



Venice Neighborhood Council

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Venice Arbor Committee (VAC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Friday, April 2, 2021

Meeting Time: 1:00 PM

Meeting Location: Zoom

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

2. **Approved Agenda as presented and amended – moved by IS seconded SW**

3. **Approved Minutes from March 12, 2021 meeting as approved or amended. Moved by IS seconded by SW**

4. **Chair Report. Isabelle gave a report on April 1, 2021, Community Forest Advisory Committee meeting. (CFAC is a group that advises and liaises to the City of Los Angeles, Public Works).**

5. **Chair Report. Sarah Wauters gave a report on her review of the Pasadena Ordinance, Chapter 8.52 - CITY TREES AND TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE. This city ordinance offers substantial ways to protect trees and numerous avenues for citizens to protect trees. SRW to do more research on the LA ordinances and possible changes.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT – 1 minute on non-agendized items related to Venice Arbor Committee only. Mar Vista tree group from Trousdale / Westdale introduced and introduced their goals.**

7. Items of Discussion:

a. A Venice community garden update was given by David King, head of Venice High School community garden. A Q & A session followed.

b. Discussion to formulate strategy surrounding protection of trees in LA during construction. Isabelle is working on several strategies for protection of trees with CFAC and will report back to us on the progress.

c. Discussion of how can the VAC become involved in upcoming VNC elections. VAC planned to submit questions regarding tree canopy and care of trees to the candidates during the EVNA presentation of candidates. Questions were submitted and candidates for LUPC answered one question.

d. Coeur d'Alene Tipu Trees – Agreed to Table for next meeting.



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- e. Covid-Era bulb outs on Abbot Kinney - permanent for use of public and shade trees. We agreed to Table for next meeting and ask VNC Bd members about this possibility.
 - f. Discussion of Isabelle Duvivier's proposal to write letter to Whole Foods regarding how to trim their trees and stop severe pruning resulting in small canopy. Mark Ryavec suggested that more might be gained by visiting the Whole Foods management at the store, getting acquainted with them and the landlord, and perhaps providing free/low cost advice regarding the trees.
 - g. Private property restrictions – discussed various strategies to limit private property removal of trees or enhance private property including enacting the Pasadena legislation or comparing the Pasadena legislation to the Los Angeles legislation. SRW to further research Pasadena Legislation and LA legislation.
- 8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS – No Additional Comments by Committee Members on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Verdant Arbor Committee but not on the Agenda.**
- 9. ADJOURNED AT Approximately 2:30pm**

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