



# Mar Vista Community Council



## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.  
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium  
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

### MINUTES

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Quorum present: Rob Kadota, Robin Doyno, Holly Tilson, Melissa Stoller, Paola Cervantes, Ken Alpern (7:17), Michelle Krupkin, Damien Newton, Elliot Hanna, Chuck Ray, Sara Roos, Greg Tedesco, Susan Klos

2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)

3. **Approval of November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker).

Motion to approve by Melissa Stoller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krupkin.

Corrections offered by Elliot Hanna.

Motion as amended carried: 10 ayes, nays, 2 abstentions (Rob Kadota, Sara Roos), 1 absent (Ken Alpern).

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.

Damien: Executive director of non-profit that has contracts with Vision Zero. In 2007 was vice-chair of Let's Walk. Has sent complaints to RecycLA.

Elliot Hanna: Discussed 12 a with other board members, r received several emails concerning other motions.

Holly Tilson: Has talked to many constituents and board members.

Greg Tedesco: City Attorney said work on pop-up is not a conflict of interest.

Michelle Krupkin: Participated in 2015 pop-up. Received several emails about some of the motions.

Rob: Kadota: City Attorney said activities with LA County Bike Association; are not a conflict of interest. Has received emails around board motions, didn't respond.

Melissa Stoller: None to declare.

Chuck Ray: None to declare.

Paola Cervantes: Received email about motions, no conflict of interest.

Robin Doyno Not: aware of any conflicts

Susan Klos: Received emails, no conflicts.

Sara Roos: Had conversations about motions on agenda, kept below Brown Act imlimitt.

Ken Alpern: Email communication with board members regarding motions.

5. **Community Memorial Observations**

Ed Lee, Mayor of San Francisco.

6. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 minute each, 30 minutes total, unless waived by the Chair)

Jason Fineis: Invites community to see Restore Venice Blvd. YouTube page: Venice Blvd Businesses Speak Out.

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](mailto:Caroline.Lammers@lacity.org)
- b. [CD 5](#) – Councilmember Paul Koretz, rep by [joseph.galloway@lacity.org](mailto:joseph.galloway@lacity.org)
- c. [CD 11](#) – Councilmember Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy [Len.Nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:Len.Nguyen@lacity.org)
- d. [LA City Board of Public Works](#) - Liaison to CD 2, 5, 11, Commissioner [joel.jacinto@lacity.org](mailto:joel.jacinto@lacity.org)
- e. [Mayor of Los Angeles](#) – Eric Garcetti, rep. by [Daniel.tamm@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.tamm@lacity.org)
- f. [2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. L. A. County Board of Supervisors](#) - Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by [Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov)
- g. [CA Assembly 54](#) - Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Brian Ross Adams [Brian.adams@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Brian.adams@asm.ca.gov)
- h. [CA Assembly 62](#) - Assembly Member Autumn Burke, rep by District Director [Robert.Pullen-Miles@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Robert.Pullen-Miles@asm.ca.gov)
- i. [US 33](#)– Ted Lieu, rep. by [joe.apodaca@mail.house.gov](mailto:joe.apodaca@mail.house.gov)
- j. [US 37](#) - Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian [maral@mail.house.gov](mailto:maral@mail.house.gov)
- k. LADWP – rep by Deborah Hong, public relations specialist and NC representative for the West Side [Deborah.Hong@LADWP.com](mailto:Deborah.Hong@LADWP.com), (213) 367-1076.

If issues come up, feel free to reach out. Rehabilitation work on Regulating Station on Overland at Charnock will last 4-6 months.

- l. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), rep by [jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)  
By-law amendments are open. Starting Girls' Leadership program called Spark, for young women ages 14-24 starts this spring. Deadline to apply is January 16. For more information see <http://empowerla.org/ignitela/http://empowerla.org/ignitela/>.

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

- a. [Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee](#): Linda Guagliano [lindaguag@netzero.net](mailto:lindaguag@netzero.net)
- b. [DWP MOU](#): Chuck Ray  
Main issue is relationship to Aliso Canyon and gas lines.  
City Attorney wanted to discuss his volunteer work with homeless; many staff members also volunteering.
- c. [LANCC](#): Chuck Ray
- d. [One Water LA](#): Christopher McKinnon
- e. [WRAC](#): Rob Kadota
- f. WRAC LUPC: Sharon Commins
- 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  
Ad Hoc committee up and running, Will likely affiliate with Green Communications Initiative.

