



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

GREAT STREETS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE with the MVCC Board of Directors
<http://www.marvista.org/great-streets.php>

Wednesday October 14 2020 7:00 pm

ZOOM Electronic Meeting

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MINUTES

1. Call To Order and Welcome – Chair (1 min.): Michelle Krupkin 7:14 pm
In attendance: Michelle Krupkin, Alek Bartrosouf, Tracey Corrine, Krishna Curry, Stacy Shure, Christine Stemar, Kalani Whittington, Tommy
2. Introductions and Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) (2 minutes)
Kalani comments about Sidewalk Street Vendors near Sawtelle/National Rite Aid parking lot. There have open flame fires. She wishes LA City councilmembers would not allow street vendors to set up close to restaurants.
Stacy mentions that she thinks the vendors at Sawtelle and National are great and are safety conscious. They are a family based, good food, Mesos (?) Brothers who used to have a restaurant before Covid-19 pandemic and now have the street vending operation.
Kalani shares that the original reasoning behind street vendors is that the LA City Councilmembers in East LA said people here need something to eat. This is not the case in this area. Kalani worries about the unfair competition for brick and mortar restaurants. Street vending shouldn't be set up within 100 or 200 feet of a restaurant.
Michelle comments that Alek will take Kalani's comments back to CD11 and concerns about safety and competition.
3. Motion to approve recent Great Streets minutes (2-5 minutes) Tabled
4. Reports (15 -20 Minutes)
 - a. Great Streets Program brief definition-Michelle Krupkin, MV Community Council. Michelle reads the definition and references the Great Streets Subcommittee website:
<http://www.marvista.org/great-streets.php>
 - b. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf, shares Mar Vista related mobility issues including update on the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project –formerly know as the Placemaking Project.
Alek reports that they have finalized the dates and shares his screen to share the flyer.
Thursday 10/29/20 Zoom meeting with presentation
Sun 11/22/20 at MV Farmers Market Sunday before Thanksgiving, which is planned as a follow-up workshop feedback session. For those that aren't comfortable participating in person, we will have a feedback mechanism for people to participate virtually.
The Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project is a partnership with CD11 council office, LADOT and Great Streets to bring various beautification elements to the corridor.
They want to revitalize the business community, have this be a welcoming space for patrons, and people going to Farmer's Market.
The way in which they hope to do this is through various art installations, murals, things very similar to what Tracey is doing (Mosaic?)

They will have Street Furniture as a potential option, having moveable pieces that businesses can kind of adopt to have seating spaces available for their customers for use.

They will have signage ideas such as way finding, cool artistic medallions for installation on street poles or maybe more practical signs that would read something like: library, 5 minute walk this way or MV Farmers Market 6 minute walk this way

Alek shares that these are all elements that they are going to be conceptually proposing and plan to discuss at the October 29th online meeting. It's going to be a high level conversation about the various elements and what priorities the community has. They are going to show all the elements but not all elements will be done as they don't have the money to do everything they are demonstrating.

Hopefully we can get some kind of indication from the community what elements they prefer over other things.

Alek says that then they plan to come back November 22 at the MV Farmers Market. It is intentionally planned as a passive meeting so that we are not having people congregate or be clumped together.

We are going to activate people who are waiting in line and provide information there.

We will also have a booth where people can offload their feedback and walk away.

Again we are being mindful about crowding and distancing.

That is their process planned right now.

Alek and Vishesh will be doing business outreach this Friday afternoon 10/16/20 and hope to reach as many business owners as they can and then follow up via email.

They will also be at Farmer's Market in a booth from 9 am - 2pm on Sunday October 18 informing people of the project. If you are in the area, come say hi. Take some flyers to circulate. You can also contact Alek for flyers to circulate. Alek hopes we help spread the word about this project and the two opportunities to participate.

The two opportunities will also be announced tomorrow 10/15/20 at the Outreach Committee and Saturday at Renters Committee. Christine offered to coordinate on Friday with Alek in order to get information and flyers to share with Zone 1's Homeowners Association. Michelle said she will work with Kathryn to put the flyer on the MVCC website.

Anna at LANI is hired to help assist with outreach presentations and will be making the same announcement at the MVCC Outreach Committee.

Alek says he hops that Kathryn will help spread the word through the MVCC networks. Stacy says she will take the flyer to the Renter's Committee meeting on 10/15/20.

LANI and Studio One Eleven are going to be the ones suggesting ideas to the community, and managing outreach meetings. Alek says that LANI and Studio One Eleven are the "doers" of the project. They were hired because the council office and LADOT doesn't have the capacity to take on a project like this.

They really want to hear from everybody about what they would like the pedestrian experience on the corridor to be. Themes will be presented and specific elements that will fall within the budget.

The budget won't pay for all ideas, have to find out what are the priorities are from stakeholders and the community.

A budget of \$240,000 is allocated to the project.

Themes that will be presented at community meetings will tie back to the budget based on priority.

