



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00 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

[140304VNCDiscussionForumMeetingAgenda.pdf](#)

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

7:05 Discussion & Possible Action re JDM Agenda Request to add the below **Focus on Children Vision Goal to SR 20 **VNC Vision Goals** so that it reads as follows:**

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Focus on Children

Consider strategies that promote and 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.

7:10 Continuation of Discussion of Attached February 4, 2014 Agenda

9:00 Adjourn



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Agenda ([140204VNCDiscussionForumMeetingAgenda.pdf](#))

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7:05 Discussion of the DFC *Modus Operandi* (MO) as presented by the DFC Chair

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The below criteria assume that the DFC **Incubates VNC Vision Goal (VG) Proposals (DFCIP)** for consideration by VNC Committees:

- that **no DFCIP** erode the spirit of **any VG**
- that **no DFCIP** burden **any DFC Member** with direct or indirect pressures to commit to more than one two-hour meeting per month
- that **all DFCIPs** be evaluated in the context of **all VGs**
- that the **DFC MO** be to assist the **Board** with assessments of the long-term impacts of **any DFCIP** the **DFC** decides to consider
- that the **DFC/Board** relationship be designed to minimize the costs necessary to maximize the influence of the **DFC/Board** in implementing **VGs**

To Incubate

Dictionary Definition

Gradually bring something into being

To form or develop something such as a plan or an idea slowly and quietly over a period of time

JDM

- An **Incubator** is a safe, comfortable environment where an **Incubatee** can experience the time and the nurturance required to enable it to become an independent entity capable of ***doing something constructive***
- **Incubation** can occur only when there is an **Incubator** **and** an **Incubatee**
- The **DFC** can become an **Incubator** which can, if designed to do so, **Incubate Incubatees** by helping them become independent entities capable of ***doing something constructive*** within the context of the **VNC Vision Goals**
- Over the long term, an **Incubation MO** could become the **MO** of other entities, both in the **VNC** & in other forums
- For this concept to become the **DFC MO**, the **DFC** will have to become its own **Incubator** which means it will also have to be its own **Incubatee**

JDM Recommended DFC Modus Operandi & DFC Modus Operandi Implementation Strategy (attached)

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'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.

VNC Vision Goals

VNC Standing Rule 20 adopted unanimously 090421

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Upcoming DFC Meetings

(1st Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified)

3/4/2014 - 4/8/2014 - 5/6/2014 - 6/3/2014 - 7/1/2014 - 8/5/2014 - 9/2/2014 - 10/7/2014 - 11/4/2014 - 12/2/2014