



Mar Vista Community Council



SUPPLEMENTAL MEETING MATERIALS

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Tuesday, November 13th, 2018, at 7:00pm

Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

11.1 Committee Resignations – Discussion and possible action regarding the resignations of Sherri Akers, Birgetta Kastenbaum, and Tatiana Leuthi as Co-Chairs of the Aging-in-Place Subcommittee and Martin Rubin as Co-Chair of the Elections and Bylaws Committee.

Elliot,

Thank you for giving us the chance to try a quarterly cycle on the AIP speaker series. Unfortunately, we've concluded that it's not going to work and that it is time for the three of us to step down as committee co-chairs.

I am leaving this morning on a short trip and will be back on Monday. I'll get the minutes posted from last night's meeting when I return.

We would love to draft a thank you note to the people who followed the committee and send it out with the last minutes.

Best regards,

Sherri

Hello Elliot,

I hope all is well, and I'm glad you reached out about this.

When we met at Starbucks and you asked me if I would lead the effort to review/revise the MVCC Bylaws, I did not imagine that things would get muddled up as they have. I'm sure we both had the best intentions.

I am now convinced that the Election and Bylaws Committee is not going and will not go the way I had envisioned that it would. In my opinion, this is a clear example of too many chefs spoiling the pie. We have spoken about this to some degree over the phone a few months ago, and we had some strong disagreement on how to move forward. At the time I felt that resigning would only add to the awkwardness of the existing situation. However, I am now convinced that my participation as one of the three co-chairs would prove to be a great waste of my time. Therefore, I am sending you this notice that I am resigning this Co-Chair position of the Election and Bylaws Committee.

I had hoped that I could make a difference.

Sincerely,

Martin Rubin

11.4 Approval of Treasurer's Report – Discussion and possible action regarding the Treasurer's report for the prior month.

BOD 11/12/2018-Treasurer's Report

(Totals are from funding page 11/1, MER reflects day of printing totals.)

City allocation to MVCC	\$42,000.00
YTD spending (per funding page)	\$11860.44
This month	\$4747.83-(cks* + cc exps)
10/1 The Web Corner	\$31.50-emails
10/1 The Web Corner	\$150-web maintenance
10/1 Storquest	\$461.00-storage unit rental
10/3 Board Reimbursement*	\$86.49-Treasurer, ink
10/5 Guitar Center	#30.09-gaffer's tape, longer mini cable for mevo ipad connector
10/8 CBS Ad Distribution*	\$1470.00-newsletter
10/11 Pacific Boosters*	\$1000-Winter Wonderland NPG
10/11 CBS Ad Distribution*	\$294-overage-costs
10/11 Board reimbursement*	\$22.12-Chair, printing
10/11 St Andrew's*	\$25-rm rental, Sept Community plan committee
10/11 Staples	\$26.26 Outreach supplies/blue tent, binder clips/acrylic displays
10/16 St Andrew's	\$25-rm rental, airport committee
10/18 AT&T	\$95.54-MiFi
**10/20 Smart & Final	\$316.86 Grease? Need motion for \$16.86?
**10/21 Mail chimp	\$27
**10/21 Staples Direct	\$30.65
10/24 St Andrew's*	\$25-rm rental, community plan committee
**10/26 Copyland	\$583.36-printing, community plan committee
**10/31 Amazon Marketplace	\$47.96
Commitments (per funding page)	.00
Pending payments	\$ 47.12
Net Available (per funding page-11/1)	\$30092.44
Cash on hand (per funding page-11/1)	\$30139.56

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders –

Discussion of the City of Los Angeles' sidewalk vending program – Discussion and possible action regarding the restoration of the “opt-out” clause in the City of Los Angeles' sidewalk vending program (postponed from 8/31/2018 special BoD meeting).

WHEREAS, the City Council, on April 18, 2018, adopted an Ordinance creating a Sidewalk Street Vending Program and,

WHEREAS, in the final draft of said ordinance, the “opt out” provision was removed, at the last minute, prior to approval, and

WHEREAS, local brick and mortar enterprises along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, have spent years establishing their businesses based on a set of assumptions and rules, such as where they can be located, the taxes they are required to pay, and the best ways to attract customers, and

WHEREAS, sidewalk vendors in the proposed ordinance will probably sell similar types of goods and services as nearby brick and mortar businesses, but not be required to adhere to the same elaborate state and local permitting and land-use regulations, and

WHEREAS, the local brick and mortar businesses on Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, have contributed to the “main street” atmosphere that local residents value, and

WHEREAS, the local brick and mortar businesses along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista are mostly small ones, with small profit margins, and

WHEREAS the presence of sidewalk vendors along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, for the reasons specified above, would constitute unfair competition for the local brick and mortar businesses on the same stretch.

THEREFORE, the MVCC urges restoration of the “opt-out” clause of the Los Angeles Sidewalk Vending Ordinance.

15.1 Support of WRAC Motions Regarding the Community Plan Process (PLUM) -

The Mar Vista Community Council finds the Community Plans Update Outreach Plan timeline of 3 years to be ambitious (consider that the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert and Granada Hills Plans required 7 years, and the Expo Station Neighborhood Transit Plan required 4.5 years), potentially limiting adequate public input and feedback.

Therefore, we request that the Planning Department be funded to extend the timeline if and as needed to accommodate achievement-anchored benchmarks.

The Mar Vista Council requests the Planning Department provide all information (below), prior to commencing any work on the Community Plan Update process.

