

Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Wednesday January 13 2021 7:30 pm

ZOOM Electronic Meeting

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MINUTES

- Call To Order and Welcome Chair (1 min.): Michelle Krupkin 7:32 PM
 In attendance: Michelle Krupkin, Krishna Curry, Tracey Corrine, Alek Bartrosouf, Selena Inouye, Stacy Shure, Kalani Whittington, Brennan Lindner
- 2. Introductions and Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) (2 minutes) Brennan Lindner, who is an event planner, discusses the median project that was installed at Mountain View & Venice. He raised 25,000 to put in plants and maintenance was supposed to be handled by StreetsLA.- Brennan said that Vishesh was trying to reach out to someone to find out about maintenance of the this area. In the meantime, he was looking to get some volunteers to pull weeds in the area.
 - Krishna -mentions the upcoming MVCC Renters Subcommittee meeting this weekend.
- 3. Motion to approve recent Great Streets minutes (2-5 minutes) Krishna made motion, Tracey Corrine seconded, the December 9 2020 Great Street minutes were approved.
- 4. Reports (15 -20 Minutes)
 - a. Great Streets Program brief definition-Michelle Krupkin, MV Community Council. GS website is gone from where it used to be located within the Mayor's Office site. The former site leads to an Indonesian Website for gambling. Alek says that the Great Streets site is now is located on the Livable Streets section of LADOT, which is a website which launched in 2021. No info on current Great Streets staff on LADOT pages. Former Great Streets Program Manager Wajenda Chambeshi is no longer with Great Streets and is now a Transportation Engineer with LADOT.
 - b. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf, shares Mar Vista related mobility issues including update on the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project (DMVBP) -formerly know as the Placemaking Project. Alek shared that a letter is pending, coming from CD11 and going to the MVCC regarding the outreach to businesses regarding the DMVBP. The project is in the wrapping up stages of coordinating with local businesses and understanding what their needs are. Murals are a separate process that will go through the Dept. of Cultural Affairs usual outreach process. There is an additional level of outreach for murals that he hopes he can announce soon. He doesn't have a timeline for that. Alek also mentioned construction currently taking place on Venice and Boise, which he anticipates may have some impacts to the bike lane in the west bound direction.

Selena asks about Slow Streets and info that she got from the NCSA Transportation Committee. Alek said that the Slow Streets program is not becoming permanent. Stacy mentions screwing signs into the A frames to replace the cardstock reinforcing attachment. Alek says he will have more

information soon about how LADOT is planning to update the signage on the current Slow Streets, but they are not taking applications for any new Slow Streets and as far as he knows, the program is not becoming permanent, but is temporary during the pandemic.

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. Selena suggests revisiting the ADA issue and inviting Geoffrey Straniere, Senior Project Coordinator, Access Compliance, LA City Department on Disability to see if there are outstanding ADA issues on Venice Blvd. that have not yet been addressed.
- 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: 1/08/21 Public Works meeting took place and Encroachment in Public Right-Of-Way permits were approved. Awaiting update from StreetsLA and CD11 Mar Vista Deputy Vishesh Anand to try to get an installation date and details. Tracey has a meeting Wed. 1/20/21 with StreetsLA and CD 11 MV Deputy Vishesh to discuss install date and details. Tracey has concerns about getting access to power and water during installation.
- 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. **NO UPDATE**
- 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. NO UPDATE
- 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 website **STATUS**: PASSED at 3/10/20 Board of Directors Agenda. Letter pending. NO UPDATE
- 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. Waiting for info from Adriana regarding specific personnel of Cool Pavement project at BSS/StreetsLA.
- 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. Dealing with LADOT Accounting Depts. NO UPDATE
- h. Motion: Whereas, MVCC has verified that despite assurances to the contrary from CD11, local businesses on Great Street Venice Blvd. and the Downtown Mar Vista area are not being sufficiently engaged for the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project (DMVBP).

Therefore, the MVCC requests that CD11 and affiliated city entities refrain from the implementation of the DMVBP until it can be confirmed that Mar Vista businesses have been informed about the

components of the DMVBP including required maintenance and have given their feedback to CD11. **STATUS**: Motion passed at Great Streets Subcommittee 11/11/20. Motion passed at Transportation & Infrastructure 12/03/20. Motion passed at BoD 12/08/20 LETTER SENT 12/31/20. Alek from CD11 states that CD11 is responding to that motion and should have a response letter going out via email sometime this week.

6. New Business (40 minutes)

- a. Discussion and possible motion regarding additional 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 survey from Step 2, Dec. 9 2020 Review Findings & Implementation Online Follow-up Workshop.
- b. Discussion and possible motion to propose including Mar Vista Historical Society with the Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project. MK said she emailed and phoned MV Historical Society, unfortunately got no response.
- c. Discussion / update of the new LA City AI Fresco program as it pertains to Great Street Venice Blvd. area. Alek gives an Update: The program has been extended and the resources are still available if any businesses want to apply. There is no charge to apply for the Sidewalk dining element, the permit is free and usually approved quickly. LA City also has resources to do parking lane closures and parklets on streets that qualify. Unfortunately Venice Blvd speed limit is too high to qualify for parklets. Alek thinks that the AI Fresco is extended at least 6 months through June 2021. SEE these sites https://corona-virus.la/laalfresco https://ladot.lacity.org/coronavirus/apply-alfresco There was a discussion with Krishna sharing information about MV small businesses that desperately need help and feel that the city is not doing enough regarding AI Fresco and other programs, especially during the pandemic. Alek replies that the AI Fresco program doesn't offer things like street furniture, but offers space and permitting 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. UPDATE: Inventory still in progress. Krishna working on this item.
- e. Possible update on the Venice Blvd. Downtown Mar Vista Gateway Signage project. <u>Council File:</u> <u>16-0127</u> UPDATE: Alek says that there is no update because there may be an issue with consensus in community on the past approved design.
- 7. Public Comment Kalani states that she recently moved. No update from her on issues in Palms.
- 8. Future Agenda Items Selena suggests revisiting the ADA issue and inviting Geoffrey Straniere, Senior Project Coordinator, Access Compliance, LA City Department on Disability to see if there are outstanding ADA issues on Venice Blvd. that have not yet been addressed.
- 9. Adjournment 9:07 pm

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