

**MVCC Planning/Land Use Management Committee/Traffic and Infrastructure Committee Combined Meeting**

**PLUM-131217-MINUTES**

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Tuesday, December 17, 2013, 6:00 to 7:55 PM

Mar Vista Library (SW corner of Venice and Inglewood Blvds.) 12006 Venice Blvd., Mar Vista, CA 90066

**PLUM Co-Chairs: Steve Wallace and Michael Millman**

**T & Y I Co-Chairs Ken Alpern and Mitchell Rishe**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order 6:15 pm**

- 1. Introductions and public comment for items not on the agenda (2 min) Approval of Minutes (2 min.)**
- 2. Report on MVCC Board actions:** approved \$5,000 for alley and CUP for restaurant
- 3. Early Notification System ['ENS'] Update,** if any (1 min)-none
- 4. New Business (30 min)**

- a. **POLICY MOTION: JMB/CENTURY CITY SPECIFIC PLAN:** The Mar Vista Community Council opposes any attempt by JMB Developers and the City of Los Angeles Planning to violate the Century City North Specific Plan and/or other any other covenant established to limit the commercial office space to 2.5 million square feet.

The Mar Vista Community Council therefore opposes the proposed 731,000 square foot JMB-proposed Century City Center in that it is extra commercial office square footage that is three times the limit in size that JMB developers is allowed to build based on the number of trips it currently owns, unless the JMB developers purchase the number of trips from other commercial landlords that enables this tower to be legally built without creating a precedent to an illegal tripling of the size of Century City.

The Mar Vista Community Council further opposes any attempt to triple the size of Century City's office/commercial square footage in that it will create devastatingly negative impacts on the environment, on traffic, on the economy and on the quality of life for Westsiders from La Cienega to the ocean, and implore both CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz and CD11 Councilmember Mike Bonin to demand that JMB developers and City Planning adhere to the covenant of 2.5 million square footage of legal office space for Century City.

Where is the environmental justice for the residents impacted by the traffic?

Why are neighbors not heard?

**Unanimously passed**

- b. **POLICY MOTION: CITY OF LOS ANGELES GENERAL PLAN FRAMEWORK ELEMENT CHAPTER 3: PROTECTION OF LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AREAS:** The Mar Vista Community Council believes clear and reasonable land use regulations, including definitions and performance standards [noise, traffic, parking, operating hours, and the like], are necessary for good governance, civil society, buffering of uses between zone classifications, proper code enforcement, neighborhood stability, public health, and public safety.

The General Plan of the City of Los Angeles specifically protects the residential character of low density residential areas as stated in the General Plan Framework Element Chapter 3 - Land Use Goals, Objectives and Policies Issue Two: Uses, Density, and Character:

*"Single-Family Residential Overview*

*The Framework Element recognizes the importance of existing single-family residential neighborhoods and the need to conserve them. Traditionally, they have formed the fabric that has distinguished the City from other urban areas. Even with substantial growth, the single-family dwelling is still considered to be a major objective of most income and ethnic groups. These areas also afford added opportunities to take advantage of the variety of lifestyles such as water-oriented, rural/agricultural and equestrian-keeping special use neighborhoods"*

And, additionally stated as:

*"Goal 3B: Preservation of the City's stable single-family residential neighborhoods"*.

There exist substantial low density areas within the MVCC's boundaries. ANY prospective change to this General Plan Framework policy is a serious matter of public process and accountability to MVCC stakeholders.

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council calls for full Environmental Impact Review in compliance with CEQA, to completely assess the impacts of any and all proposed ordinances, revisions, regulations, or plans which alter the above stated policy with regard to the character of the City's low density residential areas comprising over 65% of the City's land use--including complete analysis of fiscal impacts to vital City services and future burdens on the City's aging physical infrastructure.

**Unanimously approved**

- c. **POLICY MOTION: NOTICING OF OFF RAMP CLOSURES:** WHEREAS Mar Vista residents have been deeply impacted by the 405 widening project, which is more than one year behind schedule and more than \$75 million over budget.

WHEREAS the 405 widening project has resulted in freeway off ramp closures commonly used by Mar Vista residents, including the 405 S Pico/Olympic off ramp, that appear to occur at random times and with no advance warning of the closure. This

deprives us of an opportunity to plan ahead, causing us to take exits far from our destination, resulting in additional transit time (in addition to the delays caused by the widening project itself) and further increasing air pollution. This also demonstrates a total lack of respect and understanding for the inconveniences and delays that we have been subjected to throughout the duration of the years-long widening project.

NOW, THEREFORE, to alleviate commuter transit time and as a show of respect and understanding for those commuters who have been so severely impacted by the widening project, MVCC respectfully requests that councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz request that Cal Trans/Metro post notice of an off ramp closure at least one off ramp before the closure (i.e., before the Santa Monica off ramp for a Pico/Olympic closure), to allow commuters sufficient opportunity to take the prior off ramp.

**unanimous**

5. **Old Business/Open Issues: Committee/Task Force/Updates** receive and file by consent if no report (15 min.)
  - a. **BIMO TRAFFIC –no report**
  - b. **PREVIOUS CASES OR PRIOR AGENDA ITEMS UPDATES** if any--none
6. **Public Comment (1 min.)—recode details**
7. **Future Agenda Items (1 min.)--NONE**
8. **Adjournment 7 pm**