



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
GREAT STREETS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE
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Wednesday May 8 2019 6:30 pm
Mar Vista Library
12006 Venice Blvd., Mar Vista, CA 90066
(SW corner of Venice and Inglewood Blvds.)

MINUTES

1. Call To Order and Welcome – Chair (1 min.) acting chair: Michelle Krupkin 6:37 pm
2. Introductions and Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) (2 minutes)
There were comments from stakeholders regarding homeless on Venice Blvd. A stakeholder shared that CD11 was circulating a survey about police response. There was a discussion about crime in the various Mar Vista neighborhoods. There was a discussion about the Citizen App.
3. Motion to approve recent Great Streets minutes (2-5 minutes) Kathryn Wheeler made the motion, Mary Hruska seconded. April 2019 minutes were approved.
4. Reports (15 -20 Minutes)
 - a. Great Streets Program brief definition-Michelle Krupkin, MV Community Council. Michelle shared info about the history of the Great Streets initiative.
 - b. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf, shares Mar Vista related mobility issues. Alek shared that CD 11 supports LADOT's decision to keep the road diet. He referenced the Moving Mar Vista Forward website.
Alek also shared that the speed hump program application period is open and will close most likely at the end of the month.

Alek went over various updates regarding BikeShare (new stations installed and planned) as well as a brief update about the LANow program as it progresses through the pilot phase. Alek was asked if there is going to be a 6-month report on LANow and he was not sure. There was a discussion on how the GPS is being used to dispatch the buses. Alek was asked how many buses there are in the program. Alek said that there are 3 shuttles in all the pilot areas (Venice, Mar Vista, Del Rey, Palms) operating from 9 am to 6 pm. Alek said that each bus seats around 8-10 people. A stakeholder commented that she often sees all 3 buses parking together in the same areas for some length of time and wondered how many trips per day the pilot program was averaging given that the buses seemed rather idle.

In response to Alek's report, a stakeholder stated that he was distressed that Councilmember Bonin refuses to engage with the community through the MVCC. Another stakeholder referenced the cut-through traffic occurring in Zone 6 on Lyceum south to Zanja from 4- 7 pm. A third stakeholder discussed cut through in Zone 3 as well as how badly Centinela continues to back up and gridlock north and south of Venice Blvd.

Another stakeholder asked Alek how LADOT measures the success of the Venice Blvd. road diet. Alek said that the info is in the one-year report. He also pointed to the Westside Fast Forward web site which he maintained fully discusses different options for mobility including signal improvement, LANow and Metro Bikeshare. The stakeholder felt that there were not answers being provided.

A stakeholder asked if the road diet was being extended further along Venice Blvd. Alek answered that there are currently no discussions.

A stakeholder asked about the Livable Boulevards plan as well as the Streetscapes Plan. Alek said that there were no active discussions.

Regarding the relinquishment fund of \$14.8 million dollars that Caltrans gave to the City of LA in 2016 in order to bring Venice Blvd. to a state of good repair, Alek said that there are ongoing preliminary discussions with CD5, CD11, BoSS and LADOT. That money is still being held aside in a fund. Michelle asked why it's been almost 3 years and why that fund isn't being used now to fix sidewalks and streets and address other Venice Blvd. "good repair" issues. Alek stated again that the discussion is ongoing.

5. Old Business (10 minutes)

- a. Independent Traffic Study Motion. STATUS: Passed 10.10 2018 at Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee meeting. Motion amended and passed at BoD 11.13.18 meeting. *Sent back to Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee to compose specific data request questions.*
Report: The Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee discussed the list of data requested from the Board of Directors and determined that the following should be utilized in a data request:
1. LADOT Transportation Impact Study Guide Lines, December 2016
<https://ladot.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph266/f/COLA-TISGuidelines-010517.pdf>
 2. Typical Elements That Should Be Included In A Traffic Impact Study
<https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/oom/transportation-systems/repository/Typical%20TIS%20requirements%20033115.pdf>
 3. City of Los Angeles Complete Streets Design Guide - pages 121-132
<https://planning.lacity.org/documents/policy/CompleteStreetDesignGuide.pdf>
- STATUS: Specific data request questions were not discussed due to time constraints at the 1.08.19 BoD Meeting. On the 4.09.19 BoD Agenda as Unfinished Business Item 14.1. Not discussed at 4.09.19 BoD Meeting due to time constraints.

- b. ADA Evaluation Policy Motion. The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) supports an independent Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) evaluation of the Great Street Venice Boulevard Pilot Project.
STATUS: Policy motion sent to the 2.12.19 BoD meeting agenda, tabled and is on the 4.09.19 BoD Agenda as Item 14.2. Not discussed at 4.09.19 BoD Meeting due to time constraints.

Update: At the May 8 2019 Great Streets meeting, a brief discussion of both Items 5a and 5b took place with comments about possible alternate designs of Venice Blvd. that could address the cut-through traffic problem.

- c. Discussion of planning for the Mosaic Hopscotch project that has been long planned for placement at the MV Library area. Discuss need for separate meetings with mosaic artist Tracey Corrine, CD11 personnel, Public Works and DCA. Status: 4/01/19 Meeting took place with Hannah, Tracey and Michelle. Meeting with Street Services took place. Waiting for update from Hannah Levien and more info on project moving forward. UPDATE: Tracey gave the background info on the mosaic hopscotch. The meeting with Street Services took place April 15 in front of the library. Looking at the end of June or sometime in July for installation of the mosaic. Tracey said that she is still looking for insurance coverage as required by LA City. Tracey is also looking for volunteers to cut the tiles.

6. New Business (45 - 50 minutes)

- a. LADOT Vision Personnel may attend to discuss traffic concerns in Mar Vista and answer questions from Mar Vista community members. Update: No personnel from LADOT attended. Michelle was told by LADOT personnel that they are referring the matter to the CD11 council

office and that all answers should come from them. Michelle said she would continue to reach out to LADOT personnel.

- b. Discussion of possible lighted Mar Vista Sign for Business District. There was a discussion with some stakeholders stating that they were opposed to a lighted sign while others discussed the archway that historically stood in at Grand View and Venice. Gabriel said that he would ask VNC about their sign.
- c. Hannah Levien, CD 11 West LA/Mar Vista Field Deputy. Possible update on the Venice Blvd. Downtown Mar Vista Gateway Signage project. No report/update, Ms. Levien not in attendance.
- d. Discussion and possible motion regarding the Pavement Mural Great Street project at Grand View and Pacific Ave. Stakeholder concerns about current cracking and peeling paint after the second installation was completed around February 9 2019 and the need for a future third improved reinstallation. No discussion.

7. Public Comment

8. Future Agenda Items

9. Adjournment (7:55pm)

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