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Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: November 20, 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		Cadine Navarro	
Janin Paine		Eric Schiff	
Sarah Wauters			

1. Call to Order
    a. Approval of minutes from 10/16/2026

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

   a. Al Fresco Permanent Permits and Urban Canopy Planning Policy Changes - SRW present
      i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
      ii. Public comment
      iii. Committee discussion
      iv. Motion

   b. Urban Forest Management Plan Draft Public Comment Period
      i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
      ii. Public comment
      iii. Committee discussion
      iv. Motion

   c. 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

   d. Event to discuss the braided pillars of community, creativity, and nature and Volunteer Work Surrounding It. Cadine Navarro to present.
      i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
      ii. Public comment
      iii. Committee discussion
      iv. Motion

   e. Motion to improve pruning guidelines and penalties.
      i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
      ii. Public comment
      iii. Committee discussion
      iv. Motion

   f. Intersection Reform - Janin and Eric to report on Millwood at Oakwood?
      i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
      ii. Public comment
      iii. Committee discussion
      iv. Motion

5. OLD BUSINESS

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

         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. Support for the Great Park at Santa Monica
      i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
      ii. Public comment
      iii. Committee discussion
      iv. Motion

   c. Mandatory Root Barriers for Parkways
      i. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion
      ii. Public comment
      iii. Committee discussion
      iv. Motion

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