



Mar Vista Community Council



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday February 13th, 2018, at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

AGENDA

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of January 17th, 2018 Special 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 62** - Assembly Member Autumn Burke, rep by District Director Robert.Pullen-Miles@asm.ca.gov
 - h. **US 33**– Ted Lieu, rep. by joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov
 - i. **US 37** - Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian maral@mail.house.gov
 - j. LADWP – rep by Deborah Hong, public relations specialist and NC representative for the West Side Deborah.Hong@LADWP.com, (213) 367-1076.
 - k. 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: open
 - 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
 - i. Announcement of Board of Directors vacancy
 - 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 January Monthly Expense Report (MER)
10. **Committee Reports:** (may include motions to refer committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
- a. **Elections and By-laws Committee** – Chuck Ray and Melissa Stoller, Co-chairs
 - b. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sara Roos, Chair
 - c. **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** – Chuck Ray & Ken Alpern, Co-chairs; 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-chair
 - i. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin,Chair
 - j. **Airport Committee** – Holly Tilson & Martin Rubin, Co-chairs
 - k. **Green Committee** –Jeanne Kuntz, Chair
 - l. **Homeless Solutions Ad Hoc Committee** – Robin Doyno & Susan Klos, Co-chairs, Joe Cuanan, Vice-chair
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 – open
 - 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.
- Consent Calendar: Motion to approve items 12a-c on consent.

- a. **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.

NOTE: (If passed, this motion shall be entered as a Community Impact Statement in Council File 17-0878-S1. It shall be sent to the Mayor, all City Council members and their Chief of Staffs, and the General Manager of the LA Department of Sanitation, Enrique C. Zaldivar Enrique.Zaldivar@lacity.org.)

- b. **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.

- c. **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.

- d. **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.

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-m on consent.

- a. **Funding Motion:** MVCC storage (submitted by Executive and Finance Committee)
Motion to rent a larger storage unit for MVCC equipment and supplies, not to exceed \$350 a month.
- b. **Funding Motion:** Projector screen & stand (submitted by Executive and Finance Committee)
Motion to purchase a portable projector screen and projector stand for use at MVCC related events and meetings, cost not to exceed \$750.00.
- c. **Funding Motion:** Bike repair stand (submitted by Executive and Finance Committee)
Motion to purchase a bike repair stand and pump for use in a publicly accessible location not to exceed \$2,000.
- d. **Funding Motion:** Office supply costs (submitted by Executive and Finance Committee)
Motion to fund up to \$500 worth of related office supply costs associated with Executive Committee positions and Committee Chair responsibilities.
- e. **Funding Motion:** Santa Sleigh storage (submitted by Executive and Finance Committee)

Motion to contribute up to \$1000 in an NPG for the purchase of a storage unit for the Pacific LAPD Santa Sleigh.

- f. **Funding Motion:** Promotional items (submitted by Executive and Finance Committee)
Motion to purchase up to \$7,500 promotional items to increase awareness of MVCC.

- g. **Administrative Motion:** Revised budget (submitted by Executive and Finance Committee)
MVCC approves the budget revisions presented in Addendum A.

- h. **Policy Motion:** 12607 Pacific Boulevard proposed development (submitted by Planning and Land Use Management Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the on-menu density bonus and categorical exclusion of the proposed property at 12607 Pacific Boulevard provided that the city certifies the affordable housing plan and provides a plan for checking that the apartment building is following its commitment to affordable housing in future years.

- i. **Policy Motion:** 3966 Grand View Boulevard proposed development (submitted by Planning and Land Use Management Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council supports concept of the proposal for 50 units and 50 parking spaces at 3966 Grand View Blvd by the Santa Monica Community Corporation (SMCC). MVCC looks forward to working with SMCC during the design phase to insure the project is one that works for future residents and the existing community, including making certain that the project is as environmentally friendly as possible.

We understand that the project does not include "project based" Section 8 Housing.

- j. **Policy Motion:** Tree Stump Removal (Submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, the MVCC recognizes there is a long waiting list and lack of stump removal teams and/or services to serve the MVCC, and

WHEREAS, the MVCC recognizes that tree stump removal has impacts on transportation/infrastructure and related safety issues, and

WHEREAS the MVCC recognizes that cities are required by CEQA law to maintain streets, curbs, parkways, and sidewalks within their borders,

THEREFORE, the MVCC calls upon the City and any related departments (LA Bureau of Street Services, LADOT, LADWP, etc.) to fund and implement tree stump removal programs so that tree stumps will be removed in a prompt and cost-effective manner.