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

- a. Chair – Rob Kadota  
Planning retreat on January 6, 9:00-1:00.
- b. First Vice Chair – Chuck Ray

- c. Second Vice Chair – Paola Cervantes
  - d. Secretary – Melissa Stoller
    - Please add meetings to the calendar when they're scheduled (can add agenda later). Send information about community events for the eNewsletter to Melissa by Wednesday (preferred) or Thursday of each week.
  - e. Treasurer – Holly Tilson
    - i. Report on current financial status
      - Spent about \$1000 this month, YTD about \$5000. Motions for about \$29000 already passed. Need to decide how to spend about \$8000+.
    - ii. **APPROVAL** of November Monthly Expense Report (MER)
      - Motion to approve by Chuck Ray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Klos. Motion carried: 12 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Rob Kadota), 0 absent.
    - iii. Review of draft budget revisions (see Attachment A)
      - Will discuss further at board retreat.
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
    - Motion pending regarding homeless encampments, will revisit it at January 23, 2018 meeting. Had really good terrorism awareness presentation at last meeting.
    - Community hosted an Officer Appreciation Dinner the week before Thanksgiving. Christmas and New Years Day – community members drop off grab n' go food at police station.
  - d. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-chairs
    - Will continue to operate as part of MVCC but will take less copious notes on Speakers.
  - e. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** – Damien Newton, Chair; Michael Millman & Latrice Williams, Vice-chairs
    - At January 4, 2018, meeting will have presentation by the development team on 12607 Pacific Ave and a chance for the community to propose a motion to support or oppose the project.
    - 3981 Moore St. small lot subdivision is already approved; received plans.
    - 3291 Sawtelle Blvd. currently has 16 units; owner wants to add 17<sup>th</sup> unit.
    - ?? Venice Blvd is requesting density bonus based on transit stop; this was already denied to 12444 Venice Blvd. project because bus is not frequent enough.
  - f. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern, Chair; Michelle Krupkin, Vice-chair
    - May move next meeting to January 17.
  - g. **Bike Mar Vista** - Mitchell Rishe, Chair
    - Interested in more than just biking. Planning to combine with Recreation & Open Space.
  - h. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** –Robin Doyno & Paola Cervantes, Co- chairs; Lenore French, Vice-chairs
    - Make It Mar Vista and Art Walk happened – new format.
  - i. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin & Greg Tedesco, Co-chairs
    - Meeting Wednesday, December 13 at Mar Vista Library. Lenore French will give Art Walk overview, Len Nguyen and Jessie Holzer giving updates. Has invited LADOT, not attending.
  - j. **Airport Committee** – Holly Tilson & Martin Rubin, Co-chairs
    - Guest speaker from Seattle, Debi Wagner, at last meeting; her main focus is airplane pollution. Malibu city manager, Culver City people attended – interested because of new flight pattern. Seattle fought FAA, sued. FAA is not following own rules.

- k. **Green Committee** –Jeanne Kuntz, Chairs
  - l. **Homeless Solutions Ad Hoc Committee** – Robin Doyno & Susan Klos, Co-chairs, Joe Cuanan, Vice-chair  
 Venice Community Council homeless committee claims 10 successes in finding housing for people; will investigate.
  - m. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-chairs
  - n. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-chairs
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  
 Sent letter to Paul Koretz regarding how people were informed about leak. A lot of people were terrified.
  - b. Zone 2 – Damien Newton  
 Collecting fruit (fresh & canned) at St. Andrews every Sunday.  
 Will start open office hours once a week in January.  
 Possibly Mardi Gras event in February.
  - c. Zone 3 – Melissa Stoller  
 Trash fires—possible arson—on Grand View at Palms.
  - d. Zone 4 – Greg Tedesco  
 Sunny Grill is building another building next door.  
 Leak odor was very strong in Zone 4.
  - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin  
 Santa Sleigh stops in Mar Vista Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.  
 MV Chamber holiday mixer – nice event.  
 Louie’s restaurant closed. Some incident of vandalism committed by people let go.
  - f. Zone 6 – Holly Tilson  
 Zone quiet except for complaints about road diet and traffic on Palms.  
 Strong gas odor.
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.
- Motion to consider New Business Consent Calendar before Old Business by Melissa Stoller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Holly Tilson.
- Motion carried: 8 ayes, 2 nays, 1 abstention (Rob Kadota), 0 absent. Holly – need correct vote count
- a. **Policy Motion:** Regional Safe Bike Routes (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)  
 WHEREAS, extensive segments of government *publically* owned land exist in and around Mar Vista that could be used for protected bike paths and bike lanes  
 THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council moves to advise Council District 11 to immediately remove the lane reduction element of the "Great Street" pilot program and return Venice Boulevard to an improved version of the previously established six motor vehicle lane configuration, with improvements including a resurfaced roadway, bike lanes that are clearly designated with green paint, and a reduced speed limit, as allowed by State law upon completion of the roadway re-striping and any required speed study; and  
 THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to conduct a feasibility study exploring the following alternative long-term protected bike lane solutions along the entire length of Venice Boulevard, from Venice Beach to Downtown Los Angeles:
    1. Removing the center median, which is a former Red Car Rail right of way ("ROW"), to increase usable roadway and provide at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning

