

Mar Vista Community Council



Supplemental Meeting Materials

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors http://www.marvista.org/minutes-and-agendas.php

> Tuesday, October 15th, 2019, at 7:00pm Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium 11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

10.4.5 Transportation & Infrastructure

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Report - October 2019

1) There will be a meeting with local Neighborhood Council representatives on October 28, 2018 at Culver City City Hall for an update on the Culver City Stormwater Project. At that meeting, a date for the joint City of Culver City, Del Rey Neighborhood Council, Venice Neighborhood Council and MVCC Townhall will be discussed. The project is now slated for Summer 2020 and changes to the construction plan will be revealed at the October 28th meeting.

Look for updated information on this project here:

https://www.culvercity.org/city-hall/city-government/city-projects/washington-boulevard-s tormwater-and-urban-runoff-project

- The committee is working with Alek Bartosauf in CD 11 to restart talks regarding the Parking Demand Study that was first requested by the MVCC in July 2017.
- 3) The committee began discussing the Mobility Element of the Palms Mar Vista Del Rey Community Plan. This discussion will continue at the next several committee meetings and will include developing and implementing a transportation, infrastructure and mobility survey to be distributed to MVCC stakeholders during Fall 2019/Winter 2020.

Please visit the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee web page to download the PDF of the discussion materials to come prepared to participate in the discussion:

https://www.marvista.org/parking-committee.php

11.2 Resignation from Outreach Committee – Discussion and possible action regarding the resignation of Ashley Zeldin as the First Vice-Chair of the Outreach Committee.

Hi Elliot, Despite your reassurances during our one-on-one conversations and at our recent conflict resolution meeting. and despite my belief in you as a leader in your position as Community Director and Chair of the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors, I do not feel it prudent for me to stay on the Outreach Committee as First Vice-Chair. I will defer to your judgement, but I will not be able to continue in good faith without intervention. Several factors have brought me to this conclusion. repeatedly over the past week, yet she has not responded to any email I have attempted to contact correspondence from me since last Friday, September 6. I know for a fact that she returned from her staycation and responded to other issues that required her attention since then--and I saw her at Tuesday's Board of Directors meeting--yet she has purposefully avoided me. As you know, I think communication within the OC and between the OC and Renters' Engagement Subcommittee has been dysfunctional, and recent events only further solidify my view. Since our conflict resolution meeting, I have tried to find a mutually agreeable date for this month's OC meeting. I notified everyone at our August 1 and August 22 OC meetings that I would not be available on September 19 (the third has repeatedly notified evervone that she has an Thursday) or September 26 (the fourth Thursday); existing obligation the third Thursday of every month. I proposed a couple options, yet didn't respond during her staycation. I reached out to her again on Friday, September 6--after the date her vacation responder had indicated she would return. Wednesday, September 4--and she said she was still on vacation though she was in communication with about scheduling, yet she didn't answer my question about what date she was requesting. has not responded to any of my. emails attempting to go forward with scheduling this month's OC meeting since last Friday, September 6. Michelle indicated that she was willing to go ahead and work with and me to schedule our September OC meeting for Tuesday, September 17. secured the venue, the Ramp room at the Coffee Connection, and and I have been working on the agenda, for which I created a Google Doc shared with both I am fine to work collaboratively with but I do not feel she reciprocates that willingness. In her most recent newsletter, however, announced the OC meeting will be held September 19. This past Tuesday. September 10, I noticed on the MVCC website that had scheduled OC meetings for the next few months on the third Thursday of every month and working meetings the fourth Friday during the day when only she--and I sporadically--can attend. I feel owed and I--as well as . deleted those dates from the the courtesy of notifying us of the dates she unilaterally chose. or my involvement in the OC. calendar. It is obvious that she does not desire for

That said, as long as I remain a member of the OC, what the OC does is a reflection on me, and I have a professional reputation to uphold. Unfortunately, the communications to the community by the OC do not stand up to my standards. The weekly newsletters have gone out full of spelling and grammar errors, without featuring any contributions from me or anyone besides to my knowledge, as evidenced by the lack of a weekly newsletter during staycation; she never asked for assistance in advance. In the rare event has attempted to assign tasks to me, they have been unsatisfactory, owing to unreasonably fast deadlines or lack of guidance i.e. with regard to content.
I suspect has been expecting my resignation, per her "want ad" in the most recent weekly newsletter and her announcement calling for contributors at the BOD meeting Tuesday. I was frankly insulted to see that she is soliciting members of the community to create content when she blatantly refuses to use her existing-and dare I say capable?committee members effectively.
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I am sorry to interrupt your vacation, but I think you should be apprised of the current state of the OC. For the aforementioned reasons, I will be stepping aside from the OC pending your input. As I have assured you, I am not going away; I will continue my involvement with the MVCC as an active and interested stakeholder, and I remain able and willing to help the MVCC.

