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Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 9, 2016 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM

Canal Club (310-823-3878)
2025 Pacific Avenue (near North Venice Boulevard)
Venice, California 90291
No Host Refreshments Available

Agenda

7:00 Call to Order ■ **Public Comment on items not on the agenda**

7:05 Discussion Framework (see also attached Discussion Generators)

The Paradoxical Impact of Zoning on the Venice Vision Goals

It seems that our efforts to create more 'creativity, diversity, & collaboration' are gradually but inexorably producing a socially & physically sterile community which seems unable to consider possible constructive changes to the current 'status quo'.

7:10 Discussion

10:00 Adjourn

Vision Goals

VNC Standing Rule 20 adopted unanimously by the Board on April 21, 2009 & amended unanimously by the Board on May 20, 2014 to insert the [Focus on Children Vision Goal](#)

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 [**less expensive ***] housing, etc. [*** Clarification inserted November 24, 2014 by Joe Murphy**]

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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