lanes, an extra wide bike lane, and a standard parking lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway, or

2. Replacing the center median Red Car ROW with a signalized protected bikeway, while retaining at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, and a standard parking lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway, or
3. Create signage, and repaint adjacent residential streets, as safe thoroughfares for rapid, bicycle-friendly, and safe routes for bicyclists that enhance the mobility, ease of use, and safety for bicyclists as an alternative to Venice Blvd., while still allowing a safer bicycle lane, with better visibility and access for both bicyclists and motorists, on Venice Blvd. associated with a restoration of the three-lane configuration for motorists, or
4. Constructing at least one off-street public parking facility per 3 city block segment, to enable removal of the current parking lanes to create a roadway that includes at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, and an extra wide curb adjacent protected bike lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway; and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to pave new regional connector bike paths on an expedited basis, especially including:

1. A path along the former rail ROW adjacent to the southwest side of the California 90 Expressway/Freeway from the Marvin Braude Coastal Bike Trail in Marina del Rey and connecting to both the Culver Boulevard Median and Ballona Creek Bike Paths in Del Rey; and
2. Reinstallation of the former rail bridge top, potentially via fast-track City approval of 5000 Beethoven "Del Rey Pointe" apartment development plans, to connect existing and potential new bike paths in Del Rey across Ballona Creek and into Playa Vista via either McConnell Avenue and/or following the ROW to Jefferson Boulevard; and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the Cities of Culver City and Santa Monica to designate a north/south onstreet bikeway through Del Rey / Mar Vista to follow a likely route from the Ballona Creek Path along McConnell Avenue, past the Culver Boulevard Median Bike Path, continuing along McConnell Boulevard, connecting to Wade Street after crossing Washington Boulevard and Washington Place, and continuing through Mar Vista on May Street, Cabrillo Boulevard, and Stewart Avenue before connecting to Airport Avenue and into current and proposed parks on the Santa Monica Airport site, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to conduct a feasibility study to explore installation of bike lanes along the entire length of Walgrove Avenue, accomplished through removal of the existing parkway, widening of the street without removing any existing parking spaces, and roadway restriping, including green paint to designate the bike lanes. Such changes should include attempted coordination between the Cities of Los Angeles, Culver City, and Santa Monica to potentially include installation of a traffic signal at Washington Boulevard and Walgrove Avenue, and to seamlessly connect to the 23rd Street bike lane in Santa Monica, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the County of Los Angeles and City of Culver City to restore existing bike paths, including resurfacing uneven sections and redirecting flood drain outlets to clear excess sewage runoff, specifically including Marvin Braude Coastal Bike Path in Marina del Rey, Ballona Creek Bike Path, and Culver Boulevard Median Bike Path, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the County of Los Angeles and City of Culver City to expand the frequency of police patrols, sweeping of sand, glass and other debris and removal of weed overgrowth from all area bike paths, bike lanes and bikeways.

Motion to approve by Ken Alpern, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krupkin.

Public Comment:

Ken Marek: Two cyclists in bad accident at Charnock & McLaughlin tonight. Accident at Venice & Beethoven. Don't know why can't want to improve safety and businesses.

Amy Shoenbaum: Supports motion, big advocate of Green Streets. LADOT says traffic increased by 50% on side streets. Not a lot of community support for project. Supports bike lane on Pershing but it

was taken away – whole project scrapped, even the great parts. Good things that happened with Great Streets will all be scrapped.

