



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: June 23, 2023

Meeting Time: 12:00 PM Pacific Time

Meeting Location: Rose Cafe, 220 Rose Ave, Venice, CA 90291

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

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meetings
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. Reports
 - a. Chair Report – Report on Motion progress – Tree Guideline motion has been modified to VNC, and requested for agenda for July VNC meeting.
 - b. Report from CFAC Isabelle Duvivier
 - c. VVG Report – Noel Johnston (to include work on dunes), meetings with the Venice BID, other VVG business
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Planting by neighbors of trees on Pacific x Venice Boulevard by neighborhood group. Consider asking Bureau of Street Trees to send a representative to meet with neighbors – consider Motion drafted by Isabelle Duvivier, which addresses several occurrences in Venice Neighborhood Council District and asks appropriate agencies to communicate with VNC and VArb.
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment

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- iii. Committee discussion
- iv. Possible Motion proposed by Isabelle Duvivier in response to the recent tree planting on Venice blvd:
Whereas Venice Beach is the largest tourist destination in Los Angeles County;
Whereas Venice is losing our native tree canopy which is important to combat global warming, habitat loss and beautify the City;
Whereas the City of Los Angeles is filling in tree wells with concrete on Venice Blvd;
Whereas native California Sycamores and Coast Live Oaks are the designated trees by Venice residents 30 years ago street trees for Venice Blvd West of Lincoln;
Whereas a citizens group recently replaced Sycamores with Redbuds on Venice Boulevard with a permit from the City;
Whereas Venice Arbor Committee possesses knowledge and community volunteer support for supporting the urban canopy;
Therefore, the VNC requests that all matters concerning trees and tree wells conducted by the city departments (Street Services, Urban Forestry) be communicated to the VNC, VARB and CD11 and that LA Street Services shall communicate the original native trees designation to groups requesting planting permits along Venice Boulevard in the future.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Legislation to tighten up the penalties against violators of the ordinances regarding the removal and damage to city trees. See the draft legislation on the VNC website.
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Motion
- b. Consider Actions to be taken to inform the City, Coastal Commission, Planning and/or Building and Safety about the violation regarding the Sycamores recently destroyed on Venice – we passed a motion and it will hit the July VNC meeting agenda.
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Motion
- c. Submit for a VNC community grant, for funding of another water pig and to pay labor to water once a week.
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Motion
- d. Tree Walks
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Motion

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

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNED

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