# Minutes of the March 2, 2020 Joint VNC Board & DFC Focus on Children Meeting

**Voting Members (Present):** Joe Murphy (VNC DFC CoChair), Joelle Dumas (VNC DFC CoChair, Director of Ecole Claire Fontaine), Paul Davis (VNC DFC CoChair, parent and architect), Regan Kibbee (Co-moderator of Venice Moms); **(Absent):** Mehrnoosh Mojallali (Architecture/Urban Design), John Palka (Pastor, Venice Lutheran Church), Jasmine Carey (Worthy Beyond Purpose - Mindfulness Mentoring), Mark Washington (LAUSD, Assistant Principal of Operations, Division of Adult & Career Education, Venice Skills Center Service Area).

**Community Members:** Sandy Bleifer (Artist Housing on Metro site) & Aaron Mendelsohn (Developer Representative), Helen Fallon (concern on VHS swimming pool), Alex Paradzick & Jonar Cowan (LMU journalism students).

Note: the minutes below in small blue bold print are a distillation of agenda item discussions and free-form comments from the meeting, and also feature points of discussion introduced by attendees in follow-up correspondence.

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| 5:30 | **Call to Order - Approval of Outstanding Minutes and Agenda**  
Postponed to April 6, 2020 meeting for lack of quorum. |
| 5:31 | **Introductions, Announcements, Public Comment on items not on the agenda**  
Introduction of Alex Paradzick & Jonar Cowan (LMU journalism students fulfilling a class assignment).  
Public comment on concern about plans to close VHS swimming pool by Helen Fallon: she will prepare a motion for our consideration at the April 6, 2020 meeting. |
| 5:40 | **Consideration and possible adoption of the following motion(s): None** |
| 5:40 | **Initiative Updates & Presentations, Discussion**  
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  - Paul Davis: Youth Internship Program  
  - Sandy Bleifer & Aaron Mendelsohn: Presentation/discussion of Republic Metropolitan (Re/MET) project  
  - Mehrnoosh Mojallali: Improved Library Access for Young Pedestrians |
| 7:00 | **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? |
| 7:00 | **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**