



# Mar Vista Community Council



## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.  
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium  
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

### MINUTES

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)

Meeting called to order at 7:04. P.M.

Quorum present: Rob Kadota, Robin Doyno, Holly Tilson, Melissa Stoller, Paola Cervantes, Susan Klos, Greg Tedesco, Ken Alpern, Michelle Krupkin, Damien Newton, Elliot Hanna, Chuck Ray

2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)

3. **Approval of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker).

Motion to approve by Melissa Stoller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Holly Tilson. Motion carried: 9 ayes, nays, 2 absent (Ken Alpern and Michelle Krupkin).

4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 minute each, 30 minutes total, unless waived by the Chair)

Lee Sugich: Traffic access control arrows are needed on McLaughlin: Left turn lane eastbound onto Palms. Can't get out of driveway.

Jay Handel, Budget Advocate: Budget Advocate's Theme is Take our City Back. Budget Advocates will start monitoring city services. WLA is new home of county sobering center. Construction was started on Santa Monica Blvd. in old Ethan Allen building; city kept it secret. Lease is now terminated.

Carol Hyle: Did MVCC get promised data? Wants to know how much mailers about Great Street cost. Wants full audit and budget of how much road diet has cost.

Selena Inouye: Point person was supposed to be giving report. Why isn't it on today's agenda? Didn't get the asked for documents from Bonin's office or DOT. Parliamentary procedure: no prohibition against identically worded motion back to agenda.

Pat Smith: Where is 90-day report?

Joe Santana: ADA violation on Venice. Difficulty unloading wheelchair-bound mother on reconfigured Venice Blvd.. Consider elderly and do something about it,

Sam Woolsey: Members of board are actively working for/against issues in Social Media.

Jason Finis: Can bring similarly worded motions to board again.

Sharon Odere: Why was Bonin sending volunteers out to people's homes and then not talking to them? Why is MVCC not representing us?

Dimitrius Mavromichalis: I brought neighbors together to bring good things to neighborhood. I will expose everyone whose going against the neighborhood.

Anan Deborwatchi: What's happened with road diet will eventually lead to amazing neighborhood.

Christian?: Why is nothing ever said about Garcetti's pre-inauguration press release? No mention of road diet

Ken Marek: Article II of bylaws: purpose, is to advocate. Two online polls asking if want to keep lanes or remove them; 89% want reversal. 82% of businesses are for restoring lanes.

Rich Hirschkoff. Left turn arrow is in works for Sawtelle & Palms; privately funded.

5. **Community Memorial Observations**

6. **Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 1 min. each unless waived by the Chair)

a. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Director [Caroline.Lammers@lacity.org](mailto:Caroline.Lammers@lacity.org)

- b. [CD 5](#) – Councilmember Paul Koretz, rep by [joseph.galloway@lacity.org](mailto:joseph.galloway@lacity.org)
  - c. [CD 11](#) – Councilmember Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy [Len.Nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:Len.Nguyen@lacity.org)
  - d. [LA City Board of Public Works](#) - Liaison to CD 2, 5, 11, Commissioner [joel.jacinto@lacity.org](mailto:joel.jacinto@lacity.org)
  - e. [Mayor of Los Angeles](#) – Eric Garcetti, rep. by [Daniel.tamm@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.tamm@lacity.org)
  - f. [2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. L. A. County Board of Supervisors](#) - Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by [Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov)
  - g. [CA Assembly 54](#) - Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Brian Ross Adams [Brian.adams@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Brian.adams@asm.ca.gov)
  - h. [CA Assembly 62](#) - Assembly Member Autumn Burke, rep by District Director [Robert.Pullen-Miles@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Robert.Pullen-Miles@asm.ca.gov)
  - i. [US 33](#)– Ted Lieu, rep. by [joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov](mailto:joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov)
  - j. [US 37](#) - Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian [maral@mail.house.gov](mailto:maral@mail.house.gov)
  - k. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), rep by [jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)
7. **Liaison Reports** (Public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
- a. [Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee](#): Linda Guagliano [lindaguag@netzero.net](mailto:lindaguag@netzero.net)
  - b. [DWP MOU](#): Chuck Ray
  - c. [LANCC](#): Chuck Ray  
 Jill Stewart, Coalition to Protect LA: Planning Dept is staffed by inexperienced people. Councilmember David Ryu is now chair of Health, Education & Neighborhood Councils Committee: concerned that BONC is not doing its job, wants mayor to appoint better people; DONE is service group, should not be policy group.
  - d. [One Water LA](#): Christopher McKinnon
  - e. [WRAC](#): Rob Kadota
  - f. WRAC LUPC: Sharon Commins
  - g. [City Budget Advocates](#): Holly Tilson
  - h. [Recode LA](#): Sharon Commins
  - i. [Animal Services](#): Tom Ponton  
 Strut your Mutt, charity dog walk is October 21 at Exposition Park. Money goes to save pets in pounds. Sign up at <https://www.facebook.com/MarVistaMutts/>.
  - j. [Friends of Historic FS 62](#): Albert Olson  
 Making slow progress, working with city attorneys to move forward. Will need to raise \$2M to refurbish and furnish,
  - k. Mar Vista Celebrates 90: Open  
 November 12 at Mar Vista Farmers’ Market. Soliciting Mar Vista musicians & entertainers. Will have stage for sharing stories about past.
  - l. [Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce](#): Sarah Auerswald
8. **Officer Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
- a. Acting Chair – Rob Kadota
    - i. Announcement of board vacancy  
 At-large Director position open, soliciting application. Applications due November 7.  
 Went to EngageLA program on homelessness at mayor’s residence. Money is there.  
 Will fill open officer positions at November meeting.  
 New bylaws shift us to Rosenberg’s Rules.
  - b. First Vice Chair – open
  - c. Second Vice Chair – Paola Cervantes
  - d. Secretary – Melissa Stoller

