



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Venice Arbor Committee (VAC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday, June 21, 2021, 1:00-2:30 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom

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Please use the following information to join the meeting:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Sarah Wauters, Co-Chair (SW)		Present	
Isabelle Duvivier, Co-Chair (ID)		Present	
Mark Ryavec		Present	
Noel Johnston		Present	
Barry Campion		Present	
		Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	

2. Approve Agenda as presented and amended. IS motion to approve and Sarah second.

3. Approved Minutes from May 21, 2021 meeting as approved or amended. Sarah and Isabelle.

4. Chair Report. ID - Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) update, including board meetings, and City budget. (CFAC is a group that advises and liaises to the City of Los Angeles, Public Works). Isabelle Duvivier no longer to serve as CFAC chair but to serve as chair of a new planning committee to interact with planning and to advise regarding issues of the urban forestry. Isabelle also reported upon Billboard Ordinance and impact on trees on Venice at Lincoln. CFAC considering licensing program for tree trimming community. MR suggested that we have Miraposa Trimmer meet with us to tell us about trimming and conditions in the community. Isabelle plans a short presentation of new projects and how to insert open space into the community plan. MR suggested that ID ask for 2 minutes instead of 60 seconds to give presentation at the VNC board meeting.

5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – General discussion amongst assembled committee and public regarding reaching out to the public. Robin Murez mentions feed info to Vicky Haliday, Sima K. re: instagram / Facebook, Jamie Paige – Venice Current, Melissa, Sam Costanzo, Nick Entolucci all would be interested. Argonaut, Venice Magazine, Yo Venice.

Noel Johnston opened discussion of AB 672 contending that letters to representatives should include:

- 1) Need to retain the mature tree and habitat that is threatened by getting rid of golf courses.
- 2) Michael – reach out to Burke’s staff as citizens, not as VArb – find out her receptivity.
- 3) Added that housing is an issue, but there are other places to convert.
- 4) Consider very carefully the rezoning of open space.

6. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion - Overarching Goals of VAC:

- a. Isabelle Proposal – Bird’s Eye View Green Map of Venice - to create a Green Coastal Corridor map to show the green areas and the potential green areas of the entire Coastal Area, comprising the Santa Monica Mountains down to Ballona Wetlands. Goal is to create green pathways for wildlife to utilize and in effect also create greater urban canopy throughout. Isabelle to elaborate. *Map of ballona wetland that Isabelle did as an example. Isabelle explained her work on the ballona map. Noel feels that trees need to be the focus to stay on in this mapping exercise. Barry – missed opportunity the area that includes Penmar, Marine*



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Park, linked in some way – tree planting to be coordinated – its an existing green area that could be enhanced.

- b. Start locally with parkways – planting and point to a success – Robin thinks that the parking lot project is a very important goal – and in the parkways – which will allow us as an organization to point to our successes.*
- c. Isabelle Duvivier added that the Big Concept of the map is to gain a bigger picture so that in certain areas, we plant a more riparian tree, plant trees that are not necessarily on the city list.*
- d. Large open paved areas – Whole Foods, Ralphs, and other large areas would be incorporated into the above overarching Bird's Eye View Green Map.*
- e. Noel Johnston to report on her activities.*

Kate – community plan is a big wishlist. Does have a whole design land use element. These things require landscaping on parking lots etc. but there's no accountability.

Barry – proposal – Rachel working on it – requirement to plant a tree in the parkway. Low hanging fruit.

- f. Education of Public regarding trees – website, signage, outreach to all communities to enlist in caring for trees over a long, dry, summer.*
- g. Protection of private property trees – legislation based on either Palo Alto – tree disclosure form requires that they swearing – good tool - on permit and on plans. or Pasadena up to the city council offices? Robin suggesting that each developer, before LUPC must come to tree committee first before they can get their project through, disclosure form, must come to us before going to LUPC. Whomever is the new chair should probably support. She supports the disclosure form that shows on the plans on the property plans. A member staff reports are very meager. First hurdle would require the disclosure as part of the staff report.*
- h. Metro Bus Depot.*
- i. Coeur d'Alene Tipu Trees – Agreed to Table for next meeting.*

7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

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