



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## DRAFT

### Venice Arbor Committee (VARb) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 19, 2025

Meeting Time: 11:00 AM Pacific Time

Meeting Location: Zinque, 1440 Lincoln Ave., Venice, CA

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Andreas Kemkes, Chair	x	Barry Campion	x
Isabelle Duvivier	x	Janin Paine	A
Eric Schiff	A	Sarah Wauters	x

1. Call to Order
2. PUBLIC COMMENT None.
3. REPORTS
  - a. Chair Report – Andreas Kemkes - we are still waiting on owners of 579 Venice Blvd. to request redaction of doc on VARb page.
  - b. CFAC Report – Isabelle Duvivier -
  - c. LUPC Report - Sarah Wauters - formulating a list for LUPC to use when speaking with developers.
  - d. VVG Report – Noel Johnston/Isabelle Duvivier - Wednesday becoming more important, more sheet mulching. Pollinator/Watershed Project – Janin Paine - not there.
4. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. VARb Planning for 2026 - Postponed to the next month



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- b. Mandatory Root Barriers for Parkways - Mandatory root barriers issue has come up. They are insisting on this and this is keeping volunteer groups from planting.
- c. Shell Circle Restarted - Lucy willing to fund the Shell Circle refurbishment. Isabelle supports a slower approach, where we leave the palms trees, take out the agave, plant natives, and one oak tree, then we gradually remove the other palm trees as time goes by. SRW to put together meeting with Lucy and Barry.

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Drafting of Tree List for New Development and Renovation for LUPC - Tree Species and Plant Species List - SRW and Barry formulating list of trees/natives. ID suggests that it should be vetted by CFAC and Urban Forestry. Andreas sending Charles' Miller's list to Barry to add to it.
- b. Motion Right-of-Way PROTECTION OF THE TREES on Venice Blvd - No progress because no meeting was set up by Sean Silva yet. ID offered to set up a meeting with Rachel Malerich. Andreas interested in that.
- c. Artificial Turf - no discussion. Would artificial permits be available online? Can you do something about it when you see artificial turf - can you check on the permit?

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS - CA Native Plant Society Meeting - <https://conference.cnps.org/conference-venue-and-lodging/>

## 7. ADJOURNED

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