Kalani Wittington: Supports plan as proposed. Need to encourage people to use bike paths, not sidewalks. Don't have enough enforcement to keep wheeled vehicles off of sidewalks.

Mary Hruska: Can dispute, polls, neighborhood safety data. Great Streets has created feud in community.

Jason Fineis: Increased traffic on Charnock and Pacific 50%. Supports bike lanes on Pacific.

Dennis Logerman: Lives on Beethoven. Goes to UPS store at Venice & Centinela to get mail. Someone left car in bike lane, police went by and didn't do anything. How many businesses have to close, how many accidents happen before you do something?

Glen Hruska: Supports motion. North/South streets are affected by this because cars can't turn onto Venice.

### Board Discussion

Elliot Hanna: Motion tells those at top what we want.

Chuck Ray: Very long motion, concerned about what is the plan to get it implemented. Also concerned about closing Venice Blvd. – having both in this motion is oranges & apple situation.

Melissa Stoller: Like some of the bike path ideas, others are impractical. Can't evaluate some – need visuals. I don't see a path to implement.

Holly Tilson: Supports – it's a step in right direction. All motion is doing is suggesting to CD11 all possibilities to construct something else. Palms Blvd. is impossible.

Michelle Krupkin: Supports. It's a step just to start advising CD11. Why aren't grants being used to connect all bike routes in city and create viable network, There's more traffic on Inglewood, people are angry--trying to get places, driving poorly. Maybe each council district should have a bike deputy.

Ken Alpern: Once we published maps of transit system, people said it would never happen. Concerned that Venice is leading to more accidents, Motion is step n right direction to show we're for something. Average bicyclist not represented. Want bicycle paths all over, Mar Vista at center of real bike network.

Damien Newton: Is really two motions: study bike paths; restore Venice. Reality is we're years away from getting bike network. Would be taking out bike lane project that exists now with idea that eventually will have better solution.

Greg Tedesco: Agrees with Damien. It's like "will get sky in the pie when you die". Cost of things proposed is substantial. Beautiful vision, but don't have the support we need to realize. Wants to see project through 1 year pilot program. Knows there's more cut-through traffic.

Paola Cervantes: Agrees with Damien and Greg. Issue with removing lane now is it wasn't safe before.

Sara Roos: Agree with this being essentially two motions. Community needs to be heard but doesn't think this is the way. Believes she has motion (later in agenda) to let community be heard. Moves to amend motion: to remove 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph..

Amendment offered by Sara Roos:

- Change "governmently" to "publically" in 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph.
- Delect 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

### Public Comment on amendment

Ken Marek: Are you going to wait for someone to be killed.

Amy Shoenbaum: Old bike lane was very wide – wide enough to not get doored. People working on this, lots of community buy-in. 100% support in public comment this month and last.

Jacob Fneis: 7 people spoke in favor of motion, none against. Not in favor of amendment.

Kalani Wittington: In favor of motion as currently proposed (not amended). Are problems with people exiting from cars. Proposal is well thought out. We've discussed all these issues, is step in right direction. All looking to make community better cycling, transportation community,

Dennis Logerman.: Had protected bike lane before, called sidewalk. See lots of confusion about bike lane, lots of people using bike lane. Some think bike lane is two-way. In favor of green paint.

Rich Hirshkoff. Hears a lot of people for, a lot against. Does 't hear how to make safe on both sides of parked cars. Simple: Slant parking on Venice; make bike lane a little narrower. Safe to get in and out of car. Lots of parking helps businesses.

Jill: Putting back the lanes is only thing that makes sense. Delayed response time for emergency vehicles. Creating danger on cut-thru streets. More pollution because of traffic jams.

Mary Hruska: Alternate solution exists now: Greening the Boulevard. Expands sidewalks & sidewalk protected bike lane, reduces lane width. Would be beautiful.

Tom: Slant parking takes up twice the space. Old bike lane would be 100% safer by putting down reflectors. Knurl bike lane so if car goes in get warning.

#### Board Discussion of amendment

Elliot Hanna: At T&I advised against including restore, but people at meeting made clear this is what they want. Opposes amendment.

Rob Kadota: There's a left-buffered protected bike lane on south side of Venice west of Centinela—bike lane is outside of car door range, thinks it offers lots for bike lanes. Protected lanes with bollards hide bicyclists, not as safe. Bicyclists are part of traffic. Need to do more education of bicyclists. Would like solution that integrates bikes with cars, rather than segregating bicyclists.

