



Mar Vista Community Council



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday January 9th, 2018, at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

AGENDA

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of December 12th, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker).
4. **Ex Parte Communication & Conflict of Interest Declarations**

All Board members shall declare any ex parte communications or conflicts-of interest relating to items on this meeting's agenda.

Ex Parte Communication is any material oral or written communication between a member of the board and an interested person outside the board that is relevant to the merits of a matter before the board and that was neither on the record nor on reasonable prior notice to all parties.

Conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to employment relationships, financial relationships, and things of value given to or received from any individual, organization, or entity with any interest in any business before the council.
5. **Community Memorial Observations**
6. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 minute each, 30 minutes total, unless waived by the Chair)
7. **Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 1 min. each unless waived by the Chair)
 - a. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Director Caroline.Lammers@lacity.org
 - b. **CD 5** – Councilmember Paul Koretz, rep by joseph.galloway@lacity.org
 - c. **CD 11** – Councilmember Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy Len.Nguyen@lacity.org
 - d. **LA City Board of Public Works** - Liaison to CD 2, 5, 11, Commissioner joel.jacinto@lacity.org
 - e. **Mayor of Los Angeles** – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel.tamm@lacity.org
 - f. **2nd Dist. L. A. County Board of Supervisors** - Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
 - g. **CA Assembly 62** - Assembly Member Autumn Burke, rep by District Director Robert.Pullen-Miles@asm.ca.gov
 - h. **US 33**– Ted Lieu, rep. by joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov
 - i. **US 37** - Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian maral@mail.house.gov
 - j. LADWP – rep by Deborah Hong, public relations specialist and NC representative for the West Side Deborah.Hong@LADWP.com, (213) 367-1076.
 - k. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), rep by jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org
8. **Liaison Reports** (Public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
 - a. **Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee**: Linda Guagliano lindaguag@netzero.net
 - b. **DWP MOU**: Chuck Ray
 - c. **LANCC**: Chuck Ray
 - d. **One Water LA**: Christopher McKinnon
 - e. **WRAC**: Rob Kadota

- f. WRAC LUPC: open
 - g. [City Budget Advocates](#): Holly Tilson
 - h. [Recode LA](#): Sharon Commins
 - i. [Animal Services](#): Tom Ponton
 - j. [Friends of Historic FS 62](#): Albert Olson
 - k. [Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce](#): Sarah Auerswald
 - l. [2018 Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase](#): Maggie Begley
9. **Officer Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
- a. Chair – Rob Kadota
 - i. Announcement of Board of Directors vacancy
 - b. First Vice Chair – Chuck Ray
 - c. Second Vice Chair – Paola Cervantes
 - d. Secretary – Melissa Stoller
 - e. Treasurer – Holly Tilson
 - i. Report on current financial status
 - ii. **APPROVAL** of December Monthly Expense Report (MER)
 - iii. Review of draft budget revisions (see Attachment A)
10. **Committee Reports:** (may include motions to refer committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
- a. **Elections and By-laws Committee** - Rob Kadota, Chair; Holly Tilson, Vice-chair
 - b. **Community Outreach Committee** – Rob Kadota, Acting Chair
 - c. **Committee on Public Safety** – Bill Koontz, Chair; Elliot Hanna, Vice-chair
 - d. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-chairs
 - e. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** – Damien Newton, Chair; Michael Millman & Latrice Williams, Vice-chairs
 - f. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern, Chair; Michelle Krupkin, Vice-chair
 - g. **Bike Mar Vista** - Mitchell Rishe, Chair
 - h. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** –Robin Doyno & Paola Cervantes, Co- chairs; Lenore French, Vice-chairs
 - i. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin,Chair
 - j. **Airport Committee** – Holly Tilson & Martin Rubin, Co-chairs
 - k. **Green Committee** –Jeanne Kuntz, Chair
 - l. **Homeless Solutions Ad Hoc Committee** – Robin Doyno & Susan Klos, Co-chairs, Joe Cuanan, Vice-chair
11. **Zone Director Reports** – (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
- a. Zone 1 – Ken Alpern
 - b. Zone 2 – Damien Newton
 - c. Zone 3 – Melissa Stoller
 - d. Zone 4 – open
 - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
 - f. Zone 6 – Holly Tilson
12. **Old Business** - Action items, which may include motions to refer items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; Public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker unless waived by the Chair). Items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment.

- a. **Policy Motion:** RecyclA trash franchise system (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) has received many complaints and concerns from property owners and business owners who are or will be affected by the trash franchise system called RecyclA, and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports the City's efforts to have cleaner air, more recycling, and less trucks on our streets, but not at the cost to property owners and business owners, and

WHEREAS, The main concerns that the MVCC has heard from the business community are:

- Bullying tactics by sales representatives to sign contracts.
- Charging fees that do not correspond to the City's agreed fee schedule.
- Missed pick-ups that are charged for.
- Phone calls to the waste hauler franchisee and to the City's 800 number are rarely returned.

