



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Verdant Venice Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Friday, November 8, 2019

Meeting Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting Location: The Rose, 220 Rose Ave., Venice 90291

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Noël Johnston (Co-Chair)			
Isabelle Duvivier (Co-Chair)			
Melissa Diner			
		Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	

2. Approve Agenda as presented or amended

3. Approve Minutes from last meeting as approved or amended

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. Chair Report

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – 2 minutes on non-agendized items related to Verdant Venice Committee only.

7. Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

- a. The VVC has begun emergency maintenance on Venice street trees that are not currently being maintained by the City and, as these efforts have been at its own expense, the VVC is putting together a “Community Improvement Project Application Packet” asking for occasional funding from the Budget and Finance Committee of the VNC.
- b. Planting of trees by the City (which entity TBD) from 315 4th Ave to 345 4th Ave on both sides of the street. Plans to get this kind of work done on other streets in Venice.
- c. Motion: Whereas City Plants has door hangers (examples to be provided) that are intended for resident’s education on tree care, and whereas these door hangers are not always used on their new plantings, the VVC requests that the VNC allow us to put a hanger of our own devising (example to be provided) on doors where the VVC has done maintenance work or where City Plants has not posted their own hangers.
- d. Motion: Whereas 5 trees in the parkway along the south side of the proposed Reese Davidson project (S. Venice Blvd.) had their branches cut off by the City several months ago, and whereas the stumps remain over 6 feet tall and are unsightly, therefore the VVC requests that the VNC write a letter to Timothy Tyson and Stephen Duprey of the Urban Forestry Division of Public Works



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requesting that the trees be removed in their entirety and replaced with healthy specimens and that this be done in a timely fashion.

8. Old Business –

- a. **Motions from October VVC meeting will be before Ad Com this month.**
- b. **No response from Venice Historical Society on possibility of historical trees.**
- c. **Need to get more information for City Plants re: possible lecture at Mark Twain Middle School.**

9. New Business:

- a. **Determine who from the DWP could speak to us at our next meeting on the subject of the recently installed overhead powerlines at the Venice Farmer's Market (500 Venice Blvd.).**

10. COMMITTEE COMMENTS – Comments by Committee Members on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Verdant Venice Committee but not on the Agenda

11. ADJOURN

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