



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 2, 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

[130702VNCDiscussionForumMeetingAgenda.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

### DFC Discussion Generator

#### 7:05 Review & trial run of DFC Presentation to Board

This was accepted as the framework for the scheduled 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**

Donna	Review of <a href="#">VNC Vision Goal Banner</a>	<b>Associated Files*</b> <a href="#">130702VNCVisionGoalsBannerPPTSlide.pdf</a>
Ira	Review of DFC Presentation to Board  <a href="#">DFC Function PPT Slide</a>	<a href="#">130702DFCPresentationToBoardPPTSlide.pdf</a> <a href="#">130702DFCMemberPhotoPPTSlide.pdf</a> <a href="#">130702DFCFunctionPPTSlide.pdf</a>
Don & Sarah & Joe	Review of <a href="#">Collaboration Role Play</a> *	<a href="#">130702DFCCollaborationRolePlayScriptPPTSlide.pdf</a>
Sarah	<a href="#">Venice Walkability Study</a> <b>Venice Bike-Sharing Study Component</b>	<a href="#">130702BikeSharingPhotoPPTSlide.pdf</a>
Joe	<a href="#">VNC Walkability Vision Goal</a> <b>Ideas Matrix</b>	<a href="#">130702DRAFT-VeniceWalkabilityStudy-BikeSharingComponent.pdf</a> <a href="#">130702DFCWalkabilityIdeasMatrix.pdf</a>
	Trial run-through	

#### 8:00 Discussion-Proposed Bylaws & Standing Rule Suggestions to institutionalize DFC

Joe

[130702JDMDraft-ProposedDFCBylaw&StandingRule.pdf](#)

\* DRAFTS of [Associated Files](#) are available for download at VNC website <http://www.venicenc.org/>. Final versions will be posted when completed.

### 9:00 Adjourn

#### \* Collaboration Role Play (Video outline to be scripted)

Don **YES!** *Venice needs parking garages* Novack

**!!! VS !!!**

Joe **NO!** *No more damned parking* Murphy

**moderated by**

Sarah **QUIET YOU TWO!** *Referee* Dennison



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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](#) & [5/7/2013](#) & [6/11/2013](#) Preparation of [Presentation to Board](#): (i) [Venice Walkability Study](#) [Venice Bike-Sharing Study Component](#); (ii) Additions to [VNC Walkability Vision Goal](#) [Ideas Matrix](#).

## 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)

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