Michelle Krupkin: Bring to attention of board: Venice is one of 40 streets in LA to which this configuration will be applied. Venice has low kill incidents—only 3 before this. Ridiculous to put road diet on Venice when not Blvd. that needs a road diet. Should represent stakeholders.

Ken Alpern: You (Rob) are guilty of partisanship. Will pull motion if this amendment passes. Why do you want to stay on the Board. You're taking motion away from him.

Melissa Stoller: Received emails against restore; supporters of pilot project felt was already settled.

Holly Tilson: City just fixed Centinela & Venice intersection, protected bike lanes removed. Recently watched fire truck trying to move on Centinela for 2 ½ minutes, light stayed red. Can't support amendment.

Sara Roos: Agree personally 100% with complaints. Not well implemented. Filled with anger & frustration. Don't want to lose work on bike lanes. Continuing to beat head against wall when wall says it's not going to submit is not effective. Council continuing to take side in this matter increases hostility in community. People using Venice have interest in community, are stakeholders.

Elliot Hanna: Amendment to amendment – restore 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

Amendment to amendment not carried: 5 ayes, 6 nays, 2 abstentions (Damien Newton, Rob Kadota).

Motion to table by Michelle Krupkin. Not carried: 4 ayes, 7 nays, 2 abstentions (Damien Newton, Rob Kadota).

Amendment carried: 6 ayes, 5 nays, 2 abstentions (Damien Newton, Rob Kadota)

Motion as amended carried: 6 ayes, 5 nays, 2 abstentions (Melissa, Rob Kadota),

- b. **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.

Tabled until next meeting.

- c. 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.

Tabled until next meeting.

- d. **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.

Tabled until next meeting.

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-c, f on consent.

13. d, e & g removed from Consent Calendar by Melissa Stoller.

Motion to approve items 13a-c, f on consent by , 2<sup>nd</sup> by . Motion carried: 11 ayes, nays, 1 abstentions (Rob Kadota), absent ().

- a. **Funding Motion:** Promotional Community Outreach Items (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$2000 for promotional community outreach items.

Passed on consent.

- b. **Funding Motion:** Business Cards (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$100, in addition to \$250 previously approved, for board and committee chair business cards.

Passed on consent.

- c. **Funding Motion** PO Box (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$140 for Post Office Box rental.

Passed on consent.

- d. **Funding Motion:** Winter Wonderland (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$1000 for the purchase of food and drinks for Winter Wonderland.

Motion withdrawn.

- e. **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.

Motion tabled.

- f. **Policy Motion:** Rancho Park Odorant Leak of 11/29/17 (Director motion submitted by Sara Roos, Melissa Stoller & Ken Alpern)

WHEREAS Mar Vista stakeholders began reporting the smell of "gas" to emergency and utility services at approximately 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 and continuing into Thursday; and

WHEREAS reports from the time of the event and afterward reflect widespread confusion and alarm among stakeholders regarding insufficiently directive, inconsistent and unreliable official communications, and fear in the wake of reports of various adverse health effects experienced; and

WHEREAS the City of LA's Petroleum Administrator reported to City Council on 12/5/17 that the airborne toxin was not gas but likely a mixture of chemicals including the odorant mercaptan, commonly used to label the methane byproduct of oil extracted from a drilling operation on the City's Rancho Park golf course located in the densely residential district south of Pico Blvd between Motor and Patricia; and

WHEREAS the spilled odorant originated from operations that the City's lessee, Hillcrest Beverly Oil Corporation (HBOC *aka* E&B Natural Resources), contracted to Southern California Gas Corporation, it is nevertheless HBOC that is the drilling company with which the City sustains a contractual (leasing) relationship; and

WHEREAS in April of 2007 a multiagency report ([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-0149\\_misc\\_04-26-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-0149_misc_04-26-2017.pdf)) referred to the City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee meeting of June 20, 2017, found numerous violations from over twenty-plus years outstanding on the Rancho Park Drilling Site; and

WHEREAS no further report from Planning was submitted to the PLUM Committee hearing to substantiate or refute HBOC's own review of its violations ([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-0149\\_pc\\_6-20-17.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-0149_pc_6-20-17.pdf)); and

WHEREAS the matter was continued by PLUM without any date set for further review (<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=17-0149>); and

WHEREAS these violations persist on public land, where it is public stakeholders who assume the risk for industry operations in violation of code, and public, elected officials who direct the means to request further review of these operations by City Planning (for example through the [Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program](#) mandated by [LAMC 12.27.1](#));

THEREFORE the Mar Vista Community Council requests that City Council immediately instruct City Planning to

Formally review its 4/24/17 report of violations, and

Include the public by scheduling public hearings as part of the process to understand public risk from close proximity to extraction operations.

