

On May 7, 2018:

- The Discussion Forum Committee (DFC) approved the following motion by a vote of 2 of its 3 members: Request VNC Board approval of the following motion to amend the Bylaws to: (1) add the VNC Vision Goals to the VNC Mission; and (2) introduce staggered 4-year Board of Officer and LUPC Member terms of office.
- The DFC chair submitted the motion as an online agenda request to the Venice Neighborhood Council (VNC) Board of Officers.
- The DFC chair attended the VNC Administrative Committee meeting where a brief discussion noted that drafts of the proposed amendments would be prepared for consideration by the VNC Rules and Selections Committee.

The DFC chair has subsequently prepared and submitted the following drafts of the proposed amendments for consideration by the VNC Rules and Selections Committee:

Adding VNC Vision Goals* to Mission Statement

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

- A. Mission Statement: To improve the quality of life in Venice by building community and to secure support from the City of Los Angeles for the resources needed to achieve our goals **as described below**:

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.

* With the exception of the Focus on Children Vision Goal, the VNC Vision Goals were prepared and proposed by Joe Murphy and Linda Lucks and were adopted unanimously as a Standing Rule by the Board on April 21, 2009. The Focus on Children Vision Goal was prepared and proposed by Joe Murphy and was adopted unanimously as an addition to the VNC Vision Goals by the Board on May 20, 2014.

Introducing staggered 4-year Board of Officer terms of office

ARTICLE V: GOVERNING BOARD

Section 4: Terms and Term Limits

~~Each term of office shall be two (2) years. At the upcoming 2018 election, the terms of office shall be four (4) years for the seven (7) Community Officer candidates receiving the highest votes and for the following Executive Officer candidates: President, Secretary, Communications Officer, and Land Use and Planning Committee Chair and (2) years for the remaining candidates. At each subsequent election, the terms of office shall be four (4) years.~~

Section 6: Vacancies

Vacant Board seats shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining elected Officers. Officers selected in this manner shall serve as Board Officers until the ~~next~~ **election following the term of the vacated position.**

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 4: Officer Terms A Board Officer's term shall be for the duration of two (2) ~~or four (4)~~ years or until a successor is elected or appointed.

ARTICLE X: ELECTIONS

Section 2: Governing Board Structure and Voting

C. Voting:

4C. The Community Officer candidates with the ~~thirteen (13)~~ highest vote totals and the Community Interest Community Officer with the highest vote total shall be elected. EXCEPT, if there is no community interest candidate, the Community Officer ~~candidates with the fourteen (14) highest vote totals shall be elected~~ **candidate with the next highest vote total shall be elected to the Community Interest Community Officer position.**

Introducing staggered 4-year LUPC terms of office

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1: Standing Committees

F. Land Use and Planning Committee

~~Eight (8) LUPC members shall be selected by the Board of Officers from a list of candidates who have formally communicated to the Board their desire to serve on the Land Use and Planning Committee. The Board shall, within thirty (30) days after beginning their term, hold a Board of Officers meeting for the selection of LUPC members. The eight (8) candidates with the highest vote totals shall be selected.~~

Within thirty (30) days after the upcoming 2018 Board of Officers election and within thirty (30) days after beginning their term, the Board shall hold a Board of Officers meeting to select eight (8) LUPC members from a list of candidates who have formally communicated to the Board their desire to serve on the Land Use and Planning Committee. The eight (8) candidates with the highest vote totals shall be selected. Of these, the four (4) candidates with the highest vote totals shall serve terms of four (4) years and the other four (4) candidates shall serve terms of two (2) years as members of the Land Use and Planning Committee.

Upon Board of Officers elections subsequent to the 2018 election and within thirty (30) days after beginning their term, the Board shall hold a Board of Officers meeting to select four (4) LUPC members from a list of candidates who have formally communicated to the Board their desire to serve on the Land Use and Planning Committee. The four (4) candidates with the highest vote totals shall be selected and shall serve terms of four (4) years as members of the Land Use and Planning Committee.