



## Mar Vista Community Council



### MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

GREAT STREETS SUBCOMMITTEE with the MVCC Board of Directors

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Wednesday December 9 2020 7:30 pm

ZOOM Electronic Meeting

PUBLIC WELCOME

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### MINUTES

1. Call To Order and Welcome – Chair (1 min.): Michelle Krupkin 7:30 pm  
*In attendance: Michelle Krupkin, Krishna Curry, Kathryn Wheeler, Gabriel Hill, Alek Bartrosouf, Chris McKinnon, John Tapia, Tracey Corrine, Wesley S., Nancee L., Tommy.*
2. Introductions and Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) (2 minutes)  
Happy Holidays were wished to all. No other public comment was made.
3. Motion to approve recent Great Streets minutes (2-5 minutes) *Kathryn Wheeler made the motion, Tracey Corrine seconded. The November 2020 minute were approved without objection.*
4. Reports (15 -20 Minutes)
  - a. Great Streets Program brief definition-Michelle Krupkin, MV Community Council.  
*Michelle noted that the Great Streets program website is not functioning. Alek is not aware of changes to site but shared that Wajenda has been moved to LADOT. Anisa is still with Great Streets and the Mayor's Office. She may be a point of contact. Michelle is curious if Great Streets is now part of Livable streets instead of the Mayor's Office since she couldn't find the Great Streets section anywhere but Livable streets section of the LA City website. Alek is not sure.*
  - 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. Presentation on as DMVBP project developments occurred today on Dec 9th. Wayfinding signs/elements were not kept as part of the project's scope. They are still collecting feedback and recruiting partnerships for the project. The conversation is open. An associated survey will be sent out to those who participated. There will be a YouTube link of the presentation posted shortly. Anyone who rsvp'd to the eventbrite link will directly receive the link, MVCC will help distribute the feedback. Gabriel and Kathryn commended CD11 on improving the format of the webinar and making it more interactive. Gabriel especially appreciated the social justice elements as a component of mural art.
5. Old Business (10 minutes)
  - a. 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. *Will wait until after lock down to conduct outreach*

- b. 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 installation plans changed.**  
 Tracey is waiting for an update on the contract CD11 BSS regarding maintenance of the installation. It was initially written in perpetuity that she is required to commit to maintaining the artwork for free. She has submitted a maintenance agreement contract draft to Vishesh that she is comfortable signing. Vishesh will follow up with BSS or Streets LA. She is still waiting for the city to approve and sign her amendments to the contract. Project is slowly moving forward. On her end she submitted all required paperwork and presentations to DCA, Cultural Affairs, engineers, etc. over the past 2 years. She was only compensated for materials 5 years ago. There has been no mention of how she will be paid. She submitted an invoice previously that took over 6 months to be remitted. Tracey did share her concerns regarding the damages to the existing three tile mosaics and that 2 of her pieces constantly get covered by picnic tables (belonging to Alana's Coffee). Given that the city does not currently maintain or protect her existing work, she refuses to maintain the art in perpetuity. Michelle will connect Tracey with Cigdem to find assistance on who to retain payment for city for art projects.
- c. Motion regarding the Mar Vista Music and Art Walk <https://www.marvistaartwalk.org/> Motion passed at 10/15/19 BoD Meeting. **STATUS:** Letter pending.
- d. Motion regarding Great Streets Pavement Mural project at Grand View and Pacific Ave. **STATUS:** Motion passed 12/11/2019 at Great Streets 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.
- e. Motion regarding Traffic Data Request for Great Streets Venice Bld. 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](http://www.VeniceBoulevardMarVista.org) website **STATUS:** PASSED at 3/10/20 Board of Directors Agenda. Letter pending. In progress.
- f. 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. **STATUS:** Passed at GS 10.14.20, Passed at T&I 11.05.20 meeting, Motion passed at 11/10/20 MVCC BoD meeting. Letter pending. In progress.
- g. 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. **STATUS:** Passed at GS 10.14.20, Passed at T&I 11.05.20 meeting, Motion passed at 11/10/20 MVCC BoD meeting. Letter pending. In progress.
6. New Business (40 minutes)
- a. Discussion and possible motion regarding recent responses from MVCC feedback form regarding the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project. See supplemental material for feedback comments results. Discussion of possible update on results from CD11 16-question survey as well as Step 2, Dec. 9 2020 Review Findings & Implementation Online Follow-up Workshop. Kathryn received 22 responses to the feedback form. Michelle shared the screen with the responses. In general, respondents want to see more greenery/greenspace, a solution for reducing encampments, litter removal, etc. Detail responses available in supplemental materials/supporting documents. Comment from John: feels that any clean-up is better than no clean up, but the project is not

prioritizing the main issue. Notes that the top of the Mar Vista library is Waves- perhaps that could be cohesively tied into the project. Tracey agrees that any art installed should have a cohesive theme/branding. Michelle mentioned that there is a Mar Vista Historical Society that could be used as a reference for art inspiration.

- b. Discussion and possible motion to propose involving local Mar Vista Schools and their students in the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project and coordination with the MVCC Education, Arts and Culture Committee. Yes CD11 is open to proposals for art installations that could be included in the project. He is available for contact. Possible mural location options were presented at the meeting. Gabriel: Education Arts and Culture Committee was going to partner with the Rec center to create the Mar Vista Menagerie. DONE (Shauna in LA City Clerk's office) informed the MVCC that they will not be permitted to organize anything that involves the formation of a crowd. Krishna suggested that the kids' feedback be collected digitally. Alek suggested that supplies be distributed for kids to create their own pieces and then return them for installation, or perhaps the kids contribute to a mosaic piece. Alek is seeking specific suggestions and ideas for people to connect to as quickly as possible. Gabriel notes that this item is on the agenda for the upcoming EAC committee meeting this weekend. Vishesh may have an alternate CIVIC art project opportunity via CD11 that the MVCC can access. Gabriel will follow up on that. Gabriel will continue brainstorming with his fellow co-chairs to create more ideas that will pose a liability risk. Gabriel hinted at an approaching STEAM/STEM project coming.
- c. Discussion / update of the new LA City AI Fresco program as it pertains to Great Street Venice Blvd. area. AI fresco program is still available and accepting applications. City will allocate an additional 2 million as a part of a 6 month extension. Quidiyan's application was approved, but the status of the application can not be discussed with Krishna, who inquired on the next steps. Krishn will provide them with the update and will personally help facilitate in guiding them through the remaining steps of the process.
- 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 active and closure inventory as well as possible Mar Vista business feedback regarding the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project. Still in Progress. Tracey Corinne asked why she received conflicting information about the beautification project also being associated with Great Streets. Wondering why the info session was held prior to the great streets agenda and not during the great streets meeting. Alek clarified that even though the topics covered overlap. The info session exclusively covered the DMVBP.
- e. Possible update on the Venice Blvd. Downtown Mar Vista Gateway Signage project. Council File: 16-0127 CD11 has not been able to pursue it in lieu of the pandemic. Furloughs are approaching, therefore the future of the project is not able to be determined.

7. Public Comment None
8. Future Agenda Items ADA survey
9. Adjournment 9:14 PM

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