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Joint Board & Discussion Forum Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 7:00 to 10:00 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 ■ **Public Comment on items not on the agenda**

7:05 Discussion Framework* (see also [Discussion Generator](#))

*All meetings are Discussion Only unless otherwise indicated

In thinking about the agenda for our January 10, 2017 **Discussion Forum Committee** meeting, I started with the last page of the December 13, 2016 meeting's [Discussion Generator](#) which ends with the following 'meta-question':

What changes to the current land-use laws would discourage the discouragement and encourage the encouragement of construction of homes in existing residential communities which would become, over time, within the economic reach of ownership by our less wealthy residents?

My recent efforts to further broaden this 'meta-question' are reflected in my following replacement question:

What changes to current laws would discourage the discouragement and encourage the encouragement of efforts to provide more less expensive 'homes' in residential communities in a way which would become, over time, within the economic reach of ownership by less wealthy residents – 'homes' where they and their families would feel they 'belong' to a 'community' without the fears common in 'ghettos' – a systemic approach which would create & then maintain a housing supply/demand balance in all residential communities in which diversity could more naturally evolve?

I consider answers to the above 'meta-question' critical to developing any strategy capable of implementing the **intent** of the **Diversity Vision Goal** which reads as follows:

Consider strategies that encourage & facilitate realistic recommendations designed to increase economic diversity, including [affordable less expensive*] housing, etc. [^r Clarification inserted November 24, 2014 by Joe Murphy]

By generalizing the question and calling it a 'meta-question', I'm hoping that it will make our DFC discussions more deliberative – more likely, as intended by the Board in its **Venice Neighborhood Council Vision Goals**:

... to promote a more proactive, collaborative vision for VNC Committees to include in their deliberations as they formulate recommendations for Board consideration ...

and to thereby implement its

... **intent** ... to create a working framework of integrated strategies capable of achieving, over time, broader consensus and increased ... **[Focus on Children, Participation, Walkability, Diversity, Creativity, Collaboration, Brainstorming]**

7:10 Discussion

10:00 Adjourn

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Minutes of ■ Prior Joint Board & DFC Meetings & ■ Related Board Actions

■ **5/1/2012 to 1/20/2015** Formation of DFC, focus on **VNC Walkability Vision Goal**, development of **VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix**, development and presentation of report to board on DFC activities, development of DFC Dialogue Procedure, development of DFC-Board Modus Operandi (mutually-supportive relationship), drafted & successfully recommended board adoption of **Focus on Children Vision Goal**, and recommending board implementation of the **Walkability Impact Disclosure Ordinance (WIDO)** item in the **VNC Vision Goals Idea Matrix**.

■ **7/15/2014 to 1/10/2017** Focus on **VNC Diversity Vision Goal**. ■ **2/14/2017** TBD.

Future Joint Board & DFC Meetings

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DFC Mission Statement

The DFC mission is to provide a monthly forum for discussion of long-term matters affecting the Venice Community within the context of the below VNC Vision Goals

The VNC Vision Goals were adopted unanimously by the Board on April 21, 2009 as Standing Rule 20 and amended unanimously by the Board on May 20, 2014 to insert the Focus on Children Vision Goal

VNC Vision Goals

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:

Focus on Children

Consider strategies that promote & expand opportunities for children to experience direct meaningful involvement in all aspects of the social and economic and cultural activities of the Venice Community. Include this **Focus on Children** as an integral part of the **consideration** of **strategies** in all of the below Vision Goals.

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 less expensive***] housing, etc. [* Clarification inserted November 24, 2014 by Joe Murphy]

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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