

Mar Vista Committee on Health and Public Safety

March 25, 2019

Coffee Connection – Ramp Room

Introductions - WELCOME! – Three people present.

2. Public Comment / Announcements presented by Co-Chair Rob Kadota:

- a. A flyer re: City Attorney Blue Ribbon Panel on School Safety. In this regard there is a potential referendum from Los Angeles Unified School District for more money for schools. A link to a white paper on this topic will be sent by Rob, and we will discuss the issue at our next meeting.
- b. A flyer re: LAPD Basic Car boundary area study to be done by Matrix Consulting. Rob will distribute a link via Survey Monkey on how to participate in this study, but first he will talk to Adrian Acosta to see how he would like to have it done. Rob commented that basic car units for Senior Lead Officers haven't been changed in decades, and Los Angeles Police Department is asking whether these units still make sense today. Are they sufficient in number and deployed effectively?
- c. New LA Department Of Transportation Dockless information has been released on March 22 and can be accessed at <https://ladot.io/programs/dockless>.
- d. Upcoming events of the Pacific Division of the LAPD include:
 - i. E-Waste Fundraiser event April 27th, drive thru event is at station from 7:30am-2pm. Old phones and tablets may be brought in addition to other e-waste.
 - ii. Community Carnival April 12-14.

3. Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: Approval moved by Kathy, seconded by Rob – Approved unanimously.

4. Standing Reports and Updates from Sub Committees

- a. Aging In Place Sub-Committee and Speaker Series – no report.
- b. Mobility Mar Vista Sub-Committee Updates – no report.
- c. Emergency Preparedness Sub-Committee – no report.
- d. Homeless Issues Sub-Committee Developments – no report.

5. Old Business

- a. The mission statement of the Committee on Public Health and Safety, which was adopted in our February meeting, will be forwarded to the MVCC Board of Directors for adoption. The mission statement reads as follows: The MVCC Committee on Public Health and Safety is committed to building a more resilient Los Angeles for all residents of Mar Vista, especially children, seniors, immigrants, and lower income residents. Our proposed actions are about building resilience for both the impacts of unexpected catastrophic events and chronic underlying stresses.
- b. Review of Funding Motions from Public Health and Safety
 - i. LAPD Winter Wonderland - \$1,000 – passed/In Progress
 - ii. Bike Safety Fair: \$1000 not spent

- iii. Refreshments for CERT Classes co-sponsored by MVAGENDA
 - iv. First Aid Kit Supplies - \$500 Passed/spent
 - v. High Visibility Vests - \$1500 Passed/will be spent.
 - vi. Coffee with a Cop by Zones - \$600 still available. Starbucks (corner of Venice and Centinela) will pay for the next Coffee with a Cop on Tuesday, April 30, 9-11am. That means we still have \$600 available for future events. Should we host one somewhere in Zone 1? Colonial Corners (Barrington and National), perhaps at Whole Foods? Senior Lead Officers in Mar Vista include Javier Ramirez (Zone 6 south of Venice), Adrian Acosta (north of Venice), Hector Aceves (Zone 5), Juan Ceja (Zone 1).
- c. Development of Neighborhood Watch/Block Captain Materials and Program
- i. We need to review and revise the following materials in order to develop resources that are specific to Mar Vista:
 1. *National Neighborhood Watch Manual*.
 2. *Neighbors United for Safer Communities* – produced by Tony Cardenas of Council District 6. This pamphlet is more user friendly than the *National Manual*. Rob's goal is to give every block captain a binder with explanations of important procedures, online resources, LAPD programs, and ways in which dog walkers can be important neighborhood watch participants. Rob and Adrian can perhaps use the next Fall Festival as an opportunity to organize block captains.
 3. Wednesday evening, May 22, we can invite Adrian's list of block captains to a meeting as well as other identified community leaders. This will expand the reach of the LAPD, which sends information only to block captains. In other words we can recruit block captains sooner rather than waiting for the LAPD to do so. At the meeting we can give Rob's proposed binder to each participant. (Rob will get an email list of current block captains from Adrian.) Goal: two MV block captain meetings a year and a launch in the Fall.

6. New Business

- a. Discussion, development and adoption goals for Committee - Initial Program Calendar for 2019 (Appendix A) attached.
 - i. Block captain on every block.
 - ii. Neighborhood watch meetings are conducted at least once every other year for every block.
 - iii. Development and dissemination of emergency plans and community contacts with local LAPD/LAFD
 - iv. Enhancement of partnership and support of Historic FS 62 project and program.
 - v. OTHERS

7. Future agenda items

- a. Cool blocks Sustainability Program – www.coolblock.org
- b. Presentation to MVCC BOD re: Resilient LA program
 - i. <http://www.resilience.la/#intro>

ii. <https://www.lamayor.org/Resilience>

8. Public Comment

9. Adjournment

Next meeting: April 15, 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Frese
Co-Chair