



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: Jan 13, 2023**

**Meeting Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Pacific Time**

**Meeting Location: Webinar online zoom meeting**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 361 (RIVAS) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE \_\_\_\_\_ NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED ENTIRELY WITH A CALL-IN OPTION OR INTERNET-BASED SERVICE OPTION.

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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



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

3. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from November 2022 meeting
4. PUBLIC COMMENT :- Tracy Park – make sure to invite her – remind her about urban forestry – also to get help from her if she has hired a grant.
5. Reports
  - a. Chair Report – Healthy oak trees
  - b. Report from CFAC Isabelle Duvivier – Nothing to report
  - c. VVG Report – Noel Johnston – Work days ahead

## NEW BUSINESS

1. **18 OAKS!** – Set dates and locations for planting
  - a. **Janin Paine - Replant Trees Festival** - music idea, grant monies for trees, might need watering.
  - b. **Venice Median - SPY to steward trees.**
  - c. Barry thinks the soil bad, need to improve soil, put 6" of mulch. Thinks we need to lower the soil to get the soil to improve, need to move some soil out. Thinks we can do it.
  - d. Jim Murez recounted the planting of the median and gave information. Plans online go to [Venice.net/landscaping](http://Venice.net/landscaping). When the plantings were done, Robert Kennedy asked for special sign offs because of the spacing was against what the city wanted. City has considerable objections to sightlines for various locations.
  - e. Bocacio – lots of space but need to recruit neighbors.
  - f. Dog Park – sycamores and oaks – pines and ficus still there, they were preexisting. Pines from 1990s are still there.
  - g. Lenore – Penmar at corner of Lake – narrow parkway
2. **VVG Saturdays – We made a schedule for the next few months**
  - a. Public Comment
  - b. Committee Discussion – several dates were settled upon.
3. **Coastal Grant Ideas pre-application is attached – please submit to VARb before the next meeting.**
  - a. Discussion around the possible combination of Preserving Public Places and VARb to jointly work on a Greening project for the streets that used to be canals to narrow the streets and put trees into the parking spots. Jim Murez offers that plans were brought forth to do this about a decade ago.
  - b. Isabelle introduces her idea to do a conservation project at the end of Rose Ave. as it runs out of the parking lot and into the sand at the beach. She has submitted a grant to the pre-application process of the State Coastal Conservancy already.
  - c. Public comment
  - d. Committee discussion
  - e. Motion
4. **Recruit Helpers at the Farmer's Market? NOT DISCUSSED.**
  - a. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
  - b. Public comment
  - c. Committee discussion



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d. Motion

**5. Buy a new Water Pig and another car to pull it? NOT DISCUSSED.**

- a. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
- b. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion
- d. Motion

## OLD BUSINESS

**6. Grants - Tabor Court – Set date for planting NOT DISCUSSED**

- a. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
- b. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion
- d. Motion

**7. Schedule for Planting in Winter – Need to make schedule – DISCUSSED ABOVE.**

- a. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
- b. Public comment
- c. Committee discussion
- d. Motion

8. Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNED at 4:00pm

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