



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE with the MVCC Board of Directors

Thursday January 7 2021 7:00 pm

Co-Chair: Michelle Krupkin Co-Chair: Krishna Curry

ZOOM Electronic Meeting

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MINUTES

1. Call To Order and Welcome –Michelle Krupkin, Krishna Curry 7:11 pm
In attendance: Michelle Krupkin, Krishna Curry, Ken Alpern, Alek Bartrosouf, Alex Helou, Mark Hruska, Stacy Shure, Christine Stemar.
2. Introductions and Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) (2 minutes)
Announcements: Christine Stemar - January is Blood Drive Month. Invites people to donate through American Red Cross, Cedars Sinai Hospital as well as LA City Hall who is also doing a blood drive. There is a link regarding the on the MVCC Public Health and Safety Committee page.
Stacy announces and invites all to attend: Next Renters Committee 1/16/20 2 pm VERY Important Meeting for tenants relief and keeping people housed as well as a 1/8/21 Special PLUM meeting regarding Community Plan update issues.
3. Motion to approve Minutes of Previous Meetings (5-10 minutes) December 3 2020 T&I meetings were tabled.
4. Special Orders
 - a. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf, shares Mar Vista related mobility issues.
Alek did not have a report, but instead was in attendance and available to take questions.
Michelle requested a follow up and link of video from the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project December 9 2020 presentation. Krishna commented that there was no follow-up email sent out after the presentation. Alek said he would email the YouTube presentation to Michelle and Krishna directly so it can be uploaded to the MVCC site.
Michelle asked about an issue regarding no parking zone signage for cell tower line installation on McLaughlin Blvd.
Who can be contacted about removed parking and blocked access to residences and businesses?
No notification was given. Michelle comments that a stakeholder on Marcasel Ave. had trouble and had their driveway blocked for 4 days as well as hearing from a stakeholder on McLaughlin Ave. in Zone 4 who had trouble parking and getting in and out of the driveways of their apartment buildings.
Alek said that his office wasn't aware until they received the notification from our stakeholders.
Christine asked if formal permission had been granted to these contractors and mentioned it would be a possible public safety concern due to difficulty of emergency vehicle access. Alek said that LADOT sign were in fact permitted and valid. Michelle inquired as to why council districts are not given notification of closures for the sake of notifying local fire and police departments.
Alek said that the council office is only given notification about closures on larger major transit arteries. A project has to apply for a traffic control plan and also do need to mitigate whatever impact they have to the street, which may include detours. Alek also remarked that sometimes there is confusion if the project installation is done by third parties who do not always promptly remove the no parking zone signs.
Michelle asked which City department cleared the permits for cell tower installation.
Stacy answered that the Dept. of City Planning clears cell tower construction and installation.

Michelle says that going forward perhaps there could be better communication within city departments. Michelle asked about follow up for removal of broken, old newspaper stands in front of 12135 Venice Blvd. Alek said that it was not a high priority during the pandemic for 311 to address that issue but hopefully would be taken care of down the line.

5. Reports (15 Minutes)

a. Subcommittee Reports

- i. Great Streets Subcommittee (last meeting 12/09/20, next meeting 1/13/21)
Michelle goes over recent activity and directs people to the MVCC Great Streets Subcommittee page.
- ii. Mobility Subcommittee (last meeting 2/24/20)
Michelle discusses that unfortunately there has not been a Mobility Subcommittee meeting for almost a year. There was a comment from an attendee that perhaps if this Subcommittee is not able to hold meetings, the subject matter should be folded into Traffic & Infrastructure Committee agendas and the Mobility Subcommittee discontinued. Michelle said she has been in touch with Rob Kadota to encourage him to hold a zoom meeting for this Subcommittee as soon as he is able.

