



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Location

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

7:10 Brainstorming Session 2 on Walkability VNC Vision Goal using the below DFC Discussion Generator

- In 2009, the VNC identified six vision goals (Participation, Walkability, Diversity, Creativity, Collaboration and Brainstorming) to guide the current Board's mission. At our last meeting, Sarah Dennison conducted a brainstorming session on the Walkability VNC Vision Goal. This month's meeting is intended to build on the ideas generated during the brainstorming session which constitute, along with the second question below, this month's DFC Discussion Generator:
 1. 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?
 2. 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?
- Ideas for future meetings.

9:00 Adjourn

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VNC Vision Goals

VNC Standing Rule 20 adopted 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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DFC Discussion Generator

Prepared each month by the DFC facilitators – Joe Murphy (310-305-1444), Ira Koslow (310-392-0868), Daffodil Tyminski (609-876-8418) – to initiate discussion as directed by the DFC at its prior meeting. Please contact a facilitator with questions.

To prepare for the October 2, 2012 DFC Meeting, please ask yourself and be prepared to tell us:
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?

Ideas generated in September 11, 2012 Walkability Brainstorming Session in response to the question:

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?

Transcribed from newsprint sheets by Sarah Dennison

GROUP NOTES

Crosswalks

- How to make them safe?

Bike Paths

Street Activities

- Homeless impact on walkability
- What we want is “People Watching”

Urban Landscape / Trees

Sidewalks

- Cleanliness / Beauty in walking
- Wider sidewalks
- Outdoor eatery incentives
- Lighting
- Artwork to increase walkability

Parking

- Building up and underground for parking
- Café Gratitude underground parking vs Google – none

Shuttle Buses / Public Transportation

- Creative transportation / Bike Sharing
- Small tricycles / Electric car chargers in parking lots

Street Furniture

- More public bathrooms 4 walkability / Self-cleaning
- Bike Racks
- More trash cans

Walk Streets

Pedestrian Malls

Safety / Traffic Control

- Traffic Control to improve walkability and safety in neighborhoods
- Pedestrian Zones in retail areas
- Destination Points
- Strategic Parking sites
- Information Kiosks
- Cops on the beat
- Lighting
- Uneven sidewalks (fix them)

Streets / How to improve them?

- How do we remove more cars from streets?
- Lack of logical connectivity of roads
- Streets back to canals
- Legalizing jaywalking
- Buffer zones along curbs, what could we put there? Use red zones to beautify streets / grow edibles?
- Parisian feeling / safe street environments
- Safe for kids, skateboards, roller skates
- Streetscape that lends itself to romance / human interaction
- Town Squares / Pedestrian zones / Possible locations? Washington between Ocean Front Walk and Pacific, Main St. between Abbot Kinney and Circle, Ocean Front Walk / Grand Ave. the Circle, Fox swap-meet area, Metro bus storage site
- Permanent open air farmers market
- Best Venice walkability per Walkscore website is Ocean Front Walk
- Make alleys pedestrian-friendly / green alleyways, parking

Public Open Space

- Develop more green spaces, community BBQ areas

Density

- Density / Future construction
- Mixed-Use construction

It's YOUR Venice - get involved!

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