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Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 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

Agenda

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Prepared by the DFC facilitators [Joe Murphy (310-305-1444), Ira Koslow (310-392-0868), Daffodil Tyminski (609-876-8418)] to initiate discussions as directed by the DFC. Please contact facilitators with questions or ideas.

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

7:05 Discussion of Ilaria Mazzoleni's sense of direction set at the September 3, DFC Meeting

Consider six projects based on the group matrix six categories (walkability, creativity, diversity, participation, collaboration, brainstorming). The basic idea is to start providing the community with some actions that make them see the work of the committee & draws more participants to it.

1. Criteria (what is going to take a project to implement) 1 page to be prepared together during next meeting
2. Inter-modal study (Ilaria and Sarah) - in progress (during Sept Ilaria will ask UCLA etc... as discussed) - medium length project
3. "Come to Venice and slow down" Campaign (Don) - it could be a campaign run during some of Venice events or other forums
4. Ocean Front - Board walk at night (name?) - symposium to discuss how to initiate a Landmark status ... and other possible issues related to this fundamental space in Venice
5. Safety "right-of-way" (Didi) - might fold in with points 2 and 3 !?!
6. Dog Park concept design, what it takes to take it further (name?) - long term project
After having worked on 1 (next meeting) we can assess if 2-6 are feasible projects for this committee to take on and create a timeline.

Engaging with other groups in the Community that are interested in such projects would also be desirable (example 3. could be taken on together w/the Chamber of Commerce).

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.**

VNC Vision Goals

VNC Standing Rule 20 adopted unanimously 090421

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:

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)

11/5/2013 - 12/3/2013