



## Mar Vista Community Council



### MINUTES for REMOTE MEETING

#### PLUM COMMITTEE WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

##### PUBLIC WELCOME

*ALL ATTENDEES ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE AND HAVE A VOTE!*

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 6:30pm**

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#### **ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

1. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:35 P.M. BY THE CHAIR.
2. BOARD MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.
3. MEETING PROCEDURES WERE REVIEWED WITH ATTENDEES, WITH ASSISTANCE BY KATHRYN WHEELER, OUTREACH CHAIR.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA: MARY HRUSKA SPOKE ABOUT THE UPCOMING COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ALSO GAVE THE LINKS TO THE DRAFT CONCEPTS COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE.
5. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES WERE WAIVED, MINUTES ARE POSTED ONLINE AND CHANGES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE CHAIR.
6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
  - 6.1 RENTERS COMMITTEE: RENTERS COMMITTEE (T. LAFERRIERE) PROVIDED AN UPDATE ABOUT THEIR FIRST MEETING AND THEY HAVE A MOTION ON TONIGHTS AGENDA FOR THEIR MISSION STATEMENT.
  - 6.2 COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE COMMITTEE: WE ARE HAVING DCP COME TO THE NEXT COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE MEETING AND WE HAVE MOTIONS TONIGHT AND WILL SCHEDULE A SPECIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE OR PLUM MEETING TO DEAL WITH ANY ADDITIONAL MOTIONS COMING FORWARD.
7. REPORT OF CHAIR, UPDATES ON PREVIOUS MATTERS
  - 7.1. 2512 CENTINELA, TOC PROJECT PRESENTED AT PREVIOUS PLUM MEETING WILL BE PRESENTING AGAIN WITH REVISIONS AT OUR SEPTEMBER, 2020 MEETING.

7.2. NEW APPLICATIONS FILED, INCLUDING ON NATIONAL BLVD., (6 STORY IMMEDIATELY EAST OF WHOLE FOODS), AND OVERLAND AVENUE HAD ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT THAT FILED (7 STORIES) ON THE EAST SIDE, THEY WILL BE INVITED TO PLUM.

7.3. PALMS/SEPULVEDA, 3443 SEPULVEDA WORKING WITH COUNCILMEMBER KORETZ'S OFFICE; WVHA VOTED TO SUPPORT ADAPTIVE REUSE ON THE SITE.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE: RENTERS COMMITTEE] DISCUSSION AND MOTION TO APPROVE RENTERS COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT. MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENTERS COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT MADE BY TYLER LAFERRIERE, SECONDED BY CHRISTINE STEMAR. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION TO PROCEED TO BOD.

MOTION: "THE MISSION OF THE RENTERS' SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S PLUM COMMITTEE IS TO PROMOTE ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS OF MAR VISTA WHO ARE RENTERS, AND TO MAXIMIZE THEIR REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL. THIS SUBCOMMITTEE WORKS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION THROUGH RENTERS' INPUT, PARTICIPATION AND EDUCATION."

8.2. [POLICY: COMMUNITY PLAN] DISCUSSION AND MOTION CONCERNING OBJECTIVE LAND USE STANDARDS FOR CARBON REDUCTION AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT TO BE APPLIED PER SQUARE FOOT OF PARCEL IN EACH ZONE IN THE MAR VISTA PLANNING AREA. MOTION WAS MADE BY MARY HRUSKA, SECONDED BY KEN ALPERN, MOTION PASSES BY A VOTE OF 14/0/2. MOTION TO PROCEED TO BOD.

MOTION ATTACHED.

8.3. [POLICY: COMMUNITY PLAN] DISCUSSION AND MOTION OF OBJECTION TO THE UP ZONING OF SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PARCELS IN THE MAR VISTA PLANNING AREA (ALL ZONES ARE INCLUDED) AS PRESENTED AT THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE JULY 2020 DRAFT CONCEPTS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP (FEEDBACK DUE AUGUST 31, 2020). LENGTHY DISCUSSION, MOTION MADE BY MARY HRUSKA, SECONDED BY CHRISTINE STEMAR. MOTION PASSES 13/0/3. MOTION ATTACHED.

