Presentation Begins (discussion deferred to 1pm)

Overview of VNC Vision Goals

- **Diversity**
  - Affordable Housing

- **Economic**

- **Stakeholder Involvement**
  - Community Groups
  - Government Institutions
  - Major Organizations

- **Participation**

- **Walkability**
  - Pedestrian Access
  - Widen sidewalks
  - Narrow streets
  - Facilitate pedestrian access to local commerce
  - Separate walk/bike/skate lanes from traffic

- **Vitality of our Venice Community**
  - Architecture
  - Public art
  - Promote the arts
  - Creativity
  - Neighborhood gatherings
  - Social events
  - Street movies/theatre/dance/etc.

- **Flexibility**
  - Facilitate 'Level Playing Fields'

- **Dialogue**
  - Collaborate
  - Negotiate
  - Listen

- **Brainstorming**
  - & Focus on Children

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Discussion of VNC Vision Goals

Emphasis added by presenter
To stimulate the Vitality of the VNC, the Board & VNC Committees are encouraged to consider the below VNC Vision Goals in their deliberations.

Although the VNC is a political body, & 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.
To focus on the DFC’s supportive role, I’ve selected one of the 27 ideas from the VNC Vision Goals Ideas Matrix.

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| Make chalk available for kids to use on sidewalks & other neighborhood spaces | Joe Murphy (310-305-1444) joedmur@gmail.com | Children of all ages love to create artwork in public spaces. | Simply make chalk widely available. | 1. Focus on Children  
2. Participation  
3. Walkability  
4. Diversity  
5. Creativity  
6. Collaboration  
7. Brainstorming |

Begin VNC Vision Goals Dialogue with questions/observations

**JDM ANSWERS**

- **Does this idea enhance implementation of any VNC Vision Goals?** YES TO ALL
- **Which are enhanced and why?** Which are not enhanced and why?
- **Would you support a motion encouraging implementation of this idea?** YES
- **Why? Why not?**
- **Which VNC Committees might be interested in implementing this idea?** NONE
- **Why? Why not?** COMMITTEES ARE OVER-COMMITTED & UNDER-STAFFED
- Etc

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