

VNC Discussion Forum Committee Venice Parks Initiative Motion

May 26, 2022 DFC Meeting Motion

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.**