



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Aging in Place Committee

Thursday, September 18th, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Venice Grind

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Called to order at 6:05 pm.

2. Public comment

-None

3. Motion to approve August minutes

Motion to approve made by Sharon Commins and 2nd by Lori Gilder. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Bill Duckett and Tatjana Luethi facilitate collaboration on committee mission statement.

The Mar Vista Community Council Aging in Place Ad Hoc Committee aims to provide an empowering voice and a network of resources to our diverse community of Seniors.

Motion by Sharon Commins and 2nd by Janice Woods. Motion carries unanimously

5. Proposed motion to support Alternative 2 of joint policy motion of PLUM and T&I Committees on Community Impact Statement to include consideration for aging in place.

Community Impact Statement/POLICY MOTION--Sidewalk Repair/Funding Motion (Alternative 1):

The Mar Vista Community Council supports a plan for repairing our damaged sidewalks that is coupled with prioritization of the greatest threats to public safety and with any indicated tree replacement.

The City will perform this plan to pursue the most cost-effective plan to finance the repair, and will explore issuing of bonds over new taxes, developing incentivized/voluntary property owner participation plans, hiring City-approved independent contractors, and utilizing TIMP funds. The City will assess and prioritize the most urgent sidewalk repairs by establishing a well-funded, independent Oversight Committee to ensure transparency and cost-effectiveness throughout the process.

Community Impact Statement/POLICY MOTION--Sidewalk Repair/Funding Motion (Alternative 2):

The Mar Vista Community Council supports a plan for repairing damaged sidewalks with prioritization of the greatest threats to public safety, retention of mature trees and tree replacement using native trees.

The City will pursue a cost-effective plan to finance the repair, and explore issuing of bonds over new taxes, developing incentivized/voluntary property owner participation plans and developing subsidies for fixed income and low income residents. Independent contractors will be city-approved utilizing TIMP funds.

The City will assess and prioritize the most urgent sidewalk repairs by establishing a well-funded, independent Oversight Committee to ensure transparency and cost-effectiveness throughout the process.

Discussion around why our committee would offer a competing motion. Instead Bill Duckett will offer amendments to the PLUM motion that would include advocacy for seniors.

Motion to table by Lori Gilder and 2nd by Sharon Commins. Motion carries unanimously.

6. Proposed motion asking Mayor Eric Garcetti to sign the Milken Institute Best Cities for Successful Aging Pledge.

POLICY MOTION: Whereas the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies with support from AARP just released a study on Housing America's Older Adults showing that:

- By 2030 the number of adults aged 65 to 74 will nearly double from 21.7 million in 2010 to 38.6 million
- The typical homeowner over 65 can only afford in-home assistance for about 9 years – or 6.5 years in an assisted living residence. For renters it is much worse.
- In 2010, there were more than 7 potential caregivers for every person in the high-risk years of 80-plus. By 2030, the projected ratio will fall to 4 people for every person 80-plus. By 2050, it is expected to further fall to less than 3 to 1.

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council urges Mayor Garcetti to sign the [Milken Institute Best Cities for Successful Aging Pledge](#) and make the issue of aging in place a focal point of his administration.

Best Cities for Successful Aging Pledge

I, Mayor Eric Garcetti, pledge to make Los Angeles a city for successful aging:

To make our city work for older adults, I will take steps to:

- *Ensure that the well-being of our aging population is addressed by each department, agency and division in our city government.*
- *Make our city safe, affordable and comfortable for our older residents.*
- *Provide older adults access to resources promoting health and wellness.*
- *Support employment, entrepreneurship, education and other services to make our older residents more financially secure.*
- *Offer housing options that suit the varied needs of our older population.*
- *Improve access to transportation and mobility options for our older adults.*

To provide opportunities for older adults to work for our city, I will:

- *Promote the engagement of older residents in volunteer and paid roles that serve the needs of our city and its residents.*
- *Call upon higher education and workforce development programs to help older adults refresh their skills, train, and transition to a new stage of work focused on strengthening our city.*
- *Recognize older residents as an asset for our city and celebrate their contributions to improving lives for all generations.*

Signature:

Name:

Date:

-Sharon: would feel better if stats were LA specific but it's a perfectly good pledge

-Janice: agrees

Motion made by Tom Ponton and 2nd by Lori Gilder. Motion carries unanimously.

5. Update on Mar Vista Fall Festival participation

-Not much change...almost out of booths.

6. Discussion of possible next steps

-Janice: asked if anyone would like to go to Senior Complex to interview people to assess needs. Likes the idea of field trips to gather general information from different groups of seniors.

7. Public comment

-None

8. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Tom Ponton and 2nd by Lori Gilder. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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