



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

GREAT STREETS AD HOC COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 11 2015, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Mar Vista Library

12006 Venice Blvd., Mar Vista, CA 90066

(SW corner of Venice and Inglewood Blvds.)

Minutes

1. Called To Order at 6:38 p.m.
2. Introductions and Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) (2 minutes)
3. Motion to approve January 2015 minutes (2 minutes) – passed
4. Reports (30 Minutes)
 - a. Great Streets Program brief definition –Michelle Krupkin gave an overview of the Great Streets Program and some possible goals that have been discussed since the inaugural October 2014 meeting.
 - b. Report from Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce President Sarah Auerswald. Sarah discussed the possibility of a mid-block crosswalk between Centinela Ave. and Grand View Blvd., perhaps located at Mountain View Ave. This is something many Venice Blvd. merchants are interested in.
There was a discussion of the need for parking in the area. Possibilities were discussed, such as the Grand View BowlMor lot, the USPS lot (privately owned and possibly problematic due to current federal usage) and other options such as the CVS Centinela parking lot. Sarah mentioned the next meeting of the MV Chamber of Commerce: March 2nd, 6 pm at Coffee Connection, Great Streets slideshows to be shown.
-Slideshow of MV Chamber possible Great Streets ideas -POSTPONED until March 11 meeting
5. New Business (35-50 minutes)
 - a. USC Price Urban Planning Program - presentation of their CD11 Great Streets Venice Blvd. project. (30 minutes)
John Tomlinson and Ariana Martino gave a wonderful overview of their Great Streets Initiative Final project. Some of the goals they identified were:
 - Sidewalk repair and beautification
 - Pedestrian crosswalk opportunity & visibility
 - Clean & engage alleyway use
 - Repurpose left turn pocket

- Green Existing Surface parking lots & reroute access to side street
 - Narrow traffic lanes to reduce width to 10 ft and speed limit to 30 mph
 - Extend Curb to narrow pedestrian crossing distance and enhance parking
 - Protect Bike Lane with Green Buffer & parked cars
 - Widen and Engage Median for recreation and gathering spots
- Their group also set policy goals to: increase street wall consistency & vertical density at major intersections for future development.
- John and Arians had a Q&A session after the presentation.
- Topics discussed included:
- Parking options such as multi-modal choices, mechanical stacked parking.
 - Planning for a bus to Exposition and Bundy EXPO line from Venice Blvd.
 - Bike Hub parking with long-term bike parking and bike parklets
 - Sidewalk right of ways. Venice Blvd. has the widest ROWs of all the 15 Great Streets.

- b. Discussion of on-going MVCC Great Streets survey results, including CD11 surveys if possible. More distribution of the MVCC Great Streets survey needs to take place, with surveys being more regularly being placed and completed at the MV Farmer's Market. More promotion of the on-line survey is needed.

Len Nguyen, Field Deputy of CD 11 shared that CD11 has gathered approximately 350 surveys and are working on putting the data into a readable form. CD11 is also working on a demo version of the January 25th CD11 info session for more outreach.

- c. Public Comment -none

- d. Future Agenda Items -none

- e. Adjournment 7:50 p.m.

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