



Mar Vista Community Council



Sunday, November 6th, 2016 - 9:30 A.M.

Patio of Venice Grind

12210 Venice Blvd

Los Angeles, CA 90066

Draft Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Motion to approve September minutes
3. Public comment and announcements
 - Committee rescheduled next meeting 12/11
 - New Bicycle Subcommittee under T&I with connections to PLUM and Public Safety
4. New business
 - Eco Car Expo 4/30/17 – Funding motion – The Mar Vista Community Council approves funding of \$_____ for lawn signs, flyer and banners for the Eco Car Expo that will be held on April 30th, 2017.
 - Discussion with Helen Faraday and possible motion to support LA Bees Project (see addendum below). Project to set up small secure apiaries/bee yards, in key city park locations in Los Angeles. Have simple take away HANDOUTS available at the public apiaries, giving information about * BEE FACTS * HOW TO HELP BEES *PLANTING SUGGESTIONS *SAFE NATURAL ALTERNATIVES TO WEEDKILLERS AND INSECTICIDES.
 - Discussion and possible motion on outreach campaign on issues related to dog waste and potential to place more dog waste stations in Mar Vista as in the Oval in South Mar Vista.
<http://www.lastormwater.org/take-action/practice-good-housekeeping/tips-for-pet-owners/pet-owner-outreach/> and <http://www.dogwastedepot.com/Dog-Waste-Stations-and-Mini-Stations-Prodlist.html>?
 - Michelle Weiner – discuss outreach to support Repair Café and plan mini demo repair cafes at Green Tent (as done at Fiesta LA Ballona) to introduce the idea to community members. See <http://marvistafallfestival.blogspot.com/2016/08/westside-repair-cafe.html> for more info
5. Reports/discussion
 - Green Tent
 - Fall Festival recap
 - Environmental organization resource list update

- New committee member recruitment
- 6. Old business
- 7. Public comment
- 8. Motion to adjourn

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Honey Bees and other pollinators are in difficulties.

And so are we
IF WE LOSE THE FOODS THEY POLINATE!

BUT WE CAN HELP

We are losing bees at a 40% rate annually.

Causes:

- **Loss of habitat, flowers and foraging areas.
- **An overload of chemicals and toxins in their environment.
- ** Misunderstanding about honey bees

HERE’S THE PLAN

Set up small secure apiaries/bee yards, in key city park locations in Los Angeles.

Have simple take away HANDOUTS available at the public apiaries, giving information about * BEE FACTS * HOW TO HELP BEES *PLANTING SUGGESTIONS *SAFE NATURAL ALTERNATIVES TO WEEDKILLERS AND INSECTICIDES.

IMAGINE Bees at Grand Park downtown, FAB Park, Griffith Park, Echo Park. Tree People Park, La Brea Tar Pits, LACMA, Huntington Gardens, Natural History Museum etc. etc.

Hives to be cared for by volunteers from Honey Love and LACBA.
City beekeepers give talks while checking hives?

Picture a Bee City website/YouTube where we watch the hive activity, the maintenance and evolution etc.
Classroom

While people watch for themselves how beautifully and efficiently they pollinate and organize their colonies, there is the opportunity to:

INFORM. Help people, especially children, understand that bees very rarely sting & do so much good by pollinating. Great for school trips.

Handouts to include:

1. Why “We Need Bees” some fascinating “Bee Facts”
(e.g. 1/3rd of the foods that we eat are pollinated by bees! We would lose melons, squash, almonds, blueberries, strawberries, coffee, chocolate etc.
2. Weed killers and insecticides. Discouraging the use of. Listing information on simple, inexpensive alternatives.
3. Contact info for swarms. Bee colonies can be safely removed from structures and trees and successfully rehoused, without poisoning and killing them.
4. S. California planting plan -12 months of flowering forage list of flowers, herbs, trees and shrubs that bees love

Create Los Angeles as A Bee City so bees CAN THRIVE

The city restricts and greatly reduces the use of weed killers and pesticides on public land, parks. (as per Malibu, Portland, Oakland etc.) And we all become more aware of what we are using in our yards

Funding: Donations from hive manufacturers of different types of hives & equipment.

Art Concepts: Architect designed Kiosks to house observation hives. (AIA project run by Mark Gangi)
Project bee activity from the day on downtown buildings at night.

Media: KCET, KPCC, KCRW, LA Times etc. adopt the project, helping to drive the funding, as it rolls through approval phases!

Website & Facebook for LA City Bees

