



Mar Vista Community Council



AGENDA & MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Tuesday, January 8th, 2019, at 7:00pm

Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm.

2. Presentation of Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

Mary Hruska led the Pledge.

3. Roll Call – Call of the roll and certification of a quorum

Present: Holly Tilson, Nanxi Liu, Sara Roos, Elliot Hanna, Mary Hruska, Rob Kadota, Stacy Shure, Heather Kamins, Susan Klos, Robin Doyno (Quorum met)

Absent: Ken Alpern (arrived at 7:27pm), Michelle Krupkin (arrived at 7:11pm), Aaron Elster

4. Community Memorial Observations

~ none

5. Announcements

~ none

6. Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda

Damien Newton: Here to talk about Thursday/Monday; there will be a teacher's strike. The most obvious way to support it is to go to a picket line. Call the school office to request the contact information of the Union rep; or go to the picket line directly. Teachers will be denied access to school facilities, which is typical of any strike; call and offer your help – there's a lot that folks can do. For example there will be a self-run coop for Richland families, and others north of National. These plans are replicable; ask.

Hard to get attention but if anyone wishes to know more he'll help. He has information for waivers, and other ways to support public education school teachers.

Eliander Gonzalez: Launched a NFP in Elysian Valley. Concerned with the impact of high end luxury developments; he proposes building ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) through this NFP in conjunction with Genesis LA (another NFP). General contractor will be Restore Neighborhood LA. Also teaming up with St. Joseph, and LA County housing in Sacramento Valley. They offer landlord training and information on tenants' rights. They offer low-cost design services and access to financing, though the pilot for financing closes January 15, 2019. Those with their own financing are welcome at any time.

LAC is (was) giving out \$75K. This initiative is conducted through CoLA's innovation team in the Housing Office; it is the first project coming out of this Office. In conjunction with Great Streets LA.

Krupkin: What other Great Streets are involved?. Ans: Reseda, Northridge (half-half between Lowers and Third), Wilmington (small business support program), Avalon.

Created were: Bus shelters with shading; Dining table with shade. A District was created through plantings and Palm Trees.

¿How was this funded? Ans: Through Great Streets; half-half via CD4 and CD10. Others initiatives are temporary; Northridge, for example, was temporary only.

Kalani Whittington: Calls for more common sense in approaching social problems. Tells of older shopper whose offer of change to a "gang" of older people was refused because it was insufficient to purchase a hamburger. A former PNC member out walking a dog was attacked by a homeless person. The proliferation of homeless encampments is overwhelming; people have boo'd Mayor Garcetti showing they have had enough. Common sense has been replaced by too much empathy.

Mar Vista is bearing the burden of too many homeless encampments; Koretz' CD5 has fewer. Too much money is being spent on appealing housing rather than minimal shelter. Not everyone can afford the City; land is ample in Palmdale.

Selena Inouye: Concerned about Committees not meeting, in particular: Elections/bylaws, Outreach. Monthly committee attendance, posted agendas, minutes are all Board responsibilities. And community participation is hard to encourage without regular scheduling.

Hanna: shares these concerns and notes the Chairs of the mentioned committees have now scheduled meetings.

Robin Doyno: Homeless Count will start in Mar Vista on Wednesday, Jan 23. 20 more people than last year (80 for 2019) are being requested to help. There will be phenomenal snacks. Sign up through lahsa.com.

Marty Rubin: Agrees with the concerns regarding MVCC functionality. Considers homelessness a local problem that should be addressed nationally by the Federal Government.

7. Ex-Parte Communications and Conflicts-of-Interest - Each board member shall declare any ex-parte communications or conflicts-of-interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.

Hanna: Please indicate any communications that have occurred outside of the public view.

<i>Alpern –preparations for T/I Cmte Mtg</i>		<i>Doyno –communications re board members opting out of paper handouts.</i>	<i>Elster –absent</i>
<i>Hanna – Discussed items 14.1, 14.2 and all under 15 with a couple board members only for the purpose of ascertaining intent of items to be agendized</i>		<i>Hruska – Conversations with board members around the Community Plan</i>	<i>Kadota - none</i>
<i>Kamins - none</i>	<i>Klos - none</i>	<i>Krupkin – Discussion of agenda items; Venice Blvd at VNC parking/ transportation cmte mtg. Conversation regarding storage unit burglary.</i>	<i>Liu – none</i>
<i>Roos – none</i>	<i>Shure – Communications with Kroger Corporate Office, Ralph's shopping center's landlord about being an "angel lot". Kroger's enthusiastic. Attended WRAC-PLUM, meetings with Planning Department personnel.</i>		<i>Tilson – board member communications about agendized items.</i>

