



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Venice Arbor Committee Special (VArb) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 17, 2024  
Meeting Time: 11:30 AM Pacific Time  
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Sarah Wauters, Chair (SW)	X	Michael McGuffin	
Isabelle Duvivier	X	Noel Johnston	
Mark Ryavec		Barry Campion	X
Janin Paine	X	Nico (ex-officio)	

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

### 3. SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS

- a. Possible motion to support the planting of native trees and plants, alongside the Butterfly and Pollinator Garden previously approved for Centennial Park.
  - i. **SRW** presented drawing for plan of Centennial Park encompassing all interested parties. Purple areas are the VVG VARB areas for native trees and plants. Markings indicate trees. From parking lot first space will be green space, slightly sloped, plan is that plantings will eventually grow large to create shade. Approximately 50 foot wide area needed to house carousel. Existing oak tree is included in plan. It's possibly compromised, Barry posits that it may have been damaged or could be diseased. New plan will avoid its root space. New larger specimen boxed oaks are planned. Irrigation that was there has been removed, we will request that they reinstall irrigation. Pink area is butterfly pollinator area. Playground area is also designated. Playground is edged with greenery.
  - ii. **Public comment** - Robin says there will be rubberized surface in playground area. Concerns about attractions promoting jaywalking. To mitigate jaywalking dangers, open playground would be best as playground for small children who won't be coming unaccompanied. Robin says unlikely to put crosswalks midway because they'd be unsafe with no lights. Transportation Committee run by Thibodeau agreed to create access from Abbott Kinney into the park. Motion



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should be amended to include that design location hasn't been agreed to. Centennial Park brings out the history of Venice, railroad ties that should be highlighted as historic. Mosaic balls have plaques. Robin will add a fifth ball. When presenting, Robin suggests to definitely highlight history, e.g. Abbott Kinney was a horticulturalist.

**iii. Committee discussion**

**iv. Motion - MOTION REGARDING CENTENNIAL PARK:**

Whereas the VNC Board has supported several different elements to be added to Centennial Park;

Whereas the Venice Arbor Committee wishes to tie together all the proposed plans into one cohesive plan, add necessary and desirable shade trees and native plantings, and has produced the attached drawing to express the placement of all the various elements;

The VNC board of officers supports the planting of large trees and native understory, a previously supported pollinator garden, a shaded playground space, a native food and food forest as well as a previously supported Flying Carousel as expressed in the attached landscape plan.

1<sup>st</sup> SRW, 2<sup>nd</sup> ID. Motion carried. 4-0-0

Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration.

10. ADJOURNED

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