



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 19, 2023
Meeting Time: 11:00 AM Pacific Time
Meeting Location: Gjusta (exterior open area), 320 Sunset Ave., Venice, 90291
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Sarah Wauters, Chair (SW)	X	Michael McGuffin (MM)	
Isabelle Duvivier (ID)	X	Noel Johnston (NJ)	X
Mark Ryavec (MR)	X	Barry Campion (BC)	X
Janin Paine (JP)	X	Nico Ruderman (NR)	

1. Call to Order 11:16
2. Roll Call
3. Review, Comment and Adopt Minutes from prior meetings.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT – request come back to East Venice – we would like more planting in East Venice (Paolo). Cate: Preston Way, there's a neighbor who put in palm trees and landscaped lots of parkway. Cate will approach this neighbor.
5. Reports
 - a. Chair Report – SRW to send email of VVG.
 - b. Report from CFAC -
 - c. Report from VVG - Tabor Ct. doing planting Feb 17th 9 – 12am. Announced at the neighborhood council. Berterm
 - d. Report from OFW - Discussion of OFW task force meetings. They want to discuss the fencing and the heavy equipment used by Beach and Harbors. As-built plants are being searched for. RM suggested that dog park be put into grass on ocean front. Plan zoom 4:00 pm Sunday. ID will send out a zoom.
6. NEW BUSINESS



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- a. Recommendation to the new VCP/LCP subcommittee regarding trees in our community plans. See policy language posted on VNC website.
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion - Isabelle reports on the listening sessions with CD11 and the Advisory group she was in for the planning sessions.
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Possible Motion
- b. Vote for Hybrid Meeting
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Possible Motion – motion withdrawn – it's not yet available.
- c. Apply for 12 trees (oaks) for empty tree wells identified by Ian McIlvaine.
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Possible Motion
- d. Discussion of West Hollywood Tree motion. <https://wehonline.com/2023/12/18/new-rules-foster-tree-canopy-get-go-ahead/>
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7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion of Protection of Urban Canopy Letter from Pacific Palisades
- b. Discussion of La Brea tar pits with county staff and an update on the La Brea tar pits letter
- c. Marketing Material - What do we need and when – Report from SRW regarding progress
- d. Urban Forestry budget letter

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS – 9am – Feb 1 dept Rec and Parks meeting at Westchester Park having monthly meeting. Why are you tearing down mature trees – let's get maintenance and reuse and rebuild.
11. ADJOURNED – Adjourning at 12:50pm

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