

Venice Neighborhood Council

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Joint Board & Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday September 26, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Ecole Claire Fontaine ([310-314-9976](tel:310-314-9976)), 352 Westminster Avenue, Venice, California 90291

6:00 Call to Order ■ **Public Comment on items not on the agenda**

6:05 Discussion* Framework (the below [VNC Vision Goals](#) & any other documents attached to the email distributing this agenda) *All meetings are Discussion Only unless otherwise indicated

With this meeting, the Discussion Forum Committee is shifting its attention from the VNC's Diversity Vision Goal to its Focus on Children Vision Goal, which is to:

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 [VNC Vision Goals](#).

This is the opportunity for you to explore with the Discussion Forum Committee ideas capable of improving our Venice Community for our children in a way which implements the following intent of the [VNC Vision Goals](#) which is to:

... promote a more proactive, collaborative vision for VNC Committees to include in their deliberations as they formulate recommendations for Board consideration, the intent [being] to create a working framework of integrated strategies capable of achieving, over time, broader consensus and increased consideration of all of the [VNC Vision Goals](#) in the deliberations of all VNC Committees.

This is a Discussion-Only meeting.

Please come and contribute any ideas you might have as to how we can enhance the Venice Community for the benefit of all our children.

Please note the change in the date/time and location of the DFC regular monthly meeting:

From 9-11am on first Monday

To 6-8pm on the fourth Wednesday

From The French Market Cafe (2321 Abbot Kinney Blvd)

To The Ecole Claire Fontaine (352 Westminster Avenue)

8:00 Adjourn

DFC Members

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Minutes of ■ Prior Joint Board & DFC Meetings

■ 5/1/2012 to 1/20/2015 Formation of DFC, focus on [VNC Walkability Vision Goal](#), development of [VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix](#), development and presentation of report to board on DFC activities, development of DFC Dialogue Procedure, development of DFC-Board Modus Operandi (mutually-supportive relationship), drafted & successfully recommended board adoption of [Focus on Children Vision Goal](#), and recommending board implementation of the [Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance \(WIDO\)](#) item in the [VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix](#).

■ 7/15/2014 to 8/6/2018 Focus on [VNC Diversity Vision Goal](#). ■ 9/26/2018 [Focus on Children Vision Goal](#). ■ 10/24/2018 TBD.

Future Joint Board & DFC Meetings

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NB: If you are interested in becoming a member of the [Discussion Forum Committee](#), please contact the chair, Joe Murphy, directly at 310-305-1444 or at joemur@gmail.com

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Discussion Forum Committee (DFC)

Mission Statement

The DFC mission is to provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the below 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.

VNC Vision Goals

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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