



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Amended Agenda 2.1

Meeting Date: December 17 2021

Meeting Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Pacific Time

Meeting Location: Webinar online zoom meeting

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- After you speak, please lower your hand.
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- Committee members will get one chance to speak for a max of 2 minutes per item.
- Public comment will be limited to one comment for 60 seconds per item.
- Please do not raise your hand more than once per item
- Raise your hand at the start of the items you want to speak on. We will then close public comment and announce the last person to speak a few minutes after the start of the item.
- No ceding your time to others will be allowed
- The meeting is being video and audio recorded

The public will be able to listen and speak but their video will be disabled.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

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

3. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meeting
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agenda items related to Venice Arbor Committee only
Committee has been notified of need to adhere to new state rules and Brown Act with regard to agendas, minutes.
5. Reports
 - a. Chair Report - IS - Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) – *Isabelle reporting about SB9 – she reviews motion regarding SB9. CFAC found some language about desirable trees on each property. SB9 allows 4 units on previously single family home lots, one can divide and then put two units on each lot. Only 4’ setbacks, we are worried about trees getting removed because private property is 90% of our tree canopy. CFAC provided drawings that have been submitted to Councilmember Koretz’s office for use with SB9 – that would explain how we can require developers to keep room for trees with setbacks. City code is in conflict with the SB9 because it requires 5’ setbacks and 20’ frontage. With that type of Code, then you cannot really use SB9. It depends on the size of the lot. Isabelle to provide the motion language to the committee. Large scale tree removals.*
 - b. Chair Report - SW Report on Whole Foods presentation to WF to increase trees and to replace some stunted trees.
 - c. VVG Report - Noel

OLD BUSINESS

6. Penmar golf course running path status.
 - a. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion – *Barry reported on project at Penmar meeting. City threatening to take down fence and that is a threat against the neighbors. Noel says that the city has been dragging their feet – neighborhood should not be penalized because the city has been slow. EVNA reached out to the city council persons office many times. They are supposed to transfer to Rec and Parks, Mark says we should ask council office to bring a motion to council to transfer to Rec and Parks away from BOE. Mark Ryavec suggests the plan be published in the Argonaut and other papers, send it to the council offices and the president of the board. Barry has not yet got sign off from all the groups involved. Mark suggests that EVNA get a sign off on the plan within the next 2 – 3 weeks. Then send it to the city folks involved. They brought up the storm drains at the last minute. Now the City has not completed the project.*
 - b. Public comment
 - c. Committee discussion
 - d. Motion – WHEREAS CD 11 and Streets LA, and BOE have created a design for the Penmar Golf Course Rose Ave. frontage; Whereas the design is providing a concrete sidewalk and



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this would increase storm water runoff and would reduce natural use of storm water for the local trees as well as reduce habitat for biodiversity; Whereas the wishes of the neighborhood and community have not been fully considered or incorporated, THEREFORE we oppose the city's current plan to provide a concrete sidewalk.

- e. SRW MOVED, ID SECONDED, SRW AYE, BARRY AYE, DEB AYE, LENORE AYES, ISABELLE AYE, CALLER ABSTAINED, NOEL ABSTAINED, 2 ABSTENTIONS, 5 AYES –
- f. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Micro forest at RAP – Tabled for the next discussion

- a. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion – Create a micro forest at Penmar Golf course
- b. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion
- d. Motion

8. Tree Wells Throughout Venice- Tabled for the next discussion

- a. a. Items for discussion, Action, and possible motion – assign areas to find empty tree wells
- b. Public Comment
- c. Committee discussion
- d. Motion

NEW BUSINESS

9. Planning for 2022

- a. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion – *Noel would like to finish our project on Venice Blvd. – Median. Other interested parties who have ideas – presented ideas for us. Venice Farmer's Market area. Want to help Russ with his projects. Mark R. would like to us to study the area along Main Street and possibly take the concrete out of the sidewalk along the East side of Main Street and ask the Westminster School to move 6 feet, has tree wells, sidewalk is raised up. MR wants to see it's concrete out and move the sidewalk back into the school property. It's landscaped, it's not parking. Isabelle is very familiar and she is happy to work together. Possible do a continuous parkway. We could remove around the trees an additional foot. Isabelle is happy to work together with Mark and possibly group the Westminster and Cour d'Alene schools to cooperate, pay for, etc. Just wants them to give the property. Would need to get LAUSD to give the land to "us"? – we would be asking a LA department to ask LAUSD to give the land to the city. Or to give an easement. Lenore – asked for tree. She had heard about AB672 – would like to get an installation here in Venice – to get that out of the bargain. Installation of the singing trees here in Venice. Isabelle wants a bulbout permit to plant a tree in front of Isabelle's house. Sarah W. would like to save the sycamores on the street next to the monster. There is some question as to whether the parkway is under the control of the developer. Noel says she has been told that the trees cannot be taken out. When they got approved there were an exact number for trees on that property and one number for street trees. We need to prepare that the trees will not be removed because it has been routine that the developers want what they want. ID says we should interact with engineer and architects.*
- b. Public comment



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- c. Committee discussion – as above
- d. Motion - none

10. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration – none.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Winter schedule of activities: tree walks, mulch, work days, water days, planting days

12. ADJOURN

Next VArb meeting January 28, 2021