



Mar Vista Community Council



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday June 13th, at 7:00 P.M.

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

MINUTES

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min) Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm
In attendance: Rob Kadota, Sherri Akers, Holly Tilson, Damien Newton, Greg Tedesco, Robin Doyno, Susan Klos Michelle Krupkin, and Sarah Auerswald.
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of May 9th, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1 min per speaker) <http://marvistacc.org/files/161213-BOD-draftMINUTES.pdf>.

Moved by Michelle Krupkin, 2nd by Susan Klos, approved unanimously

4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)

Michael Millman – MVNA Pot Luck Block Party announcement – June 25th

Gary Gamboni – pay it forward band – interested in NPG grant application

Marty Rubin – expressing gratitude for Board’s support of Airport Committee

5. Community Memorial Observations

Dorothy Garvin – founding member of MVCC – has passed away

6. **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

No report

- b. [CD 5](#) – Councilmember Paul Koretz, rep by joseph.galloway@lacity.org

No report

- c. [CD 11](#) – Councilmember Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy Len.Nguyen@lacity.org

Len made a short report, thanking Rob Kadota for his service as MVCC Chair.

- d. [LA City Board of Public Works](#) - Liaison to CD 2, 5, 11, Commissioner joel.jacinto@lacity.org

No report

- e. [Mayor of Los Angeles](#) – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel.tamm@lacity.org

No report

- f. [2nd Dist. L. A. County Board of Supervisors](#) - Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov

No report

- g. [CA Assembly 54](#) - Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Brian Ross Adams: Brian.Adams@asm.ca.gov

Event – Family Health Fest www.srtevent.com - June 24th <https://a54.asmdc.org/photo/2017-crenshaw-healthfest>

- h. [CA Assembly 62](#) - Assembly Member Autumn Burke, rep by District Director Robert.Pullen-Miles@asm.ca.gov

No report

- i. [US 33](#)– Ted Lieu, rep. by joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov

No report

- j.– [US 37](#) - Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian maral@mail.house.gov

No report

k. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), rep by jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org
There will be workshops to help reach out to underserved communities to run for Neighborhood Councils

l. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Adrian Acosta 37285@lapd.online
Pacific Carnival July 22, 23, 24 on Culver Blvd.

7. **Liaison Reports** (Public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)

a. [Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee](mailto:lindaguag@netzero.net): Linda Guagliano
lindaguag@netzero.net

July 19th is next meeting, agenda closes on July 12th

b. [DWP MOU](#): Chuck Ray

Meeting report – recently re-approved the 5-year MOU

c. [LANCC](#): Joseph Galloway

No report

d. [One Water LA](#): Christopher McKinnon

The issue of How to recycle storm water – new plan 2040 – new projects – issues include how to pay for these projects – OC has drinkable water they are bottling – Chris will bring us a sample – Tillman plant will be one of the first projects

e. [WRAC](#): Rob Kadota/Joseph Galloway

WRAC has begun initial discussions to become a non-profit entity that can engage in fund-raising.

f. WRAC LUPC: Sharon Commins

No report

g. [City Budget Advocates](#): Holly Tilson

No report

h. [Recode LA](#): Sharon Commins

No report

i. [Animal Services](#): Tom Ponton

No report

j. [Fall Festival](#): Albert Olson

No report, but the date is October 21st. Save the Date.

k. [Friends of Historic FS 62](#): Albert Olson

Next hurdle overcome – the committee passed the motion on consent – now it goes before the Full City Council

l. Mar Vista Celebrates 90: Open

No report

m. [Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce](#): Sarah Auerswald

No report

8. **Great Street Venice Blvd. Presentation**

Carter Rubin from the Great Streets Initiative, Jessie Holzer Mobility Director for CD11, and Nat Gale from DOT Vision Zero. Carter Rubin narrated the slides and led the presentation. Jessie Holzer spoke about the outreach effort. Nat Gale spoke about the goals of Vision Zero, mentioning that Venice Blvd is one of the most dangerous stretches of street in Los Angeles.

FAQs and SURVEY: http://www.11thdistrict.com/mar_vista_great_street

Questions:

Morgan Peats – wanted to know about data collected – Vision Zero data collected over 6 years

Vickie Perlson – who decides what success metrics are it

John – How long is pilot project? Are there predefined metrics?

Ben Martin – why was traffic increased in other Great Streets – York and other example – thing move more swiftly when collisions are reduced

Sarah Guzman – outreach questions – feels she did not receive info prior to implementation – how can they do more

April Peterson – how quickly can the lanes be returned? 1-year pilot

Tamara Kaiser – how are you measuring collisions + what are the metrics of success?

Susan – lives in Westchester owns property in Mar Vista – mentioned Playa del Rey problems

Laura – asked the price of the project? Where can we vote and express our opinions

Dell – wanted to know if they used the registrar of voters?