Regards, Ashley Zeldin

<u>11.6 Appointment to StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Council</u> – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of a letter recommending Selena Inouye to represent MVCC on the StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

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SUBJECT: StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Council Participation Invite

Dear Stakeholder:

As General Manager of the Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA), one of my goals is to enhance public and community participation and engagement. To help me achieve this goal, I invite you to participate or nominate someone to join our StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Council (Advisory Council).

Los Angeles, a world class City, deserves a world class street network and street services. Our streets are the most visible image of our City. We owe it to each one of you to make our street network safe, mobile and sustainable. Under the leadership of the Mayor, City Council, and the Board of Public Works, we are moving towards that goal with increased resources and investments.

The purpose of the Advisory Council is to discuss, analyze, review, deliberate, and provide recommendation on exercit and proposed StreetsLA programs and initiatives targeted towards the renewal of our streets, the repair of sidewalks, and the revitalization of our urban forest. The Advisory Council meetings will be held quarterly. If conditions require, additional meetings may be needed. However, in the event that an Advisory Council member is unable to attend the meetings, an Advisory Council group e-mail will be established to provide the following information:

- · Agendar; and
- Minutes of each meeting.

With the commitment and the hard work of the women and men of StreetsLA, collaboration with our sister departments, agencies and partnership with you - our stakeholders, I am confident that we can provide high quality, efficient, and equitable services across our great City and communities. Together, we can meet the challenges and seize the opportunities to make Los Angeles a clean, modern and safe place to live, work, play, and become a beacen of innovation, vitality, and collaboration.

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If you are interested in participating in the StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Council, please complete the attached form or go to our website at StreetsLA.LACity.org. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call our Executive Office at (213) 847-3333 or email at StreetsLASAC@lacity.org.

Thank you for considering joining our StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Council and I am very much looking forward to the opportunity of working with you.

Sincerely,

Adel H. Hagekhalił, P.E.

Executive Director and General Manager

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Councilmember Mike Bonin

CC: Hannah Levien, CD11 Field Representative, Mar Vista and Del Rey

September 10, 2019

Dear Mr. Bonin.

At the August 13, 2019 regular meeting of the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC). Ms. Levien mentioned the Streets LA Advisory Council which was established within the Bureau of Street Services "to discuss, analyze, review, deliberate, and provide towards renewal of our utrent and proposed Streets LA programs and initiatives targeted towards renewal of our streets, the repair of sidewalks, and the revitalization of our urban forest." She asked that we contact your office with any recommendations of who should represent MVCC on that body.

Though several people involved with MVCC have demonstrated an understanding and interest in this area, one—in particular—stands out: At the recommendation of the Chair, the Board recommends Selam Inouve as the MVCC representative to the StreetsLA Stakeholder Advisory Council.

Sincerely,

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Elliot Hanna, Chair Mar Vista Community Council **12.2 [FUNDING][Tilson] Monthly Expenditure Report** – Approval of the Monthly Expenditure Report for September, 2019 – *MER provided separately*

12.5 [FUNDING][OUTREACH] Advertising in Hilltops Neighborhood Association's Quarterly Newsletter -

Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure not to exceed \$150 for advertising in the upcoming Hilltops Neighborhood Association's quarterly newsletter.

CATEGORY: Funding

COMMITTEE: Outreach Chair

PURPOSE: Establish Outreach through Neighborhood Associations

BACKGROUND:

Neighborhood Associations are an important part of our community. Their boundaries are smaller and designed for specific sections of Mar Vista. These smaller venues provide a good opportunity for outreach to stakeholders.

Two constructive ways would be to have MVCC rent booth/tent/table space at their events as well as advertising in newsletters. Therefore, this motion is requested.

It is our hope to make the cost uniform across all Neighborhood Associations and provide a guide for future Outreach Committees. These costs were calculated with the input from the City as to what is considered customary, the MVCC Treasurer's recommendation based on experience, MVCC Outreach's budget, and the potential engagement from the community.

