**DFC motion passed unanimously (7 of 8, 1 absent) at its regular monthly 9/9/2019 meeting:**

**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, VNC Vision Goals such as “Participation” and “Walkability” remain of keen interest to the DFC, particularly as they relate to children’s issues, and**

**Whereas, public libraries are vital assets in a neighborhood, for the promotion of learning, reading, and for general community-building, particularly among children and families, and**

**Whereas, Venice is favored with a splendid public library, the Venice-Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library, but it is undisputed that its location on – in effect – a “traffic island” between North and South Venice Boulevard may serve automobiles well but creates great barriers to pedestrians desiring to find and visit the library on foot, and**

**Whereas, increased pedestrian access to this Library would be of great benefit to local children, their parents and the community at large, then**

**Be it therefore resolved (Motion) that:**

**The VNC Board is supportive of the DFC’s efforts to work towards proposals for the permitting, funding, and construction of enhanced pedestrian access features for the Venice-Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library. Such measures might include crosswalks, stop signs, signals, or pedestrian overpasses.**

**The DFC’s efforts on this front are being led by Mehrnoosh Mojallali, licensed architect, urban designer, and former member of the Venice Neighborhood Council Land Use and Planning Committee.**