



Mar Vista Community Council

Green



Committee

Sunday, July 23rd, 2016 - 9:30 A.M.

Venice Grind Patio

12224 Venice Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90066

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees – Sherri Akers, Sarah Auerswald, Jeanne Kuntz, Robin Doyno, Christy Wilhelmi, Christopher McKinnon

1. Called to order 9:30
2. Motion to approve June minutes made by Sarah, 2nd by Christy, passed unanimously.
3. Public comment

- We shared the news of the death of Paul Herzog. Paul was an amazing partner in the launch of our Mar Vista focus on sustainability. A celebration of his life will be held at TreePeople August 6th from 10 to 1. Complete details and RSVP here - <http://greengardensgroup.com/events/paul-herzog-celebration-of-life/>

- **Discussion about scheduled BoSS removal of 15 healthy Ficus trees 3625 – 3760 Centinela. Further points to address – will roots be excavated? How is the ongoing care and watering being managed? Is there an adopt a tree program? See follow up email to Dept of Forestry. Hearing will be on August 4th. **Put issue on August agenda.****

Timothy,

Len Nguyen from the office of CM Mike Bonin suggested that we contact you.

In July of 2015, the Mar Vista Community Council passed this motion re: Council File 15-0467-S1 on the Accommodation of Trees in Sidewalk Repair and Construction - http://marvista.org/files/150814-Preserving_City_Trees.pdf which specifically addressed the removal of trees with the citywide sidewalk repair program

- With regard to sidewalk repairs, we especially support engineering strategies such as enlarging sidewalk cutouts and tree wells, meandering sidewalks that curve around existing trees, sidewalk ramping, underground root guards that deter sidewalk lift, permeable sidewalk materials, reverse parkways, curb bump-outs and the removal of portions of lifted sidewalk to allow for a larger tree well where replacement of concrete is not necessary for access.

Last week we were advised with less than 48 hours' notice that the BoSS was hearing a motion to remove every tree in a two block area (see attached pdf). This sidewalk is in great disrepair – completely impassable for anyone with a mobility device and frankly dangerous even for the able bodied. We don't want to unnecessarily delay this much needed repair work, but we are alarmed about the loss of all tree canopy on this two block stretch and the environmental impact. Our concern goes beyond just these two blocks to whether this will be the policy city wide. We did a site review – see attached word document. You can see that at the south end on the Westside, property owners have done repair work in line with what our Board motion requests. But even those trees are scheduled for removal.

Thankfully, Commissioner Jacinto secured a two-week continuance so we can get answers to the following questions.

The Mar Vista Community Council requests the following information before BoSS proceeds with the tree removal

- What is the reason that each of these trees is scheduled to be removed? Can any of them be saved?
- Please provide a timeline and location for the planting of two new trees for each tree that will be removed
- Please confirm that replacement trees be a California Native variety and advise which options we can select from. If a tree selection has been made, please advise what criteria it was based on.
- **Please advise what size the replacement trees will be and whether a larger size is an option given the total loss of tree canopy. Given the complete loss of tree canopy in this section, we feel it is urgent that a larger tree size be replanted.**

- Please advise what procedure is in place for notification to the community

- Robin shared that the Education, Arts and Culture committee is discussing a culture initiative

3. 2018 Green Garden Showcase

- Presentation by Maggie Begley, GGS Chair – Maggie was unable to attend. She sent word that she has 3 gardens ready to submit.
- Discussion about contracts and forms required by the city. Sarah will review city requirements for permits and for homeowner and attendee liability waivers. Let's review these forms in preparation for the Green Garden Showcase: <http://clerk.lacity.org/neighborhood-council-funding/documents-and-forms>. This is the main one that will need to be filled out: <http://clerk.cityofla.acsitefactory.com/sites/g/files/wph606/f/NC-Event-Approval-Form-Final.110116.pdf>. And then the City can begin looking at the liability issues and we will see if there are permit fees.

4. New business

- Motion submitted by Sarah Auerswald – The MVCC supports the request by the Mar Vista Farmers market for an application by the Bureau of Street Services of a gray-colored reflective street seal along the section of Grand View Blvd where the Mar Vista Farmers Market is located. The reflective surfacing is meant to cool down temperatures on the asphalt, which can reach well over 100 degrees in summer. This will provide a valuable service to our stakeholders and provide an opportunity to showcase the new treatment as part of the pilot project. *The MVCC also requests to be advised of the protocol to inform adjacent property owners.*

Motion amended as above (see italics) passed unanimously.