8.4. [POLICY: COMMUNITY PLAN] DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION CONCERNING A PROPOSAL, AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE, FOR LA CITY TO PURCHASE 1/2 PARCEL OF THE CLOVER AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SOUTHERN OPEN SPACE) TO CREATE OPEN SPACE AND A PARK FOR THE COMMUNITY OF WESTSIDE VILLAGE TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF ANY OPEN SPACE IN ZONE 1; DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE

MOTION CONCERNING A PROPOSAL, AS PART OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE, FOR LA CITY TO PURCHASE 1/2 OF THE SOUTHERN PARCEL OF PALMS JR. HIGH SCHOOL (OPEN SPACE) TO CREATE OPEN SPACE AND A PARK FOR THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF WESTSIDE VILLAGE TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF ANY OPEN SPACE IN ZONE 1; MOTION TO BE DIRECTED TO DCP AND COUNCILMEMBER KORETZ FOR FORWARDING TO THE LAUSD SCHOOL BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. LENGTHY DISCUSSION, NO MOTION MADE, THE ZONE 1 AREA WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON A PROPOSAL WITH COUNCILMEMBER KORETZ'S STAFF SINCE THE PROPOSAL MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE LAUSD BOARD.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 2 DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE ON THE NEXT AGENDA, ONE IS A "REVIST" OF AN OPPOSITION TO A DEVELOPMENT.
10. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:25 P.M.

## 8.2

### **Objective Land Use Standards for Urban Heat Island Effect Reduction/Carbon Reduction/Stormwater Management**

- 1) **Whereas**, the Mayor Issued the first Sustainable City pLAn in 2015
- 2) **Whereas**, the City of Los Angeles announced an expanded vision of the plan as L.A.'s Green New Deal in 2019
- 3) **Whereas**, a 2019 study by Crowther Lab (Switzerland) reports that global tree restoration is the most effective climate change solution to date.
- 4) **Whereas**, California is the 12th largest emitter of carbon in the world, among all states and nations
- 5) **Whereas**, the state has enacted a body of legislation [Executive Order S-3-05 (2005), AB32 (2006) and SB32 (2016)] designed to reduce its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and these mandated specific GHG sources for reductions, GHG reductions can also be achieved via non-mandated algorithms.
- 6) **Whereas**, the California Climate Action Registry has established the Urban Forest Protocol (2008, revised 2019), which permits municipalities to offset carbon dioxide emissions by participating in forestry projects in which tree planting beyond normal replacements is planned and undertaken for the purpose of sequestering carbon dioxide.
- 7) **Whereas**, the Federal Clean Water Act and the Dept of Water and Power Water Quality Compliance Master Plan (which includes Land Use via Community Plan Updates) mandate stormwater mitigation by municipalities.
- 8) **Whereas**, trees sequester carbon dioxide directly via photosynthesis
- 9) **Whereas**, trees reduce carbon emissions indirectly via reduction in energy consumption resulting from their reduction of the Urban Heat Island Effect via shading (per L.A.M.C. 12.42.A)
- 10) **Whereas**, reforestation (via planting trees in the ground as opposed to in pots) also increases the carbon sequestering ability of soil, which is considered permanent sequestration
- 11) **Whereas**, trees filter stormwater, thereby reducing the discharge of pollutants into US waters (per L.A.M.C. 12.42.c)

12) **Whereas**, a 2017 study by the USC Spatial Sciences institute, reported Urban Green Cover in the County of Los Angeles decreased between 14 and 55% from 2000 to 2009 and In CD11 it has decreased between 19 and 25%, all of which is attributed, in the study, directly to a corresponding increase in hardscape.

