



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 4, 2014 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

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

*"Given that each of us lives in a different world, what can we do to minimize misunderstandings?"*

**Agenda** ([140204VNCDiscussionForumMeetingAgenda.pdf](#))

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

**7:05 Discussion of the DFC *Modus Operandi* (MO) as presented by the DFC Chair**

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The below criteria assume that the DFC **Incubates VNC Vision Goal (VG) Proposals (DFCIP)** for consideration by VNC Committees:

- that **no DFCIP** erode the spirit of **any VG**
- that **no DFCIP** burden **any DFC Member** with direct or indirect pressures to commit to more than one two-hour meeting per month
- that **all DFCIPs** be evaluated in the context of **all VGs**
- that the **DFC MO** be to assist the **Board** with assessments of the long-term impacts of **any DFCIP** the **DFC** decides to consider
- that the **DFC/Board** relationship be designed to minimize the costs necessary to maximize the influence of the **DFC/Board** in implementing **VGs**

### To Incubate

#### **Dictionary Definition**

Gradually bring something into being

To form or develop something such as a plan or an idea slowly and quietly over a period of time

#### **JDM**

- An **Incubator** is a safe, comfortable environment where an **Incubatee** can experience the time and the nurturance required to enable it to become an independent entity capable of **doing something constructive**
- **Incubation** can occur only when there is an **Incubator** **and** an **Incubatee**
- The **DFC** can become an **Incubator** which can, if designed to do so, **Incubate Incubatees** by helping them become independent entities capable of **doing something constructive** within the context of the **VNC Vision Goals**
- Over the long term, an **Incubation MO** could become the **MO** of other entities, both in the **VNC** & in other forums
- For this concept to become the **DFC MO**, the **DFC** will have to become its own **Incubator** which means it will also have to be its own **Incubatee**

**JDM Recommended DFC Modus Operandi & DFC Modus Operandi Implementation Strategy (attached)**

**9:00 Adjourn**

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## Minutes of Prior DFC Meetings

**5/1/2012 & 6/11/2012 & 7/11/2012 & 8/11/2012** Formation & decision to focus on **VNC Walkability Vision Goal** ■ **9/11/2012** How can we encourage the residents and visitors of Venice to get out of their cars and spend more time enjoying our community as pedestrians? ■ **10/2/2012** How would we group the ideas from our last meeting into categories that illustrate the primary positive qualities that embody our vision of walkability in Venice? ■ **11/6/2012 & 12/4/2012** We have spent several sessions discussing **Walkability** and it is time to plan how we will complete work on this topic and report back to the VNC. Questions considered were:

**Product:** What will report cover and how will it be organized?

**Process:** What work needs to be completed and who will take responsibility for each piece?

**Schedule:** What are main tasks we need to complete going forward and when will each one be due?

■ **1/8/2013** At Sarah's suggestion, Ilaria Mazzoleni, an architect who focuses on sustainable ideas for the built environment, shared insights learned from research work on bike-sharing and related topics accomplished with her graduate and undergraduate students at SCI-Arc – a presentation which stimulated intense pragmatic discussion on how to pedestrianize urban communities. ■ **2/5/2013 & 3/5/2013** Discussion of **Plan for Presentation to Board** & how to implement walkability ideas received. ■ **4/2/2013 & 5/7/2013 & 6/11/2013 & 7/2/2013 & 8/6/2013 & 8/20/2013** Preparation & Delivery of **Presentation to Board:** (i) **Venice Walkability Study Venice Bike-Sharing Study Component;** (ii) Additions to **VNC Walkability Vision Goal Ideas Matrix.** ■ **9/3/2013** Debriefing of **Presentation to Board** & Discussion of future DFC options. ■ **10/1/2013 & 11/5/2013** Discussion of the **Modus Operandi (MO)** of the DFC. ■ **2/4/2014** Discussion of the **Modus Operandi (MO)** as presented by the DFC Chair.

## VNC Vision Goals

VNC Standing Rule 20 adopted unanimously 090421

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### 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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## Upcoming DFC Meetings

(1st Tuesday of each month unless otherwise notified)

3/4/2014 - 4/8/2014 - 5/6/2014 - 6/3/2014 - 7/1/2014 - 8/5/2014 - 9/2/2014 - 10/7/2014 - 11/4/2014 - 12/2/2014