

151117 JDM MOTION*: That the Board schedule several well-spaced successive retreats (using the **Collaboration Vision Goal** as a guide) to focus board discussion on the various ideas stakeholders have contributed regarding the **VNC Vision Goals** starting with **Walkability** and subsequently **Diversity** and **Creativity**.

- As stated in SR20 ... “The **intent** is to create a working framework of integrated strategies capable of achieving, over time, broader consensus and *[measurable steady progress in implementing the **VNC Vision Goals**]*”.
- I’m suggesting, for starters, using the ideas contained in the **VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix** since they are immediately available for stimulating a dialogue and do not preclude the introduction and consideration of other ideas. I further suggest that we begin with a review of the **Walkability** ideas generated by stakeholders over several years of DFC work. **Walkability** is the least contentious of the three and more likely to produce a viable strategy.
- Minimize confusion by scheduling all retreat meetings at one place (James Beach?) for no more than 3 hours per meeting (allow for continuances as appropriate).
- I personally want to hear what VNC board members think and I do not wish to hear what others ‘think we should think’; so I strongly recommend that no time be allocated to non-board-members (politicians or experts or non-board stakeholders).

* This motion assumes that **Brainstorming** is inherent in **Collaboration** and that considerations of **Participation** and **Focus on Children** will naturally be incorporated into all discussions. This leaves **Walkability** and **Diversity** and **Creativity** as the candidates for retreats per the motion. Prior Board commitment to this concept is necessary to its implementation. Actual procedures to achieve a desirable consensus may vary, but a generic procedural approach appears on the last page of the **VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix**. Stakeholder comments germane to these matters can be found at [Dialogue On Diversity With Venice Stakeholders](#).

151109 AdCom disposition of above JDM MOTION:

Marc Saltzberg Nov 10, 2015 (email to Joe Murphy and Mike Newhouse)

Hi, Joe! Last night your request Agenda item "Venice Vision Goals Retreats" was not added to the Board Agenda - the motion to add it failed due to the lack of a second. The discussion centered on two factors: there is no committee currently planning any Board Retreat(s) and whether it makes sense to have a Retreat this close to new elections.

Both of those questions are ultimately Mike's to discuss with you. All past retreats that I'm aware of have been planned by the President (sometimes with the assistance of a working group selected by him/her).

I should tell you that AdCom was open to the idea of providing information to the Board about the Vision Goals (although we didn't formally discuss the content of your request) and it was pointed out that the Vision Goals were created several years ago and the current Board is not necessarily familiar with them (making some form of discussion with them a good idea).

Marc