



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: May 27th, 2022

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

Meeting Location: Webinar online zoom meeting

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You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: May 27, 2022 11:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Arbor

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- Raise your hand (or when accessing by telephone, press *9) if you have a public comment only WHEN we get to that specific item.
- After you speak, please lower your hand.
- All panelists (board members) and attendees (public) will be muted until the administrator unmutes you for comment.
- Committee members will get one chance to speak for a max of 2 minutes per item.

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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

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

3. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meetings – February and April Minutes
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agenda items related to Venice Arbor Committee only
5. Reports
 - a. Chair Report – Sarah Wauters, Watershed and Schools Symposium
 - b. Report from CFAC Isabelle Duvivier,
 - c. VVG Report – Noel
 - d. [Committee changes, nominate Michael McGuffin to join, hold election with committee members.](#)

OLD BUSINESS – CHAIR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS ON PROGRESS

1. Lincoln Fast Forward – Chair Report on what happened with the Green Architecture Plan put forward by Transportation and Parking Committee.
2. Venice Blvd. West of Lincoln – status update – Kiss the Ground possible partnership, Kiss the Ground suggested getting businesses to sponsor that median, signage, get the watering fixed, need \$\$ to hire landscaper to fix irrigation, plants, mulching. Should we pass a Motion to put up to VNC?
3. Community Improvement Grant applied for.

NEW BUSINESS – BIODIVERSITY DAY!!

1. Native planting
 - a. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - b. Public comment
 - c. Committee discussion
 - d. Motion: We propose the following motion be approved by the Venice Neighborhood Council:

See next page for two options.



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OPTION 1: CFAC and Palms NC language combined

Whereas Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species;

Whereas Los Angeles is within a floristic region that is noted as a Biodiversity Hotspot;

Whereas over the last several years the City of Los Angeles has invested in a Biodiversity Initiative; and has committed to no loss of biodiversity;

Whereas the City Council has instructed every department to incorporate biodiversity into their practices;

Whereas the current proportion of native trees in the city's public right-of-way is 3%;

Whereas if every empty parkway tree well (currently 165,191) were filled with native species, that would bring the overall native tree cover from 3% to 29%;

Whereas native plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment and provide all the benefits non-native trees offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while providing a path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution,

Therefore, we propose the following:

Motion to request StreetsLA and Urban Forestry Division, as well as all applicable government agencies within the County and City of Los Angeles, to commit to discontinue the practice of planting non-native landscaping plants and trees except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food or provide a designated recreational playing field, and henceforth these same parties only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles County and City, and specifically within the stakeholder area of the Venice Neighborhood Council district.

OPTION 2: Palms NC Language

Whereas Los Angeles faces a biodiversity crisis wherein over 90% of local butterflies, songbirds, and other pollinators have disappeared in the last century due to the replacement of local flora with non-native plant and tree species;

Whereas native landscaping plants and trees can thrive in our urban environment and provide all the benefits non-native trees can offer in terms of canopy shade to offset the heat island effect, beauty, and shade comfort for humans, while providing the only path to sustainability for biodiversity, water and energy savings, and elimination of soil amendment runoff pollution,

Therefore, the Venice Neighborhood Council appeals to the County and City of Los Angeles, all applicable government agencies, public-private partnerships, and private parties planting in public space to discontinue the practice of planting non-native landscaping plants and trees except in situations where plants and trees are designed to produce food or provide a designated recreational playing field, and henceforth these same parties only plant 100% California native landscaping plants and trees within Los Angeles County and City, and specifically within the stakeholder area of the Venice Neighborhood Council district.

2. Door hangers
 - a. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - b. Public comment
 - c. Committee discussion
 - d. Motion
3. Application for Community Improvement Funds from VNC – turned in this week. Pass a motion to apply for next fiscal year in the event that our present application is unsuccessful:



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OLD BUSINESS

4. A and B permit issue.
 - a. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - b. Public comment
 - c. Committee discussion
 - d. Motion
5. Tree trimming practices
 - a. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - b. Public comment
 - c. Committee discussion
 - d. Motion
6. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS
8. ADJOURN

Next VArb meeting June 30, 2022