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VNC Joint Board & Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

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Discussion Forum Committee Mission Statement
Provide monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the VNC Vision Goals*

*The VNC Vision Goals were adopted unanimously by the Board on April 21, 2009 as Standing Rule 2b 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 310-385-1444 or at joedmur@gmail.com.

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.

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