



# Venice Neighborhood Council

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## Venice Arbor Committee (VArb) Meeting Agenda

**Time: Oct 22, 2021 11:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

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**Meeting ID: 867 3212 2349**

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

<b>Sarah Wauters, Co-Chair (SW)</b>			
<b>Isabelle Duvivier, Co-Chair (ID)</b>			
<b>Mark Ryavec</b>			
<b>Noel Johnston</b>			
<b>Barry Campion</b>			
		<b>Jim Murez (ex-officio)</b>	

- 2. Approve Agenda. SRW and NJ**
- 3. Approved Minutes from June 19, 2021 and August 20. IS and SRW. Mea Khantour (architect)**
- 4. Chair Report - IS - Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) update.**
- 5. Chair Report - SW – Coastal Corridor Green Map and Targeted Properties.**

Update of the maps that shows the existing and potential green areas of the Coastal Zone, comprising the Santa Monica Mountains down to Ballona Wetlands. Goal is to create green pathways, tree canopy, and open space for wildlife. Large open paved areas – Whole Foods, Ralphs, and other large areas will be incorporated into the above overarching plan. *Michael offered a contact at whole foods, Robin Murez offered a contact for mural people on Lincoln. SRW to contact Superba Restaurant – Chris re: trees. Robert Tibodeaux, has clients along Lincoln, reachable about Lincoln, what property owners he knows? Another – Chris who is on the VNC on council – may have owned property – Jack Hoffman, longstanding realtor, also may have clients over on Lincoln, Rose park richlar – owned by NSB, Larry Fields, running it for his daughters Jeremy Weinstein, pretty available and community-minded, serves on the BID board – NSB associates. See if you can meet with him to get trees in Rose parking lot. R Tibodeaux wants to get a tree in front of his business. Barry Campion – as a way to start – thinking to take a small area – just a couple of blocks – has some actual impact for the street and get it started. Noel Johnston suggested – the commonwealth and Lincoln Blvd. because Maria Rojas the landlord is at the corner.*

Noel – VVG is having work day on Flower, neighbors have already committed, 8:00 at 6<sup>th</sup> and Flower. Oct. 30 Walk for Trees and Flower – Shell and Superba. Interesting for trees. Bring binoculars for birds. Next Agroperm day coming up.

- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT – 3 minutes on non-agendized items.**



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## 7. Items for Discussion, Action, and Possible Motion - Overarching Goals of VAC:

### OLD BUSINESS

- a. Public Tree Education – Progress on presentations. *We did not discuss this item.*
- b. Tree Disclosure Form for Protection of Public and Private Property Trees - motion to adopt the revised Palo Alto tree disclosure form which requires developers to account for all trees on the property. *IS suggested SRW to draft motion.*

### NEW BUSINESS

- c. Report/update social media status. *Suggested by Robin Murez. Speak with Chie Lunn re: Pictures to SIMA for the instagram and have her link to our instagram. Tell Chie Lunn to follow the VNC instagram. Also, get the text for SIMA so we can send to her as well. Link to Facebook.*
- d. Illegal pruning strategies - volunteer to form subcommittee. *Motion to draft a letter for each violator of illegal pruning code with a copy to street services and other departments of the city. Let's look at the legal indications of the overpruning of street trees. Start with email to [Claudia.martin@lacity.org](mailto:Claudia.martin@lacity.org) – what is the property owners responsibility for maintaining trees and what laws govern can we invite a city attorney to come and explain to us? Stephen Dupre – what is the law surrounding this issue. Board of Public Works – they have their own city attorney. Greg Good. Robin – rather than reprimand people who prune badly, information sheet on how the tree can be properly pruned.*
- e. Coastal planting palettes as biodiversity group defined- 3 habitats- dunes, wetland, terrace. *ID reports that LA Sanitation Biodiversity Group - Planting palettes being developed for each of the above sub climates. Species of interest that will help for generating interest in biodiversity. Robin raises that the items that LA San is doing are in complete contradiction to what is happening on the ground – she cites the problems in the Ballona Wetlands.*
- f. Based on the Green map presented – do we try to establish a greening of Lincoln project? *Discussed above during SRW Report on the Map.*
- g. Existing and Proposed Community Plan Parking Lot design code – *ID presented the law and she thinks that she wants to ask the planning department to go back to the 50% parking spaces have to have a tree that will shade the spot after 10 years of growth.*
- h. Downtown Community Plan and Zoning Code response letter
- i. Micro forest at RAP.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Winter schedule of activities: tree walks, mulch work days, water days, planting days
- b. Water Expert Eric Vogler to answer questions for VNC LUPC on ground water depletion.. Questions needed.

### COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Next VArb meeting November 19, 2021



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