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Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 1, 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

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425 Washington Boulevard
Venice, California 90292
No Host Refreshments Available

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

DFC Dialogue Procedure: This procedure has been used since the 140304 DFC Meeting & will continue to be used in future DFC meetings. This ongoing multi-meeting dialogue enables the DFC to routinely and continuously identify, review, refine, and improve upon the DFC focus on long-term complex issues. **JDM** is providing sample responses to the below questions as a guide to using this DFC Dialogue Procedure.

What do you consider to be the most important issue facing the Venice Community?

JDM Erosion of the character (social & physical) of the Venice Community

If this issue is not addressed, what do you believe will be the impact on the Venice Community?

JDM Sterile enclave of richer residents (erosion of diversity) living in boxes (erosion of creativity).

What are the obstacles to resolving this issue?

JDM Land-use & other laws which prevent or discourage the creation of more creative less-expensive housing.

Identify and clarify misunderstandings to enhance the productivity of the dialogue.

[As needed at this or future DFC meetings where misunderstandings surface in discussions]

How can the DFC use its limited resources to help the Board address these long-term issues?

JDM Prioritize a long-term DFC focus on identifying how the land-use and other laws are preventing, or are being used or interpreted to prevent or discourage, the creation of more creative less-expensive housing in Venice.

Consider and experiment with strategies to enhance rather than erode Venice's current diversity and creativity.

Agenda

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

7:05 Discussion & Possible Action (DFC Motions & Long-Term Strategies)

- a. **Motions:** Request Board Endorse in Concept and Encourage Implementation of the below ideas:
 1. Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO)
 2. Come to Venice and Slow Down
 3. Etc
- b. **Long-Term Strategies** (under consideration by DFC):
 1. ByLaw Amendments:
 - ✦ Staggered 4-year terms
 - ✦ DFC → Standing Committee
 - ✦ Incorporate **VNC Vision Goals** into VNC Mission
 - ✦ Etc.
 2. Etc

7:20 Continuation of Discussion from the June 3, 2014 Meeting

(i) **Nick Antonicelli:** Return fair share of LA taxes generated by Venice to Venice; (ii) **Donna Schubert:** Transportation – Transit Village (Parking/Transportation/Walkability); (iii) **Joe Murphy:** Economic Diversity - Housing; (iv) **Mehrnoosh Mojallali:** Public spaces; (v) **Joe Murphy:** Children; (vi) **DeDe Audet:** Flooding; (vii) **Nick Antonicelli:** Cityhood; (viii) **Abigail Myers:** Homeless & Housing & Mobility; (ix) **Joe Murphy:** Impact of Brown Act and Public Records Act on Neighborhood Councils; (x) **DeDe Audet:** Keeping tall buildings off of waterfront so that residents east of Venice can breathe healthy air (urban design).

9:00 Adjourn

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Minutes of Prior DFC Meetings

5/1/2012 & 6/11/2012 & 7/11/2012 & 8/11/2012 Formation & decision to focus on VNC Walkability Vision Goal ■ 9/11/2012 How can we encourage the residents and visitors of Venice to get out of their cars and spend more time enjoying our community as pedestrians? ■ 10/2/2012 How would we group the ideas from our last meeting into categories that illustrate the primary positive qualities that embody our vision of walkability in Venice? ■ 11/6/2012 & 12/4/2012 We have spent several sessions discussing Walkability and it is time to plan how we will complete work on this topic and report back to the VNC. Questions considered were:

Product: What will report cover and how will it be organized?

Process: What work needs to be completed and who will take responsibility for each piece?

Schedule: What are main tasks we need to complete going forward and when will each one be due?

■ 1/8/2013 At Sarah Dennison's suggestion, Ilaria Mazzoleni, an architect who focuses on sustainable ideas for the built environment, shared insights learned from research work on bike-sharing and related topics accomplished with her graduate and undergraduate students at SCI-Arc – a presentation which stimulated intense pragmatic discussion on how to pedestrianize urban communities. ■ 2/5/2013 & 3/5/2013 Discussion of Plan for Presentation to Board & how to implement walkability ideas received. ■ 4/2/2013 & 5/7/2013 & 6/11/2013 & 7/2/2013 & 8/6/2013 & 8/20/2013 Preparation & Delivery of Presentation to Board: (i) Venice Walkability Study Venice Bike-Sharing Study Component; (ii) Additions to VNC Walkability Vision Goal Ideas Matrix. ■ 9/3/2013 Debriefing of Presentation to Board & Discussion of future DFC options. ■ 10/1/2013 & 11/5/2013 Discussion of the Modus Operandi (MO) of the DFC. ■ 2/4/2014 Discussion of the Modus Operandi (MO) as presented by the DFC Chair. ■ 3/4/2014 Unanimous adoption of Focus on Children Vision Goal motion & of motion recommending consolidation of Parking/Walkability/Transportation (mobility) issues into one VNC Committee; discussion per above agenda continued to 4/1/2014 meeting. ■ 4/1/2014 & 5/6/2014 & 6/3/2014 Discussion per above agenda continued to 7/1/2014 meeting. ■ 7/1/2014 TBD

VNC Vision Goals

VNC Standing Rule 20 adopted unanimously by the Board on April 21, 2009 & amended unanimously by the Board on May 20, 2014 to insert the Focus on Children Vision Goal

To stimulate the vitality of the VNC, the Board and VNC Committees are encouraged to consider the below VNC Vision Goals in their deliberations.

Although the VNC is a political body, and inevitably it may become embroiled in issues that divide the community, these goals are designed to promote a more proactive, collaborative vision for VNC Committees to include in their deliberations as they formulate recommendations for Board consideration. The intent is to create a working framework of integrated strategies capable of achieving, over time, broader consensus and increased:

Focus on Children

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. Include this Focus on Children as an integral part of the consideration of strategies in all of the below Vision Goals.

Participation

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate broader involvement of stakeholders, major organizations, community groups, and government institutions, etc.

Walkability

Consider strategies that reduce the use of cars and that promote alternatives such as walking, skateboarding, biking & bike racks, circulation systems (trolleys), park & ride rather than additional parking, street-narrowing/sidewalk widening, walk/bike/skateboard lanes separated from traffic, easier neighborhood pedestrian access to commercial stores, etc.

Diversity

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate realistic recommendations designed to increase economic diversity, including affordable housing, etc.

Creativity

Consider strategies that promote the arts, encourage & facilitate creativity. This can apply to architecture, public art, social events (neighborhood gatherings/street movies/theatre/dance/pottery/...), etc.

Collaboration

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate 'level playing fields' for collaborative negotiation; opt for procedures & policies that 'promote flexibility & dialogue' over 'reacting defensively to rigid criteria', facilitation/mediation training, etc.

Brainstorming

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate exploring of non-traditional options for achieving shared objectives, etc.

Upcoming DFC Meetings

(1st Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified)
8/5/2014 - 9/2/2014 - 10/7/2014 - 11/4/2014 - 12/2/2014