



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 25, 2024

Meeting Time: 11:00 AM Pacific Time

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

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Sarah Wauters, Chair (SW)	X	Noel Johnston	X
Isabelle Duvivier		Barry Campion	
Janin Paine	X	Nico (ex-officio)	

In attendance: Russ Cletta, Janin Paine, Robin Murez, Noel Johnston, Andreas Kemkes, Sue Beningfield (213.268.9667), Eric Schiff

1. Call to Order – Approved last month’s minutes and minutes for April as well. Approved, 4-0-0
2. Roll Call
3. PUBLIC COMMENT – Sue Benington attends and comments on Silver Triangle. Silver Triangle information for planting trees and you can’t get city trees because of the narrowness of the parkway. SRW to approach Michael McGuffin to find out about the bulb out dimensions. Find out if he got permits. Angendize a plan for the Silver Triangle to accommodate street trees. I’ll ask Isabelle who she goes to for permitting a change in the sidewalk or Russ.
4. PUBIC COMMENT – Andreas Kemkes comments on possible prohibition of use of artificial turf on parkways and possibly beyond, what can we do to oppose it? Andreas wants to research. Sarah directs Andreas to West Hollywood and Pasadena. General opposition of removal
- 5.
6. Reports
 - a. Chair Report - Sarah Wauters – SRW gives report and shows letters drafted by CFAC for private property and public property. CFAC and VARB attempting to get letters to be authorized by VNC. It is possible to have CFAC send out letters to violators? We are waiting to hear from CFAC about their methodology or a system whereby the letters are signed and sent out.
 - b. Report from CFAC - Isabelle Duvivier
 - c. VVG Report – Noel Johnston



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7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of Grand Ave. Redesign Motion submitted by Mark Ryavec.
 - i. Presentation: Mark R. presents 15 year history of diagonal parking. Plan of trees to go in Median. Plan has two drive lanes, parking lanes, 1 additional lane, and two bike lanes. Bonin commissioned a study for diagonal parking and it got resurrected, just for Grand. Then, this proposal sat in a file. Members of plan land use committee sent diagonal parking item from Stanger and Mack sent to Thibodeau. A motion for the diagonal assed parking and transportation was passed. This diagonal parking plan is not in keeping with what the neighbors want. This parking and transport motion has not yet been passed by the VNC.
 - ii. Public comment: Sue suggests diagonal parking along the middle median which would remove fear of car doors opening into bikers. Robin suggests underground tanks. Russ says no because the water table is too high.
 - iii. Board comments: Sarah suggests going to the admin meeting. This qualifies as excess city land where you can plant more trees. This project can also set a model for other particularly wide streets like Market. The project will help in the pursuit of the 30% tree canopy goal. Sarah suggested to add to the motion to name native plants and that it has an adequate irrigation system, added into the resolution. Large trees to provide shade, installation of bike paths. Sarah says we reject diagonal parking. It's posted on VARB website. It is suggested that there should be bioswales to solve water runoff issue. Mark is also planning on some delivery zone. SRW suggests that a funding source could come from MWD from water reclamation. Swales would go toward that. Sarah mentions swales on Admiralty Way planted with sedges. Mark will include swales. Mark mentions need for firetruck access as this is a main thoroughfare. Currently has 4 "lanes" including the non-driveable median. Sarah explains difference between catchment basin and swale. Mark is looking for approval in concept and as drafted as attached.
 - iv. Motion as attached (see supporting documents) – Janin Paine 1st, Sarah Wauters 2nd. 3-0-0 Vote.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Amend motion to tie together all the different aspects of the Centennial Park
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion – committee member Noel asks that the drawing be a "to-scale" drawing. SRW to make change.
 - iv. Motion

Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration.

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