**Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Agenda**

**Meeting Date: July 22th, 2022**

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

**Meeting Location: Webinar online zoom meeting**

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Topic: Arbor

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

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| Sarah Wauters, Chair (SW) | P | Michael McGuffin | P |
| Isabelle Duvivier | P |  |  |
| Mark Ryavec | P |  |  |
| Noel Johnston | P |  |  |
| Barry Campion | P | Jim Murez (ex-officio) |  |

1. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meetings –June Minutes
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – non-agenda items related to Venice Arbor Committee only – Isabelle Duvivier: other NCs are writing letters of support for the wildlife ordinance – del rey green committee just did one. Ordinance very important. Due date is August 22nd. We would need to do the special meeting to pass a letter.
3. Reports
   1. Chair Report – Sarah Wauters – Tree walk, *agendize centennial park and library – oversight.*
   2. Report from CFAC Isabelle Duvivier –1. Mar Vista Gardens workday. MV gardens losing tree species, Ravi’s group planted last year, VVG went to stake, mulch and care for the trees. Mar Vista tree group, and VVG will go for a work day on Aug 6th. Hundreds of Oak Trees, by Ryan Thomas, Northeast trees, hopefully Aaron will plant more trees there Oak tree expert will come from Oaktopia. Ravi and Deb Gregory will come also, she is active in Ballona Creek. Is the only HACLA property so it’s neglected. Need to have a lot of leaders.

2. Report on Tour with the City Officials re: natives and parkway width.

* 1. VVG Report – Noel Johnston – Chamber event coming up.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Lincoln Fast Forward – Dispositive Response, Further possibilities** Report on progress given by Sarah Wauters.
   1. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
   2. Public comment
   3. Committee discussion
   4. Motion
2. **First Phase Awarded for Venice Skills Center – Strategy for Next Phase application**
   1. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
   2. Public comment
   3. Committee discussion
   4. Motion
3. **Strategy on Tabor Court – LADOT motion agendized with VNC Board.** New PROBLEM plant poaching and illegal pruning
   1. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
   2. Public comment
   3. Committee discussion
   4. Motion
4. **Biodiversity and Single Species Plantings – Is there a new City New Policy?** No word from city.
5. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
6. Public comment
7. Committee discussion
8. Motion
9. **Community Improvement Grant and MWD Community Partner Grants – Heather and Mark. Progress?** No progress.

Pay a bunch of kids, catch your shower water, put it on your trees in your yard and your parkway. Mark R. find right person at local jr. HS and every student gets taught.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. **Future Speakers for VArb Meetings –** It was proposed to speak with Tracy Park and Erin Darling. Soil experts. Cal Poly urban design success stories? Other greening project managers/activists with success stories? Soil experts?
   1. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
   2. Public comment
   3. Committee discussion
   4. Motion
2. **List of Plants for Planting in the Fall**
   1. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
   2. Public comment
   3. Committee discussion
   4. Motion
3. **Mulch Pile at Golf Course**
   1. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
   2. Public comment
   3. Committee discussion
   4. Motion
4. **Balloon Strings at Abbott Kinney Weekend Market –** Jim Murez says talk to principal about the Tipu balloons getting caught. Noel and Barry both want to ban him from putting the balloons up at all.

Who wants to talk this on?

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  4. Motion

1. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS
3. ADJOURN

Next VArb meeting August 26, 2022 11:30 Friday

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