- b. Bi-Monthly Mar Vista CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic External City Committee Report- (last meeting 8/26/2020) Updated minutes: <https://www.marvista.org/docs/34486210-11351.pdf>
Albert Olson via email stated that the December 2020 meeting did not take place due to lack of stakeholder requests. Krishna asked about the previously requested four-way stop sign request for Matteson & Wade- Alek said that he would follow up. Possible need for inventory of fading stop signs- submit via 311 (Alek). Michelle inquired about possible "spot" enforcement from LAPD Metro Traffic enforcement of moving violations. Alek instructed that the best way to process was to go through senior lead officer for LAPD. Krishna and Michelle will collect request from zone directors.

- c. LADWP Committees Report - Adriana de la Cruz **Not Present, no report**

- d. StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Council - Adriana de la Cruz **Not Present, for report see Supplemental materials on Transportation & Infrastructure Committee page.**
<http://www.marvista.org/docs/34486270-11539.pdf>

- e. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Transportation Committee

Michelle reports that there was no December 2020 meeting.

January 2021 meeting taking place at the same time - tonight First Thursday 7 pm.

Michelle will upload NCSA Transportation Committee 1/07/21 meeting minutes to the T&I Committee page if they are available. Krishna also shared that Selena was attending that NCSA Transportation Committee meeting and would provide an update.

6. Old Business (10 minutes)

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding a Parking Demand Study. *On hold due to Covid-19 pandemic.*
- b. Continued discussion and possible action regarding input on the Mobility Element of the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan Update
- c. Motion regarding Sign Ordinance. Motion passed by committee, not discussed at 9/8/2020 MVCC BOD meeting, Motion passed at 10/13/20 MVCC BoD meeting. Letter sent 10/25/20 to Council File Number: 11-1705.
- d. Motion (from Great Streets) regarding Pacific Ave. between Inglewood Blvd. and Grandview Blvd. being considered for StreetsLA Cool Streets project. Motion passed at 11/10/20 MVCC BoD meeting. Letter delivery pending
- e. Motion (from Great Streets). MVCC requests a formal update from LADOT and other relevant city agencies of past expenditures and total monies remaining to date in the relinquishment fund of \$14.5 Million created when Caltrans relinquished Venice Blvd. in September 2016 to LA City (Council File No. 16-0147, Council File No. 15-0002-S48) Motion passed at 11/10/20 MVCC BoD meeting. Letter delivery pending
- f. Motion (from Great Streets). Whereas, MVCC has verified that despite assurances to the contrary from CD11, local businesses on Great Street Venice Blvd. and the Downtown Mar Vista area are not being sufficiently engaged for the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project (DMVBP).

Therefore, the MVCC requests that CD11 and affiliated city entities refrain from the implementation of the DMVBP until it can be confirmed that Mar Vista businesses have been informed about the components of the DMVBP including required maintenance and have given their feedback to CD11. STATUS: Motion passed at Great Streets Subcommittee 11/11/20. Motion passed at Transportation & Infrastructure 12/03/20. Motion passed at BoD 12/08/20 LETTER SENT 12/31/20.

7. New Business (45 minutes)

- a. Guest Speaker Alexander E. Helou, P.E., Assistant Director, Executive Office, LA Sanitation and Environment, speaking about recycling.

Alex gave a very detailed presentation including powerpoint slide. He shared the following:

Recycling needs to be standardized. LA needs to pursue local options to recycle rather than shipping material to recycling facilities outside, LA, out of state or out of the US.

Mattresses are currently recycled in LA, which is a new service.

Mobile used oil and HHW collections have been suspended.

Amazon and shipped items are greatly increasing costs of recycling.

Most recyclables are sent to Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Indonesia), most of it was sent to China.

Many countries including China are not accepting recycling now. China is instead now focused on zero waste.

LA needs to find other solutions, whether it is markets such as North American market such as Canada or something locally.

Mixed plastic is not recyclable.

We used to have 10-14 Materials Recovery Facilities (MRF) for recycling Southern California.

There are currently only two (2) Materials Recovery Facilities (MRF) that deal with LA City. It is terribly insufficient, MRF require a ton of space and money to build and operate.