The Hilltop Beacon is Hilltop's quarterly newsletter and is distributed to over 1000 stakeholders. Mr. Bill Koontz, President, attended our meeting and provided information and answered all questions. The motion was passed without objection. Further details of this discussion may be found in the minutes for the 10/07/19 Outreach Committee (emergency) meeting.

THE MOTION:

The MVCC approves an expenditure not to exceed \$150 to purchase 1/2 page advertising space in the Hilltop Neighbors Association newsletter.

12.6 [FUNDING][OUTREACH] Table Rental at Hilltops Neighborhood Association's Annual Picnic –

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On October 24, 2019, the Hilltop Neighbors Association (Zones 3 & 4) will hold their Annual meeting at 7pm, St. Bede's Episcopal Church.

This event is an annual gathering of the Hilltop Neighbors Association members providing a venue for MVCC Outreach.

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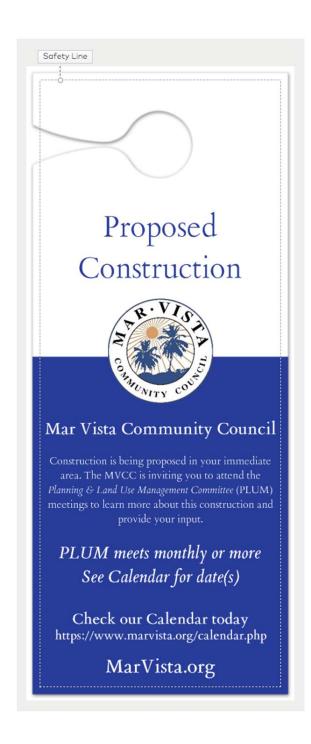
THE MOTION:

The MVCC approves an expenditure not to exceed \$150 for table rental at the Hilltop Neighbors Association's Annual Meeting to be held on Thursday, October 24, 2019.

This is a public event and is being held at a public venue. It is ADA accessible, free and the public is welcome. It is an opportunity for MVCC board members to interact with community members in a more informal setting.

<u>14.2 [ADMINISTRATIVE][ExFin] Approval of Policy Regarding Use of MVCC Seal</u> – Approval of a policy governing the use of the MVCC seal – *Policy not yet written*

<u>14.4 [FUNDING][Outreach] Outreach to Stakeholders Regarding Proposed Construction</u> – Approval of an appropriation not to exceed \$1,000 for door hangers – including distribution costs - to inform stakeholders of proposed construction projects (note that PLUM passed a competing item not to exceed \$500).



<u>15.2 [POLICY][OUTREACH] Mission Statement for Renters' Engagement Subcommittee</u> – Discussion and possible action regarding the mission statement for the Renters' Engagement Subcommittee.

CATEGORY: Administrative

COMMITTEE: Outreach

PURPOSE: Mission Statement

BACKGROUND:

A Mission Statement is required from every committee and subcommittee to clarify its purpose to stakeholders.

On August 31, 2019, a public meeting of the Renters' Engagement Subcommittee (RES) was held and a motion to adopt the mission statement was made by RES Cochair, Mr. Laferriere, and seconded by Ms. De La Cruz. The motion was adopted with a vote count of 6-0-1.

On September 19, 2019, a public meeting of the Outreach Committee was held and a motion to adopt the RES Mission Statement was made by Mr. Rubin and seconded by Mr. Wheeler. The motion was adopted with a vote count of 5-0-1.

THE MOTION:

The MVCC approves and adopts the Renters' Engagement Subcommittee Mission Statement:

The mission of the Renter's Engagement Subcommittee of the Outreach Committee is to best encourage and promote outreach to and engagement with the rental community (renters and housing providers) in the Mar Vista Community Council and its committees.

15.3 [POLICY][T&I] Centinela Blvd. and National Blvd. Street Sweeping Services in Zones 2, 3 and 6 - Discussion and possible motion requesting that CD 11 assign the "Clean and Green Team" to clean up Centinela Ave. between Palms Blvd. and National Blvd. in Zones 3 and 6, as well as National Blvd from Bundy Dr. to Federal Ave in Zones 2 and 3, until regular street sweeping service can be established.

Background: Zone 3 Director Mary Hruska was contacted by stakeholders in 2018 regarding this issue. She reached out to Bureau of Street Service and was told that Centinela Ave. between Palms and National Blvds. is not on any regular street sweeping route and they get to it whenever they can.