For more info - <https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/07/07/us/california-today-cool-pavements-la.html?> and <https://la.curbed.com/2017/5/21/15673218/la-road-pavement-street-seal-hot-temperature>

- Discussion about future motion asking for integration of permeability into this pilot. Sarah will ask BoSS for a presentation – have for the Board or a joint meeting of Green and PLUM or T&I? **Put on August agenda.**
- **See Connect the Dots project** - <https://www.ioby.org/project/connect-dots-van-nuys> . Connect the Dots will combine data from hydrologic research, public art, community dialog and citizen cyclist-scientists to collaboratively shape a shared vision. The shift from dependence on expensive, dwindling, and carbon-intensive imports to local, carbon-free groundwater replenishment through stormwater capture will accelerate Los Angeles's transition to water security and climate resilience.
- **See MVCC Motion August 2015 Council File 15-0467 (Health of Trees in Los Angeles) Council File 15-0467-S1 (Accommodation of Trees in Sidewalk Repair and Construction)** http://marvista.org/files/150814-Preserving_City_Trees.pdf With regard to sidewalk repairs, we especially support engineering strategies such as enlarging sidewalk cutouts and tree wells, meandering sidewalks that curve around existing trees, sidewalk ramping, underground root guards that deter sidewalk lift, permeable sidewalk materials, reverse parkways, curb bump-outs and the removal of portions of lifted sidewalk to allow for a larger tree well where replacement of concrete is not necessary for access.
- **Information from Christy** re porous asphalt (rather than permeable pavement). Permeable pavement refers to the diamond -patterned brick material that lets grass grow through. Not what I was talking about. Porous asphalt drains so there is no runoff on the property or street. Here is a presentation that shows where it's been done with stats on runoff, etc. <https://www.railstotrains.org/resourcehandler.ashx?id=4476> LA Metro even has a page on it: <https://www.metro.net/interactives/greenplaces/assets/permeable-basement.pdf>

Motion submitted by Robin Doyno re City Council File

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-0447>

Resolution in support of establishing a 2500-foot human health and safety buffer around oil drilling operations in the City of Los Angeles

Whereas Los Angeles is one of the only places in the United States where oil drilling occurs right in the middle of a densely-populated urban metropolis. Over 620,000 Angelenos live within a mile of an active oil well;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles contains over 1,000 active oil wells and 80% are located within 2,500 feet of a sensitive land use, impacting residents, students, and workers;

Whereas neighborhood drilling threatens the health and safety of those living along the fence line of these oil wells;

Whereas oil and gas extraction sites routinely use and emit as byproducts toxic chemicals that are known carcinogens, endocrine disruptors, and are harmful to multiple organ systems. These include but are not limited to formaldehyde, hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid, naphthalene, xylene, benzene and volatile organic compounds;

Whereas the primary health risk factor associated with oil and gas development within urban areas is proximity to active sites, because any toxic emission will be at its highest and most dangerous concentration at the source of pollution;

Whereas the closer you live, work, and play to an active oil well, the more severely your health and safety are threatened. Whereas living next door to neighborhood drilling means chronic headaches and migraines, frequent nosebleeds, exacerbated asthma and other respiratory illness, reproductive harm and an increased risk of cancer;

Whereas the transport, onsite storage and use of toxic and flammable chemicals in industrial facilities in close proximity to homes and other sensitive land uses also raises the risk of catastrophic accidents;

Whereas neighborhood drilling is incompatible with public health and has no place near sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, churches or daycare facilities; and studies show that a buffer of at least 2,500 feet between active oil wells and these sensitive land uses is necessary to protect community health from oil extraction;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles is a leader at the forefront of enacting policies to protect the environment and address global climate change, including the Sustainability City pLAN requiring dramatic reductions in GHG emissions with an 80% GHG reduction target by 2050;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles has a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents and can use its power over land use and oil operations to protect those residents in this instance;

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council hereby supports CF 17-0447 (http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-0447_mot_04-19-2017.pdf) requesting the study and new requirements cited below:

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of City Planning, with the assistance of the City Attorney and the Petroleum Administrator, be instructed to report within 120 days with a comprehensive analysis regarding the

possible implementation of changes to the City's land use codes relative to oil and gas development, including the following proposals:

- New requirements that no oil or gas well, or temporary geological exploratory core holes connected with oil and gas well production, shall be located within a certain setback proximity of residential uses (including mobile homes), child care facilities, public or private schools (preschool through high school), educational institutions, medical clinics, hospital, or similar sensitive uses.
- New requirements that provide for the discontinuance of nonconforming land uses resulting from the new requirements in paragraph (1), including, but not limited to, an amortization period as determined by a study consistent with state and federal law. (2) New requirements that provide relief and an administrative remedy, including minimal extension of the amortization period granted only for the amount of time necessary to comply with state and federal due process and takings law for any oil and gas operators or stakeholder in oil and gas production that are affected by the new requirements in paragraphs (1) and (2). (3)
- I FURTHER MOVE that the Health, Mental Health, and Education Committee with the assistance of the Petroleum Administrator be requested to work with the Los Angeles County Health Department relative to the health effects of oil and gas operations in Los Angeles.

7. Adjourned 10:22 AM

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