



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Jan 28, 2022

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

Meeting Location: Webinar online zoom meeting

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- 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

Isabelle Duvivier, Co-Chair (ID)	X		
Sarah Wauters, Co-Chair (SW)	X		
Mark Ryavec	0		



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Noel Johnston	X		
Barry Campion	X	Jim Murez (ex-officio)	

3. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meeting. Move IS second SRW
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agenda items related to Venice Arbor Committee only
5. Reports
 - a. Chair Report - IS - Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) Yesterday building around trees CFAC had big conversation to save the space around buildings for trees under SB9. Rachel Malerich also spoke. Joanne D’Angelo passed a new motion and we can agendize that for next month. Inventory at 50% a lot of neighborhoods don’t have funding. There are low vacancy rates in Mar Vista, higher elsewhere.
 - b. VVG Report - Noel

NEW BUSINESS

1. Watering Truck and Strategies
 - a. *Possible cooperation with Pacific Palisades to pay for a watering truck for trees. SRW volunteers to make spreadsheet of the costs of different scenarios. John T and Sarah and SRW will work together.*
2. Growing Seeds –
 - a. *Several individuals to start planting seeds. Farmer’s market farmer has offered. Cork oaks available at City facility at Griffith Park. Noel suggested that the cork oaks go into the north side of Venice just West of Lincoln. Robin suggests send request to Daffodil Tyminski to share with neighborhoods committee. Barry suggest 3 or 4 groups she knows who will have room for cork oaks. Paola asked that we attend a meeting with EVNA to teach them how to order street trees and also yard trees. Robin suggests that we put on our page the links to the City Plants and to Tree People.*
3. Trees in the Venice Community Plan –
 - a. *ID says that the community plan is including large densification without amenities – in Venice. No language around putting trees in the community plan, according to Stephen Dupre. EVNA has already made suggestions to generally change the plan. Community plan in Boyle Heights has similar information. Link to the community plan in the planning department. CFAC did work on DTLA community plan. We could use some of the language that they put into the DTLA plan. Isabelle wants to create a map that shows where density is and where we could plant trees and where the plants are NOT plantable because of the City requirements. More specificity show where the parkway is too narrow. Like the slow streets map – she is thinking that we should put in bulb outs and require a greater percentage of the lot should be devoted to tree canopy. Trees at the corners and also in the middle. Santa Monica put in the taking of some parking space for bulb outs. Recommend that we make the map showing locations that show where trees cant be planted and go from there. Invite the planning department to come and hear what we have to say regarding the plan and trees in Venice. Put into our proposals – parks and green space are essential and she wants us to put that into our recommendations. Laura McPherson is working on the plan and she is hard to get – she has been to LUPC but Paola thinks we won’t get her. Write a document that will have in writing and send it to planning department.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. Group Goals from Last Month – *Tabled for next month*
 - a. Motion
2. Penmar golf course status/micro-forest/ RAP partnership –
 - a. *The four groups requested meeting with Bonin, the staff offered to continue a design discussion but need a meeting with the councilmember, haven’t heard from him, upgrading the plan with better plans and drawings. Four groups are in consensus about the route that is wanted. Very closely forged together. Using leverage to get the meeting. Robin suggests about going straight to the commissioners of Rec and*



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Park with the request. Robin thinks that Joe Halper would be helpful and is knowledgeable and experienced and cares. Put this on their radar.

3. Tree wells throughout Venice – *Tabled until next month*
4. Completion of Venice Blvd. – Median – *Tabled until next month*
5. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. ADJOURN

Next VArb meeting February 25, 2022