Morgan Peats – are you measuring traffic data on Palms? Yes – and on dozens of side streets + wants to know

Chris – do you accept that Venice Blvd does not or end in Mar Vista? How many people were surveyed?

Evan Ortega – why is Mike Bonin not here?

Mia Garafis – owner of Sunny Grill – says she was never notified and doesn't like it.

Jordana – what kind of outreach did you do to the disabled community? How are you measuring travel time data? Says her travel time is longer now

Anna – owns a business on Venice – asks people to give it a chance – asks for civil discourse

Trish – do you live in our community – do you experience our pain? Carter lives west of the 405 his whole life and drives Venice often.

Tina Segler – are you familiar with Head in the sand?

Public Comment –

Morgan Keats – thanked for the council and the cookies + thinks it's bad to create more gridlock
recall@gridlockmikebonin.com He's formed a PAC

Sara Guzman – MV resident for 51 years – created a nightmare for her – causing detours into neighborhood – slows down firefighters

Ben Martin – he had a positive reaction – drove it 4 times today and felt they're trying to make things BETTER. Let's give it a shot.

Steven Cohen – East Venice resident – wishes it would work and doesn't imagine it will work

Alix Gcosky – feels we should look at bigger picture and feels it is unmitigated greed and development

Lenore French – wants to improve the walkability of the community and that's why she started the Art Walk – and she gets the comments every time from longtime residents that they didn't know about businesses by the fact they are walking

Eric Bress – feels like we're invisible and no one will listen to us – no matter how much we cry out against it. He sees like there is a lot of confusion.

Jordana Thigpen – Vision Zero is appropriate because it looks like zero vision went into it. already won't trust the data. Wants Venice Blvd to remain a highway – demands a Town Hall

Dave Davis – people are rising up – South Bay has people mad, too – wants people to work together to fight it all over LA

Yvette Roman – wants people to give it a try – the way people drive is horrifying – people are distracted – wants to see traffic reduced

Ken Marek – wishes he could see people happier – wants Board to ask for a motion to change it back and figure out a way to do it right.

Richard Macmillan – lived here for 15 years – needs to drive for work – has never seen so much gridlock on Venice – takes him a long time to even get out his driveway –

Alex Schub – likens this to a missile being fired and then asking if it worked

Joe Fontana – seconds matter – says the emergency responders make this an unsafe place – ask the Board to reverse this bad idea

Jeff Khoury – Venice is now failing as a blvd – we all rely on it – I get cut off on my motorcycle – doesn't understand how it's safer – feels no one reached out to him –

Sheri Odere – 30-year resident of Mar Vista – she feels they've made it into a disaster – she's had trouble when ambulances have come through – she thinks its garbage

Selena Inouye – got attention by taking away a lane of traffic – seeing gridlock – says she filled out the survey years ago but thought it was about beautifying the blvd – what does Pilot Project mean? Want more transparency.

Sandra Stewart – was a surprise to her – concerned about the data – thinks this is about development – and thinks the data will be skewed because there is development coming

Tamara Kaiser – loves the crosswalks – on a positive note – says she is glad both Carter and Jessie are there but wishes their bosses were here. Feels the outreach was not done to people of color, or low-income people –

Laura Bachelder – accidents along Vista del Mar are due to drunken drivers – mentioned that traffic is very bad and offered other ways to make driving safer besides taking out a lane

Mike Albanese – is from Venice – wants to compare car traffic to bike traffic – and then see the effects from Waze in Venice

John Russo – Playa del Rey – thanks the council and Jessie and Nat and Carter for listening to the anger – says mobility plan is bad

Rita Goldman – heard about the meeting from Change.org – saw bad traffic backup on the weekend – hopes they are looking at effects on Venice past the edge of the Great Streets – worried about emergency vehicles getting through

Brook Eaton – Playa Vista resident – heard about Vision Zero via Westways Magazine – felt the reduction in lanes was not anything

9. **Officer Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)

a. Chair - Rob Kadota

2nd Vice Chair Joseph Galloway has stepped down, so we have an opening – we'll be doing outreach over the next month

b. First Vice Chair – Sarah Auerswald

Website and meeting update requests

c. Second Vice Chair – Joseph Galloway

Not present

d. Secretary – Melissa Stoller

Not present – no report

e. Treasurer – Holly Tilson

i. Report on current financial status

1. February bank statement

2. Pending payments

ii. **APPROVAL** of May Monthly Expense Report (MER)

Motion to approve by Rob, 2nd by Michelle, approved unanimously

10. **Committee Reports:** (may include motions to refer committee where desirable; public comment permitted)

a. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-chairs

Green Garden Showcase will happen again in 2018. Details to come

b. **Elections and By-laws Committee** - Rob Kadota, Chair; Holly Tilson, Vice-chair

No report

c. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald, Chair; Joseph Galloway, Vice-chair

No report

d. **Committee on Public Safety** – Bill Koontz, Chair; Elliot Hanna, Vice-chair

No report

e. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin & Greg Tedesco, Co-chairs