The issue was then brought to the T&I Committee. A motion was written for the June 8, 2018 meeting and passed on 8/1/18. It was placed on the MVCC BOD agenda for the August 14, 2018 meeting and passed by a vote of 10/0/1.

To date, no letter has gone regarding this motion.

Policy Motion: Establishment of Street-Sweeping Route and Services for Centinela Blvd Between Palms Blvd and National Blvd

WHEREAS: The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) supports maintenance and repairs on all of its major infrastructure assets, including thoroughfares such as Centinela Blvd. and

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the MVCC that there is no street sweeping route on Centinela Blvd between Palms Blvd and National Blvd,

WHEREAS It is suggested that there are no resources currently allotted towards this essential street maintenance.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the CD11 office will work with the L.A. Bureau of Street Services (BSS), and LADOT to implement regular and ongoing street sweeping along Centinela Boulevard between Palms and National Boulevards,

THEREFORE, LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED: That the CD11 office, the CD5 office, BSS and LADOT will review the status of street sweeping and other vital maintenance along all major thoroughfares within MVCC's confines.

On August 6, 2019 Councilmember Bonin's posted the following on his Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/MikeBoninCD11/posts/2618822131469646

"Our dedicated "Clean and Green Team" got off to a fast start last week, cleaning 29 blocks on Venice Boulevard in Mar Vista and Venice, removing nine bulky items, clearing 21 storm drains and collecting a total of 1,410 pounds of trash and debris.

The five-person team from the <u>LA Conservation Corps</u> will focus on high-profile corridors in our neighborhoods, clearing overgrown vegetation, picking up litter, removing graffiti, and removing bulky

items from the right of way. The teams will also work with other city departments to make sure service requests are reported through the MyLA311 smartphone app, and that Westside neighborhoods are looking great.

Make sure to say "hi" if you see the team working in your community!"

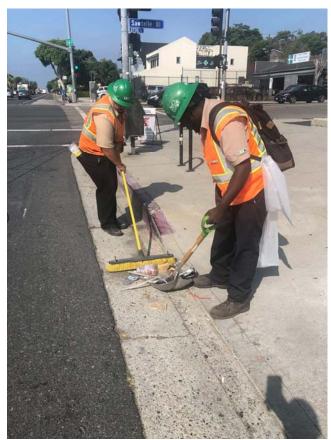


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MOTION: The MVCC requests that CD 11 assign the "Clean and Green Team" to clean up Centinela Ave. between Palms Blvd. and National Blvd. until regular street sweeping service can be established.

<u>15.4 [POLICY][T&I]</u> Rose Ave. Sidewalk Installation in Zone 6 - Discussion and possible amendment to a previous passed motion regarding the installation of a sidewalk on the South side of Rose Ave. between S. Centinela Ave and Colonial Ave in Zone 6. Amendment: The MVCC also supports CD 11 using WLA TIMP funds for this project.

Amended Rose Ave. Sidewalk Installation Motion

Passed Transportation and Infrastructure Committee August 7, 2019
Original Motion passed Board of Directors August 13, 2019
Amended by Transportation and Infrastructure Committee October 2, 2019

Background: This issue was discussed at the July 17, 2019 Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting. Per the meeting minutes:

Request for installation of a sidewalk on Rose Ave. between South Centinela Ave. and Colonial Ave. At this time there doesn't seem to be any regular path through City channels to create an additional sidewalk on Rose Ave. The street in question does have a sidewalk on one side, and the City seems to think that if there is at least a sidewalk on one side, then there is not a priority to justify construction of a sidewalk on the other side as well. Many streets in the City have this situation. Including one street a couple blocks over from Rose, also between Colonial and Centinela. Mr. Guevera discussed the possibility of adding crosswalk markings at the intersection, but that is not feasible if there are no curb ramps cutouts, and if there is not a stop sign to support the crosswalk. And installing a stop sign so close to the intersection of Rose and Centinela seems problematic. If the stakeholders who made the request want to continue the pursuit of a sidewalk it would probably be best to do so through the advocacy approach of a Neighborhood Council resolution, etc.



On October 2, 2019 the committee discussed with CD 11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosauf about how the West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Specific Plan (WLA TIMP) could fund this new sidewalk project and amended the motion to make this request.

