



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: September 18, 2026

Meeting Time: 11:00 AM Pacific Time

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

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

1. Call to Order

- a. Approval of minutes from 05/15/2026
- b. Approval of minutes from 08/21/2026

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
- b. CFAC/NCSA Report – Isabelle Duvivier
- c. LUPC Report - Sarah Wauters
- d. VVG Report – Noel Johnston/Isabelle Duvivier
- e. Pollinator/Watershed Project – Janin Paine



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4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Changes to Committee Members
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Motion
- b. CF26-1050 support for David Lee's motion for changing tree planting guidelines
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Motion
- c. Motion to improve pruning guidelines and penalties.
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Motion
- d. Intersection Reform
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - Where can green spaces facilitate community gathering?
 - Possible Pilot Project at Millwood and Oakwood.
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Motion
- e. Encinitas Native Plant Ordinance
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - How does it apply to Venice?
 - Can we get Los Angeles to adopt it?
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Motion

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Tree Removals
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion



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Tree removals for street widening - why is this still happening?

Illegal pruning - what can be done and what is the City doing?

CD11 monthly tree report (past and proposed large scale tree removals) - can someone prepare monthly?

- ii. Public comment
- iii. Committee discussion
- iv. Motion

- b. Change the City Flower
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Motion

- c. Support for the Great Park at Santa Monica
 - 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. Tree Removal Permit Notification and Reporting Modifications
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Motion

- f. 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

- g. Budget for Rec and Parks
 - i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
 - ii. Public comment
 - iii. Committee discussion
 - iv. Motion

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