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Jasmine Elbarbary: If no room, can just write on agenda "remainder will be available at the meeting."

Our standing rules require the taking and posting of meeting minutes. There are a lot missing

e. Treasurer – Holly Tilson

i. Report on current financial status

About \$10,000 not yet committed. There's still extra money need to think about spending.

ii. **APPROVAL** of September Monthly Expense Report (MER)

(<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/NCFundPortal/display.cfm?id=164&type=5>)

Motion to approve by Michelle Krupkin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Klos. Motion carried: unanimously.

9. **Committee Reports:** (may include motions to refer committee where desirable; public comment permitted)

a. **Elections and By-laws Committee** - Rob Kadota, Chair; Holly Tilson, Vice-chair

b. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald, Chair

Rob will chair on interim basis.

d. **Committee on Public Safety** – Bill Koontz, Chair; Elliot Hanna, Vice-chair

d. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-chairs

e. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** – Damien Newton, Chair; Michael Millman & Latrice Williams, Vice-chairs

Trying to see what to do about Measure JJJ which grants some flexibility. Reaching out to other NCs.

Development planned for NE corner of National & Barrington. By-right development, 4 stories, 44 units.

Trying to get developer to PLUM.

Moving PLUM meetings to 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month.

f. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern, Chair; Michelle Krupkin, Vice-chair

Normal meeting time will be 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at Windward. Next meeting Nov. 1.

g. **Bike Mar Vista** - Mitchell Rishe, Chair

At Farmers' Market last Sunday with bike repair stand. Oct. 22 will show mix of bicycles for people to try.

h. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** –Robin Doyno & Paola Cervantes, Co- chairs; Lenore French, Vice-chairs

i. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin & Greg Tedesco, Co-chairs

Meeting November, 11 at 6:30 p.m. in library. Will go in to more detail about MicroTransit project and report on Great Streets.

j. **Airport Committee** – Holly Tilson & Martin Rubin, Co-chairs

Karen Bass sent letters asking FAA to follow their rules regarding altitude; 60% are going below. Santa Monica Airport about to begin shortening runway; injunction against should be resolved in next few weeks.

k. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-chairs

Green Garden Showcase event paperwork was submitted to DONE.

l. **Homeless Solutions Ad Hoc Committee** – Robin Doyno & Susan Klos, Co-chairs, Joe Cuanan, Vice-chair

m. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-chairs

n. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-chairs

10. **Zone Director Reports** – (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)

a. Zone 1 – Ken Alpern

Earthquake Preparedness Fair in one week. Valerie Fountaine runs it.

b. Zone 2 – Damien Newton

Back to school day was big success. 400 students participated in bike rodeo.

St. Andrews Church will have table set up in parking lot to collect home-grown fresh fruits every Sunday; produce will go to Grace Church. Planning Veterans Green Project – electronics recycling.

c. Zone 3 – Melissa Stoller

d. Zone 4 – Greg Tedesco

Will help anyone interested in putting together earthquake kit.

e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin

Construction on Inglewood near Washington Blvd. Complaints about new lane configuration .

f. Zone 6 – Holly Tilson

Stakeholders want lane restored.

11. **Old Business** - Action items, which may include motions to refer items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; Public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker unless waived by the Chair). Items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment.

Motion to move 11.b forward. Motion carried: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Holly Tilson).

- a. **Policy Motion:** Venice Blvd Great Street Lane Restoration #1 (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

*NOTE: This motion was sent back to T&I at the September 12, 2017 BOD.*

The Mar Vista Community Council asks that Councilmember Mike Bonin immediately reverse the lane reductions on Venice Blvd. and implement other strategies to improve the safety, efficiency, and accessibility of our roads for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. As representatives of your constituents and your elected advisory body, we believe strongly that this is the only remedy that addresses the constant, voluminous, community outcry on this issue.

Public Comment

Martin Rubin: Deep disappointment in how MVCC has been operating.

Chris Servo: 11.b was bait & switch. Maybe someday you will support the community.

Jason: This was snuck in. Need to go back to drawing board.

Mary Hruska: There are other options. This version is not only choice. Need to reverse

Selena Inouye: Boggles my mind that you can't hear what community says. The minute we can vote you out of office we will.

Richard McMillan: This is worse I've ever seen MVCC behave.

?: Other Communities are watching, viewing Mar Vista as community to drive around, not true.

Susan Hirschhoff: Next time, can bring 50 people who support pilot.

?: Many are unhappy. It's really frustrating not to be heard. Many on board won't even listen.

?: Very frustrating; very one-sided on board. Lets those for the streets talk as long as they want and shuts us up.

Roy Persinko: In case this is voted down, want to make sure we can do again next month. Ridiculous. Voted on this already. Why are we here?

Ken Marek: Have to vote for this one now that other one's been modified.

Richard Hirschhoff: 41,500 residents of Mar Vista. Bylaws need to be changed eliminated declared stakeholders.

Ana: Great Streets intends to slow traffic and unite community along commercial corridor. Public engagement is the answer.

Eric Sharlow: Keep lanes the way they are, with less lights and crosswalks

Lisa Zulo: As Civics teacher, doesn't know what to tell students. Not listening to constituents.

Dimitrius: Not working for fire department, transponders not working. Reverse and come up with solution that works for everyone

Anthony: Homeowner on Wade. Feels MVCC is listening to community. Appreciates.

Motion to approve by Ken Alpern, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krupkin.

#### Board Discussion

Chuck Ray: Bylaws say must be clear consensus of community. We haven't done that.

Elliot Hanna: In committee, voted against. There's division within community, but not 50/50. Need scientific survey.

Robin Doyno: Has been listening. Forum is essential part.

Holly Tilson: All for community offering suggestions, but have paid DOT to do this. This is Mike's road he needs to fix it.

Michelle Krupkin: Safety is most important thing, There is no ADA person from city involved in design.

Ken Alpern: Had options for Scattergood. Is safety concern. Why is this being forced without a variety of options?

Damien Newton: Grant 5 years ago was from someone not then part of Vision Zero.

Motion not carried: 4 ayes, 5 nays, 1 abstention (Damien Newton), 1 absent (Susan Klos).

- b. **Policy Motion:** Venice Blvd Great Street Lane Restoration #2 (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

*NOTE: This motion, initially submitted by a director, was sent to T&I at the September 12, 2017 BOD. Changes from the original are in red.*

WHEREAS, "Vision Zero" and the "Great Streets" pilot programs were recently implemented on both the east-bound and west-bound sides of Venice Blvd. between Beethoven Avenue and Inglewood Blvd., and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports the stated goals of reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries throughout the City of Los Angeles, and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports making the stretch of Venice Blvd. between Beethoven Avenue and Inglewood Blvd. a "Great Street" with well-maintained medians and parkways, thriving businesses, and friendly to bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, the aging population, and the disabled, and

WHEREAS, the Venice Blvd. lane reductions have caused significant daily increases in traffic, increased commuter traffic on surrounding residential streets, increased average commuting times, and increased pollution from idling vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the lane-reduction on Venice Blvd, has caused significant tension within the community, and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2017, Councilmember Mike Bonin named a 20-member community panel - comprised of a broad range of Playa Del Rey stakeholders with differing views and perspectives - to "analyze data, community feedback and available financial resources to make short-term and long-term recommendations to reduce speeding and improve safety on Playa del Rey streets."

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council moves (1) to advise the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Council District 11 to *immediately* reverse the lane reduction component on Venice Boulevard and restore the six-lane configuration, and (2) to urge the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation to study, and present to the community, alternate implementations on Venice Blvd., that will achieve the programs' goals of reducing speed and thus injuries and deaths without adverse impact to the community and surrounding neighbors and to provide a monthly update of changes made and data collected, and (3) to urge Councilmember Bonin - as a vital part of this study - to appoint a community panel *whose membership is selected by the MVCC Board of Directors*, similar to the one appointed for the projects in Playa Del Rey, to commission a scientific survey, to conduct focus groups comprised of ~~random~~ *representative* stakeholders from all sides of the issue in the proper proportion, and to study and make recommendations regarding changes to Venice Blvd.

## Public Comment

Martin Rubin: MVCC should get back on track representing the community.

Selena Inouye: Concerned about conflict of interest. Damien's company received grant from organization that supports Vision Zero, Greg received grant for pop-up bike lane. Rob: are you paid by bicycle coalition?

Anthony Dukes: MV resident. Council members just need to decide whether want to collect more data to make informed decision, not whether this is good or bad project. Encourages collection of more data.

Jeff Khourk: Board should keep in mind that they were elected to represent people of Mar Vista to City Council, not other way around. Nothing wrong with admitting it was wrong and change position

Carol: Can no longer drive due to health reasons. Has been hit while on bike on Venice. Give project more time.

Lee: Sugich: Not many bikes. Ridiculous to lose a lane for so few bikes.

Mary Rose Patejar: Lives on Palms; 16% increase in traffic. At restaurant on Venice, valet couldn't get out of car because of traffic.

Gina Sommo: Concerned with 1<sup>st</sup> responders sitting in traffic. Cut-thru traffic getting worse.

David Frank: For Great Streets - great improvement, has brought a lot of like to Mar Vista. Owns two businesses

Tamara Kaiser: Not in favor of lane reduction. Urges that regular people be on the committee, transparency in process.

Sheri Odere: Supports restoring Venice Blvd because of cut-thru traffic. Fire trucks now running through area. Created mess on Venice Blvd and now it's in the neighborhood.

Lisa Zullo: In favor of restoring lane. Come together as community and come up with alternative ways to make safe for everyone.

Sherri Akers: Went through emails received while she was on board that support continuing the pilot project; 90 letters excluding form letters and those from non-stakeholders. Board unanimously supported Vision Zero in March.

Joan Ling: MV homeowner. Supports continuing 1-year pilot. Feels much safer walking down Venice Blvd. Takes about 1 minute longer to drive during rush hour.

Kerry Cowden: Supports restoring. No longer goes to businesses. Not many bikers

Sam Woolsey: In favor of motion 11.b, taking more community involvement,

Richard McMillan: Have never seen an issue that has divided Mar Vista like this. Are board members here to support their wishes, or those of majority of community.

Pat Smith: Opened up cell phone cuz of sitting in traffic.

Demetrios:Mavromichalis Will soon lose 5 more parking spaces, business being negatively impacted.

Steve Loiaicano: Restore lanes. Has seen cyclists avoid bike lane because too many people are getting in & out of cars.

Jason Fineis: Has documented 27 accidents on Venice, 5 last week. It's not safe for motorists, cyclists or pedestrians. Increased traffic on residential streets.

?: Cut-thru traffic terrible. No one told us about Great Streets. Restore lanes.

Josh Hamilton: Lives nearby in Palms. Was hit by opening car door (not on Great Street); broke wrist. Feels much safer in protected bike lane. Supports.

Sarah Furlong: MV homeowner. Cut-thru traffic getting really bad. LADOT needs to go street by street and put in stop signs, paint crosswalk lines. People using Waze don't know where they're going.

Nannette Pastor: Would like lanes restored. Need enforcement, streets are under policed. Sees violation on Great Street daily.

Michael Dworsky: Fan of Great Street improvements. There are lots of antidotes & opinions on both sides. LADOT is collecting the only systematically collected before & after data.

Mary Hruska: MV Resident. There are flaws in implementation, metrics and safety. Residents want to choose their own traffic mitigation, not have plan imposed by City Hall.

Tom Ponton: Thanks the board for putting up with this. Traffic for past 40 years has been getting worse and worse and worse. Need to give pilot project a little time, analyze data.

Glen Hruska: Was impressed with LADOT data, but no data was collected on gridlocked North-South streets.

Ron Kato: Supports Great Streets. Grew up in area. Traffic's been increasing over decades. Need to look at slowing things down, bringing safety. Continue and see result at end of pilot.

Sean Collins: Not enough study before implementation, There are visibility issues and cut-thru traffic. LADOT is not measuring traffic on his parallel street.

Ken Marek: Thanks Elliot for bringing forward a compromise motion. It's not safe for cyclists.

Gordon Gardner: Supports restoring lanes. Is cutting-thru mostly so won't hit a bicyclist – blind corners. Lives off of Grandview.

Charyl Danberg: Against motion. We need to slow down traffic in city. This is experiment that needs to be continued to collect more information and think about challenges in front of us. Lack of North-South arteries that bicyclists can use limits bike traffic on Venice.

Chris Cerbo: Supports restoring lanes. There are new circumstances. Venice Blvd. is evacuation route. There's gridlock. L Now need to load cars next to traffic.

Gayle Woods: Venice needs to work for the community. LADOT & Vision Zero are sponsored by City. We're not. Something's wrong

Joseph Treves: Supports continuing pilot. There's more development, more traffic. We must adapt and so must city – address immediate & long-term issues.

Laura Smith: MV resident. Supports restoring lanes. Lane reduction rolled out in misleading and devious way. More air pollution. Emergency vehicles stuck in traffic.

Alexis Edelstein: With Recall Bonin; join at recallbonin.com. Bonin only cares about advancing his own career.

Erik Charlot: MV resident. His commute to Manhattan Beach increased by 8 minutes. Feels much safer when biking– fewer dangers to worry about. More people taking bike lanes than before.

Maria Carvelli: Rides bike down Venice to beach. Thinks configuration is dangerous.

Anna Martin: Venice Blvd business owner. Business has increased. Loves the change. Lots of kids live along Venice Blvd. and need safety. If restore lane will be kowtowing to the bullies.

Christine Halberd: Resistance to change is alarming. LADOT is working to plan for future. Hearing a tremendous amount of entitlement in this room. Children live on Venice also. Hopes we look further than ourselves and city of the future.

Dick Kenna: Rides bike to work. Need to consider most vulnerable (less experienced) populations that now say they can get out and bike.

Rich Hirschhoff: Has watched neighborhood become more crowded over last 60 years. Making streets narrower is giving vision of what future will look like.

Carolyn: Wants lanes restored. Are you listening? Wants to know that we're not wasting our time.

Motion to approve by Elliot Hanna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alpern.

#### Board Discussion

Elliot Hanna: Initially wrote this motion; it was amended at Transportation & Infrastructure Committee meeting. Motion is about restoring community. Wants scientific data. Need professionally facilitated focus groups.

Ken Alpern: Data and data givers are not transparent or trustworthy. LADOT data is flawed, partial & non-transparent. Hasn't considered emergency vehicles. Impacts Venice bus, Micro Transit project. Must go back to Great Street project as originally presented.

Damien Newton: Surprised when people say they didn't know there would be lane reduction. Since July motion, felt MVCC should be working on collecting data but it keeps being sidelined. Would support the friendly amendment.

Motion to amend by Melissa Stoller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paola Cervantes.

Motion as amended:

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WHEREAS, the lane-reduction and creation of a protected bike lane on Venice Blvd, has caused significant tension and division within the community, and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2017, Councilmember Mike Bonin named a 20-member community panel - comprised of a broad range of Playa Del Rey stakeholders with differing views and perspectives - to "analyze data, community feedback and available financial resources to make short-term and long-term recommendations to reduce speeding and improve safety on Playa del Rey streets."

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council moves

- (1) To urge the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation to study, and present to the community, alternate implementations on Venice Blvd., that will achieve the programs' goals of reducing speed and thus injuries and deaths and contribute to the goals of Venice Great Street, while minimalizing adverse impact to the community and surrounding neighbors, and to provide a monthly update of changes made and data collected, and
- (2) To urge Councilmember Bonin – as a vital part of this study - to appoint a community panel whose membership is selected by the MVCC Board of Directors, similar to the one appointed for the projects in Playa Del Rey and provide a professional facilitator, and
- (3) To task the community panel to act with due diligence to study and make recommendations regarding changes to Venice Blvd. by assessing and analyzing collected data, holding an informational meeting to obtain an overview of results in other communities, conducting focus groups comprised of a broad range of Mar Vista stakeholders with differing views and perspectives.

Motion by Elliot Hanna to amend amended motion as follows:

- (3) ~~To task the community panel to act with due diligence to study and make recommendations regarding changes to Venice Blvd. by assessing and analyzing collected data, holding an informational meeting to obtain an overview of results in other communities, conducting focus groups comprised of a broad range of Mar Vista stakeholders with differing views and perspectives.~~ To urge Councilmember Bonin – as a vital part of this study - to appoint a community panel whose membership is selected by the MVCC Board of Directors, similar to the one appointed for the projects in Playa Del Rey, to commission a scientific survey, to conduct focus groups comprised of representative stakeholders from all sides of the issue in the proper proportion, and to study and make recommendations regarding changes to Venice Blvd.

Discussion of Elliot's motion:

Elliot Hanna: The key thing for him is a scientific study.

Robin Doyno: Prefers Melissa's version.

Melissa Stoller: Left out "scientific survey" because I wasn't clear what that meant. Doesn't want people with hardened opinions– would set panel up for failure. Panel members can be for or against the lane reduction; it doesn't matter so long as they have an open mind.

Damien Newton: Why was Playa Vista panel set up?

Michelle Krupkin: Make-it Mar Vista called it pop-up bike lane; it didn't take away lane of traffic.

Amendment of amended motion (Elliot's motion) not carried: 4 ayes, 6 nays.

Discussion of amended motion (Melissa's amendment):

Rob Kadota: Purpose of MVCC as stated in bylaws.:

The mission of the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) is to provide a forum for discussion of issues that affect the quality of life of MVCC Stakeholders, and to facilitate stakeholder communication and serve as the advocate for the MVCC area with officials of the City of Los Angeles and other governmental and non-governmental entities.

We have not had broad community collaboration and communication, haven't invited experts to make presentations. Have failed to provide adequate opportunities to discuss what we like and dislike.

Holly Tilson: Haven't had proper stakeholder input. Mike Bonin should have done this before lane was removed. Only fair way is to return 3<sup>rd</sup> lane and start from scratch. Road will be redone since dedicated bus lanes are in pipeline. Must be better ways to set street up than what LADOT did.

Michelle Krupkin: In 2008 there was a plan worked on for years by MVCC and other community members—[Greening the Boulevard](#)—that kept 3 lanes and a protected bike lane. Money was budgeted for it during Councilman Rosendahl's term. After Councilman Bonin was elected, the "Greening the Boulevard" Plan seemed to vanish along with the money allocated which also included the Venice Blvd. median "Welcome to Mar Vista" signage.

Chuck Ray: This isn't first time Mar Vista has had a contentious issue; previously, our councilman got involved. Missing involvement by Council office. We should direct Councilman to get involved. Normal functioning of community council has been cut-off.

Paola Cervantes: Amended motion gives community ability to put panel together and have deeper conversation. Could find some middle ground.

Greg Tedesco: Supports the amendment. Was involved in the pop-up. He didn't receive a grant (grant went to Chamber), did volunteer work for free. Is sympathetic about traffic. Wants pilot project to succeed, wants to get data.

Ken Alpern: Is unfriendly amendment. Reverses the original motion. We were promised an inclusive process. We were promised data, aren't being given data.

Holly Tilson: Didn't know about lane reduction ahead of time. No pre-data on side streets. City snuck this in.

Elliot Hanna: Thought this amendment was step in right direction. Removing scientific survey is deal-breaker.

Motion to accept amendment carried: 6 ayes, 4 nays, 1 abstention (Damien Newton).

Motion to approve amended motion carried: 7 ayes, 4 nays

12. **New Business** - Action items, which may include motions to refer items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; Public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker unless waived by the Chair). Items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Directors may request removal of any item from the consent calendar.

MVCC approves Items 13.a-g on consent.

Motion to approve consent calendar by Ken Alpern, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elliot Hanna. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. **Administrative Motion:** 2<sup>nd</sup> signer (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)

MVCC approves the appointment of Rob Kadota as 2<sup>nd</sup> signer and credit card holder.

Approved on consent.

- b. **Funding Motion:** Rob Kadota reimbursement (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)

MVCC approves the expenditure of \$6.66 to reimburse Rob Kadota for equipment and supplies.

Approved on consent.

- c. **Funding Motion:** MVCC banners (Director motion submitted by Holly Tilson)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$500 for banners/signs/event promotion. Budget category: General & Operational/Outreach/advertising.

Approved on consent.

- d. **Funding Motion:** Equipment and supplies (Director motion submitted by Holly Tilson)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$1000 for miscellaneous equipment and supplies. Budget category: General & Operational/Outreach/advertising.

Approved on consent.

- e. **Funding Motion:** Winter Wonderland (Director motion submitted by Holly Tilson)

MVCC approves the expenditure of \$1000 to support Winter Wonderland. Budget category: General & Operational,/Outreach/community events.

Approved on consent.

- f. **Funding Motion:** Great Streets tree planting (Director motion submitted by Holly Tilson)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$300 for Great Streets tree planting. Budget category: General & Operational/Outreach/ community events.

Approved on consent.

- g. **Policy Motion:** Council File No 09-2645 Hearing (submitted by Planning & Land Use Management Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council asks that Councilmember Bob Blumenfeld, Chair of the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee hold a hearing on Council File No 09-2645, "Revised Draft Ordinance Amending Sections 62.00, 62.08, 62.09 and 62.10 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to revise specifications and procedures for the installation of above ground facilities in the public right-of-way.

Approved on consent.

13. **Grievances**, if any received  
14. **Future agenda items**  
15. **Public Comment**  
16. **Adjournment 10:01.**

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**ADDENDUM A: MVCC Budget, revised September 12, 2017**

<b>Budget Category: General/Operational</b>	<b>Total Amount</b>
<b>Subcategory: Office</b>	
<b>Storage</b>	
Storquest	\$2,496.00
<b>Meeting rooms rental</b>	
The Vineyard	\$600.00
St Andrew's Lutheran Church	\$300.00
St Bede's	\$75.00
Windward School	\$5.00
PO Box rental	\$132.00
Farmer's Market rental	\$1,200.00
<b>Equip &amp; supplies (misc)</b>	
misc	\$1,100.00
<b>Mtg supplies &amp; printing</b>	
printing	\$1,000.00
<b>Board Training &amp; Support</b>	
Business cards/name badges	\$250.00
Board Retreat	\$37.68
<b>Office subtotal:</b>	<b>\$7,195.68</b>
<b>Subcategory: Outreach</b>	
<b>Website</b>	
The Web Corner: website maintenance	\$1,650.00
The Web Corner: emails	\$385.00
The Web Corner: Extra Data Entry	\$500.00
RIMU Hosting	\$96.27
<b>Email Service</b>	
Mail chimp email service	\$480.00
<b>Advertising</b>	
Banners/sign/event promotion	\$500.00
Facebook ads	\$250.00
Emergency Prep signs & brochures	\$1,500.00
<b>Community Events</b>	
Block parties (5 X \$300)	\$1,500.00
Westside Senior Health & Wellness Fair	\$500.00
Winter Wonderland	\$1,000.00
Art Walk	\$2,000.00
Venice High Grease Night	\$300.00
<b>MVCC Events</b>	
Mar Vista Turns 90 Celebration	\$4,000.00
Great Street Tree Planting	\$300.00
Green Garden Showcase	\$4,000.00
misc events	\$7,843.05
<b>Outreach subtotal:</b>	<b>\$26,804.32</b>
<b>Subcategory: Elections</b>	
Election expenses	\$1,000.00
<b>Elections subtotal:</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>General/Operational Total:</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>
<b>Budget Category: Community Improvement Grants</b>	
Alley repair/seed money	\$5,000.00
<b>Budget Category: Neighborhood Purpose Grants</b>	
	\$2,000.00
<b>Budget Total</b>	<b>\$42,000.00</b>