



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
GREAT STREETS AD HOC COMMITTEE
Wednesday July 13, 2016, 6:30 to 8:00 pm
Mar Vista Library
12006 Venice Blvd., Mar Vista, CA 90066
(SW corner of Venice and Inglewood Blvds.)

Chair: Michelle Krupkin

Minutes

1. Call To Order and Welcome – Chair (1 min.) 6:38 pm
2. Introductions and Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) (2 minutes)
3. Motion to approve June 2016 minutes (2 minutes) Sarah Auerswald made the motion, Greg Tedesco seconded, minutes passed unanimously.
4. Reports (15 Minutes)
 - a. Great Streets Program brief definition-Michelle Krupkin, MV Community Council.
 - b. Report from Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce President Sarah Auerswald. Sarah announced that she is interested in getting more smart bus benches for Mar Vista. Sarah is in touch with the JCDecaux Company, which is in the process of installing smart benches throughout LA City. Sarah will inquire about the installation timeline, getting a possible Mar Vista installation overview as well as discussing other potential Mar Vista installation locations. The JCDecaux Company's smart bus benches will have Wi-Fi, a roof/shelter cover, real-time arrivals board and possibly a charging station.
5. New Business (30-65 minutes)
 - a. Jessie Holzer, CD11 Mobility Deputy. Review of ideas from Great Streets Projects components including draft designs for streetlight banners. Jessie shared a few examples of drafts of streetlight banners that will be installed in November 2016, will be booked through November 2017 and are already fully funded. After these initial banners go up, there would be one year to redesign and fund a new design that would be installed in November 2017.

Jessie discussed the possibility of getting a second Soofa Smart Bus Bench. There is not enough room for installation near the Santa Monica Big Blue Bus bench on Centinela Ave. Jessie is discussing other possible placements with LA Metro, including getting ridership numbers on existing bus stops. The placement will have to take place after Venice Blvd. relinquishment from Caltrans to LA City.

There was also a brief discussion of twinkle lights and the process to acquire them. Sarah suggested that Lenore pursue this project.

Jessie also reviewed the possibility of getting leading pedestrian intervals, which allow pedestrians to have a lead-time to cross an intersection. At some intersections, DOT installs signals that show a walk sign for a pedestrian before showing a green light to car traffic. Jessie is requesting them from DOT. DOT is doing studies now and will let us know if LPIs are possible for some Venice Blvd. intersections.

There was also a conversation about the possibility of murals being installed in the middle of traffic intersections. DOT is looking at potential intersections, including the Grand View alley driveway aprons, and reviewing a design sent by Lenore from of the Mar Vista artists.

- b. Michelle Krupkin, MV Community Council. Michelle gave an overview of the five-page Great Street Venice Blvd. sidewalk condition draft report that included a list of problem areas by address/business location. She also discussed condition categories, out-of-condition criteria. Michelle also mentions possible ideas for storm water capture surfaces. Tracey brings up the possibility of art installations in sidewalks including mosaics. Len Nguyen gives a short overview of the LA City sidewalk program. Currently LA City is fixing sidewalks near public/LA City buildings first. Then the city will address ADA requirements. Under the Willits settlement, people with disabilities will be able to make requests for access fixes in their own neighborhoods, such as for curb ramp installations or tree root repairs.
- c. Public Comment. Tracey Corrine asks if there is a theme or identity for Mar Vista. She suggests we come up with an identity. Mar Vista translates literally to Ocean View. Greg mentions that the MV Elementary has a dolphin mascot. Tracey suggests that we explore ocean and environment themes for future consideration.
- d. Future Agenda Items
- e. Adjournment 7:57 pm

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