



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 20, 2026  
Meeting Time: 11:00 AM Pacific Time  
Meeting Location: Zinque, 1440 Lincoln Ave., Venice, CA  
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Andreas Kemkes, Chair	Yes	Barry Campion	Yes
Isabelle Duvivier	No	Janin Paine	Yes
Eric Schiff	No	Sarah Wauters	Yes

1. Call to Order – Approval of minutes from 01/16/2026
2. PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comment
3. REPORTS
  - a. Chair Report – Andreas Kemkes - No chair report.
  - b. CFAC Report – Isabelle Duvivier - ID absent
  - c. LUPC Report - Sarah Wauters - List for LUPC Native Plants and Trees
  - d. VVG Report – Noel Johnston/Isabelle Duvivier \_VVG Report – discussion of BID and the Sunset Ave. culvert - two books mentioned by Andreas Kemkes - Architecture details for swales might come from Santa Monica and Culver City for small swale projects. Andreas to contact SM or CC. Janin mentioned LA has Architectural Details.
  - e. Pollinator/Watershed Project – Janin Paine - things are progressing along Sunset.



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## 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Tree Protection through Billboard Reform - CFAC subcommittee discontinued - person resigned.
- b. Tree Removal Permit Notification and Reporting Modifications - City made a presentation to CFAC where they wanted to streamline = meaning make it easier for big tree removals. CFAC was totally against. Urban Forestry wants to reduce the lag.
  - i. How do we publicize that trees cannot be taken down and you should check the list
  - ii. We should make the private landowners responsible for maintenance of urban canopy on their land.
- c. VARb Planning for 2026/7
  - i. Janin says we should put together a list for Traci Park
    - 1. Great Park Coalition
    - 2. Billboards
    - 3. Tree removal should be discouraged
    - 4. Streamline process for small scale swale project - got permit approved with CD11 paying permit. Got a higher up guy to give VVG a break and be helpful.
    - 5. Root Barriers - get Traci to object to this on City Council level - draft a motion

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Drafting of Tree List for New Development and Renovation for LUPC - Tree Species and Plant Species List
  - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
  - ii. Public comment
  - iii. Committee discussion
  - iv. Motion
- b. VNC Support for the Great Park Coalition
  - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
  - ii. Public comment
  - iii. Committee discussion
  - iv. Motion
- c. Tree Protection in the Right-of-Way on Venice Blvd
  - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
  - ii. Public comment
  - iii. Committee discussion
  - iv. Motion
- d. Mandatory Root Barriers for Parkways
  - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
  - ii. Public comment
  - iii. Committee discussion
  - iv. Motion
- e. Shell Circle Restarted
  - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
  - ii. Public comment
  - iii. Committee discussion



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iv. Motion

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