



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Regular Meeting of the Preserving Public Places Committee AGENDA

Location: USofE Cafe, 2321 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice, CA 90291

DATE: Monday October 9, 2023

TIME: noon

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CALL TO ORDER AND BOARD ROLL CALL

Robin Murez (chair)	Sonya Reese Greenland	
Betsy Goldman	Tim Rudnick	
Todd Lorber		

APPROVAL of PRIOR MINUTES: see vnc ppp webpage

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed one (1) minute(s) unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the meeting..

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS (*Items considered in prior meeting*) Updates on previous motions:

1. Venice Walking Tour App - Community Improvement Project awarded
2. CCC Lifeguard Station Tower
Historic Cultural Monument application submitted - see website
Updated Building Assessment completed - see website
3. Pagodas Repairs
4. Historic Canal / Bridge Park Motion Passed - Adopt a Median suggested
5. Colonnade Restoration - Historic Arcade District Motion <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee6406d7a5b3300.pdf> <https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/committee624b185da2192.pdf>
6. Site Markers / QR Code - to accompany Walking Tour App
7. Venice Preservationist Award



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8. Invite Council member Traci Park to Lifeguard Tower Instagram photoshoot
9. Venice Lifeguard Station / Tower - DBH 4/2023 update; Building Assessment update
10. Motion re: **Preservation of Plantings in Public Places** - Several mature public trees were recently cut down in Venice. This violates LA City code; should/ could enforcement and fines be enhanced? Motion presented by Arbor Committee

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Preservation of Public Places within jurisdiction of Recreation & Parks Dept

- a. Public Comment:
- b. Committee discussion
- c. Motion:

MOTION REQUESTING COMMUNITY INPUT IN RAP PLANS

The Board of Officers of the Venice Neighborhood Council requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks confer with representatives of the Venice Neighborhood Council, prior and ongoing, to see that plans for Recreation and Parks locations in Venice incorporate important features, community projects and public interests.

This includes, but is not limited to, RAP's proposed projects and maintenance of Ocean Front Walk recreational and plantings, pagodas, playgrounds, lifeguard station, Westminster Clubhouse & park, Canals Park, Oakwood Park, Penmar Park, Triangle Park, and Centennial Park.

Specifically regarding RAP's current plans for:

Centennial Park:

Plantings consistent with the continuous Venice Blvd Landscape Plan and historic layout

Eliminate unnecessary (expensive \$130,000, unfriendly, and damaging tree roots) 4 foot perimeter fencing now proposed by RAP

Replace irrigation and plantings throughout the center of the park, replace missing trees and add additional trees. Mulch and DG proposed by RAP makes our "park" a "median."



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Install community VNC projects: Carousel pavilion (ready now), Trolley Car (when ready)

Create “pedestrian island” as recommended by DOT, enabling access between the park and Abbot Kinney Boulevard

OFW Playground: Immediate replacement of appropriate playground equipment

Westminster Clubhouse: Dialogue with VNC regarding next tenant / use(s)

Venice Pier: Install Venice Oceanarium

Venice Lifeguard Station: Repair building (enforce County requirement to do)

Supporting Documents:

RAP 2023 Centennial Park “Improvement” Plan

note: “approved February 2023 by Mike Bonin” Impossible.

Disregards existing, fully permitted plan:

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/s94upq7shpu7ywrhysmqm/Venice-of-America_Phase-2.pdf?rlkey=9dnwjo0ty0fl3362kcazxxj3m&dl=0

and

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ou2oxjzssstf8ljd3l7d/Venice-America-Centennial-Park_Fencing.pdf?rlkey=5z2dr5kg8u5kh9f056ombyfyw&dl=0

1995 / 2003 permitted Venice Boulevard Landscape Plan: <http://venice.net/landscaping/>

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Maker ___ Seconded ___

Vote: (___ Yes / ___ No / ___ Abstained / ___ Recused / ___ Ineligible)

2.. Preservation of Plantings in Public Places - Several mature public trees were recently cut down in Venice. This violates LA City code; should/ could



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c. Motion DRAFT: [https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/](https://www.venicenc.org/assets/documents/5/meeting64519b6f21981.pdf)

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Maker Seconded

Vote: (Yes / No / Abstained / Recused / Ineligible)

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