FURTHERMORE, MVCC requests that the city

Study its emergency procedures and communications plans for clarifying chain-of-command on reporting and reporting back to stakeholders, government managers and elected officials, and thus

Work toward the goal of centralized reporting and information exchange directly with the public to ensure timely and informative incident updates and emergency or evacuation procedures.

Encourage fence-line and other onsite monitoring systems to forewarn of problems that effect public safety.

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Motion to be sent to Honorable Mike Bonin, CD11; Honorable Paul Koretz, CD5; co-presenters of Motion 17-0149 (Harris-Dawson, Buscaino); members of PLUM;. Copies sent to: remaining LA City Council members; PLUM Committee administrator; CD5 & CD11 deputies.

*Passed on consent.*

- g. **Policy Motion:** Charnock Stoplight (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee) Mar Vista Community Council opposes the installation of a stoplight at the intersection of Charnock and Sawtelle *and requests that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation expedite funding and installation of a critically needed left turn signal at the intersection of Sawtelle Blvd. with Palms Blvd.*

[Public Comment](#)

Miriam DeLasa: Wants update on what's happening with stoplight. Once again, here at meeting with no update.

Jeff Kearns: 2<sup>nd</sup> time coming, we have opposition to stoplight.

Len Nguyen: Has discussed with Bonin and LADOT. No safety case for light there. If was approved, would get added to unfunded projects list. Concern would cause more traffic on Charnock.

Rich Hirskoff: Hears concerns. Wants to hear what those opposed to light suggest for improving safety of those trying to get out onto Sawtelle.

Motion to approve by Ken Alpern, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Stoller

Friendly amendment by Melissa Stoller: add "*and requests that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation expedite funding and installation of a critically needed left turn signal at the intersection of Sawtelle Blvd. with Palms Blvd.*"

Public Comment:

Rich Hirshkoff/Windward might fund (\$135,000) left turn signal.

Board Discussion

Rob Kadota: Questions about how amendment relates to Charnock light.

Melissa Stoller: Impacts traffic on Sawtelle, not far from Charnock.

Amendment carried: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absention (Rob Kadota), 1 absent (Susan Klos).

Motion as amended carried: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absention (Rob Kadota), 1 absent (Susan Klos).

14. **Grievances**, if any received

15. **Future agenda items**

16. **Public Comment**

17. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

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## ADDENDUM A: Draft Amended Budget

Budget Category: General/Operational	Current Budget	Proposed Budget
<b>Subcategory: Office</b>		
<b>Storage</b>		
Storquest	\$2,496.00	\$2,496.00
<b>Meeting rooms rental</b>		
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
<b>Equip &amp; supplies (misc)</b>		
misc	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
<b>Mtg supplies &amp; printing</b>		
printing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Board Training &amp; Support</b>		
Business cards/name badges	\$250.00	\$350.00
Board Retreat	\$37.68	\$100.00
<b>Office subtotal:</b>	<b>\$7,195.68</b>	<b>\$7,358.00</b>
<b>Subcategory: Outreach</b>		
<b>Website</b>		
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
<b>Email Service</b>		
Mail chimp email service	\$480.00	\$700.00
<b>Advertising</b>		
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
<b>Community Events</b>		
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
<b>MVCC Events</b>		
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
Budget Category: General/Operational	Current	Proposed
misc events	\$7,843.05	\$7,843.05
<b>Outreach subtotal:</b>	<b>\$26,804.32</b>	<b>\$30,224.32</b>
<b>Subcategory: Elections</b>		
Election expenses	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Elections subtotal:</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>General/Operational Total:</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$37,582.32</b>
<b>Budget Category: Community Improvement Grants</b>		
Alley repair/seed money	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Budget Category: Neighborhood Purpose Grants</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Budget Total</b>	<b>\$42,000.00</b>	<b>\$39,582.32</b>

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