



Venice Neighborhood Council



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Joint VNC Board & Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Thursday May 26, 2022 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

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5:30 Call to Order - Approval of Agenda

Introductions, Announcements, Public Comment on items not on the agenda

5:35 Consideration and possible adoption of the following motion(s):

Whereas, the Discussion Forum Committee of the VNC exists to “Provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the VNC Vision Goals”; and

Whereas, the Discussion Forum Committee has resolved to turn its efforts to the “Focus on Children” Vision Goal; and

Whereas, the “Focus on Children” Vision Goal establishes that the VNC will “Consider strategies that promote & expand opportunities for children to experience direct meaningful involvement in all aspects of the social and economic and cultural activities of the Venice Community”; and

Whereas, well-designed and maintained playgrounds serve as a neighborhood hub where children and neighbors can meet and “community” is formed; and

Whereas, there are very limited playground spaces for young children and parents in the Venice area;

It is therefore requested the VNC Board adopt the following Motion & its Whereas clauses:

The Venice Neighborhood Council Board is in support of the Discussion Forum Committee’s “Venice Parks Initiative”, which has as its focus efforts to improve, develop and promote public parks and other recreation and gathering facilities for children and their families. Specific components of this work are to include:

- a. Surveying and documentation of the features, amenities, locations, and relative density (proximity to residents) of existing Venice parks and recreation sites;
- b. Advocate with stakeholders and local authorities for additional or improved amenities where they are lacking (bathrooms, drinking fountains, benches, trees and shade structures, crosswalks, etc.);
- c. Investigate options for the creation of new parks & family recreation opportunities, whether temporary or permanent, at locations public or private, of any size.
- d. Explore options for partnering with Venice schools, non-profits, parenting groups, and media to publicize our current, improved and any new park/playground resources to local families and visitors.

6:00 Discussion Topic (continued from prior meeting):

Discuss future options in the context of the Discussion Forum Committee Mission Statement.

6:30 Adjourn. Next meeting will be 5:30pm Thursday, June 23, 2022

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Contact co-chair Joe Murphy at 310-305-1444 or joedmur@gmail.com if you have questions regarding this DFC meeting.

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Discussion Forum Committee Mission Statement

Provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the VNC Vision Goals*

The VNC Vision Goals were adopted unanimously by the Board on April 21, 2009 as Standing Rule 20 (now 18) and amended unanimously by the Board on May 20, 2014 to insert the [Focus on Children Vision Goal](#). For further information about the DFC, contact its co-chair Joe Murphy at 310-305-1444 or at joedmur@gmail.com.

*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:

Focus on Children

Consider strategies that promote & expand opportunities for children to experience direct meaningful involvement in all aspects of the social and economic and cultural activities of the Venice Community. Include this **Focus on Children** as an integral part of the **consideration** of **strategies** in all of the below **Vision Goals**.

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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