



Mar Vista Community Council



AGENDA & MINUTES

POSy Committee (Parks and Open Space Colloquy)

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Friday, October 26th, 2018, 3:00pm

The Carving Board, west wall tables (if available)
11676 Gateway Blvd | Mar Vista, CA 90064

1. **Introductions** ~ Welcome!

Scott Silverman, Sara Roos

2. **Minutes** – approval of 9/28/18 minutes (draft is posted on the website)

Approved without objection, 2/0/0

3. **Public Comment**

4. **Old Business** –

I. Update on Board motions

- A. Tree Removal process/Urban Canopy motions: passed at 9/11/18 MVCC BoD meeting. Series of three motions considered at WRAC; possible passage of clarification to register with WRAC wording.

Koretz/Bonin CF 03-1459-S3

II. MV Park

- A. Fall Festival – report

The event was a lot of fun and well-attended. Its funding has become problematic and resolution is ongoing.

- B. Update on Tennis Courts usage at Mar Vista Park

- 1. **Possible motion** concerning equitable allocation of resources

None; no word from Juliet

- C. Efforts to ally with MV PAB board, MV Park and its director, [Caroline Lammers](#);

- 1. Draft Letter from Scott, **Possible motion** or administrative approval to send
- 2. PAB meetings

Awaiting letter from Scott.

III. Inventory of Open Space in MV

- A. Contribution to Community Plan initiative, use their map, work with Zone Directors?

Map has been obtained. Sara will start with MVCC4, expand capacities to other Zones. It'll be a working exercise.

- B. I-tree canopy

Online random count utility for determining open space in designated area. Randomly pinpoints a locale for determination of "canopy" or "not" – MVs open space is approximately 23% canopy. Canopy.itreetools.org

IV. Any other Old Business of concern

5. **New Business**

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I. Englander Coyote Trap-Release proposal, CF 16-0585-S2

A. CLAW opposition. **Possible motion** for CIS in opposition

"MVCC opposes the proposal from Council Member Mitch Englander, CF 16-0585-S2, to reinstate a catch and release program for Coyotes in response to a recent biting incident on 3/14/17 in East LA.

A catch-and-release program for coyotes was [implemented in Los Angeles prior to 1994](#) and found wanting, as well as inoperable, and withdrawn in 1994. It is not necessary (or even now possible) to reiterate discarded solutions to a problem, no matter how urgent the issue.

MVCC shall submit a Community Impact Statement in opposition to this retrograde motion, even while working to pioneer a more effective response within our community. In cooperation with MVCC's Public Safety and Health Committee, the Parks and Open Space Subcommittee will initiate a public awareness campaign to raise consciousness of safe community practices in living among coyotes, including raising consciousness of the animals' biology and behaviours, and place within the ecosystem, and the practice of "hazing" favored by the animal control departments of Santa Monica, Culver City and Los Angeles County, and the Santa Monica Conservancy."

This should be agendized at MVCC Public Safety Cmte

II. Any other New Business of concern

6. **Future Meetings**

I. Strategies for building committee members, locale/time suggestions

7. **Future Agenda items**

8. **Public Comment**

9. **Adjournment** (by 4:30pm)

APPROVED