



Mar Vista Community Council



Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Thursday, August 27th, 2015, 7:30 PM -9:30 PM

WINDWARD SCHOOL, Tom Hunter Board Room, Room 800

11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066 (SW corner of Palms and Sawtelle Blvds.)

Co-Chairs: Michelle Krupkin and Ken Alpern

AGENDA

I. Call to Order—Ken Alpern presiding

II. Introductions and Public Comment (for items not on the agenda)

III. Approval of July 2015 Minutes

IV. MVCC Liaison to Bi-Monthly CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting update (Linda Guagliano)

V. CD11 Transportation Advisory Committee report (Ken Alpern)

VI. New Motions:

Policy Motions:

1) MVCC Recommendations for Transit Neighborhood Plans

The Mar Vista Community Council makes the following recommendations for Transit Neighborhood Plans that allow for increased mobility, enhanced transit access and usage, and for adjacent neighborhood protection:

a) Focus scale-appropriate new housing around transit stations. There shall be no "upzoning" of adjacent low-density residential areas in order to protect community character and to reduce congestion.

b) Workforce housing should be among the highest of priorities, and the City shall enact Inclusionary Ordinances for Affordable Housing of at least 10%.

c) Limit transit zones to 1/4 mile around rail/transit stations and limit the definition of commercial zones only to those streets that line the corridors.

d) TODs and corridor projects shall have appropriate transitional height and step-backs to reduce impact on adjacent residential. "Buffer zones" may also be indicated and necessary to preserve residential/neighborhood character.

e) Restricted parking permits shall be required of TOD developers to fund in perpetuity, in order to prevent residents of TOD projects from parking cars and impacting adjacent residential neighborhoods.

f) Most TOD projects will be mixed-use and contain office/retail space to maintain a job base in Los Angeles.

g) Redefine, enforce and update Senior Living parking, mobility, and transit-dependent requirements to better meet needs of seniors; construct or rebuild Senior housing that is built to conform to health and safety standards suited for seniors; create Senior housing that will establish quality car-free living for seniors physically unable to use automobiles.

h) Landscape using California native plants and designs that address water capture and protect the watershed.

i) Work with UCLA, USC, Santa Monica College and all other Westside, Mid-City and Downtown universities to create affordable (and potentially subsidized) Student Housing projects

2) MVCC Recommendations for future MetroRail projects to enhance Westside/regional/countywide mobility

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the following two large rail projects for inclusion in the Metro Long Range Transportation Plan:

a) Metro Rail line from West LA / LAX to Valley, and

b) Direct Metro Rail (or Metrolink) line from LAX to Union Station via the Harbor Subdivision Rail Right of Way.

3) MVCC Recommendations for Shared Sacrifice to Fund L.A. City Sidewalk Repairs

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the following recommendations to expedite funding and repair of the City’s broken sidewalk system:

a) Establish benchmarks that tie City employee pay hikes and pension hikes to the number of completed and verified sidewalk fixes within a given time frame (the sooner the fixes are done, the quicker and potentially greater the pay and pension hikes).

b) Enforce and prioritize developer mitigation funds towards sidewalk repairs whenever legally possible, with a focus on “sidewalks first” and a prevention from these funds from being diverted into the City General Fund.

c) Dedicating a sufficient amount of potential “Measure R-2 funds” for the City of Los Angeles to ensure the minimum (or greater) annual funding for the City to comply with its legal obligations to pay for the City’s sidewalk repairs.

4) MVCC Recommendations for Identification and Enforcement of Businesses Operating in Single-Family Neighborhoods (R1-Zone) <DISCUSSION ONLY--NO VOTE TONIGHT>

Whereas, the Mar Vista Community Council supports the rights of all homeowners to perform legally-supported residential and business-related functions and activities within their homes and properties, and

Whereas, the Mar Vista Community Council supports the rights of all businesses to conduct their activities within the legal frameworks defended by City policy and by state/federal law, and

Whereas, the Mar Vista Community Council recognizes the limits of transportation/utility infrastructure (such as roads, parking, sidewalks, water, sewage, electricity and other infrastructure) that significantly differ between single-family neighborhoods and major residential/commercial corridors, and

Whereas, the Mar Vista Community Council recognizes the responsibilities of homeowners, and any associated home-operated businesses, to comply with all responsibilities and regulations associated with property taxes, business taxes, infrastructure/mitigation fees associated with larger businesses, building/safety codes, nuisance abatement ordinances, public health codes, and any other residential- and/or business-related legal and financial obligations,

The Mar Vista Community Council therefore supports the following actions by the Council District 11 and 5 Offices, as well as all applicable City Departments (including the LADOT, Building/Safety, Parking Enforcement and the LAPD):

- 1) Identification of all businesses operating in single-family homes that are of a size and scope so as to require relocation to major residential/commercial corridors because of a lack of supporting transportation/utility and other infrastructure in R1-zoned neighborhoods
- 2) Identification of all unlicensed business so that they can be properly recorded, licensed (if legally required) and enforced to operate within City, State and Federal requirements, and so that they will be required to pay all legally-mandated business, utility, TIMP and other fees paid for by equivalent businesses located on major residential/commercial corridors
- 3) Identification of all home-operated business that display illegal signage, or have insufficient parking and/or other size/infrastructure requirements, which violate City or other laws and/or which impact transportation/utility infrastructure in a manner necessitating legal action by the appropriate City enforcement agencies.

VII. Public Comment

IX. Adjournment

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