



MVCC Green Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 23, 2014

Draft Agenda

Mar Vista Farmers Market

Grand View at Venice Blvd.

Adjacent to the Post Office

Co-Chairs – Jeanne Kuntz, Melissa Stoller

1. Call to order
2. Public comment
3. Motion to approve January minutes
4. Reports
 - MVCC Green Tent
 - Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase
 - Wise Water Expo
See Attachment A. Green Committee is tabling.
 - Developing a definition of Mar Vista as a livable community
6. Old business update
 - Rail to River motion
7. New business
 - Revised Rail to River motion:
The Mar Vista Community Council supports the Rail to River Project Study, but only if done as part of a Major Investment Study to create a transit line along the Harbor Subdivision Rail Right of Way Corridor between Union Station and LAX. The Study must insure that the Rail to River Project does not preclude or impede any future Metro Rail, Metrolink or other rail or transit transportation project between Union Station and LAX.
 - Microbeads motion
Microbeads—tiny plastic beads found primarily in personal care products, laundry wastewater and degraded plastic bags—are emerging as a contaminant in the Los Angeles River and other watersheds. Microbeads are a non-biodegradable element that easily absorbs toxins; the contaminated microbeads flow into waterways where they are ingested by sea life and absorbed into the food chain. In recognition of the potential environmental and health hazards presented by microbeads, the Mar Vista Community Council
 - Supports Councilmember Paul Koretz’s motion (Council File #14-0212; see Attachment B)) directing the Department of Sanitation to report to the Los Angeles City Council on the potential impact of microbeads in our natural waterways and methods to restrict their entry and restrict their use.
 - Supports legislation introduced by Assemblyman Richard Bloom (AB 1699) to ban the sale of personal care products that contain micro-plastic particle abrasives, commonly referred to as “microbeads,” that are found in products such as facial scrubs, soaps, and toothpaste.

- Leash your Lid motion

The California Coastal Commission report, "Eliminating Land-based Discharges of Marine Debris in California: A Plan of Action from The Plastic Debris Project" identifies bottle caps/lids as the third most common type of debris. These lids uniquely harm fish, waterfowl, and other plant and ocean life, and harm the biodiversity.

To address this issue, caps/lids can be connected to bottles with a simple plastic leash; leashed lids can greatly reduce menacing litter that goes into our oceans. The Mar Vista Community Council supports a motion (Council File #14-0147; see Attachment C) introduced by Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Tom LaBonge

- Requiring the Department of Water and Power to report to the Council I 30 days on the feasibility of adding cap/lid leashes to the Department's water bottles
- Requiring the Department of General Services to report to the Council I 30 days on the feasibility of requiring water bottle purchases made by City departments include cap/lid leashes.

MVCC further encourages investigating the feasibility of replacing most single-use water bottles purchased by DWP and city departments with reusable bottles having lids that either do not require removal or are leashed.

8. Public comment
9. Motion to adjourn