



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Venice Arbor Committee (VAC) Agenda

Meeting Date: Friday, March 12, 2021

Meeting Time: 1:00 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom

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Topic: Venice Arbor Committee

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Noel Johnston (Co-Chair)			
Isabelle Duvivier (Co-Chair)			
Mark Ryavec			
Sarah Wauters			
Barry Campion			
		Ira Koslow (ex-officio)	

2. Approve Agenda as presented or amended

3. Approve Minutes from December's meeting as approved or amended.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Two new members have joined the VAC: Barry Campion and Sarah Wauters.

5. Chair Report. Isabelle will give a report on last week's Community Forest Advisory Committee meeting. (CFAC is a group that advises and liaises to the City of Los Angeles, Public Works).



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6. **PUBLIC COMMENT – 1 minute on non-agendized items related to Venice Arbor Committee only. Local tree group to give report. Sarah Wauters to give report on Mar Vista Arbor Group.**
7. **Items for Discussion and Possible Action:**
 - a. **MOTION: Whereas CFAC sent a detailed letter to the City Budget and Finance Committee and to Mayor Garcetti requesting that the budget for the Urban Forestry Division be raised rather than lowered, the VAC urges that the VNC either A) send a letter of endorsement of the CFAC letter to Mayor Garcetti (mayor.garcetti@lacity.org) and The Budget and Finance Committee (address to follow) supporting this request (document to be supplied) or B) devise a similar letter.**
 - b. **Review suggestions for goals and determine which items should be acted upon first in 2021.**
 - c. **Sarah Wauters has put her name forward as a new co-chair, and Noel Johnston wishes to be replaced.**
 - d. **MOTION: Whereas our past mission statement was agreed to be misleading, therefore we agree to change our mission statement to the following:**

The Venice Arbor Committee (formerly Verdant Venice Committee) supports and encourages the planting and maintenance of trees throughout the Venice Neighborhood and surrounding communities through advocacy, education and policy work. We work with the City and their planting partners, residents, schools, developers, non-profits and other stakeholders to create, improve, and care for the tree canopy, maintain local biodiversity, and a healthy ecosystem. We actively enlist and encourage the local citizenry to engage in planting and caring for their own yard and parkway trees and help educate individuals on how to accomplish this.

8. **New Business:**
 - a. **Gas powered leaf blowers. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance has made a flyer about how to communicate with gardener about gas and AQMD has rebate to exchange. Disseminate?**
9. **COMMITTEE COMMENTS – Comments by Committee Members on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Verdant Arbor Committee but not on the Agenda.**
10. **ADJOURN**



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