



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 20th, 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	x	Barry Campion	
Janin Paine	x	Nico (ex-officio)	

1. Call to Order – Convened at 11:24
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. Good policy idea from Janin – incentivize money to change out the sewer line instead of taking out trees pruning.
4. Reports
 - a. Chair Report - Sarah Wauters – Tree Symposium Notes, CIS made after last VNC board meeting, Public Comment re: watering trees
 Tree Symposium had several urban canopy scientists present, and many presenters that discuss the way that science drives practice. Two takeaways:
 - i. Utilize Science to make informed decisions about how to proceed with our urban partners.
 - ii. Take our work slowly and fully engaged with the community as a decision maker and as a designer so as to avoid a top down approach.
 - iii. Darrel Jennerette, UC Riverside, Kristen Schwartz, UCLA (Strategic depaving in Kentucky), Jon Swae, San Francisco (Measure E – progress that levied a parcel tax to take care of the trees), Rachel Malerich, City of LA, (Emphasize large trees for more canopy instead of rows of Crepe Myrtle.)



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- b. Report from CFAC - Isabelle Duvivier – five letters passed, take water from arroyo seco for process and sell, CFAC position against, don't take out a natural forest when there is parking lot right next door that you could put the parking into, letter about Mayor Bass about E1 to streamline housing, but poor people don't get trees, letter to planning department response to the cite plan update to landscape ordinance.
Sept 28 dog park
Oct 12th – Brian to email for October 12th. Oakwood Park
Oct. Penmar starts Nov 9th – putting holes
Nov. weekends – measure out and plan on trees and also flyer the street to warn them – Noel and Sarah together in October.
Nov 16th – Indiana pilot project – cutting concrete.between 6th and 7th

- c. VVG Report – Noel Johnston
 - i. Look back at old motions and talk about what's happened in the past. Opportunity for publicity.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Committee Changes - Add members to VArb – Andreas Kemkes and Eric Schiff and nominate Andreas Kemkes as Co-chair. Member stepping down – Noel Johnston**
 - i. Motion – to include Eric and Andreas as new members and Andreas as a new co-chair and to approve the stepping down of Noel with the understanding that we can request her return. SRW motions, Janin seconded. 4-0-0
- b. **Letter to Landscape Architect for Rose to specify Species – Species Suggestions**
 - i. Andreas to approach Charles Miller for recommendations to be made to the City Architect
- c. Artificial Turf Restrictions – Andreas Kemkes – CIS made.
 - i. **Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion**
 - ii. **Public comment**
 - iii. **Committee discussion**
 - iv. **Motion – the Venice Neighborhood Council**

Comments on items not on the agenda for consideration.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. ADJOURNED at 12:59.

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