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Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: January 16, 2026

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		Janin Paine	x
Eric Schiff		Sarah Wauters	x

1. Call to Order – Approval of minutes from Barry moves, Sarah seconds 11/21/2025 Approved 4-0-0 and 12/19/2025 Andreas moves, Janin seconds. Approved 4-0-0
2. PUBLIC COMMENT (will be limited to 1 minute to the general public only, at this time).
Comments on items not on the agenda.
3. REPORTS
 - a. Chair Report – Andreas Kemkes - Committee for billboards is forming in CFAC. Panel of Amateurs. The festival of progressive abundance. Also learned about the Cul-de-Sac project. California Forever - proposal for Silicon Valley.
 - b. CFAC Report – Isabelle Duvivier (Not here)
 - c. LUPC Report - Sarah Wauters - making progress on getting all developers involved in planting natives who are bringing their projects to LUPC.
 - d. VVG Report – N/A
 - e. Pollinator/Watershed Projects – Janin Paine - meeting held with city departments



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4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. VArb Planning for 2026/7 - Alley policy to organize - which alley is a low hanging fruit? Find out who did the Navy street alleys. And schedule a meeting with them. Janin proposes Alley artist who paints garages.
- b. VNC Support for the Great Park Coalition -

Whereas Santa Monica voters overwhelmingly passed Measure LC in 2014, a charter amendment requiring the 192-acre Santa Monica airport property be used only for parks or recreational space once closed,

Whereas the planned conversion of the Santa Monica Airport to a park will greatly increase open space access for Venice residents, especially the residents of East Venice,

Whereas the Great Park Coalition has represented the efforts of the Santa Monica public to convert the park into a "Great Park";

Whereas Venice residents support the increase of open space, urban canopy, and biodiversity inside the urban environment and collaborative work can link the Santa Monica airport property, or the "Great Park", to Venice in a way that supports these goals, Venice ought to engage and participate in the design and future of this space;

Whereas the pollution, noise, and use of public space of Santa Monica Airport does not benefit and specifically harms the public at large and many Venice residents, therefore;

The Venice Neighborhood Council supports the creation of a great park on the soon-to-be-closed Santa Monica Airport and will add their endorsement to the Great Park Coalition's list of partners. A letter of support will be sent to the city council district 11 office, the Rec and Park staff, and Streets LA.

<https://greatparkcoalition.org/santa-monica-reaffirms-airport-closure-at-end-of-2028/>

Andreas K moves, Barry C seconds. 4-0-0.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Tree Protection in the Right-of-Way on Venice Blvd - Circle back with Isabelle (Andreas)
- b. Mandatory Root Barriers for Parkways - no news
- c. Drafting of Tree List for New Development and Renovation for LUPC - Tree Species and Plant Species List - Barry to complete, then will approve next meeting.

6. ADJOURNED



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