

Paul Davis prepared this 'discussion generator' to help stimulate us at our Discussion Forum Committee meetings which will be focused on the following topic – and which he will be moderating:

In the context of the Discussion Forum Committee Mission Statement, what are the options as to how the Committee should direct its efforts, moving forward?

A. RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Review recent accomplishments (Tiny House Motion, Permanent Housing Motion, Venice Carousel Motion). The homelessness-related motions have been accomplished in coordination (more or less formal) with the Homelessness Committee.

B. THE PANDEMIC AND BEYOND: LOCAL AND CITYWIDE/REGIONAL CAUSES

During the pandemic (when in-person initiatives such as internships have been prevented), we have acted as advocates and initiators of discussions regarding a) local Venice issues and b) matters that affect the city and region as a whole.

That two-front focus can and should continue. We may expect to continue also to collaborate with other VNC committees, at the request of the Board/"AdCom" or on our own initiative.

C. VISION GOALS, UNITE!

The VNC Vision Goals have served to date as a sequence of focusses for DFC efforts that have generally been taken up one at a time, each for some specific period (1-2 years?). Given the interrelatedness of the Goals, and the "Focus on Children" as a foundation to them all, we propose now to operate under the assumption that any and all of the Vision Goals can inform our work, simultaneously.

D. OUR CAMPAIGNS

Affordable housing/homelessness, proposals for increased density, urban design work (for the library/park/Venice Blvd. median overall, for example), "safe streets" campaigns, and the internship program would all continue to be future causes that can motivate DFC efforts.

E. OUR MODES OF ACTION

When our group's members have the time and ability to actually initiate and carry out programs, we are able to act in that mode. Otherwise, we may act through promoting ideas and encouraging the general work of the VNC and local government on the fronts outlined above.

F. LET'S TALK!

Committee member input on the points above and our path ahead