



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Discussion Forum Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, December 4, 2012 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

7:00 Call to Order

7:10 A. See next page for this month's **DFC Discussion Generator Question & Agenda.**

Summary: Sarah Dennison facilitated past DFC discussions of the Walkability VNC Vision Goal on:

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 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 for this meeting 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?

This month's meeting is intended to build on those discussions by focusing on how much time, help & expertise is needed to complete, draft & submit reports on DFC-member-selected projects.

B. Ideas for future DFC actions.

9:00 Adjourn

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.

Question

How much time, help & expertise is needed to:

- Complete projects?
- Draft/submit reports?

Agenda*

*November 13 2012 DFC Meeting Notes prepared by Sarah Dennison

Upcoming DFC Meeting Schedule: **1/8/2013 - 2/5/2013 - 3/5/2013 - 4/2/2013 - 5/7/2013 - 6/4/2013**

Report to New VNC: Could take a form similar to that of LUPC staff reports: list facts, findings and arguments for and against. Daffodil will circulate a sample as she conceives of it prior to next meeting. If action is required by the VNC, then request must be presented in the form of a Motion.

Public/Private Partnerships: As an arm of the VNC this group cannot raise funds; there are strict limitations. One option is to start a non-profit for this purpose. Another is to solicit the donation of private property.

Project Assignments taken on by DFC Members:

Don: Valet Parking and Abbot Kinney Parking Structures

Sarah: Bike-sharing and Zip car programs for Venice

Mehrnoosh: New ideas for dog park

Don and Daffodil: Community gardens

Ira: Funding sources for implementation

Joe: Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance/City help

Daffodil: Crosswalks

Next time: Nick and Nick & others to choose topics