LA City is looking for a way to have their own MRFs. LA City is also considering finding a way to work with non-profits as well as the plastic industry to recycle.

LA City is also considering banning single use plastics in this city. We are also talking about establishing a citywide minimum requirement of using recycled products in building materials.

2022 ballot will include a ballot item to address possible built in recycling fees on every single plastic product that cannot be recycled.

Q&A section

Mary Hruska had three questions: 1. Are plastics that have a color or a tint recycled?

Answer: Alex says that plastics labeled 1, 2 & 5 are easy to recycle, where 4, 6 & 7 basically not recyclable because there is no market for them.

2. Are plastics that have a label recycled? Answer: Yes

3. Is Styrofoam recycled currently and are there any programs working to address Styrofoam?

Answer: Alex says no, Styrofoam is currently not recycled. Alex said that previously existing markets such as South Korea for recycling Styrofoam are gone. Mary suggests that potential uses and markets for Styrofoam should be studied and explored to create a solution for recycling Styrofoam that is economically viable. There is a big commercial Styrofoam Lobby that promotes the product. There have also been several LA City council motions to ban it.

Krishna asked about trends related to encampment waste.

Alex: LA Sanitation is responsible for storing items from encampments.

Krishna asked about policy on stores selling plastic bags.

Discussion about paper plastic and reusable

Alex: Every store is required to provide a bin to recycle plastic bags

Governor Newsom had a directive about plastic bags – reusable plastics of 0.067 ml thickness are allowed to be sold at stores. It is recyclable. All stores were required to have a bag collection bin for used plastics but unfortunately many stores do not have those bins or are missing.

There was a discussion about increased bulky items since pandemic including an increased tossing of electronics. Alex says that there are 7 SAFE Centers for throwing for electronics away including one at UCLA.

Michelle asked about trash compactors called Big Belly- do the recycled items get compacted? Alex said no because the recyclables need to be separated. The trash gets compacted and send a signal to LASAN to be emptied when full. They are great but expensive.

LASAN partners with community groups for food rescue with 22 non-profits 17.3 million meals were rescued and re

Alex concluded by stating that stakeholders can call the city to get more blue bins free of charge

- b. Discussion of ramifications and effects, and possible motion regarding removal of vehicle lanes on Ocean Ave. in Santa Monica approximately at the California Incline (CA Ave.). Michelle suggests we revisit this and try to find out exactly how bike routes are planned to connect throughout the city since many changes seem to be developing.
- c. Discussion of ramifications and effects, and possible motion for, removing vehicle lanes on Venice Blvd. Road Diet between Sepulveda and Robertson Blvds. within the Palms NC boundaries. Michelle says no update from Kalani regarding any action by Palms NC.
- d. Discussion of decreased Metro ridership and funding, as well as possible motion. Discussion of reaching out to Metro for their updated numbers, also to see if any follow-up on bus ridership forum.

8. Public Comment

9. Future Agenda Items

- a. Future considerations of benefits of the LANow shuttle pilot project versus dedicated DASH line(s).
- b. Update from StreetsLA on upcoming Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP) RFP Information Sessions (12/10/20, 12/15/20, 12/19/20, 12/21/20)
Question was asked: What is the existing street furniture contract?
Michelle: StreetsLA has an existing long-term franchise agreement with OUTFRONT MEDIA/JCDecaux, LLC (OFMJCD)
Question was asked: What is the term of the current contract?
Michelle: The City's contract with OFMJCD was initiated on December 21, 2001 and is set to expire on December 31, 2021.
Michelle shares that proposals will be evaluated in the first half of 2021, and an eventual award and final program details must be approved by the City Council.
We aim to have this final approval in time to allow for a managed transition to the new program and to ensure that no service interruptions occur.
MK note - Stacy will share WRAC motion regarding STAP
Stacy will provide WRAC motion regarding STAP

10. Adjournment 8:56 PM

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