Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Canal Club (310-823-3878)
2025 Pacific Avenue (near North Venice Boulevard)
Venice, California 90291
No Host Refreshments Available

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Agenda
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7:00 Call to Order  Public Comment on items not on the agenda

7:05 Discussion & Possible Action re JDM Agenda Request to add the below Focus on Children Vision Goal to SR 20 VNC Vision Goals so that it reads as follows:

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Focus on Children
Consider strategies that promote and 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
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Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate realistic recommendations designed to increase economic diversity, including affordable housing, etc.

Creativity
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7:10 Continuation of Discussion of Attached February 4, 2014 Agenda

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The below criteria assume that the DFC Incubates VNC Vision Goal (VG) Proposals (DFCIP) for consideration by VNC Committees:
- that no DFCIP erode the spirit of any VG
- that no DFCIP burden any DFC Member with direct or indirect pressures to commit to more than one two-hour meeting per month
- that all DFCIPs be evaluated in the context of all VGs
- that the DFC MO be to assist the Board with assessments of the long-term impacts of any DFCIP the DFC decides to consider
- that the DFC/Board relationship be designed to minimize the costs necessary to maximize the influence of the DFC/Board in implementing VGs

To Incubate

Dictionary Definition
Gradually bring something into being
To form or develop something such as a plan or an idea slowly and quietly over a period of time

JDM
- An Incubator is a safe, comfortable environment where an Incubatee can experience the time and the nurturance required to enable it to become an independent entity capable of doing something constructive
- Incubation can occur only when there is an Incubator and an Incubatee
- The DFC can become an Incubator which can, if designed to do so, Incubate Incubates by helping them become independent entities capable of doing something constructive within the context of the VNC Vision Goals
- Over the long term, an Incubation MO could become the MO of other entities, both in the VNC & in other forums
- For this concept to become the DFC MO, the DFC will have to become its own Incubator which means it will also have to be its own Incubatee

JDM Recommended DFC Modus Operandi & DFC Modus Operandi Implementation Strategy (attached)

9:00 Adjourn
Minutes of Prior DFC Meetings


How can we encourage the residents and visitors of Venice to get out of their cars and spend more time enjoying our community as pedestrians? 10/2/2012 How would we group the ideas from our last meeting into categories that illustrate the primary positive qualities that embody our vision of walkability in Venice? 11/6/2012 & 12/4/2012 We have spent several sessions discussing Walkability and it is time to plan how we will complete work on this topic and report back to the VNC.

Questions considered were:
- **Product**: What will report cover and how will it be organized?
- **Process**: What work needs to be completed and who will take responsibility for each piece?
- **Schedule**: What are main tasks we need to complete going forward and when will each one be due?

1/8/2013 At Sarah’s suggestion, Ilaria Mazzoleni, an architect who focuses on sustainable ideas for the built environment, shared insights learned from research work on bike-sharing and related topics accomplished with her graduate and undergraduate students at SCI-Arc – a presentation which stimulated intense pragmatic discussion on how to pedestrianize urban communities. 2/5/2013 & 3/5/2013 Discussion of Plan for Presentation to Board & how to implement walkability ideas received. 4/2/2013 & 5/7/2013 & 6/11/2013 & 7/2/2013 & 8/6/2013 & 8/20/2013 Preparation & Delivery of Presentation to Board:
(i) Venice Walkability Study Venice Bike-Sharing Study Component; (ii) Additions to VNC Walkability Vision Goal Ideas Matrix.
9/3/2013 Debriefing of Presentation to Board & Discussion of future DFC options. 10/1/2013 & 11/5/2013 Discussion of the Modus Operandi (MO) of the DFC. 2/4/2014 Discussion of the Modus Operandi (MO) as presented by the DFC Chair.

VNC Vision Goals

VNC Standing Rule 20 adopted unanimously 090421

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Upcoming DFC Meetings

(1st Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified)


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