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council demands that the City investigates and resolves these issues and, if necessary, cancels the current contracts until the City can create a program that is fair and meets the needs of our community's businesses and property owners.

- b. **Policy Motion:** Request for LADOT/LAPD/LAFD presentation of current and comprehensive data on Venice Blvd. Great Streets project (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, "Vision Zero" and the "Great Streets" pilot programs were implemented approximately six months ago on both the east-bound and west-bound sides of Venice Blvd. between Beethoven Avenue and Inglewood Blvd., and

WHEREAS, the feedback by neutral LAPD and LAFD officials suggested an inability to electronically access information and data as discussed in the recent annual Hilltop Neighborhood Association meeting held on Thursday, October 26th at St. Bede's Church, and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports making the stretch of Venice Blvd. between Beethoven Avenue and Inglewood Blvd. a "Great Street" with well-maintained medians and parkways, thriving businesses, and friendly to bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, the aging population, and the disabled, and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council similarly supports safe, accessible, and livable residential streets adjacent to Venice Blvd. that are also free of inappropriate and unnecessary cut-through traffic for bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, the aging population, and the disabled, and

WHEREAS, the lane-reduction on Venice Blvd, has caused significant tension within the community, and has led to concerns of cut-through traffic and safety/mobility issues on residential streets adjacent to Venice Blvd. in Mar

Vista, while also raising interest in establishing bicycle paths/routes on Venice Blvd. residential streets to create safe and efficient bicycle mobility throughout Mar Vista,

THEREFORE, The Mar Vista Community Council moves:

- (1) To advise the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Council District 11, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments, as well as any appropriate LAUSD officials, to present to the MVCC and to the community, updated and comprehensive data that includes September 2017 data addressing the impacts of Venice Blvd. reconfiguration to the community and including access to public schools, and
- (2) Address the potential of alternate implementations on Venice Blvd., as well as adjacent residential streets, that will achieve the programs' goals of reducing speed and thus injuries and deaths without adverse impact to the community and surrounding neighbors that includes the summer and fall of 2017, and which includes the comprehensive data requested by the MVCC to include all stakeholders (including businesses and schools) of the Mar Vista Community Council.

- c. **Policy Motion:** Proliferation of Recreational Vehicles and Homeless Encampments in Mar Vista (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, It has been noted that there is an increase in long-term Recreational Vehicle proliferation throughout Mar Vista, and including both major commercial thoroughfares and residential streets, and

WHEREAS, it has been noted that there is an increase in homeless encampments throughout Mar Vista, including under freeway overpasses and in residential neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, there is some confusion as to where updated LADOT maps allow for Recreational Vehicle parking and Homeless encampments, and what the roles and responsibilities for the LADOT and LAPD to enforce laws related to Recreational Vehicle and Homeless living spaces and locations,

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council strongly encourages Council office 11 and Council office 5 and other LA city agencies to enforce [LAMC Ordinance 85.02](#) and disregard the map.

- d. **Administrative Motion:** Hearing” Mar Vista Stakeholders Regarding Roadway Improvements To Venice Boulevard (Director motion submitted by Sara Roos)

Whereas the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) is an advisory board with no authority to legislate, and

Whereas MVCC board members are mandated to represent their constituents, yet as volunteer board members without staff or resources to faithfully survey all constituents under controversial, complicated conditions, it is unreasonable to imagine that any given board member could become well-enough prepared to generate a singular, representative position with a high likelihood of validity, even

Whereas were it possible to generate such a valid singular position, this would thereby silence the important perspectives of minority groups composed of important proportions of stakeholders, representing many and valid constituent observations on the project to be considered, therefore be it

Resolved that instead of opining summarily on the fate of the Great Streets project in Mar Vista, MVCC shall solicit and edit into one document, a compilation of stakeholder-groups’ opinions to be presented to the city council office as collectively representative of the various perspectives of several discrete community groups regarding the merit and potential fate of Mar Vista’s Great Streets project along Venice Boulevard.

13. **New Business** - Action items, which may include motions to refer items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; Public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker unless waived by the Chair). Items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment.

Consent Calendar: Motion to approve items 13a-e on consent.

- a. **Administrative Motion:** Authorization to submit Community Impact Statements (Directors motion submitted by Chuck Ray)

Whereas, Neighborhood Councils were created in 1999 by amending the City Charter to provide for an effective **two-way** communication between City Stakeholders and the elected and appointed city officials, and

Whereas, the City Clerk maintains a procedure for adding Community Impact Statements to council files as an official statement adopted by a Neighborhood Council on issues pending before the City Council, its committees, or City commissions.

