



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
GREAT STREETS AD HOC COMMITTEE
Wednesday May 13, 2015, 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Mar Vista Library
12006 Venice Blvd., Mar Vista, CA 90066
(SW corner of Venice and Inglewood Blvds.)

Chair: Michelle Krupkin

Minutes

1. Call To Order and Welcome – Chair (1 min.) 6:38 pm
2. Introductions and Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) (2 minutes)
3. Motion to approve April 2015 minutes (2 minutes) – waived until June 2015
4. Reports (15 Minutes)
 - a. Great Streets Program brief definition –Michelle Krupkin
 - b. Report from Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce President Sarah Auerswald.
Sarah reported that there is still strong interest in a mid-block crosswalk. Connie Pallini-Tipton from LA Dept. of City Planning mentioned that DOT requires a full pedestrian signal at a midblock crosswalk. Sarah said that the MV Chamber would like to use the November 2015 Small Business Saturday Platform to unveil their first project for Great Streets CD 11 Venice Blvd.
5. New Business (30-65 minutes)
 - a. Steven Katigbak, LA Dept. of City Planning. Streetscape Outreach Boards presentation (30-35 minutes). Steven gave a very comprehensive presentation, which included Outreach Boards from the upcoming 5/31/15 LA City Dept. of Planning's Westside Mobility Plan charette that took place at the Mar Vista Farmer's Market.
Topics included:
 - Difference between Great Streets (short-term) vs. Westside Mobility Plan (long-term) plans for Venice Blvd.
 - General Character of Venice Blvd.
 - Sidewalk Safety
 - Trash Receptacles
 - Street Furniture (and Color Options)
 - Pedestrian Lighting
 - Street Trees
 - Sidewalk Landscaping
 - Stormwater Treatments
 - Crossing ImprovementsSteven will look to share results in the near future.

- b. A Kid's Place – preschool. Presenter: Beacon Miodovsky. Presentation of priorities and ideas for Great Streets Venice Blvd. (15-20 minutes).
Beacon and Naomi Shadis from A Kid's Place presented background of their organization and results from their survey:
-Background – AKP is a preschool located on Venice Blvd. between Grand View and Centinela (comprising 9000 sq. ft. inside/1000 sq. ft outside) serving 125 students ages 5 mos. to 5 years old from approximately 100 families.
Survey results; there is interest in the following:
-Trashcans on Venice Blvd. -potentially possible through a BID
-Midblock Crosswalk or Crosswalk Median designs (ex Washington & Wade)
-Interactive Art for Children –tile mosaic, inlaid hopscotch, art, stone sculptures, wall art
-Survey results for six questions:
-1. How often do you visit downtown Mar Vista between Centinela and Inglewood?
2. How long/how often do you stay in the area?
3. What would entice you to stay longer? –better parking, more businesses
4. What/Where do you visit?
5. Please rank potential improvement ideas:
-50% wanted more parking in the area as an improvement
-40% wanted more beautification – plants/artwork
-additional survey takers wanted more crosswalk safety, set backs, bicycle lane improvements
6. Additional Comments by Survey takers
Overall, there were many great ideas that were brought up as a result of the survey. Beacon will gladly share the survey with any interested parties.
- c. Public Comment
d. Future Agenda Items
e. Adjournment 7:57 pm

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