



Mar Vista Community Council



Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Co-Chairs: Ken Alpern and Chuck Ray

Tuesday, September 28th, 7-9:30 PM

Santa Monica College, Bundy Campus, 3171 Bundy Drive, Room 123

Minutes

1) Call to Order (Chair: Ken Alpern)

Attendance: Ken Alpern, Ivan Lee, Dorothy Garven, Linda Guagliano, Geoff Forgione, Sharon Commins, Michael Millman, and Albert Olson

2) Introductions and Public Comments on topics not on the agenda

3) Approval of minutes

Tabled by a vote of 7-0 because Helen Sklar's motion wasn't in the minutes, and it was recommended to correct this prior to any future approval

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

a) Expo Light Rail Line motions

i) 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.

ii) 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.

iii) RVs parked on residential streets

These motions were unable to be considered due to lack of time. Some comments have been received suggesting that the motions were too verbose and could be improved by making them clearer. This will be discussed under old business.

5) T & I Related Committee Reports

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

The first meeting was held 9/8/10 under the new format without public input, and with Mo Bloflorshan attending first, then leaving with recommendations for other topics. The LAPD representative no-showed due to staffing/scheduling errors.

b) LA DWP – NC MOU Committee – Chuck Ray

Tabled because of lack of attendance by Mr. Ray

c) CD 11 Transportation Committee – Ken Alpern

The second vote on the Expo Line elevation at Sepulveda Blvd. was markedly in favor of a rail bridge and not an at-grade option. However, the different people voting in both votes was again brought up, and a third, confirmatory vote might be considered.

The Wilshire Subway was voted to proceed as far west as possible, and to embark expeditiously on a north-south rail line between the SF Valley, the Westside and LAX.

The Committee will work with Fehr/Peers on a Westside Transportation Study to evaluate developer mitigations fees for traffic/mass transit, and which corridors should work best for which modes of transportation.

d) CD 11 Scattergood Olympic Line 1 Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Oversight Team– Chuck Ray

Tabled because of lack of attendance by Mr. Ray

6) Old Business

a. Pending developments

i) Bundy – Olympic Village Medical Center

The Brentwood Community Council e-mailed a statement that bankruptcy proceedings were being considered by the developer, which was repudiated by Michael Lombardi (the developer). The City Council PLUM Committee has delayed consideration of this project for 120 days until approximately February 2011.

ii) 2. CASDEN 11115 Exposition Bl. Project

No new reports at this time, although this is expected to have action in the future.

b. Nuisance trucks parked in residential neighborhoods

Ms. Helen Sklar has asked that the committee consider this issue. The following motion was withdrawn and tabled at the last MVCC board meeting.

Potential policy motion:

Whereas, Vehicle owners park their open vehicles in residential areas that contain scrap metal, broken objects, rusted objects, sharp objects, toxic items that may be attractive to children;

Whereas, Vehicle owners on an ongoing, regular basis, sell or trade the contents of their vehicles with an explicit commercial purpose, engage in a process of replenishing the contents of their vehicles newly acquired materials of the same or similar nature, such that said vehicles or parked in residential areas continuously;

Whereas, The purpose served by aforementioned vehicles is central to the operation of the commercial activity in that they are used to store and transport the inventory, and insure the ongoing availability of new inventory;

Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council believes that these trucks promote blight and deterioration, are injurious to the public's general welfare, reduce the value or private property, and disrupted the residential character of the neighborhoods;

Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council believes that the aforementioned activity violates L.A. City municipal code which prohibits business activities in residential neighborhoods;

Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council believes that the problem should be addressed through the immediate enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code §12.05 A 16 (B), as scrap metal and hazardous junk are not associated with normal residential use, they may not be stored or processed in residential neighborhoods, neither on the streets nor in

residences, as sale of scrap metal and junk for profit are commercial activities, that may not be conducted in residential neighborhoods;

Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council communicate to enforcement personnel in the Los Angeles city bureaucracy including the City Attorney's Office, Department of Building and Safety and LAPD to uphold the law and stop illegal commercial activity in residential neighborhoods;

Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council support an amendment to Municipal Code §12.05 A 16 (B) be amended so as to include "Scrap Metal Businesses" and "Junk Businesses" on the list prohibited business;

Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council publicly support the enactment of an ordinance in Los Angeles like that which was enacted in 2003 by the City of Monterey Park (Section 10.48.220 to Chapter 10.48 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code) that prohibits the parking of public nuisance vehicles, and the City of Los Angeles amend its Master Fee Schedule to establish a parking fine for violations of nuisance vehicle ordinance.

It was pointed out by several committee members that wording and paragraph changes, some rather substantial were in order, and that Helen Sklar needed to be in attendance for this to receive further consideration. It was tabled by a vote of 7-0, and it was also briefly considered that this might be an issue for the MVCC PLUM and T/I Committees to consider.

c. RVs parked on residential streets

The motion from last month was changed to, and passed by a vote of 6-0 (motion by Albert Olson, seconded by Geoff Forgione):

WHEREAS, it is unlawful to lodge or sleep from time to time or overnight in a parked motor vehicle on a public street or in a public parking lot, or to park any motor vehicle on a public street for a period of 72 hours or longer within the City of Los Angeles, and

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

Therefore, now be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council:

- 1) Requests that all appropriate Municipal Authorities be urged to engage in the intervention and resolution of this unlawful activity (identified above) which will include the removal of all vehicles unlawfully utilized for lodging, and prosecution of the offenders, and**
- 2) Requests that the Council District 11 office continues to expedite the posting of the oversized vehicle signage, and**
- 3) Requests that the Council District 11 office implements a program as soon as possible which seeks to provide assistance to those displaced by the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance.**

7) New Business (with potential motions)

- a) On September 4th, the LANCC passed a motion endorsing the "term sheet" on the DWP Ratepayers Advocate and asked all neighborhood councils to endorse the "term sheet."

Potential policy motion:

The MVCC endorses the DWP "term sheet" to provide for improved governance of the LA DWP.

This motion was considered lengthy because of the length of the term sheet and in need of change, despite an overall favorable opinion towards having a Ratepayer Advocate, and it was voted 6-0 to table the measure.

- b) Resignation of Rita Robertson as General Manager of the LA Department of Transportation.

- b) Discussion of planned construction at Venice and Beethoven

Potential policy motion:

The MVCC requests that the LADOT and Caltrans designate points of contact within their organizations that shall be charged with the duty of informing the public of significant alterations of traffic installations that affect the Mar Vista Community. The community would like to have at least 60 days notice before the construction of new or changed traffic installations so that they can ask questions of and make comments to the designated point of contact.

This motion was made by Geoff Forgione and seconded by Linda Guagliano, and passed 5-0.

- c) Discussion of need for assistance from T&I committee members

Help is requested for the monthly responsibility at Mar Vista Farmers Market (Third Sunday of the month), note taking at T&I committee meetings, and setup of meeting room for monthly meeting.

8) Public Comment

Albert Olson raised the possibility that for meetings such as this one, that the motions be voted on first and have the reports proceed afterwards. Sharon Commins reported that the PLUM Committee has a Consent Calendar on any subcommittee or other reports/items that haven't significantly changed from the previous month.

9) Future Agenda Items

11) Adjournment