



# Venice Neighborhood Council



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## Minutes of the November 4, 2019 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), Mehrnoosh Mojallali (Architecture/Urban Design), Regan Kibbee (Co-moderator of Venice Moms), John Palka (Pastor, Venice Lutheran Church), Connie Clotworthy (Founder, Director of Worthy Beyond Purpose);  
**(Absent):** 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:** Charles Rials (SPY Rep and VNC Community Officer).

**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.

**5:30** **Call to Order - Approval of Outstanding Minutes and Agenda**

*Adopted unanimously.*

**5:31** **Introductions, Announcements, Public Comment on items not on the agenda**

**5:35** **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 – the group suggested a range of local entities that may host interns. Paul and John Palka (and perhaps others) will make in-person approaches to possible hosts, with brochures in hand. David Silberman and Jose Artiles of LAUSD/VHS will review the brochure, sign-up packages, and the planned presentation with Paul & John prior to the host visits. The list of likely hosts will be submitted to VHS prior to Thanksgiving,
- Joelle Dumas: Children's Parade
- Mehrnoosh Mojallali: Improved Library Access for Young Pedestrians

**6:00** **▪ Discussion**

- New Initiatives: None
- Possible Future Initiative Ideas & Discussion Topics building on [Needs Assessment Survey](#)
  - ✦ Mark Washington/Rachel Bindman: Encourage reading relationships between high-school youth & very young children
  - ✦ Joe Murphy: Housing Homeless Students, Possible [Focus on Children](#) involvement
  - ✦ Joe Murphy: Possible involvement of young people in local government

**7:00** **Adjourn. Next meeting will be 5:30pm Monday, December 2, 2019 at the Venice Library**