8. Adoption of the Agenda

Adopted without objection at 7:34pm

9. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Reading and approval of the minutes from the most recent regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Motion (Hanna/Krupkin) to move to end of the meeting the reading and adoption of the 12/11/18 minutes **passes** with 2/3 vote of 8/4 (unkn)/1 (Hanna) at 7:38pm

10. Reports

10.1. Elected Official and City Department Reports

CD11 Field Deputy Hannah Levien: City Council returns to session on January 15, 2019; legislative updates will resume at that time.

Update on 405 encampment: Plice are there now, and will be on a weekly basis. Sanitation will drop off orange bins in the summer. Many conversations with HIC have resulted in this system which will be more effective than is happening currently.

Traffic control. Turn signal at Sawtelle/Palms is funded, with the help of Windward. Turn signal at Venice/Wade is completed. More stop signs at Charnock/Victoria [? These are parallel streets]. Speed hump program starts next month. Continental crosswalks to be installed on Centinela south of Venice.

Street applications for improvements are due at the end of January. Not just bike corrals, but artist's murals, street furniture, LA-MAS (Gonzalez' public comment above) – type propositions.

Krupkin: Why is the left signal at Venice/Wade unusual; it's a stick, not on a pole. Ans: will be asked of Alek.

What is the funding source for the string of lights between Centinela and Grand View; are they permanent? Ans: Great Streets, installation length TBD.

Tilson: Left-turn signal on wade should mitigate safety but what will relieve the traffic along Wade? Cars are side-swiped; the street is too narrow for two lanes. Ans: First the intersection is being addressed, next steps next.

Hanna: Traffic concerns can be addressed to Albert.Olson@marvista.org, Chair of Traffic Liaison committee.

Alpern: Attention and clean up efforts are transient; what is the long-term plan, what to tell constituents? Ans: CoLA model is "Housing First". This is the only way out from under lawsuits, and the venue for reaching those in need of services. But the City cannot force people to go somewhere; folks have been unhoused a long while and there are many reasons and different motivations and types of people underlying the problem. Cleanups simply force ADA compliance; supportive housing and services provision is harder. The City is trying.

Shure: Will a lane be designated for dedicated right turns from Palms northbound on Sawtelle? Will traffic signals at Palms/Sawtelle be coordinated with Palms/Sepulveda? Ans:will check with Mo/Rudy at LADOT.

Ami Fields-Meyer: See below agenda item 11.4

DONE representative Vanessa Serrano: DONE fliers are available for distribution among local organizations interested in the NC system. It is helpful to identify locations to recruit the interested (e.g. library). Empowerment 2.0 for young women seeks to empower youth through the NC system. For West Region 11 these workshops are held successive Saturdays, starting February 16, 2019, 1-3pm.

Election Date is June 2 2019. Filing period lasts 30 days from February 17 - March 19, 2019. There is time yet for a "NC 101" presentation through Faith-based organizations, schools, NFP to interest people and recruit them to apply.

10.2. Officer Reports

10.2.1. Chair – Elliot Hanna

Committees behind with minutes will not have motions heard at the full Council.

10.2.2. 1st Vice-Chair – Rob Kadota

Cataloguing the storage unit burglary; more items have turned up missing. Communications are between City, DONE, insurance, LAPD, Chair.

10.2.3. 2nd Vice-Chair – Mary Hruska

Working with Committees on permanent meeting venues.

10.2.4. Secretary – Sara Roos

Read statement (disallowed by Chair) concerning lack of Council communications, cooperation, cohesion, respect; desire to step away from position if there is no accountability or improvement.

10.2.5. Treasurer – Holly Tilson

Still working on the funding of neighborhood watch signs.

10.3. Zone Director Reports

10.3.1. Zone 1 – Ken Alpern

Big projects: It's unknown what will go in at Palms/Sepulveda. Google will take over Westside Pavillion.

10.3.2. Zone 2 – Heather Kamins

Learning the new Zone, meeting with stakeholders.

10.3.3. Zone 3 – Mary Hruska

Nothing new to report.

10.3.4. Zone 4 – Aaron Elster

~ absent

10.3.5. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin

The former 99-cent store is being taken over by Little Fatty and Accomplice. Louie's will be occupied by a German gastro pub soon [per Levien]. Some business owners inquired about the light string along Venice Blvd's median. Crime and carport burglaries are of ongoing concern.

