBoardOutline.pdf

\*Associated Files are available for download at VNC website <http://www.venicenc.org/>

#### 9:00 Adjourn

### March 5, DFC Meeting

This ↓ was informally accepted as the framework for the DFC presentation to the Board at its June 16, 2013 meeting.

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| The DFC has been   | → Working on a <a href="#">Venice Walkability Study (Bike-Sharing component)</a><br>Compiling a <a href="#">VNC Walkability Vision Goal Ideas Matrix</a> |
| The DFC intends to | → Continue developing & recommending long-term<br><a href="#">VNC Vision Goal Implementation Strategies</a>  |

This ↓ was left for further DFC discussion as appropriate at its April 2 & May 7 & June 4, 2013 DFC meetings.

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| What are our objectives?<br>Who is (are) the “audience(s)”?<br>What points need to be made?<br>Which DFC members will present what?<br>What questions should we anticipate & be prepared to answer? | } <b>Advice &amp; suggestions are welcome.</b> |
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## Background of VNC Walkability Vision Goal Discussion Thread

Sarah Dennison facilitated past DFC discussions of the below VNC Walkability Vision Goal on:

- 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** 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** Discussion of Plan for Presentation to Board: (i) **Venice Walkability Study** CIP funding effort discontinued; (ii) VNC Walkability Vision Goal Ideas Matrix items from DFC members needed before inviting contributions from interested public.

## 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.

## DFC Members

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## Upcoming DFC Meetings

(1st Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified)

6/11/2013 - 7/2/2013 - 8/6/2013 - 9/3/2013 - 10/1/2013 - 11/5/2013 - 12/3/2013