



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Sept 22, 2023

Meeting Time: 11:00 AM Pacific Time

Meeting Location: Gjusta, 320 Sunset Ave., Venice, CA

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Sarah Wauters, Chair (SW)	x	Michael McGuffin	no
Isabelle Duvivier	x	Noel Johnston	x
Mark Ryavec	x	Barry Campion	no
		Nico Ruderman (ex-officio)	no

1. Call to Order 11:17

2. Roll Call

3. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meetings -

PUBLIC COMMENT (Robin reports on the Centennial Park. They are digging up the irrigation and completely changing the design from the original approved design. We need to get 4 points from Robin to put together a motion. She will send to me. Ask Traci Park to stop the REC and PARK actions at Centennial Park and follow what is planned – both Sarah and Robin will contact Traci Park – there was no consultation and they are not following the original plans signed off. The plans that were signed were signed by Mike Bonin after he was out of office.

4. Reports

a. Chair Report – Motions will be submitted by email

b. Report from CFAC - Isabelle Duvivier – Dunes – do we want to be involved with the Ocean Front Walk to do natives? RRM – Janin has the historical view that irrigation will not work, and Mark also did ask a landscape architect to design, which she did. Russ said. Doug Telamy speaking at CFAC – First Thursday 1 – 3 requiring 75 percent native – no turf motion instead of a native.

c. VVG Report – Noel Johnston

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Community Plan Vision and Feedback – Specific Ideas for Meeting with Tracy Park regarding the Community Plan Photos of Ozone, Hayden Tract, etc. (Example: 1. on North South Avenues with large parkways (plant natives) 2. East West with narrow parkways put intermittent trees in parking spots. 3. Green Space combined with bike paths on residential streets – Michael M.)

MR – bump outs at end of streets and carve outs from sidewalks to enable larger tree species, for greater canopy.

RM - Turn all wide streets into canals – permeable green ways. At intersections to discourage drag race circles, put in green spaces – wherever spaces are particularly wide – put in medians. On parkways where there are no trees, there should be requirements for tree in all empty tree wells – to be put in by developers of multi-family housing for entire block of their building.

Johnny wants no high rises in the smaller streets

MR – Wants to require trees on private property. RM fencing requirements have been ignored. Need to have a vision of a safe and healthy neighborhoods – need to enforce the fencing so that you can see your neighborhoods. Larger trees in front yards.



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On Lincoln – no density bonuses that allow smaller setbacks, keep or make wide the parkway to accommodate large trees. SB 9 and 10 you can have multiple units on any property – but any permitting should be made to include more open spaces in the neighborhood and to design around trees.

Johnny - A well-being environment. Can people be together outside and so that they have trust instead of being afraid of their neighborhood. Emphasize in the planning document. Trees and parks.

Utilize the West LA language – but Michael points out that the feel good language is too wishful. Wants the specifics – open space must be accessible to the public and useable.

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6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Tree and Biodiversity Planning and the City's Urban canopy and tree Canopy Coverage; 15-0499-S-2 Report Back – What reaction should we give? Local and Global Emergency – need to resolve the code issues associated with canopy.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Janin gives update on Tabor Court – Janin will use Venice Stakeholders Mark R. insurance policy for the City.

11. ADJOURNED – 12:45

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