



Venice Neighborhood Council



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Joint Board & Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 6, 2019 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 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 **Introductions, Announcements, Public Comment on items not on the agenda**

5:40 **Consideration and possible adoption of the following motion(s):**

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”; &
Whereas, the Discussion Forum Committee has resolved to turn its efforts to the “Focus on Children” Vision Goal; &
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”; &
Whereas, quality public education is a vital means by which young people in any community are prepared to join society as informed and insightful full-fledged adult citizens; &
Whereas, public education as provided through the Los Angeles Unified School District is plagued by resource scarcity (ie under-funding); then

Be it therefore resolved (Motion) that:

The VNC Board is supportive of the DFC’s efforts to work towards passage of “Measure EE”, a local public-school funding ballot initiative in the June ’19 election for voters inside the boundaries of the LAUSD.

Measure EE is a property tax that would result in an increase in annual LAUSD funding of approximately \$500 million per year through levying a charge of \$.16/sf of interior space on a property. The measure is backed by Mayor Garcetti, the teacher’s union, and a range of local philanthropists and education (including charter) advocates.

6:00 **Initiative Updates & Presentations, Discussion:**

6:00 **▪ Initiative Updates & Presentations**

- Paul: Youth Internship Program Initiative Update
- Joe: VNC’s [Board of Officers Election](#)
- Joelle Dumas: Venice Chamber of Commerce’s [Venice Wave Awards](#)
- Denise McCain: Our Children LA’s [WIN APP](#)
- Sandy Bleifer: Venice Family Clinic’s [2019 Venice Art Walk Studio Tour](#)
- Ron Harris II: SPY’s upcoming events and [White Allyship: Walking the Walk](#)

6:15 **▪ Discussion**

- Admin Committee’s initiative suggestions based on [Needs Assessment Survey](#) process:
 - ✚ Children’s Parade
 - ✚ Improved Library Access for Young Children Pedestrians
NB: Please let Paul or Joelle or Joe know if you are willing to help implement an initiative (ie: form subcommittee, draft motion, follow-through with VNC process, etc.)
- Future Discussion Subjects
 - ✚ Political: developments relating to young people
 - ✚ Readings: young people in current literature and culture
NB: Please submit suggestions to Joe 2 weeks before meetings at the latest

7:00 **Adjourn. Next meeting will be 5:30pm Monday, June 3, 2019 at the Venice Library**

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Future Joint Board & DFC Meetings

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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.

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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