Mosaic Hopscotch side discussion

Mosaic Artist Tracey Corinne asked about the Mosaic Hopscotch board she has been working on for a long time. She wonders whether the Mosaic Hopscotch project will fall under the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project. Alek says no, your project predates this and he understand that's 90% there. Tracey says that she is still requesting info on the finding a party that could help assists with questions about maintenance and repairs. Alek will connect her with Anna at LANI for support. The hopscotch project is not funded by this project budget.

Michelle mentions the Highland Park mosaic project that had 14 sidewalk mosaics installed on Figueroa Street between Avenues 53 and 60. LANI and the CD1 office of Gil Cedillo was involved

in that. Certainly LANI and Tracey should connect to help assist move the Mosaic Hopscotch project along.

Stacy asks what is the timeline of these possible projects?

Alek said that the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project Contract deadline is tentatively at the end of March 2021. Permits currently being processed.

Alek states that this project is not about heavy infrastructure investments. These are easy to build and implement items that he hopes to have installed before March.

These items all have to go through formal city permitting for installations.

Stacy says that she is concerned that installations should be engineering to be vandal proof.

Alek says that they do not have a budget for maintenance, but we could buy in larger quantities to replace in case of incidents.

Additional questions for Alek:

Kalani has question about parklets for Venice Blvd. Alek said that parklets are not part of this project because of the bike lane design on Venice Blvd. It might be a possibility on Grand View Blvd. but there is a conflict with MV Farmers Market in terms of set up.

Stacy mentions a possible problem with non licensed vendors that could be a factor in interfering in the implementation of the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project. She has seen pop up vendors, such as a vintage /clothing truck -interfering with the bike lane. On 9/26/20, she personally saw 2 bicyclists that fell/went down, this was near Centinela and Venice near Robinson Beautilities. Michelle also shares that this is the same truck she brought to Alek's attention last month, "The Dress Up Trunk." Michelle sent photos to Alek. Michelle shares that multiple businesses have told her how unhappy they are about this truck including: Morpheus, Vintage on Venice, Sunny Grill and others. Krishna says that she saw this truck as well and did research which she sent to Alek including info on the business' social media with their posted upcoming schedule on Venice Blvd. as well. Alek will follow up to find out what is going on.

Michelle mentions the broken utility feature in the Venice median west of Grand View Blvd. for over a decade that no utility company wants to take responsibility for and clean up. It would be great to identify it and remove it.

MK asks about speed hump request from someone on Marcasel btw Venice & Washington Place Alek said they could apply - any block. The special speed hump program for MV was closed already.

Normal program – the window opened last month, but since then due to COVID-19, LADOT decided they are currently not doing them and the program is on hold and not available.

In January 2021 LADOT will revisit with an update.

Christine has a speed hump application question. She knows an entity that applied for a speed hump and don't know where in the process the application request is. Alek says that if it went past the petition stage, probably get a speed hump eventually. It is in CD5 so Christine should follow up with them.

5. Old Business (10 minutes)

- a. Independent Traffic Study Motion. STATUS: Passed 10/10/18 at Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting. Motion amended and passed at BoD 11/13/18 meeting. *Sent back to Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee to compose specific data request questions.*

Report: The Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee discussed the list of data requested from the Board of Directors and determined that the following should be utilized in a data request:

1. LADOT Transportation Impact Study Guide Lines, December 2016
<https://ladot.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph266/f/COLA-TISGuidelines-010517.pdf>
2. Typical Elements That Should Be Included In A Traffic Impact Study
<https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/oom/transportation-systems/repository/Typical%20TIS%20requirements%20033115.pdf>

3. City of Los Angeles Complete Streets Design Guide - pages 121-132

<https://planning.lacity.org/documents/policy/CompleteStreetDesignGuide.pdf>

STATUS: Tabled at 5/14/19 BoD meeting, to appear on a future BoD agenda. **No update**