10.3.6. Zone 6 – Holly Tilson

Issues of concern remain: crime, tire slashings, cars "keyed", break-ins, traffic. SLO Acosta is scheduling a meeting with WMVRA. The proposed supportive housing at Venice/Beethoven is of concern – will the building become four stories? When will the community learn more of the process?

10.4. Committee Reports

10.4.1. Elections and Bylaws

~ none

10.4.2. Community Outreach

Meetings will resume this month.

10.4.3. Transportation and Infrastructure

February's T/I and Community Plan meeting will be combined; hopefully with enough time for both on the same evening.

Great Streets may shift February's schedule to accommodate the Bird rep. Item 15.3 below is a report-back of requested data.

10.4.4. Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM)

January's meeting was cancelled because downtown PLUM cancelled their last three meetings and there is no new news on the Policies/Procedures resolution.

Considering the process and format for submitting Community Plan "input".

10.4.5. Public Health and Safety

December's were abbreviated meetings. Ciclavia will return Sunday, March 3, 2109: CC meets MV and Palms – get your bike to the Farmer's Market where Mike will tune it up.

Emergency and Public Safety committee meetings will merge; MV Mobility will remain separate. More can be accomplished with fewer meetings and resulting concentrated participation.

10.4.6. Education, Arts, and Culture

Friday's informational meeting is cancelled.

Krupkin: one painted utility box sports a curse word. Akbay will coordinate with Great Streets in rebranding the boxes to say "MVCC".

Levien: Augmentation of the utility boxes by their designated original artist are permitted. The conversation about art and utility boxes will continue with EACC, Great Streets and also Art Walk. The public art is exciting but issues of "standards" are not being ignored.

11. Special Orders –

11.1. **Approval of Monthly Expense Report (MER)** – Discussion and possible action regarding the MER for November, 2018.

November's MER was approved via Treasurer's report as the official MER was not available in time. The numbers are hand-transcribed from DONE's dashboard and are not automatically populated, but differ only in a slight lag period which is inconsequential.

***Motion** (Roos/Krupkin) to approve the Treasurer's excellent bookkeeping for both November, 2018 and December, 2018 **passes** 11/0/1 (Hanna)*

11.2. **Approval of Monthly Expense Report (MER)** – Discussion and possible action regarding the MER for December, 2018.

See above.

11.3. **Presentation from Bryce Fluellen from LADOT** - Presentation regarding the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation's Microtransit Program.

Fluellen is replaced by Ms Echeverria with DOT.

"LA Now" is a new "microtransit" service for Palms-MV-Venice-Del Rey. Partnering with NFP "Motive", it will launch March 4, 2019 with free rides until March 31 to create ridership and get awareness out. 6 buses will operate M-F during peak hours, 6am-7pm. Buses are ADA compliant with 2 wheelchair accessible seats of 14 total. Fare will be \$1.50 for adults \$0.75 for students/children and seniors.

Rides are reserved online like ride sharing services Uber/Lyft, or also via phone using a debit or credit card. A debit card will be available for those without any banking service. There are three permanent stops within the operational footprint: Expo-Palms, Abbot Kinney, MV Gardens. There are 37 "virtual" stops. A rider is directed to the nearest of these for pickup.

Hanna: Disabled persons may find the pickup points too inaccessible or distant. The hours are limited.

Paratransit service is still offered for the population unable to use pickup spots.

This pilot will determine popularity and ridership needs. Also safety of pickup spot.

Krupkin: Given the mixture of permanent stops and also virtual ones, how can rider judge timing?

App will manage and limit things, with estimate of exact dropoff time calculated.

Krupkin: Additional Expo stops are encouraged – Bundy and/or Sepulveda.

The stops must be in LA, not CC or SM – Sepulveda could therefore work.

Alpern: Better connectivity to Expo has been a problem for the last ten years. The map of virtual stops seems to exclude MV.

Virtual stops were generated from trip and pedestrian patterns. These potential stops are temporary; they can be altered as needs become clearer in reality. There is no fixed route.

Tilson: Grand View and Inglewood stops along Venice Boulevard would reflect common destinations of the Post Office and Library.

The app will record popularity and generate feedback to inform better decisions regarding stop locations.

Alpern: Zone Directors must help get the work out about this service and its app.

Shure: What about folks adjacent to service area?

They will be directed to a virtual stop within the service boundary.