These data are prerequisite for meaningful asset-based grassroots planning input to any Community Plan, whether it is for the Westside's first cycle (Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey, Westchester-Playa del Rey, West Los Angeles Venice) or the second cycle (Westwood, Bel Air-Beverly Crest, Brentwood-Pacific Palisades):

1. What is the current aggregate population in the Community Plan area?
2. What is the projected population in the build-out year? How is it calculated? Who calculates it? Is the U.S. Census used?
3. What is the population capacity in the current zoning, including R zones and C zones with density bonuses (Transit Oriented Communities, Expo Station Transit Neighborhood Plan) and Accessory Dwelling Units?
4. What is the population capacity in the proposed zoning, including R zones and C zones with density bonuses (TOC, Expo Station TNP) and ADUs?
5. Capacity of jobs or count of jobs currently.
6. Change in jobs as a result of proposed zoning, either by increase in C or M zones or reduction in jobs if C or M zones are decreased.²

15.2 Great Streets Venice Blvd. Data – Discussion and possible action regarding a stakeholder petition requesting a town-hall meeting to present the one-year pilot project data for the Venice Blvd. Great Streets Pilot Project and for other related purposes.

**LADOT/GREAT STREETS INITIATIVE/CD 11
GREAT STREETS - VENICE BLVD 1 YEAR PILOT PROJECT DATA TOWNHALL MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Venice Blvd. “Great Street” pilot project was implemented on May 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this one year pilot project included removing one traffic lane in each direction to install a curbside protected bike lane, a buffer/loading zone and reconfigured on-street parking; and

WHEREAS, Mar Vista and Venice Blvd. stakeholders have voiced ongoing concerns about the negative impacts of pilot project that they have experienced, including:

- 1) Gridlock on Venice Blvd.,
- 2) Cut through traffic onto residential streets adjacent to Venice Blvd,
- 3) An increase in emergency response times for LAFD and LAPD because of the peak hour gridlock,
- 4) An increase accidents on Venice Blvd and adjacent streets due to gridlock and cut through traffic,
- 5) Safety concerns about the protected bike lane, including reduced visibility and an increase in points of conflict between cars and bicycles,
- 6) An increase in bicycle vs. car accidents and bicycle vs. pedestrian accidents,
- 7) A lack of sidewalk improvements,
- 8) An ongoing lack of community engagement, including a lack of involvement of persons with disabilities, in the planning and implementation phases of the project,
- 9) An ongoing lack of transparency and accountability in the planning, implementation and evaluation of this pilot project,
- 10) A lack of pre- and post project implementation data provided to the community by LADOT, the Great Streets Initiative and Council District 11; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Mar Vista Community Council to monitor the delivery of City services to the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Mar Vista Community Council to facilitate the delivery of City services and City government responses to the community's requests for assistance and information;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council will send a letter forthwith to LADOT, the Great Streets Initiative and Councilman Mike Bonin's office demanding a Town Hall meeting be held by Saturday, December 8, 2018, to present the 1 year pilot project data and other information, gather feedback, and address the concerns of Mar Vista and Venice Blvd stakeholders about the Great Streets - Venice Blvd pilot.

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL - STAKEHOLDER PETITION

As Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) Stakeholders, the undersigned individuals request the addition of the above Policy Motion to the MVCC Board of Directors agenda for the November 13, 2018 meeting.

Printed Name: Stephen P. Schiller Signature: [Signature] Date: 10-26-18
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Printed Name: Judy Schiller Signature: [Signature] Date: 10-26-18
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Printed Name: Selena Inouye Signature: Selena Inouye Date: 10/30/2018
Address: 3954 Coolidge Ave LA CA 90066

Printed Name: ROBERT INOUE Signature: R Date: 30-Oct-18
Address: 3954 COOLIDGE AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066

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15.3 Great Streets Town Hall (Great Streets) – Discussion and possible action regarding constituting a community panel and conducting an independent traffic study of the Venice Blvd. Great Street project.

WHEREAS, the Great Streets - Venice Boulevard pilot project has caused conflict and controversy in Mar Vista and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, numerous requests for pre- and post-project data to the Great Streets Initiative in Mayor Garcetti's office, the Active Transportation and Vision Zero offices in the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), and Councilmember Mike Bonin's office have been non-responsive; and

WHEREAS, the limited data and analysis that has been released from LADOT and Councilmember Bonin's office is contradictory to the experiences of the community members living near, conducting business on and otherwise using Venice Blvd.; and

WHEREAS, numerous requests for Town Hall meetings with question and answer sessions have been denied by LADOT and Councilmember Bonin's office; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Lake community, when faced with a similar situation, asked for and were granted funds to hire a transportation contractor to conduct an independent traffic study regarding the Rowena Avenue road diet by their Councilmember David Ryu; and

WHEREAS, Mar Vista stakeholders, on behalf of the businesses and residents, commuters, emergency responders and others impacted by the Great Streets - Venice Blvd pilot project, would like to seek the same remedy in order to receive answers to their questions and concerns that have heretofore been unaddressed by the Great Streets Initiative , LADOT and Councilmember Bonin.

THEREFORE, in the spirit of community engagement, transparency and accountability, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) will assemble a community panel under the auspices of the Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee, and

THEREFORE, the MVCC requests that Councilmember Bonin provide the funding for an independent traffic study of the Great Streets - Venice Blvd pilot project, to be done within 2 months by an independent firm of the community panel's choosing, excluding current Great Streets contractor Fehr & Peers Transportation Consultants.