- b. ADA Evaluation Policy Motion. The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) supports an independent Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) evaluation of the Great Street Venice Boulevard Pilot Project. **STATUS:** Tabled at 5/14/19 BoD meeting for future discussion, to appear on a future BoD agenda. **No update**
- c. Update on the Mosaic Hopscotch project long planned for placement at the MV Library area **STATUS:** Meetings took place in April 2019 with CD11's Hannah Levien, mosaic artist Tracey Corinne, MVCC's Michelle Krupkin and Bureau of Street Services Supervisor Larry Hresko. The City of LA Cultural Affairs Commission approved the project at their 11/13/19 monthly hearing. Waiting for paperwork and update from CD11 and BoSS/StreetsLA. The mosaic materials passed a BOE slip test 3/4/20. Prior to COVID-19 shutdown, installation was targeted for April 2020 or later. **STATUS:** CD11 Mar Vista Deputy Vishesh Anand hopefully is up to speed on this project. Awaiting update to know where this project stands since StreetsLA plans changed. **Michelle says that Vishesh was getting up to speed but he said that he was under the impression that Tracey could sign some sort of waiver that would state that she wouldn't be responsible for the mosaic in the future.**
Tracey will reach out to Anna and Janell at LANI
<http://lani.org/projects/highland-park/>
<https://www.peoplesworld.org/article/a-new-mosaic-in-highland-park-features-activist-rosalio-urias-munoz/>
<https://www.scpr.org/news/2018/03/30/81970/walk-on-chicken-boy-and-other-highland-park-cultur/>
Tracey was told that she is not allowed to seal her mosaic - by StreetsLA maybe
- d. Motion regarding the Mar Vista Music and Art Walk <https://www.marvistaartwalk.org/> Motion passed at 10/15/19 BoD Meeting. **STATUS:** Letter pending. **No update**
- e. Motion regarding the "Arts District" designation for Venice Blvd proposed for the Palms - Mar Vista - Del Rey and Venice Community Plan updates. **STATUS:** Motion passed 10/10/2019 at GS, passed at 1/08/20 Joint meeting of Transportation and Infrastructure and Great Streets, PASSED as CIS at 3/06/20 Special Board of Directors meeting. Letter based on passed motion sent. **No update**
- f. Motion regarding a request from a member of the LAPD's Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) Traffic Subcommittee regarding the MVCC's position on Great Streets Venice Blvd. **STATUS:** Motion passed 10/10/2019 at GS, passed at 1/08/20 Joint meeting of Transportation and Infrastructure and Great Streets, PASSED at 3/10/20 Board of Directors Agenda. **Letter sent to Mr. Levy.**
- g. Motion regarding Great Streets Pavement Mural project at Grand View and Pacific Ave. **STATUS:** Motion passed 12/11/2019 at Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee, then passed at 1/08/20 Joint meeting of Transportation and Infrastructure and Great Streets PASSED at 3/10/20 Board of Directors Agenda. **Council File: 16-0722** CIS letter pending. **No update**
- h. Motion regarding Traffic Data Request for Great Streets Venice Blvd. Project. The MVCC requests that LADOT, CD11 and the Mayor's Great Street Office release year 2 traffic, bike and accident data regarding Great Street Venice Blvd. and reinstate the www.VeniceBoulevardMarVista.org website **STATUS:** PASSED at 3/10/20 Board of Directors Agenda. Letter pending. **No update**
- i. Motion regarding GS Venice Blvd. Placemaking Project and sidewalk repair project. The MVCC requests that money budgeted for the Venice Blvd. Placemaking Project be used to install the long awaited Venice Blvd. Gateway Sign, install the Great Streets Venice Blvd. Mosaic Hopscotch at the Mar Vista Library and fix the Grand View Blvd./Pacific Ave. Pavement Mural. **STATUS:** PASSED at 8/11/20 BoD meeting, letter sent 8/2020. **See Item 4b –awaiting update from CD11 et al on project outreach. No update from Alek from Vishesh.**

6. New Business (40 minutes)

- a. Discussion and possible motion: MVCC supports the segment of Pacific Ave. between Inglewood Blvd. and Grandview to be considered for StreetsLA Cool Streets project as it is a vital part of the Mar Vista Farmer's Market area which is key to Great Street Venice Blvd.
There was discussion about this item. Michelle made the motion and Christine 2nd. Motion passed without objection.
 - b. Discussion and possible motion. Request for formal update from LADOT and other relevant city agencies of past expenditures and total monies remaining to date in the relinquishment fund created when Caltrans relinquished Venice Blvd. in September 2016 to LA City. See Council File 16-0147. There was discussion about this item.
http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2016/16-0147_rpt_boe_8-22-16.pdf
Michelle made the motion and Christine 2nd. Motion passed without objection.
 - c. Discussion / update of the new LA City AI Fresco program as it pertains to Great Street Venice Blvd. area. Alek says that currently the AI Fresco has run out of funds - was extended to December, ran out of funds
 - d. Discussion and possible motion of the Mayor's Mar Vista Business Initiative and current inventory of empty storefronts on Great Street Venice Blvd. including COVID-19 closure inventory. Inventory is in preliminary data entry stage. Krisha updating as well Michelle, Stacy and other Zone directors.
 - e. Possible update on the Venice Blvd. Downtown Mar Vista Gateway Signage project. Council File: 16-0127
7. Public Comment
- Discussion of maintenance of murals and utility art boxes. Palms NC has boxes that need repainted Tracey - art box she painted on Venice & Centinela was graffitied over, LADOT repainted it gray and someone else has put another design there sadly. Kalani Whittington announces that Palms NC HAT 3-5 party Palms NC
<http://palmsnc.la/2020/10/11/virtual-hat-party-oct-18th/>
- Stacy has announcement - thanks to Palms NC - she will be speaking Friday morning Budget Advocates Subcommittee.
8. Future Agenda Items
- a. Motion re Palms NC proposed involvement with LADOT for outreach efforts for project on Venice Blvd. between Tuller (west of Sepulveda to approximately Robertson Blvd. See: Palms NC Transportation Committee and Venice Blvd Improvement Ad Hoc Committee for full details.
Kalani has no update, still on hold, transportation meeting was cancelled, the proposed chair cancelled, still on hold
9. Adjournment 8:45 pm

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