



Venice Neighborhood Council



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Minutes of the June 1, 2020 Joint VNC Board & DFC **Focus on Children** Meeting

Voting Members (Present): Joe Murphy (VNC DFC CoChair), Paul Davis (VNC DFC CoChair, parent and architect), Regan Kibbee (Co-moderator of Venice Moms), Mehrnoosh Mojallali (Architecture/Urban Design), John Palka (Pastor, Venice Lutheran Church); **(Absent):** Joelle Dumas (VNC DFC CoChair, Director of Ecole Claire Fontaine), Jasmine Carey (Worthy Beyond Purpose - Mindfulness Mentoring), Mark Washington (LAUSD, Assistant Principal of Operations, Division of Adult & Career Education, Venice Skills Center Service Area).

Community Members: Ira Koslow, VNC Board President.

Note: the minutes below in small blue bold print are a distillation of agenda item discussions and free-form comments from the meeting, and also feature points of discussion introduced by attendees in follow-up correspondence.

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

Adopted unanimously.

5:31 **Introductions, Announcements, Public Comment on items not on the agenda: None**

5:35 **Consideration and possible adoption of the following motion:**

Motion –Implementation of Open Steets Initiative under VNC sponsorship

(per <http://ladot.lacity.org/coronavirus/apply-slow-street-your-neighborhood>)

Whereas, the **Discussion Forum Committee** of the VNC is willing to perform the role of *Point of Contact* for the Venice Neighborhood Council as the *Sponsoring Organization* as required under the **Open Streets Initiative** of the City of Los Angeles and to implement the elements of the requirement, including providing the Board with all required updates; **Be it therefore resolved (Motion):**

That the VNC Board is supportive of the DFC’s performance of this role on behalf of the Venice Neighborhood Council including drawing on the participation of interested parties in the Venice community ‘to keep an eye on the closure infrastructure and communicate issues with the’ Venice Neighborhood Council.

This effort would involve seeking and engaging with Venice residents interested in implementation of the initiative in their local residential neighborhoods and in helping them set up and monitor the functioning of the initiative.

Adopted unanimously.

5:45 **Initiative Updates & Presentations, Discussion**

Suspended and replaced with discussion of the impact of the pandemic on the growth and education of children and on ideas regarding implementation of the Open Streets Initiative. John Palka offered to compile some ways children could use the Open Streets.

7:00 **Adjourn. Next meeting will be 5:30pm on the first Monday of a month to be announced.**
