



# Mar Vista Community Council



## MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Joint Meeting of the **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** & the **Transportation and Infrastructure Committee**

**Thursday September 15, 2016, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

COFFEE CONNECTION, 3838 S Centinela Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90066

### **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee**

Co-Chairs: Michelle Krupkin and Greg Castelnuovo-Tedesco

### **Transportation and Infrastructure Committee**

Co-Chairs: Michelle Krupkin and Ken Alpern

## MINUTES

1. Call To Order and Welcome – Chair (1 min.) acting co-chair: Michelle Krupkin 7:18 pm
2. Introductions and Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) (2 minutes) Michelle Krupkin announced the Monday 9/19/16 Buckle Up: Zooming into the future with The Ride (KPCC event at the Petersen Automotive Museum).
3. Motion to approve August 2016 minutes (2 minutes) Michelle Krupkin made the motion, Lenore French seconded. Minutes passed.
4. Reports (15 Minutes)
  - a. Great Streets Program brief definition-Michelle Krupkin, MV Community Council.
  - b. Report from Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce President Sarah Auerswald, including info on the 2016 Great Streets Challenge Grant. Sarah shared that she has recently observed DOT active on Venice Blvd. in preparation for future work. Sarah also shared that the 2016 Great Streets Challenge Grant contest is opening again, with any street in LA able to be included in the Grant process, not just Great Streets. Projects may include pop ups, build outs, etc. Sarah said that she will not be applying for a 2016 Great Streets Challenge Grant, but will be holding the Small Business Saturday/Make It Mar Vista event again this year on November 26 2016. Sarah also discussed midblock crosswalks and answered questions from stakeholders.
5. Policy Motions/Community Impact Statements:
  - 1) Whereas the LA City Council is due to vote on Council File 16-0147 in October 2016, Whereas the Mar Vista Community Council supports the relinquishment of Venice Blvd between Lincoln and Cadillac from Caltrans to the City of Los Angeles, Therefore be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council supports Council File 16-0147 and encourages the City of Los Angeles to work with the Mar Vista Community Council on utilizing a portion of the \$14,500,000 payment from Caltrans to the City for the relinquishment for improvements along Venice Blvd between Walgrove and Sawtelle. Michelle Krupkin made the motion, Ken Alpern seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. New Business (30-65 minutes)
  - a. Jessie Holzer, CD11 Mobility Deputy, was to give a review of ideas from Great Streets Projects components and overview of progress on the relinquishment of Venice Blvd. to LA City. As Jessie was not in attendance due to illness, Len Nguyen gave her update. Len shared that the LA City Council on August 31 2016 voted in favor of the relinquishment of Venice Blvd. from Caltrans to LA City of the portion from Lincoln Blvd. to Cadillac Ave. The motion passed. Len also spoke briefly to give an update on pavement murals. An MOA is being circulated among city departments and is moving forward. Regarding the subject of Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs), there is a VECD grant that may be used.
  - b. Len Nguyen, CD11 Senior Field Deputy. Discussion of street resurfacing in Mar Vista. Regarding street resurfacing vs. potholes, Len reviews the three current different methods of paving:
    1. Full recondition of street
    2. Regular road resurface

3. Slurry – a blacktop that allows a street surface to stay together longer.

Deciding which method to use is part art, part science. Art: how many stakeholder requests,

Science: A DOT machine gives every LA City street a grade regarding condition.

The council sets priorities, as they cannot simply fix the worst streets over and over. Len states that Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Specific Plan (TIMP) funds are used to fund transportation improvements. Sara Auerswald suggested having a stakeholder meeting about street resurfacing issues in the future.

- c. Michelle Krupkin, MV Community Council, gave an overview of DOT Vision Zero meeting in which ideas were discussed to lower accidents and fatalities of bicyclists and pedestrians. She shared materials from the meeting as well as comments on bike safety and responsibility as well as best practices for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicle drivers. Michelle also discussed the Clean Streets Grant program. Michelle stated that she attended a Palms Neighborhood Council Meeting and was trying to coordinate with Palms NC on a Clean Streets project. Len Nguyen shared that it may be possible to investigate black Auto Litter Bins (ALB) for Great Street Venice Blvd. LA City will be replacing all wire trashcans with ALBs in the future on a to be determined timeline. There was conversation about putting together an ongoing Mar Vista Infrastructure repair list, including potholes and other items. Sarah Auerswald suggested that we get a list together for all six Mar Vista zones.
- d. Lenore French, GCI gave an overview of the September 1 2016 Mar Vista Steppin' into Art walk event, which was a huge success. The Art walk started in December 2015 with 18 participating venues and is now up to close to 50 participating venues. The September 1st Art walk theme was music and there were a total of 4 stages – two indoor and 2 outdoor with 35 bands/music acts participating. Many bands that performed were asked to come back to venues in the future; for example, a jazz band is now going to perform at the Atmosphere Café each Friday. Timewarp Records is now putting together an in-store section to feature recording from musical acts that performed live at the Art Walk. In addition, there was over 35 live artists painting/performing including fire dancers.

The newly launched passport program, like the events themselves, has the capacity to increase the bottom line for businesses as well as attract more attention from LA City and result in more services for the neighborhood. Moving forward, Lenore wants to institutionalize the event and solidify the neighborhood community.

Lenore is also looking forward to the one-year anniversary and next Art Walk on December 1 2016. She is trying to create a new experience with each event. The theme of the upcoming event will be light.

- e. Public Comment
- f. Future Agenda Items
- g. Adjournment was at 8:57 pm

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