



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Mar Vista Gateway Mural Design Presentation & Community Feedback

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Monday, April 6th, 2026 from 7:00pm - 8:00pm

PUBLIC WELCOME

Windward School, 11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, Ca 90066

Room 20

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1. CALL TO ORDER

7:02PM

ROLL CALL WITH EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - *Roll Call shall include each board member declaring any ex parte communications outside of their duties and conflicts of interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.*

Present: Directors Hedge, Ahmadyveasi, Samiley (Charlene), Honda, Kopelow, Blue, Rafeedie, Samiley (Chloe), Marton, Peterson, Paddock, Vanek

Absent: all excused - Poppink, Lin, Meuser, Clausen

Honda, Samiley (Charlene), Samiley (Chloe): ex parte regarding coordination logistics for this meeting and the community feedback process involving the mural agenda item; These communications were administrative in nature and did not include any input on the mural design itself.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA** - *1 minute per speaker, if time permits, more time will be given. The MVCC is built on Stakeholder participation and input; especially through*

our committees (see MarVista.org > Council > Committees). The Brown Act provides for a “part of the meeting where the public can comment on any item of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency.” The MVCC is an advisory board to the Los Angeles City Council and, as such, its jurisdiction is restricted within Los Angeles and most importantly, the Mar Vista Community. Therefore, please keep public comments within the MVCC jurisdiction and on matters that the MVCC may act upon in future meetings. Thank you for your involvement with the MVCC. Please feel free to contact us (info@MarVista.org) if we may be of service.

3. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** - 1 minute per speaker, if time permits, more time will be given. board members may make very limited comments and briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights (no action may be taken on matters brought up during general public comment).

There will be an item on the agenda for Beethoven Market in PLUM Committee

4. **NEW BUSINESS** - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS.

4.1. **Mar Vista Gateway Mural Design Presentation and Community Feedback (Informational) –**

[Mural location: 405 Fwy underpass at Venice Blvd.]

- Introduction by Council District 11
 - ***Matt Halden, Deputy Field Director, Special Projects; CD11 and Julio Torres, Special Projects Coordinator***
 - ***Location is 41.18; people who attempt to live under the underpass can be asked to move along without offering housing or scheduled interventions; help will be offered if desired.***
 - ***There will be lighting under the underpass***
- Artist presentation of proposed mural design and concept
 - ***John Park, Artist; Julie Hunter, John’s wife & business partner***
 - ***Artist spoke about reading community feedback from the survey administered by MVCC***
 - ***Will be altering mural design based on community feedback from these survey responses***
 - ***Discussed his style of art***
- Board member clarifying questions
 - ***Questions asked regarding maintenance of the art***
 - ***Fencing/security***
 - ***Response from CD11: The fence was always intended to be temporary. The only reason that the fence was allowed to be there in the first place is because this mural is happening. The fence will***

remain there from now and throughout the duration of the painting of the mural. It will come down once the mural has been completed.

- 41.18 will be used to keep the underpass clear after the mural is done and the fence comes down.
- Previous artist that had been approved, but withdrew.
- Hardscaping around the mural will be considered at a later date
- Exclusive Motors may allow storage of supplies for creating mural
- Public comment on this item
 - Stakeholder 1:
 - Concerns that without fence, the neighborhood will again be at risk.
 - Stakeholder 2:
 - Add Venice High to mural
 - Add Fire Station 62 to mural
 - Stakeholder 3:
 - Keep photo of Martin Rubin
 - Add more history (ranch land)
 - Discussion of Hiro Yamagata, an artist
 - Stakeholder 4:
 - Add more representation to reflect Mar Vista's diversity
- Open Q&A and facilitated discussion
 - Mar Vista was famous as the lima bean capital. Will lima bean be featured?
 - Is there a way to ensure that we get that same support by another administration?
 - Question regarding responsibility for mural? CD11 and CD5 are both involved
 - Grandview was suggested as a feature in mural
 - Will Palms or Culver City be involved?
 - Culver City may be doing their own mural at the wall on the other side of the underpass, although not confirmed
 - Discretionary funds from both CD 11 and CD 5, along with DCA contributions, will be used to fund the mural.
 - Please don't include community input other than Mar Vista.
 - This mural is being permitted and billed as "Gateway to Mar Vista."
 - Mural has to be approved by DCA and CalTrans once redesigned
 - Cal Trans does not allow any text, lettering or numbers on the mural.
 - Final rendering will be shown to community

- **Late summer start date, early fall completion, and there will be a ribbon cutting**
- **Question about fading; underpass will protect it.**
- **Suggestion raised regarding Olympics funding.**

Note: This is an informational item only. No Board action will be taken.

5. ADJOURNMENT 7:58 pm

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