- k. **Policy Motion:** Six Month Follow-up request for promised data (Submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2017, the Mar Vista Community Council passed a motion entitled "Continuation of Venice Boulevard Pilot Project" by a near-unanimous vote of ten ayes and one no, and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2017, the Mar Vista Community Council passed a motion entitled "Great Streets Venice Blvd. Point Person" by a vote of 6-3-1

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that the LAPD and LAFD submit data on response times and incident rates for before and after the changes and track same by month, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested the same data on streets in Los Angeles where this same configuration was implemented, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested an evaluation be done by an ADA consultant, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that the buffered bike lane be evaluated for safety by established bicycle safety advocacy groups like League of American Bicyclists (www.bikeleague.org), American Bicycling Education Association (<https://abea.bike>), and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that the City of Los Angeles post all related survey results, traffic studies, and community impact reports online for this pilot project and others previously implemented, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that the city of Los Angeles provide data available on cut through traffic on neighborhood streets that is available through the agreement with Waze, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that it be provided with a breakdown of all petitions showing a breakdown of signatures indicating the number of signatures by zip code or community of residence, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that it be provided with the data to date on the survey created by CD11 and updated on a regular basis, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that it be provided with the LADOT data collected on the Los Angeles City streets where this configuration has been previously implemented, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council urged "the City of Los Angeles and grass roots community organizations to provide the needed information promptly with a planned reassessment six months from this date," and

WHEREAS, that six-month reassessment date was January 11, 2018, and

WHEREAS, to date LADOT, CD11, LAPD, LAFD, nor any other city agency has provided anything requested in that July 11, 2017 motion.

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council moves to instruct the Chair to invite Councilman Bonin, Nat Gale, and Seleta Reynolds to either the March 13, 2018 Board of Directors' meeting or to a special MVCC meeting to be held not later than March 30, 2018 for the purpose of answering questions from the board and the community regarding these items.

- I. **Policy Motion:** Follow-up Request for Parking Demand Survey (Submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, in June and July of last year (2017), both the West Mar Vista Residents Association and the Mar Vista Community Council sent resolutions to Councilman Bonin asking him to obtain city funding for a parking demand survey as provided for by AB 744, and

WHEREAS, the MVCC and all neighborhood associations have heard no feedback or other helpful input from either the CD11 or any appropriate City offices,

THEREFORE, the MVCC respectfully requests funding for this parking demand survey for Venice Blvd. and other major thoroughfares west of the 405 freeway from the CD11 office, and

THEREFORE, the MVCC respectfully requests on a funding for a parking demand survey for Sepulveda Blvd. and Overland Ave. from the CD5 office, both to be assigned and authorized by 4/1/2018.

- m. **Policy Motion:** Correct status of Centinela Ave. and Venice Blvd. Bus Service with the LA City Planning Department (Submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, current SCAG information states that the junction of Centinela Ave. and Venice Blvd. does not have the required Bus Service to be eligible as "a major transit stop," and

WHEREAS, in the past, the mistaken categorization has allowed out of character developments to be approved inappropriately due to the City of Los Angeles Planning Department and Planning Commission using incorrect information, and

THEREFORE, the Centinela Ave. and Venice Blvd. junction should not continue to be categorized as a Major Transit Stop by the City of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles Planning Department, and

The MVCC respectfully requests that Councilmember Bonin officially notify the City of Los Angeles Planning Department and Planning Commission of these facts and receive confirmation that this junction will not be categorized as a Major Transit Stop for any future developments.

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
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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: 02/13/18 Draft Amended Budget

Budget Category: General/Operational	Current	Proposed
Subcategory: Office		
Storage		
Storquest	\$2,496.00	\$2,704.00
Meeting rooms rental		
The Vineyard	\$600.00	\$600.00
St Andrew's Lutheran Church	\$300.00	\$300.00
St Bede's	\$75.00	\$150.00
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)		
Live streaming equipment		\$1,600.00
Projector screen & stand		\$750.00
misc	\$1,100.00	\$350.00
Mtg supplies & printing		
printing	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
Board Training & Support		
Business cards/name badges	\$250.00	\$400.00
Board Retreat	\$37.68	\$100.00
Office subtotal	\$7,195.68	\$8,791.00
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
MiFi Service		
AT&T MiFi service		\$100.00
Advertising		
Banners/sign/event promotion	\$500.00	\$500.00
Facebook ads	\$250.00	\$250.00
Promotional items		\$7,500.00
Emergency Prep signs & brochures	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Neighborhood Watch signs		\$3,000.00
Community Events		
Block parties (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	\$1,600.00
Venice High Grease Night	\$300.0	\$300.0

Green Garden Showcase	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
MVCC events/outreach		
Mar Vista Turns 90 Celebration	\$4,000.00	\$1,250.00
Great Street Tree Planting	\$300.00	\$300.00
misc	\$7,843.05	\$2,877.73
Community Improvement		
Alley repair/seed money	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Bike repair stand		\$2,000.00
<i>Outreach subtotal:</i>	\$31,804.32	\$31,209.00
Subcategory: Elections		
Election expenses	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<i>Elections subtotal:</i>	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<i>General/Operational Total:</i>	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Budget Category: Neighborhood Purpose Grants		
Santa Sleigh shed		\$1000.00
School grants	\$2,000	\$2,000.00
<i>Neighborhood Purpose Grants subtotal:</i>	\$2,000	\$3,000
<i>Budget Total:</i>	\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00