No report (see above for Great Streets update)

f. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-chairs

No report

g. **Homeless Solutions Ad Hoc Committee** – Robin Doyno & Susan Klos, Co-chairs, Joe Cuanan, Vice-chair

No report

h. **Website Ad Hoc Committee** – Sarah Auerswald, Chair

No report

i. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** – Damien Newton, Chair; Michael Millman & Latrice Williams, Vice-chairs

No report

j. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern, Chair; Michelle Krupkin, Vice-chair

No report

k. **Bike Mar Vista** - Mitchell Rishe, Chair

No report

l. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** –Robin Doyno & Paola Cervantes, Co- chairs; Lenore French, Vice-chairs

No report

m. **Airport Committee** – Holly Tilson & Martin Rubin, Co-chairs

No report

n. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-chairs

No report

o. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-chairs

No report

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 – Greg Tedesco

e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin

f. Zone 6 – Holly Tilson

12. **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: Directors may request removal of any item from the consent calendar.

MVCC approves Items 12.a-h on consent.

h. was pulled from consent calendar by request of Damien Newton

a-g moved to take on consent by Damien, 2nd by Holly – approved unanimously

a. **FUNDING MOTION:** MailChimp (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$25 a month to lift the MailChimp free account limit of 2000 emails in a 24-hour period.

Approved on consent

- b. **FUNDING MOTION:** Melissa Stoller reimbursement (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)
MVCC approves the reimbursement of \$22.50 paid by Melissa Stoller to lift the MailChimp free account limit of 2000 emails in a 24-hour period.
Approved on consent
- c. **FUNDING MOTION:** Domain Name (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)
MVCC approves the payment of an additional \$1.70 for the marvista.org domain name, bringing the total to \$201.70.
Approved on consent
- d. **FUNDING MOTION:** Farmers' Market space rental (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)
MVCC approves the payment of an additional \$200 for Farmers' Market space rental, bringing the total to \$1200.
Approved on consent
- e. **FUNDING MOTION:** Facebook ads (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)
MVCC approves the payment of a total of \$364.33 for Facebook ads.
Approved on consent
- f. **FUNDING MOTION:** Meeting Equipment (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)
MVCC approves the purchase of meeting equipment up to \$1200.
Approved on consent
- g. **FUNDING MOTION:** Printing (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)
MVCC approves the payment of \$57.76 to Copyland for printing of meeting materials.
Approved on consent
- h. **POLICY MOTION:** Proposed Condominium Small Lot Subdivision at 3981 Moore Street (submitted by PLUM Committee)
Whereas - the proposed project does not require a variance, and
Whereas - the proposed project would increase housing near transit corridors and walkable communities and amenities,

Therefore the Mar Vista Community Council supports the condominium subdivision proposed at 3981 Moore St.

Damien made the motion, 2nd by Michelle, passed unanimously.

Larry spoke representing the developers of the project – single family home stands there now, but will be replaced with 7 condos – zoned R3 – conforms to code – developer will allow for Mobility 2035 compliance – no rooftop deck – 45 feet tall – total square footage of lot 6000 sft –

Sherri spoke about the building being ADA compliant, good for Seniors – elevator building – Rob spoke about praising the developer for coming through channels and presenting to MVCC committee and BOD

9. Election of New Board Officers – Rob Kadota

Run by Jasmine Elbarbary from DONE

- a. Chair
Sarah Auerswald was nominated by Rob – 2nd by Sherri Akers - unanimously approved
- b. 1st Vice Chair
Rob Kadota was nominated by Sarah Auerswald - 2nd by Greg Tedesco - unanimously approved
- c. 2nd Vice Chair
Sherri Akers was nominated by Sarah Auerswald - 2nd by Robin Doyno - unanimously approved

d. Secretary

Melissa Stoller was nominated by Sarah Auerswald - 2nd by Damien Newton - unanimously approved

e. Treasurer

Holly Tilson was nominated by Sarah Auerswald - 2nd by Rob Kadota - unanimously Approved

13. **Grievances**, if any received

14. **Future agenda items**

a. **FUNDING MOTION:** Venice Alley Paving (submitted by Transportation and Infrastructure Committee)

Whereas, the MVCC Supports a vibrant and safe commercial corridor for the businesses and customers of Venice Blvd., and

Whereas, the MVCC supports a Matching Budgetary Motion of up to \$5000 in the 2017-8 MVCC budget for repairing the alleys on the northern side of Venice Blvd. to best serve that commercial corridor, and \$2500 for repairing alleys on the southern side of Venice Blvd.

Therefore MVCC requests that the CD11 allot any available funding towards a contractor to replace and/or repair any significant portions of the alleys immediately paralleling the northern side of Venice Blvd.

b. **FUNDING MOTION:** Green Garden Showcase (submitted by Green Committee)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$4000 for 2018 Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase supplies, marketing and education.

15. **Public Comment**

16. **Adjournment** meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

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