The Agenda Request containing the below motion is submitted by **Joe Murphy (310-305-1444,** [**joedmur@gmail.com**](mailto:joedmur@gmail.comA)**)**.

**Motion:** The VNC Board endorses in concept and encourages implementation of the below proposal contained in the *Discussion Forum Committee* **VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix**:

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| **Idea /Concept 🡣** | **Submitted by**  **Joe Murphy (310-305-1444,** [**joedmur@gmail.com**](mailto:joedmur@gmail.com)**)** | **Suggested**  **Implementation Strategy** | **Generated While**  **Reflecting on**  **🡣 Vision Goals** |
| **Provide Spontaneous Art Opportunities**  **To Young Children**  **JDM Introduction**:  I recently met Christian Bevacqus (40+ish) & Anutosh Ninad (60+ish) at Abbot’s Habit where Ninad made 'art supplies' (paper, painting colors, pens, etc) available to Christian's two daughters (Satya 2.5 & Uma 4.5) & then simply "allowed them to be free" for 2 hours/week with minimal guidance or overbearing encouragement.  The above instance of **Providing Spontaneous Art Opportunities To Young Children** was clearly successful as evidenced by the responsiveness of the children.    For further examples of intensely involved young children creating art spontaneously, see [www.ninadcom.blogspot.com](http://www.ninadcom.blogspot.com/). | **This is the concept for which I am seeking VNC Board endorsement**  This concept requires no more than the unassuming presence of an experienced teacher’s 'art supplies’ and his/her 'gentleness' and an ability to simply ‘allow kids to be free’.  Parents recognize the value of this sort of experience for their children and they understand the value of ‘hanging back and letting it happen spontaneously’.  This concept allows children to enjoy spontaneous creative fun in a safe environment.  By endorsing this concept, the VNC Board would be encouraging all similarly inclined individuals with similar ideas to make similar contributions to the ***Venice Community*** at a time when government funding of arts education is declining. | Help interested individuals find spaces where:   * + - * Young kids can spend 2 hours/ week creating art while making 'messes'.       * Parents can mingle & gossip & munch.       * Kids can post their art so that they can ‘hear all the compliments’.       * Storage of art supplies, & cleaning of kids & their messes, can be accommodated. | **Focus on Children**  **Participation**  **Walkability**  **Diversity**  **Creativity**  **Collaboration**  **Brainstorming** |