



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## **Joint Board & Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, February 11, 2019 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM**

Venice-Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library ([310-821-1769](tel:310-821-1769)), 501 Venice Boulevard, Venice, California 90291

## ***Focus on Children***

**5:30** *Call to Order - Approval of Outstanding Minutes and Agenda*

**5:31** *Introduction of Guests*

*Announcements:*

[Sat 2/16 11am-4pm VNC Venice Hootenanny @ Oakwood Rec Ctr](#)

Tue 2/12 6pm SPY Host Home & HOMIE Programs

*Public Comment on items not on the agenda*

**5:50** *Consideration and possible adoption of the following motion(s):*

### **Motion - Youth Internship Program**

**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**, Internship with local agencies and businesses is an established means by which suitably mature young people may learn and grow in their capacity to be active community members on social, economic, and cultural fronts (in keeping with their personal and career interests), while providing useful service; and

**Whereas**, facilitation of a structured Youth Internship Program uniting eligible young people and local agencies, businesses and artists would be of meaningful benefit to Interns, their local hosts, and the community at large:

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

**That the VNC Board is supportive of the DFC’s efforts to investigate and implement the creation of a Youth Internship Program, and that such a program could draw on the participation of DFC members and interested parties at the VNC and in the Venice community.**

This internship program would involve engagement with suitable staff at local middle schools, high schools, and agencies who may have access to interested young persons, as well as outreach with businesses and other accomplished entities who have the opportunity to host eligible interns. The internship program would promote the uniting of interested young people with organizations where they could serve for a period of time.

Any actual DFC/VNC activities directed at encouraging internships would be approved by the VNC Board in subsequent motions, upon DFC’s presentation of further information regarding potential partners to the DFC in these efforts, appropriate eligibility requirements for interns (ie age range, etc.), any relevant guidelines and regulations, and appropriate measures for limiting potential liability. Findings in support of such future motions would be presented to the Board and the public at general Board Meetings.

*It’s YOUR Venice - get involved!*

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## 6:10 Discussion

- **Administration** (Joelle Dumas, Paul Davis, Joe Murphy)
  1. An email to **Admin** (Joelle Dumas, Paul Davis, Joe Murphy) or to any one of these relating to this committee will be communicated to all three unless you indicate an alternative preference.
  2. Explain agenda format and selection of 1<sup>st</sup> Monday as regular monthly meeting date.
  3. Establish DFC voting members - If you are interested in becoming a DFC voting member, you are invited to do so but it is not essential to do so since our meetings will be informally administered & your thoughts and comments will be considered in all discussions. But if interested, please consider:
    - Is 1<sup>st</sup> Monday as the regular monthly meeting date OK with you? And if so ...
    - If you decide to be a voting member, consider whether you will be able to attend enough of the regular monthly meetings so that we can count on a quorum to be able to adopt motions. A quorum is 50% of voting members +1 = currently 3 members out of the 5 current DFC voting members (listed below).
  4. In future emails, only DFC voting members & **VNC board** will appear in the **To:** section & **DONE** will appear in the **Cc:** section. All others will receive emails via the **Bcc:** section.
- **Motions for future meetings**

We have currently considered and adopted the above **Youth Internship Program** motion. We've talked about other ideas which we are likely to consider at future meetings. What actions do you believe we should consider as motions at future meetings and in what order? How to implement programs/initiatives?

**7:20** Next meeting will be 5:30-7:30pm Monday, March 3, 2019 at the Venice Library

**7:30** Adjourn

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## DFC Members

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## Future Joint Board & DFC Meetings

190303 – 190401 – 190506 – 190603 – 190701 – 190805 – 190902 – 191007 – 191104 – 191202



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## **Discussion Forum Committee Mission Statement**

**Provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the VNC Vision Goals\***

\*The VNC Vision Goals were adopted unanimously by the Board on April 21, 2009 as Standing Rule 20 and amended unanimously by the Board on May 20, 2014 to insert the **Focus on Children Vision Goal**. For further information about the DFC, contact its chair Joe Murphy at 310-305-1444 or at [joedmur@gmail.com](mailto:joedmur@gmail.com).

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.

**PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS:** The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Discussion Forum Committee on any agenda item before the Discussion Forum Committee takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Discussion Forum Committee's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Discussion Forum Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Discussion Forum Committee meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer.

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**RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS:** For information on the VNC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the VNC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website [www.venicenc.org](http://www.venicenc.org).

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