Tilson: Where are drop off points? Ans: anywhere.

Kalani Whittington: Not sure this cost is enticing enough to "leave the tank at home".

- 11.4. Presentation from Ami Fields-Meyer, Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti** – Mr. Ami Fields-Meyer serves as Mayor Garcetti's representative in West Los Angeles. Prior to joining the Mayor's office, Ami served as Communications Director for Assemblyman Jesse Gabriel and completed the Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs. He has written about issues of public policy, religion, and civil rights for The Atlantic, Talking Points Memo, and The Forward.

Presented as past of agenda item 10.1 at 7:57pm

Daniel Tam has moved to LADWP; Mr. Fields-Meyer is now in the second month as Mayor Garcetti's West representative. This area incorporates all of CD11 and the non-Valley portion of CD5. Traffic is an issue of foremost importance everywhere.

Mayor and CoLA have launched the "Shake Alert" app for notification of EQs after-the-fact. This is NOT an early-warning, prediction utility.

There is a new office within the Mayor's called "MOCHA", a City initiative for homelessness run by the new Deputy Mayor, Kristina Miller.

Happy to meet with anyone individually about matters of concern.

Krupkin: Looking forward to communication with Great Streets.

Alpern: The Mayor is Far Away, so better communications is appreciated.

Tilson: It would be helpful to hear the Mayor's plan on homelessness perhaps via a Town Hall.

Happy to present to neighbors.

Kadota: WRAC has considered such an event for all WLA

Hruska: Welcome, and please attend as many BoD meetings as possible!

- 12. Consent Calendar** – The Consent Calendar is reserved for items deemed to be routine and non-controversial. Any board member may pull an item or items for further discussion.

- 13. Excluded Consent Items** – Discussion and further action on items excluded from the Consent Calendar.

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders –

- 14.1. City of Los Angeles' Sidewalk Vending Program** – Discussion and possible action regarding the restoration of the “opt-out” clause in the City of Los Angeles’ sidewalk vending program (*postponed from 12/11/2018 BoD meeting*).

Introduction: Hruska. This motion was postponed from the November, 11, 2018 meeting. In April, 2018 CoLA approved a sidewalk vending program that removed the criminality associated with vending and regulated the practice. The original motion included an “opt out” clause but was changed to incorporate an “alert” and petition/appeal system. The motion requests restoration of the original “opt out” concept, but locality isn’t specified.

Kamins: requests the original language.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kalani Whittington: Recognizes the good work of westside councilmen Bonin and Koretz, and acknowledges the override by eastside council members. Currently a company is encouraging illegal street vending on Sawtelle and Sepulveda by trucking in supplies, creating miniature restaurants. We would support our brick/mortar businesses by prohibiting this activity.

BOARD COMMENT:

Motion(Hruska/Alpern) to approve.

Liu: Are specific streets involved? Ans: The “opt out” would potentially apply only to areas where street vending was not otherwise specifically excluded.

Levien: The opt out clause did not pass. Currently there are no plans to reintroduce it. The measure will be reconsidered in a year. If it does come back it will likely look something like a signed petition that shows available frontage.

Shure: This is moot?

Motion (Shure/Roos) to postpone indefinitely **passes** without objection at 9:04pm

- 14.2. Zone Director Input for Community Plan** – Discussion and possible action regarding engaging Zone Directors in the process of growing stakeholder participation in updating the City of L.A.'s Community Plan for Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey (*postponed from 12/11/2018 BoD meeting*).

Co-chairs Shure and Hruska are setting up meetings with Zone Directors to address two fliers in [meeting packet](#). Please email availability to assist in scheduling.

Community input must be submitted to DCP by early March.

Kadota: a variety of voices, not just those of Zone Directors, is optimal – attendance at these meetings from one and all is encouraged! Neighborhood associations, for example, block captains.

15. New Business –

- 15.1. Stakeholder Petition Regarding Venice Blvd.** – Discussion and possible action regarding a stakeholder petition pertaining to the “Venice Blvd. Great Street.”

Introduction: See [Meeting Packet](#), Selena Inouye. MVCC bylaws require just 10 signatures in order to submit a motion. The last such petition was submitted in November, 2018, heard in December 2018. There is no requirement for “different” people to sign [from former petitions?]. Objections to this policy must be addressed via changing the bylaws.

