



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Verdant Venice Committee

Minutes of October 4, 2019

The Rose 220 Rose Ave, Venice CA 90291

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM. Present were Noël Johnston and Isabelle Duvivier.
2. The Minutes were approved. (ID,NJ)
3. The agenda was approved as presented. (ID, NJ))
4. There were no Announcements.
5. There was no Public Comment.
6. Chair report:
  - a. CFAC (Oct 3, 2019) was addressed by City Forest Officer Rachel Malarich. Topic of interest: expansion and enforcement of the protected tree program.
  - b. Installation of above ground power lines in Venice.
  - c. Interest in the City's response to Item 9C in the April VNC Agenda.
7. Item for Discussion or Possible Action – Motions:
  - a. MOTION: Whereas a motion was made in 2018 by the VNC requesting that the City replace concrete (and/or agriperm/agroperm) around mature trees in tree wells in Venice, the VVC would like to be notified of the City's response to this motion, in writing, in order to encourage and help arrange for timely removal. (NJ, ID) (Passed 2-0-0).
  - b. MOTION: Whereas the current list of tree species on the Urban Forestry web site is now outdated, the VVC requests that the VNC write a letter to City Forestry Officer Rachel Malarich and to Urban Forestry Division Manager Timothy Tyson requesting that the tree species list be updated so the public has the most current information. (ID, NJ) (passed 2-0-0)
  - c. MOTION: Whereas the Bureau of Street Services has suggested that one of Venice's two annual "Pot Hole Blitzes" be turned into a "Tree Planting/Tree Care Blitz", the VVC requests that the VNC support this effort. (ID, NJ) (passed 2-0-0)
  - d. MOTION: Whereas the Venice Neighborhood has many narrow parkways, small lots, and multiple utilities in the public right of way, and as this means that tree planting is often restricted and/or prohibited here, the VVC therefore encourages the VNC to request that the City revisit tree planting guidelines in light of our special circumstances and consider the following: changing the minimum distance that a tree can be located from a street corner, from a driveway, and from light poles and allowing some flexibility with regards to minimum parkway size. A letter should be sent by the VNC to Adel H. Hagekhalil, Executive Director and General Manager, Bureau of Street Services; Greg Spotts, Assistant Director at BOS; Julie Sauter,



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Deputy City Engineer at BOE; and Robert Vega at BOE Sidewalks Division. (NJ, ID)  
(passed 2-0-0)

8. There was no Old Business.
9. New Business and Comments:
  - a. Contact Venice Historical Society to get a list of historical and heritage trees in Venice.
  - b. Contact City Plants to give a (requested) talk to Mark Twain students on city trees.
10. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM