



Mar Vista Community Council



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday December 12th, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

CORRECTED AGENDA

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of November 14th, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker).
4. **Ex Parte Communication & Conflict of Interest Declarations**

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

Ex Parte Communication is any material oral or written communication between a member of the board and an interested person outside the board that is relevant to the merits of a matter before the board and that was neither on the record nor on reasonable prior notice to all parties.

Conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to employment relationships, financial relationships, and things of value given to or received from any individual, organization, or entity with any interest in any business before the council.

5. **Community Memorial Observations**
6. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 minute each, 30 minutes total, unless waived by the Chair)
7. **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
 - b. **CD 5** – Councilmember Paul Koretz, rep by joseph.galloway@lacity.org
 - c. **CD 11** – Councilmember Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy Len.Nguyen@lacity.org
 - d. **LA City Board of Public Works** - Liaison to CD 2, 5, 11, Commissioner joel.jacinto@lacity.org
 - e. **Mayor of Los Angeles** – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel.tamm@lacity.org
 - f. **2nd Dist. L. A. County Board of Supervisors** - Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
 - g. **CA Assembly 54** - Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Brian Ross Adams Brian.adams@asm.ca.gov
 - h. **CA Assembly 62** - Assembly Member Autumn Burke, rep by District Director Robert.Pullen-Miles@asm.ca.gov
 - i. **US 33**– Ted Lieu, rep. by joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov
 - j. **US 37** - Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian maral@mail.house.gov
 - k. LADWP – rep by Deborah Hong, public relations specialist and NC representative for the West Side Deborah.Hong@LADWP.com, (213) 367-1076.
 - l. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), rep by jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org
8. **Liaison Reports** (Public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
 - a. **Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee**: Linda Guagliano lindaguag@netzero.net
 - b. **DWP MOU**: Chuck Ray
 - c. **LANCC**: Chuck Ray

- 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
 - j. [Friends of Historic FS 62](#): Albert Olson
 - k. [Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce](#): Sarah Auerswald
 - l. 2018 Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase: Maggie Begley
9. **Officer Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
- a. Chair – Rob Kadota
 - b. First Vice Chair – Chuck Ray
 - c. Second Vice Chair – Paola Cervantes
 - d. Secretary – Melissa Stoller
 - e. Treasurer – Holly Tilson
 - i. Report on current financial status
 - ii. **APPROVAL** of November Monthly Expense Report (MER)
 - iii. Review of draft budget revisions (see Attachment A)
10. **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** – Rob Kadota, Acting Chair
 - 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
 - f. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern, Chair; Michelle Krupkin, Vice-chair
 - g. **Bike Mar Vista** - Mitchell Rishe, Chair
 - 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
 - j. **Airport Committee** – Holly Tilson & Martin Rubin, Co-chairs
 - k. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-chairs
 - 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
11. **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
 - b. Zone 2 – Damien Newton
 - c. Zone 3 – Melissa Stoller
 - d. Zone 4 – Greg Tedesco
 - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
 - f. Zone 6 – Holly Tilson

12. **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.

a. **Policy Motion:** Regional Safe Bike Routes (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, extensive segments of government owned land exist in and around Mar Vista that could be used for protected bike paths and bike lanes

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council moves to advise Council District 11 to immediately remove the lane reduction element of the "Great Street" pilot program and return Venice Boulevard to an improved version of the previously established six motor vehicle lane configuration, with improvements including a resurfaced roadway, bike lanes that are clearly designated with green paint, and a reduced speed limit, as allowed by State law upon completion of the roadway re-stripping and any required speed study; and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to conduct a feasibility study exploring the following alternative long-term protected bike lane solutions along the entire length of Venice Boulevard, from Venice Beach to Downtown Los Angeles:

1. Removing the center median, which is a former Red Car Rail right of way ("ROW"), to increase usable roadway and provide at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, an extra wide bike lane, and a standard parking lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway, or
2. Replacing the center median Red Car ROW with a signalized protected bikeway, while retaining at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, and a standard parking lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway, or
3. Create signage, and repaint adjacent residential streets, as safe thoroughfares for rapid, bicycle-friendly, and safe routes for bicyclists that enhance the mobility, ease of use, and safety for bicyclists as an alternative to Venice Blvd., while still allowing a safer bicycle lane, with better visibility and access for both bicyclists and motorists, on Venice Blvd. associated with a restoration of the three-lane configuration for motorists, or
4. Constructing at least one off-street public parking facility per 3 city block segment, to enable removal of the current parking lanes to create a roadway that includes at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, and an extra wide curb adjacent protected bike lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway; and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to pave new regional connector bike paths on an expedited basis, especially including:

1. A path along the former rail ROW adjacent to the southwest side of the California 90 Expressway/Freeway from the Marvin Braude Costal Bike Trail in Marina del Rey and connecting to both the Culver Boulevard Median and Ballona Creek Bike Paths in Del Rey; and
2. Reinstallation of the former rail bridge top, potentially via fast-track City approval of 5000 Beethoven "Del Rey Pointe" apartment development plans, to connect existing and potential new bike paths in Del Rey across Ballona Creek and into Playa Vista via either McConnell Avenue and/or following the ROW to Jefferson Boulevard; and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the Cities of Culver City and Santa Monica to designate a north/south onstreet bikeway through Del Rey / Mar Vista to follow a likely route from the Ballona Creek Path along McConnell Avenue, past the Culver Boulevard Median Bike Path, continuing along McConnell Boulevard, connecting to Wade Street after crossing Washington Boulevard and Washington Place, and continuing through Mar Vista on May Street, Cabrillo Boulevard, and Stewart Avenue before connecting to Airport Avenue and into current and proposed parks on the Santa Monica Airport site, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to conduct a feasibility study to explore installation of bike lanes along the entire length of Walgrove Avenue, accomplished through removal of the existing parkway, widening of the street without removing any existing parking spaces, and roadway restripping, including green paint to designate the bike lanes. Such changes should include attempted coordination

between the Cities of Los Angeles, Culver City, and Santa Monica to potentially include installation of a traffic signal at Washington Boulevard and Walgrove Avenue, and to seamlessly connect to the 23rd Street bike lane in Santa Monica, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the County of Los Angeles and City of Culver City to restore existing bike paths, including resurfacing uneven sections and redirecting flood drain outlets to clear excess sewage runoff, specifically including Marvin Braude Coastal Bike Path in Marina del Rey, Ballona Creek Bike Path, and Culver Boulevard Median Bike Path, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the County of Los Angeles and City of Culver City to expand the frequency of police patrols, sweeping of sand, glass and other debris and removal of weed overgrowth from all area bike paths, bike lanes and bikeways.

- b. **Policy Motion:** RecyclA trash franchise system (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) has received many complaints and concerns from property owners and business owners who are or will be affected by the trash franchise system called RecyclA, and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports the City's efforts to have cleaner air, more recycling, and less trucks on our streets, but not at the cost to property owners and business owners, and

WHEREAS, The main concerns that the MVCC has heard from the business community are:

- Bullying tactics by sales representatives to sign contracts.
- Charging fees that do not correspond to the City's agreed fee schedule.
- Missed pick-ups that are charged for.
- Phone calls to the waste hauler franchisee and to the City's 800 number are rarely returned.

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council demands that the City investigates and resolves these issues and, if necessary, cancels the current contracts until the City can create a program that is fair and meets the needs of our community's businesses and property owners.

- c.. **Policy Motion:** Request for LADOT/LAPD/LAFD presentation of current and comprehensive data on Venice Blvd. Great Streets project (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

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

WHEREAS, the feedback by neutral LAPD and LAFD officials suggested an inability to electronically access information and data as discussed in the recent annual Hilltop Neighborhood Association meeting held on Thursday, October 26th at St. Bede's Church, 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 Mar Vista Community Council similarly supports safe, accessible, and livable residential streets adjacent to Venice Blvd. that are also free of inappropriate and unnecessary cut-through traffic for bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, the aging population, and the disabled, and

WHEREAS, the lane-reduction on Venice Blvd, has caused significant tension within the community, and has led to concerns of cut-through traffic and safety/mobility issues on residential streets adjacent to Venice Blvd. in Mar

Vista, while also raising interest in establishing bicycle paths/routes on Venice Blvd. residential streets to create safe and efficient bicycle mobility throughout Mar Vista,

THEREFORE, The Mar Vista Community Council moves:

- (1) To advise the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Council District 11, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments, as well as any appropriate LAUSD officials, to present to the MVCC and to the community, updated and

comprehensive data that includes September 2017 data addressing the impacts of Venice Blvd. reconfiguration to the community and including access to public schools, and

- (2) Address the potential of alternate implementations on Venice Blvd., as well as adjacent residential streets, that will achieve the programs' goals of reducing speed and thus injuries and deaths without adverse impact to the community and surrounding neighbors that includes the summer and fall of 2017, and which includes the comprehensive data requested by the MVCC to include all stakeholders (including businesses and schools) of the Mar Vista Community Council.

- d. **Policy Motion:** Proliferation of Recreational Vehicles and Homeless Encampments in Mar Vista (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, It has been noted that there is an increase in long-term Recreational Vehicle proliferation throughout Mar Vista, and including both major commercial thoroughfares and residential streets, and

WHEREAS, it has been noted that there is an increase in homeless encampments throughout Mar Vista, including under freeway overpasses and in residential neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, there is some confusion as to where updated LADOT maps allow for Recreational Vehicle parking and Homeless encampments, and what the roles and responsibilities for the LADOT and LAPD to enforce laws related to Recreational Vehicle and Homeless living spaces and locations,

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council strongly encourages Council office 11 and Council office 5 and other LA city agencies to enforce [LAMC Ordinance 85.02](#) and disregard the map.

13. **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: Motion to approve items 13a-g on consent.

- a. **Funding Motion:** Promotional Community Outreach Items (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$2000 for promotional community outreach items.

- b. **Funding Motion:** Business Cards (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$100, in addition to \$250 previously approved, for board and committee chair business cards.

- c. **Funding Motion** PO Box (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$140 for Post Office Box rental.

- d. **Funding Motion:** Winter Wonderland (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$1000 for the purchase of food and drinks for Winter Wonderland.

- e. **Administrative Motion:** Hearing" Mar Vista Stakeholders Regarding Roadway Improvements To Venice Boulevard (Director motion submitted by Sara Roos)

Whereas the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) is an advisory board with no authority to legislate, and

Whereas MVCC board members are mandated to represent their constituents, yet as volunteer board members without staff or resources to faithfully survey all constituents under controversial, complicated conditions, it is unreasonable to imagine that any given board member could become well-enough prepared to generate a singular, representative position with a high likelihood of validity, even

Whereas were it possible to generate such a valid singular position, this would thereby silence the important perspectives of minority groups composed of important proportions of stakeholders, representing many and valid constituent observations on the project to be considered, therefore be it

Resolved that instead of opining summarily on the fate of the Great Streets project in Mar Vista, MVCC shall solicit and edit into one document, a compilation of stakeholder-groups'

opinions to be presented to the city council office as collectively representative of the various perspectives of several discrete community groups regarding the merit and potential fate of Mar Vista's Great Streets project along Venice Boulevard.

- f. **Policy Motion:** Rancho Park Odorant Leak of 11/29/17 (Director motion submitted by Sara Roos, Melissa Stoller & Ken Alpern)

WHEREAS Mar Vista stakeholders began reporting the smell of "gas" to emergency and utility services at approximately 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 and continuing into Thursday; and

WHEREAS reports from the time of the event and afterward reflect widespread confusion and alarm among stakeholders regarding insufficiently directive, inconsistent and unreliable official communications, and fear in the wake of reports of various adverse health effects experienced; and

WHEREAS the City of LA's Petroleum Administrator reported to City Council on 12/5/17 that the airborne toxin was not gas but likely a mixture of chemicals including the odorant mercaptan, commonly used to label the methane byproduct of oil extracted from a drilling operation on the City's Rancho Park golf course located in the densely residential district south of Pico Blvd between Motor and Patricia; and

WHEREAS the spilled odorant originated from operations that the City's lessee, Hillcrest Beverly Oil Corporation (HBOC *aka* E&B Natural Resources), contracted to Southern California Gas Corporation, it is nevertheless HBOC that is the drilling company with which the City sustains a contractual (leasing) relationship; and

WHEREAS in April of 2007 a multiagency report (http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-0149_misc_04-26-2017.pdf) referred to the City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee meeting of June 20, 2017, found numerous violations from over twenty-plus years outstanding on the Rancho Park Drilling Site; and

WHEREAS no further report from Planning was submitted to the PLUM Committee hearing to substantiate or refute HBOC's own review of its violations (http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-0149_pc_6-20-17.pdf); and

WHEREAS the matter was continued by PLUM without any date set for further review (<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-0149>); and

WHEREAS these violations persist on public land, where it is public stakeholders who assume the risk for industry operations in violation of code, and public, elected officials who direct the means to request further review of these operations by City Planning (for example through the [Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program](#) mandated by [LAMC 12.27.1](#));

THEREFORE the Mar Vista Community Council requests that City Council immediately instruct City Planning to

Formally review its 4/24/17 report of violations, and

Include the public by scheduling public hearings as part of the process to understand public risk from close proximity to extraction operations.

FURTHERMORE, MVCC requests that the city

Study its emergency procedures and communications plans for clarifying chain-of-command on reporting and reporting back to stakeholders, government managers and elected officials, and thus

Work toward the goal of centralized reporting and information exchange directly with the public to ensure timely and informative incident updates and emergency or evacuation procedures.

Encourage fence-line and other onsite monitoring systems to forewarn of problems that effect public safety.

Motion to be sent to Honorable Mike Bonin, CD11; Honorable Paul Koretz, CD5; co-presenters of Motion 17-0149 (Harris-Dawson, Buscaino); members of PLUM;. Copies sent to: remaining LA City Council members; PLUM Committee administrator; CD5 & CD11 deputies.

- g. **Policy Motion:** Charnock Stoplight (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

Mar Vista Community Council opposes the installation of a stoplight at the intersection of Charnock and Sawtelle.

14. **Grievances**, if any received
15. **Future agenda items**
16. **Public Comment**
17. **Adjournment**

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- * **PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** – *The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.*
 - * **PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS** - *MVCC agendas are posted for public review at Mar Vista Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066*
You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System at <https://www.lacity.org/subscriptions>
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 - * **PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS** – *In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website, <http://www.marvista.org>, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, contact secretary@marvista.org.*
 - * **RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS** - *For information on MVCC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the MVCC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website, <http://www.marvista.org>.*

ADDENDUM A: Draft Amended Budget

Budget Category: General/Operational	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
Subcategory: Office		
Storage		
Storquest	\$2,496.00	\$2,496.00
Meeting rooms rental		
The Vineyard	\$600.00	\$600.00
St Andrew's Lutheran Church	\$300.00	\$300.00
St Bede's	\$75.00	\$75.00
Windward School	\$5.00	\$5.00
PO Box rental	\$132.00	\$132.00
Farmer's Market rental	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Equip & supplies (misc)		
misc	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Mtg supplies & printing		
printing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Board Training & Support		
Business cards/name badges	\$250.00	\$350.00
Board Retreat	\$37.68	\$100.00
Office subtotal:	\$7,195.68	\$7,358.00
Subcategory: Outreach		
Website		
The Web Corner: website maintenance	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
The Web Corner: emails	\$385.00	\$385.00
The Web Corner: Extra Data Entry	\$500.00	\$500.00
RIMU Hosting	\$96.27	\$96.27
Email Service		
Mail chimp email service	\$480.00	\$700.00
Advertising		
Banners/sign/event promotion	\$500.00	\$500.00
Facebook ads	\$250.00	\$250.00
Promotional items		\$2,000.00
Emergency Prep signs & brochures	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Neighborhood Watch signs		\$1,500.00
Community Events		
Block parties (5 4 X \$300)	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00
Westside Senior Health & Wellness Fair	\$500.00	\$500.00
Winter Wonderland	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Art Walk	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Venice High Grease Night	\$300.00	\$300.00
MVCC Events		
Mar Vista Turns 90 Celebration	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Great Street Tree Planting	\$300.00	\$300.00

Green Garden Showcase	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Budget Category: General/Operational	Current	Proposed
misc events	\$7,843.05	\$7,843.05
<i>Outreach subtotal:</i>	\$26,804.32	\$30,224.32
Subcategory: Elections		
Election expenses	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<i>Elections subtotal:</i>	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
General/Operational Total:	\$35,000.00	\$37,582.32
Budget Category: Community Improvement Grants		
Alley repair/seed money	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Budget Category: Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Budget Total	\$42,000.00	\$39,582.32