



Mar Vista Community Council



Green Committee
Sunday, June 25, 2016 - 9:30 A.M.

Venice Grind Patio
12224 Venice Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90066

Draft Minutes

Attendees – Maggie Begley. Attending: Sherri Akers, Maggie Begley, Christy Wilhemi, Steve Fox, Chris McKinnon, Maria Suprizio, Jeanne Kuntz

1. Public comment:

- As single family homes are being rebuilt we are seeing them bulldoze the mature trees on properties that are being renovated. See articles below that address the magnitude of the problem – far exceeding the loss of trees from multi unit or commercial development. Various calls to action were discussed including a possible ordinance that requires two new trees be planted for each tree removed as a condition of permit. The Committee will reach out to Damien Newton of the MVCC Public Land Use & Management Committee to see if any ordinance can be enforced or proposed. This situation can also be highlighted informationally in the Green Tent and on the Garden Showcase.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/mcmansions-suburbs-environment-2017-5>

<https://phys.org/news/2017-05-single-family-homes-la-urban-forest.html>

- LADWP has renewed its “Cash for Turf” program. The amount is \$1.75 per square foot and details about the program are available via brochures (to be available at Green Tent) as well as online at www.ladwp.com/landscaping.
- News article of interest: [“Did LA Waste Taxpayer Money On Stormwater System That Doesn’t Work?”](#)
- There will be a MVCC Fall Newsletter. MV Green Committee will submit an article for the newsletter outlining the MV Garden Showcase 2018 and detailing the submissions process. Maggie and Christi will work together on drafting article. Submission deadline needed.
- Will continue to research whether possible recommendation to MVCC to explore insertion of different tree into official logo to replace the current palm tree depiction.

3. 2018 Green Garden Showcase

- Discussion about the process of recruiting gardens and the criteria for selection.
- Proposed budget (\$4000) for the 2018 Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase 2.0 will be presented at the next MVCC meeting on July 11th. Committee discussed ways by which new gardens will be solicited, which include affixing door hangars with info on the Showcase to homes with desirable gardens (Laura will be asked to create new version for 2018). Emphasis on looking for homes who can show their backyards as well.
- The [marvistagreengaradenblogpost](#) domain name remains intact but we have lost the rights to the domain name [marvistagreengardenshowcase](#). We’ll continue to try to resurrect it but can move forward with the blogpost domain name.
- Maggie will prepare letter draft to have on hand for Mar Vista residents who deserve a response as to why we’re not going back to them to include their gardens for 2018 showcase.

Adjourned 10:30

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