This motion is about process at its core. The process that initially was laid out is not what’s happening today; the collaboration proposed in 2014 has fallen apart. The Mayor’s representative has not attended Great Streets ad hoc Cmte meetings. When cm Bonin released a video on Sept 20, that shouldn’t have been the first notice Mar Vista had of what he was going to say; there should have been advance discussion.

This motion is very similar to what passed at LANC last Saturday [1/5/19]. If there are going to be road diets (RDs) in pace, NC need to be part of a planning and implementation process. We do not know how decisions were made regarding the Venice Boulevard pilot project.

It might be sensible to agendize this motion together with discussions at the upcoming scheduled meeting between CD11 representatives and Hanna and Kadota.

Hanna: Would it be acceptable to agendize this motion for February instead? Note that special meetings are hard to schedule.

Innoye: There's a difference between reporting and discussion; a working group can bring expertise to the discussion. So this motion requests something different....

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kalani Whittington: The lines are still visible on Highland Avenue in Manhattan Beach/Marina from the removed Great Streets Project there. Residents of these affluent communities were able to quickly reverse the road reconfiguration, though at great cost. Mar Vista continues to endure the devisiveness which was supposed to have been just one year in duration.

Krupkin: Clarifies that the Marina Del Rey project was not a Great Streets project.

Sheri Odere: Expresses frustration with the video release date right before the holidays when people are busy. It feels like a deliberate attempt to avoid attention. But neighbors are discontented, fighting, trapped by immobile traffic, increased crime, multiple accidents; it feels like the council member is shoving through this project without listening to the people who live with it.

BOARD COMMENT:

Hanna: approves of "accountability" and yet notes that a letter was just sent from MVCC to the council office. It's not productive to inundate anyone without an opportunity to respond to the first letter. The frustration is understandable but the Council should behave as it would have others treat us. Another such motion in the future might be reasonable but first, time should be reserved for a proper response.

Kamins: A Town Hall would be a good solution and provide facts and data and allow expression of actual concerns. There is sympathy for the feelings but considers it sensible to hold off awaiting a response.

Kadota: agendizing for the following month makes sense.

Hruska: Thinks this request needs to be sent as well but is willing to wait until after the meeting with CD11

Roos: It seems expedient to fold together these discussions.

Krupkin: CD11 released this video five days before Christmas, without raw data, no analysis, no outreach for feedback; just an "everything-is-wonderful" video. The upcoming meeting is encouraging, but this request is for a direct comparative analysis and the community's request for this has not been acknowledged.

Alpern: Timing rather than the content of the motion is what is of concern, apparently. But the release of this video appeared to be in response to MVCC's previous motion. A two-way discussion has not occurred.

Tilson: What's the likelihood of a Town Hall still? When will we know? Is this impending scheduled meeting a substitution? Stakeholders would respect a delay in this motion, however, under the circumstances.

Hanna: The meeting is to advocate the Council's position, but what will be offered is unknown.

Motion (Hruska/Kamins): call a special meeting to address the outcome of the imminent CD11 meeting and this motion exclusively.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Innoye: The proposed independent traffic study should be included in discussion as well.

Hanna: A weeknight would be preferable but perhaps approximately Saturday, 1/26/19 – dependent on venue.

Motion **passes** (10/1 (Kadota) /1(Hanna) [**Klos departed at 9:10**, absent from this vote])

15.2. Storage Unit Burglary – Discussion and possible action regarding the January 2, 2019 burglary at the MVCC storage unit located at Storquest on Sawtelle Blvd. in Mar Vista.

The MVCC storage unit on Sepulveda beneath the freeway interchanged was burgled from a passageway inside the unit's building. Audio equipment was stolen; see [meeting packet](#). Initial police report estimated \$1500 in loss but a more thorough inventory is forthcoming. Replacement costs are estimated at over \$3,000

Kadota: large ticket items include Honda generator, Apple ipad, Mevo. We are short on microphones – large ticket items, Honda generator. Apple ipad and mevo. They are lost. We can scrape by but we're short microphones, they took our large roller box of eqpt which they used to carry stuff out. We can buy low cost alternatives, might be easier ... so there are replacement options.

Elliot to Serrano – from insurance, city is beneficiary of the insurance. Is the city going to give us the money? Will replacement have to come from regular budget?

15.3. Independent Traffic Study (Great Streets) – Discussion and possible action regarding an item - requesting a community panel and an independent traffic study of the Venice Boulevard Great Street project - amended at the 11/13/2018 BoD meeting and committed to the Great Streets Subcommittee.

Postponed by adjournment to 2/12/19

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:33pm

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