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council authorizes the following board member(s) to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which have been passed by a vote of the full board:

Rob Kadota, Chair
Chuck Ray, 1st Vice Chair
Paolo Cervantes, 2nd Vice Chair
Melissa Stoller, Secretary

Be it further resolved, in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, the aforementioned board members are authorized to also WRITE and SUBMIT Community Impact Statements which express positions previously voted upon by the full board.

By this motion, the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to submit a formal request to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to authorize the board members listed above to

submit Community Impact Statements to the City Clerk on behalf of the Mar Vista Community Council.

- b. **Administrative Motion: Nominations by MVCC Chair to Committees** and review/approval by MVCC Board of Directors
- c. **Funding Motion:** Live streaming equipment (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee) MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$1500 for live-streaming equipment.

Streaming Video Equipment/Hardware

Mevo Plus Bundle*	\$799.96 (includes camera, tripod, case and extra 10hr battery boost) plus tax
iPad Mini (128GB)	\$399 plus tax (could get a different tablet if we wanted but this is what Venice NC uses)
iPad Mini Smart Cover	\$39.00 plus tax
Movo Lavalier Microphone	\$39.95 plus tax
Movo Microphone Extension Cables	<u>\$12.95 x 2 (\$25.90) plus tax</u>
Total	\$1303.81 plus tax

- d. **Funding Motion** MiFi plan (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee) MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$140/month for AT&T device and data MiFi plan.

Wireless Mobile Internet Service and Router

ATT MiFi - Velocity \$0.99 + \$45 activation fee plus data plan \$60/10GB, \$90/Unlimited plan (govt. contract details TBD)

Or

ATT MiFi – Nighthawk LTE Mobile \$89.99 +\$45 activation fee plus data plan \$60/10GB, \$90/Unlimited plan (govt. contract details TBD)

- e. **Funding Motion:** Board retreats (Directors motion submitted by Holly Tilson) MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$400 for semi-annual board retreats.

- 14. **Grievances**, if any received
- 15. **Future agenda items**
- 16. **Public Comment**
- 17. **Adjournment**

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make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting chair@marvista.org.

- * **PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS** – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website, <http://www.marvista.org>, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, contact secretary@marvista.org.
- * **RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS** - For information on MVCC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the MVCC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website, <http://www.marvista.org>.

ADDENDUM A: 01/08/18 Draft Amended Budget

Budget Category: General/Operational	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
Subcategory: Office		
Storage		
Storquest	\$2,496.00	\$2,496.00
Meeting rooms rental		
The Vineyard	\$600.00	\$600.00
St Andrew's Lutheran Church	\$300.00	\$300.00
St Bede's	\$75.00	\$75.00
Windward School	\$5.00	\$5.00
PO Box rental	\$132.00	\$132.00
Farmer's Market rental	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Equip & supplies (misc)		
Live streaming equipment		\$1,500.00
Misc.	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Mtg supplies & printing		
Printing	\$1,000.00	\$700.00
Board Training & Support		
Business cards/name badges	\$250.00	\$350.00
Board Retreat	\$37.68	\$400.00
Office subtotal:	\$7,195.68	\$9,158.00
Subcategory: Outreach		
Website		
The Web Corner: website maintenance	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
The Web Corner: emails	\$385.00	\$385.00
The Web Corner: Extra Data Entry	\$500.00	\$500.00
RIMU Hosting	\$96.27	\$96.27
Email Service		
Mail chimp email service	\$480.00	\$700.00
MiFi Service		
AT&T MiFi service		\$840.00
Advertising		
Banners/sign/event promotion	\$500.00	\$500.00
Facebook ads	\$250.00	\$250.00
Promotional items		\$2,000.00
Emergency Prep signs & brochures	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Neighborhood Watch signs		\$1,500.00
Community Events		
Block parties (5 4 X \$300)	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00
Westside Senior Health & Wellness Fair	\$500.00	\$500.00
Winter Wonderland	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Art Walk	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Venice High Grease Night	\$300.00	\$300.00
MVCC events/outreach items/mailings/newsletter		
Mar Vista Turns 90 Celebration	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Great Street Tree Planting	\$300.00	\$300.00
Green Garden Showcase	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Misc	\$7,843.05	\$7,843.05
Outreach subtotal:	\$26,804.32	\$31,064.32
Subcategory: Elections		
Election expenses	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Elections subtotal:	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
General/Operational Total:	\$35,000.00	\$39,922.32
Budget Category: Community Improvement Grants		
Alley repair/seed money	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Budget Category: Neighborhood Purpose Grants	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Budget Total	\$42,000.00	\$41,922.32