



Mar Vista Community Council



Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Co-Chairs: Ken Alpern and Chuck Ray

Tuesday, August 24th, 7-9:30 PM

WINDWARD SCHOOL Tom Hunter Board Room, Room 800
11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066

Minutes

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. There were 23 stakeholders present.
- 2) Special Presentation

The LA Business Council will presented the findings of their Solar Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Plan developed in partnership with UCLA. They highlighted the many business and community benefits, primarily how this plan is cost-effective and provides long-term savings for the ratepayer.

Sherri Akers stated that the MVCC Green Committee has passed a motion endorsing the LA Business Council's plan and has forwarded to the MVCC Board for their consideration.

- 3) Introductions and Public Comments on topics not on the agenda

Chuck Ray announced that Councilmember Rosendahl will host a Special Meeting of two City Council Committees at the Mar Vista Park on the evening of Tuesday, September 7th. The two committees are the Rules and Elections Committee and the Energy and the Environment Committee. They are planning a Ballot Measure for the March 11th Municipal Election make changes the City Charter to strengthen the governance of the LA Department of Water and Power. This meeting is one of six to inform voters and ratepayers throughout the city and to get comments and opinions.

- 4) Approval of minutes

The minutes for the meeting of June 22nd and July 27th were approved.

- 5) Report on Recent MVCC Board Actions relating to T & I motions

- a) The Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Expo Construction Authority integrate the design and construction of the Expo Bikeway with the LRT design and construction as fully as possible to assure that both projects are completed at the same time.

This motion was approved by the MVCC Board.

- 6) T & I Related Committee Reports

- a) MVCC Liaison LADOT/CD11/LAPD Bi-Monthly Traffic Committee Meeting – Linda Guagliano

Chuck Ray gave a brief description of the change in format for this committee. It will no longer be a public meeting but will be streamlined to allow the representative from the LADOT to minimize the amount of time he will spend with the committee.

b) LA DWP – NC MOU Committee – Chuck Ray

At its August 7th meeting, the MOU Committee endorsed participation in the DWP's Advisory Panel to plan an Office of the Ratepayers Advocate. Chuck Ray was selected to be the MOU Committees's representative on the panel.

c) CD 11 Transportation Committee – Ken Alpern

Discussion of this committees meeting was deferred to the Light Rail Motions under New Business.

d) CD 11 Scattergood Olympic Line 1 Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Oversight Team– Chuck Ray
No new information to report.

7) Old Business (5 min)

a. Pending developments

1. Bundy – Olympic Village Medical Center
2. CASDEN 11115 Exposition Bl. Project

No new information to report.

8) New Business (with potential motions)

- a) City ordinance on sidewalk repair. The City Council is considering a change in its sidewalk repair ordinance. If passed, the responsibility for sidewalk repair would go to the property owner instead of the city. The timing of when repairs are required is still to be determined. It has been suggested that no enforcement take place until the property is transferred in a sale. A finding will be made that the city is not mandated to do sidewalk repairs under the CEQA. Further details are in Council File 05-1853.
There was no new information on this topic.

b) Expo Light Rail Line motions

- a) The Mar Vista Community Council supports the elimination of the MTA design option that includes the parking lot at the proposed Westwood Station for the METRO Exposition Light Rail line. It further moves that MTA provide lush landscaping and a ten foot tall sound/visual wall between the residents' property and the land to the train and green space securing the privacy of adjacent homes north and south. It further moves that MTA work with Westwood Gardens Civic Association and ROW residents to mitigate the impact that station and land use will have on adjacent homes. The MVCC support of this motion shall not be construed in any way as support of the At-Grade Crossing along the Expo Line.**

This motion passed by a vote of 7 for, 1 against, and no abstentions.

- b) The Mar Vista Community Council supports the Sepulveda Blvd. elevated rail bridge option, and does not support the at-grade option at Sepulveda Blvd., for Phase 2 of the Expo Line.**

This motion passed by a vote of 8 for, none against, and no abstentions.

- c) The Mar Vista Community Council recommends a supplemental EIR to evaluate and implement the expediting of construction and operation of the Expo Line to**

Palms/National station to include and coordinate that portion of the Expo Line as fully operational when the Expo Line opens to Culver City (Venice/Robertson station) in 2012.

This motion was tabled.

c) 13.1 Marathon

Mr. Brennan Linder, Brennan@genericevents.com, described the Marathon event to be staged next January 16, 2011 on Venice Blvd.

d) Nuisance trucks parked in residential neighborhoods (10 min)

Ms. Helen Sklar asked that the committee consider this issue.

e) RVs parked on residential streets

Two stakeholders, Michael Millman and Chuck Mason have asked to have this issue discussed by this committee.

WHEREAS, it is unlawful to lodge or sleep from time to time or overnight in a motor vehicle on a public street or in a public parking lot within the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, Recreational Vehicles, Campers, and Cargo Vans have been and continue to be unlawfully parked in violation of Los Angeles City Municipal Code Section 85.2;

WHEREAS, it would appear that the Los Angeles City Department of Transportation, Los Angeles City Police, and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office have failed to recognize this Problem and take any active and affirmative action to address and enforce our laws;

WHEREAS, it is unlawful to park any motor vehicle on a public street for a period of 72 hours or longer;

WHEREAS, it would appear that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation has failed to adopt any procedure or protocol for identifying abandoned motor vehicles, and thereafter removing them from the public streets;

The Mar Vista Community Council:

- 1) Acknowledges and recognizes the RV/Camper Problem;***
- 2) That a formal resolution followed by communications and letters be addressed to all Municipal Authorities, seeking the immediate intervention and resolution of this Problem which will include the removal of the RVs, towing and prosecution;***
- 3) That Councilmember Rosendahl's office release the petitions to residents and property owners for the implementation of the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance, and that the CD11 office continues to expedite the posting of the oversized vehicle signage.***

f) Venice Blvd. bike lane

Proposed motion:

The MVCC supports the design, planning and construction of a Venice Blvd. Bike Lane, located adjacent to the sidewalk and separated from traffic by parked cars in "European

style" configuration, to be constructed from the future Venice/Robertson Exposition Light Rail Line station to the beach, and to be funded by the City of Los Angeles by Measure R revenues.

This motion was tabled.

9) The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.