Amended Motion: The Board of the MIVCC supports the installation of a sidewalk on the South side of Rose Ave. between S. Centinela Ave and Colonial Ave in Zone 6 and also supports CD 11 using West Los Angeles Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Specific Plan (WLA TIMP) funds for this project.

15.5 [POLICY][T&I] Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee] Timely Updates from Mar Vista Artwalk/Green Communications Initiative - Discussion and possible motion requesting regular and timely updates from a staff member of the Mar Vista Artwalk/Green Communications Initiative regarding MVCC-funded items and all related events taking place on Great Streets Venice Blvd.

The Mar Vista Art Walk, originally called Steppin' into the Art of Mar Vista was first discussed at the MVCC Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee in 2015, prior to the inaugural December 3 2015 event.

From the September 9 2015 MVCC Great Streets Ad Hoc Subcommittee minutes:

Lenore French discussed creating an Art Zone and an Art Walk for Mar Vista.

She shared a handout with the group. Her company, Green Communications Initiative (GCI), is also involved with way finding to encourage walkability, such as on Great Street Venice Blvd. Lenore considered the existing challenge of the area functioning as an art walk location since there are two (2) blocks of residential area on either side of the galleries located on Great Street Venice Blvd. Lenore discussed community art projects and the idea of being able to move forward using the will of people to help.

As the MVCC continues to reach out to stakeholders to build community, it is essential to know what of possible opportunities for community involvement.

The Mar Vista Art Walk, which has now joined forces with Venice Arts Organizations, is a great opportunity for such involvement.

As it has been some many months since the Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee has had any updates from the GCI or anyone from the Mar Vista Art Walk, timely updates on Great Streets Venice Blvd. related events are requested from Green Communications Initiative (GCI).

Motion:

The MVCC requests regular and timely updates from a staff member of the Mar Vista Artwalk/Green Communications Initiative regarding MVCC-funded items and all related events taking place on Great Streets Venice Blvd.

15.6 [POLICY][Krupkin and Inouye] LADOT Walk and Bike Count in October and November 2019 - Discussion and possible motion regarding concerns about LADOT's upcoming Walk and Bike Count scheduled on Venice Blvd between Grand View Blvd and Ocean View Ave. in October/November 2019.

BACKGROUND: The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) announced its first Walk and Bike Count on Facebook on October 9, 2019 and is recruiting volunteers to conduct the count. The Walk and Bike Count will be conducted only on the weekends days October 18, 20, 26, 27 and November 2, 2019. While a volunteer training is offered on Friday, October 18 at LADOT headquarters, it is not mandatory for volunteer participants. LADOT plans to conduct a count on Venice Blvd between Grand View Blvd and Ocean View Ave.

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From LADOT's Facebook page:

"Count your way into history by participating in our first Walk and Bike Count! Sign up to volunteer at https://ladot.lacity.org/walk-bike-count. What we measure, matters. We need your help to count walkers and bikers in Los Angeles on weekends which will help us make safety and infrastructure improvements. Our department is using technology along with additional survey tools and volunteers are a critical component of the count!"

MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council is concerned about the upcoming LADOT Walk and Bike Count in October and November 2019 and requests that LADOT:

- 1) Provide an explanation of what the purpose of this exercise is, the data collection methodologies to be employed and how specifically the data collected will be used.
- 2) Conduct this as a traffic engineering project utilizing cameras and other technology using professionally trained staff, not community volunteers.
- 3) Conduct the count throughout the week, not just on the weekends.
- 4) Refrain from posting the locations of the count to avoid skewing the data.
- 5) Make the data collected publicly available.

<u>15.7 [POLICY][PLUM] Development at 3705 - 3709 S. McLaughlin Avenue [DIR-2019-4279]</u> – Discussion and possible action regarding the development at 3705 – 3709 S. McLaughlin Ave.

PLUM Motion regarding 3705/3709 S. McLaughlin Avenue [DIR-2019-4279], (proposed construction of a new 4 story, 21 unit apartment building, 41 parking spaces, 2 VLI affordable units, 35% density bonus, reduced front yard and increased height to 56'), requesting that Councilmember Bonin, pursuant to City Charter Code Section 245(e) pull the project for his immediate review and oversight because the proposed development is out of character for the surrounding neighborhood as to height, size, and density and results in a zoning change for the parcel that exceeds that currently allowed and in violation of the General Plan. Motion passed at 10/7/19 PLUM Committee meeting.