



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Agenda

**Meeting Date: Feb 25, 2022**

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

**Meeting Location: Webinar online zoom meeting**

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- 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)			
Sarah Wauters, Co-Chair (SW)			
Mark Ryavec			



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

3. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meeting. Move Noel, second SRW
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agenda items related to Venice Arbor Committee only – Robin - Forming another ad hoc committee, preserving public places – preserving historic landmark.
5. Reports
  - a. Chair Report – Isabelle Duvivier – *Shared about Mar Vista NC meeting, planting on Federal, new spreadsheet of trees to be planted in Venice. Sarah Wauters – mention Robin’s suggestions – links put up, Daffodil T. contacted with regard to visiting the neighborhood committee.*
  - b. VVG Report – Noel – *plantings at farmer’s market. This weekend will maintain garden at Venice and Tabor to mulch, plant, weed. Planted trees on Vernon on skills ctr. around corner from the planter boxes along 4<sup>th</sup> street. VVG with Nico will walk around the center to see what can be done there. Contacting UCLA dental group. Robin suggesting tree wells on Lincoln. MR – says they just lifted up the boxes. Russ has extra succulent cuttings, gave to Nico. MR wants the mounds weeded. Add more succulents. SRW mentions that there are sycamores that need care and perhaps we can put more trees. Noel points out that the skills center has been uncooperative. Noel will talk to Russ, look at the soil, and make some decisions about what to do.*

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to not allow tree removals on private property until building permits are issued. The motion will be posted on the Venice Neighborhood Council site.  
 We will need to take to Adcom meeting, may insist that we have to argue in front of the LUPC, then present in front the LUPC. Barbara Brody will be bringing this to WRAC. Support this effort. VArb should contact Barbara Brody. Get the same language as WRAC and may not have to go to LUPC. Community already has support for this. Mark believes that we should get the language from Barbara Brody and pass it in our next meeting – then take to Adcom. Nico, Mike Bravo, Allie are all on Adcom – call them or email them. Show before and after pictures, talk about the degradation of the street trees and the removal of trees. Michael will be the chair of LUPC. Get language figured out and try to win them over. Need to explain.

## OLD BUSINESS

2. Watering Truck and Strategies – Contact Sky Source – SRW to ask about the community grant that VNC may – Barry would like to see a local truck – no burning of fossil fuel. Talk to David Hertz – he apparently contributed to the truck. Jim has a tank – but Isabelle knows that Jim’s truck / tank is not viable. Thinks this can go on back of any truck. Would you loan us this tank that goes on the back of the truck? Hire pick up truck and guy. We don’t need to do every 2 weeks. Watering needs will change, don’t want them to die so need
  - a. MR: 50 stone pine are fine without any watering. Also have 55 planter boxes, do need water, we have a guy that works part time – 50 per watering session, 200 – 400 a month. Uses water from P.O. Could possibly use Mark’s guy, Johnny to do the watering. Noel to contact David Hertz. SRW email Jim re: his truck and trailer. MR asks, can we introduce a motion that the city can water our trees too. We have Rachel Malerich hired to come up with a way to finance watering trees.
  - b. SRW report on progress with watering budget.
  - c. Public comment
  - d. Committee discussion
  - e. Motion
3. Trees in the Venice Community Plan – Charrette!! Should we do some design charrettes to keep trees and to have bump outs, to have one way streets, that would allow for more planting and less cars. Robin loves idea to have group charrette together – sticking something somewhere, with out regard to what it does to the community.



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Tops on her agenda – replacing the original Abbot Kinney canals. Interesting USC architecture students came to LUPC if you look at roads, maybe should be greenways, or one-way streets, sea level rise would be addressed. China, Spain, solutions that are very interesting.

- a. Look at original plan of Abbot Kinney canals – Go to USC urban planning professor – Christian – let's get his class – looking at these ideas. LUPC meeting – past December or January. Last meeting of last year. Barry has contact – Mario Violich – Moore Rubell – teaches at UCLA, lives in Venice. Invite Traci Park? Nico on a state level? Start with list of priorities – backyard meeting where we do that first list of priorities. SRW – will email for a date.
  - b. Committee discussion
  - c. Motion
4. Group Goals from Last Month
    - i. Complete Venice Blvd. – Noel – along farmer's mkt, repair the sprinkler system for Venice, Library – will meet with John Frank, after that – a little agroperm, corner on Venice and Abbot Kinney planting of Oaks. Bonin gave the parcel to property. Need to find out what's going on with the construction posts. Should plant two oaks on that parcel.
    - ii. Main Street
    - iii. Lincoln Blvd.
    - iv.
  5. Penmar golf course status/micro-forest/ RAP partnership
  6. Tree wells throughout Venice
  7. Completion of Venice Blvd. – Median
  8. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration
  9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
  10. ADJOURNED