



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Verdant Venice Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: December 6, 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

Noel 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 – 1 minute on non-agendized items related to Verdant Venice Committee only.

7. Items for Discussion and Possible Action

- a. **Motion:** Whereas Venice Way is in the process of having another significant tree removed by the City and whereas many other trees on the street are in need of care and maintenance, the VVC requests that the VNC write a letter to TBD, asking that a planting concept be developed for the entire street and that the community be involved in the creation of this plan.
- b. **Motion:** Whereas many trees of significance in Venice have been removed by the City and not replaced, the VVC requests that a letter be written by the VNC to TBD, requesting that no tree that does not pose an immediate hazard (i.e., a fallen tree) be removed without a plan for timely replacement and that, if multiple trees are to be removed, that the tree replacements should be part of a plan for the entire block/street.
- c. **Motion:** Whereas there is a need for a field office for the care of trees in District 11 and whereas several City departments have a presence at the West LA Department of Building and Safety on Sawtelle, the VVC asks that the VNC write a letter to Mike Bonin and TBD at TBD, requesting that he encourage the Department of Urban Forestry to open a field office at that site or another site in Venice.
- d. As the City has demonstrated great interest in maintaining and increasing the urban canopy and as current development does not always address that



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interest or preservation/inclusion of existing trees in their plans, the VVC is suggesting that we invite LUPC to our next meeting to determine how best to insure and encourage owners and developers to keep existing trees where possible and plant new ones.

8. Old Business

- a. Getting a representative from the Bureau of Street Lighting to talk to us (VVC) about the overhead powerlines at the Farmers Market.
- b. How best to follow up on removal of agriperm.
- c. Who is now responsible for tree care on the newly planted trees on 4th Avenue? Owners or City or both?
- d. Complete CIP Application Packet.

9. New Business

- a. How best to make 311 requests. Do they work?

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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