Call to Order - Approval of Outstanding Minutes and Agenda

Introduction, Announcements, Public Comment on items not on the agenda

Consideration and possible adoption of the following motion(s): None

Initiative Updates & Presentations, Discussion

- Sandy Bleifer & Aaron Mendelsohn: Presentation/discussion of Republic Metropolitan (Re/MET) project
- Paul Davis: Youth Internship Program
- Mehrnoosh Mojallali: Improved Library Access for Young Pedestrians

Discussion Topics/Questions – building on Needs Assessment Survey

What do you think should be the priorities of this committee?

- Homelessness is a major and central issue in our community. Is there something constructive that this committee is uniquely-positioned to do?
- The Venice Neighborhood Council Bylaws enable young adults to become elected members of its Board of Officers and voting members/chairs of its various committees – and to create new committees – and to be otherwise involved in its various functions and government-related activities. To date, very little has been done to encourage such involvement. Is this something this committee is uniquely-positioned to do?
- Worthy Beyond Purpose is dedicated to providing children with mindfulness experiences. Should we take time to explore in greater depth what this entails and whether this committee is uniquely-positioned to, in a constructive manner, enable broader community use of this model?

Contribution of Topics/Questions &/or Motions for next meeting agenda

Adjourn. Next meeting will be 5:30pm Monday, April 6, 2020 at the Venice Library
**Discussion Forum Committee Mission Statement**

Provide a 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 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.

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.

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