## Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM

Canal Club (310-823-3878)

2025 Pacific Avenue (near North Venice Boulevard)

Venice, California 90291

No Host Refreshments Available

"Given that each of us lives in a different world, what can we do to minimize misunderstandings?"

# **Agenda**

7:00 Call to Order Public Comment on items not on the agenda

7:10 Discussion

### **Diversity & Housing**

Do you think we could get something truly creative (see below photo) through the "politically modified zoning development standards" - the legal framework being routinely applied by our VNC - which currently prevents Venice from considering creative architectural alternatives capable of addressing the ongoing erosion of diversity in the Venice Community? This current legal framework is broadly perceived as leading Venice inevitably towards becoming gentrified into the equivalent of a "wealthy gated community" full of "sterile residential boxes"?

Is there a way that we can provide homes in Venice for 'starving artists-the homeless-the less wealthy'?

Homes capable of restoring the diversity we're losing by attracting new residents seeking (and capable of sustaining) what we call our current "Venice Vibe"?

Alternatives capable of accommodating those who can no longer afford to stay in the places/neighborhoods/social-networks in which they or their parents came to feel 'at their home' - the place where they grew up and/or raised their kids?



Star Apartments Los Angeles

What is your opinion? What can the VNC do to deal with this issue? Is the VNC missing an opportunity to lead in a constructive direction?

#### 10:00 Adjourn

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### Minutes of Prior DFC Meetings & Related Board Actions

5/1/2012 to 12/9/2014 Formation of DFC, focus on VNC Walkability Vision Goal, development of VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix, development and presentation of report to board on DFC activities, development of DFC Dialogue Procedure, development of DFC-Board Modus Operandi (mutually-supportive relationship), drafted & successfully recommended board adoption of Focus on Children Vision Goal, and recommending board implementation of the Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO) item in the VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix. 1/20/2015 Board accepted responsibility for implementation of the Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO) item in the VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix. 7/1/2014 to 3/10/2015 Focus on VNC Diversity Vision Goal. 1/2/17/2015 Board agreed to forward to WRAC and urge it to take responsibility to implement the Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO) item in the VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix. 4/14/2015 & 5/12/2015 Cancelled. 6/9/2015 to 10/27/2015 Focus on VNC Diversity Vision Goal. 1/2/8/2015 TBD.

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### **Upcoming DFC Meetings**

(2nd Tuesday of each even-numbered month unless otherwise notified)

12/8/2015