



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Verdant Venice Committee

Minutes for Friday, November 8, 2019

The Rose 220 Rose Ave, Venice CA 90291

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM. Present were Noël Johnston, Isabelle Duvivier.
2. The Agenda was approved as presented. (NJ, ID)
3. The Minutes were approved as presented.
4. There were no Announcements.
5. There was no Public Comment.
6. Chair report (ID):
 - a. CFAC (Nov 7, 2019) is forming an ad hoc committee to address the LAUSC removal of trees and the fact that they do not need a permit to do so.
 - b. Concern over City's removal of trees prior to completion of CEQA study.
7. Items for Discussion and Possible Action:
 - a. Discussion only: 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. Discussion only: 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 on doors where the VVC has done maintenance work or where City Plants has not provided hangers. (ID, NJ) (passed 2-0-0).
 - 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, the VVC therefore requests that the VNC write a letter to Timothy Tyson, Chief Forester, Urban Forestry Division (timothy.tyson@lacity.org) and Stephen Duprey, Supervisor, Urban Forestry Division (stephen.duprey@lacity.org) requesting that the trees be removed in their entirety and replaced, **after soil testing**, with healthy specimens and that this be done in a timely manner. (ID, NJ) (Passed 2-0-0)
Note: A motion was made (ID, NJ) that the words "after soil testing" be added and the motion was passed with that change.
8. Old Business:
 - a. Motions from October VVC meeting will be before Ad Com this month.



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- b. No response from the 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 and Comments:
- 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. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 AM.