13) **Whereas**, 90% of the Urban Canopy in the City of Los Angeles is on private land

**Therefore:**

The Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Dept Of City Planning, in its update of the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan, in conjunction with Climate Action Reserve, the Dept of Water and Power and local academic institutions, create objective standards for Urban Heat Island Reduction, for Carbon Reduction and Stormwater Mitigation for each zone definition\*within the Mar Vista Boundaries. These would parallel those in the Climate Action Reserve’s Urban Forest Management Project Protocol, and would mandate set requirements, per square foot (or acre) of lot, for urban heat island effect reduction carbon reduction and stormwater mitigation through increasing the urban canopy for each project submitted on said lots to be effective after approval of the updated Community Plan.

Funding for such a project would be allocated from the City of Los Angeles’ Green New Deal/Sustainable City pLAN and One Water LA 2040 Plan budgets

\*Current L.A.M.C Sections:

- 12.04.05 through 12.16
- 12.17.5
- 12.18
- 12.20
- 12.17.1
- 12.17.6
- 12.19

**8.3**

**[POLICY][COMMUNITY PLAN]** Motion in objection to upzoning of Single-Family Parcels in Mar Vista as presented in Los Angeles City Planning’s July 2020 Draft Concepts Virtual Workshop.

**The motion:**

**Whereas**, a diverse group of Mar Vista stakeholders, representing renters, owners, and workers across many socioeconomic, racial/ethnic, and age groups, have reviewed the presentations of proposed zoning in the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Draft Concepts presented in July 2020 by Los Angeles City Planning (DCP) and provided input to the Mar Vista Community Council’s Community Plan Subcommittee, and

**Whereas**, the proposals presented, in many areas, up-zone single-family home parcels to duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and denser multifamily housing, and

**Whereas**, duplexes would additionally each be permitted 1-2 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), effectively allowing 4 housing units on those parcels, and

**Whereas**, the Draft Concepts do not present any zoning definition for “single-family home”, “major corridor”, and “transit corridor”, and

**Whereas**, DCP had previously indicated to the community that density would be located along major corridors, and many of the upzoned parcels do not fall within that category, and

**Whereas**, the MVCC Community Plan Subcommittee has submitted to DCP currently calculated Dwelling Unit Capacity for Mar Vista which establishes that existing zoning in Mar Vista can accommodate and exceed projected housing needs (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ISvotqInd-YFGiLZZWiJdXfUIVRNus9m/view>), and

**Whereas**, merely increasing total housing supply in areas of high demand does not and cannot reduce the cost of housing or provide housing equitably in areas of high demand as demonstrated in a 2017 report by UCLA Anderson School of Management economist Jerry Nickelsburg ([https://drive.google.com/file/d/18p\\_xDOAxp7-Kdr-GHqjw8Z7LBRtshTze/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/18p_xDOAxp7-Kdr-GHqjw8Z7LBRtshTze/view)) and presented by economic geographer, Michael Storper, Director of Global Public Affairs at UCLA’s Luskin School of Public Affairs (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZfQF0hXTSRZfoGisLwsQpAU6ICxo0Gg-/view>), and

**Whereas**, by its own Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) reports, DCP confirms that current housing algorithms (including but not limited to SB 1818, Measure JJJ, and the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance) have failed to produce the requisite amount of affordable housing ([https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_K6H99HEq-9ZYn2u7Oqf3rlvrkA6ll1q/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_K6H99HEq-9ZYn2u7Oqf3rlvrkA6ll1q/view)), and

**Whereas**, preserving older single-family homes and apartment buildings not only provides options for aging in place but also starter homes for young families,

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council requests that Los Angeles City Planning remove the proposed increased density from single-family parcels in the attached document and work with the Mar Vista community through the MVCC to preserve existing affordable housing, including existing single-family homes

and older apartment buildings, and explore novel ideas for providing future housing for all Mar Vista residents. These can include, but are not limited to, Targeted Affordable Housing, increasing required affordable percentages in Transit Oriented Community projects receiving density bonuses as well as the promotion of tiny, manufactured, and modular homes.

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