



# Mar Vista Community Council



## Executive and Finance Committee Meeting

Monday April 2nd, 2018, at 7:00 P.M.

Coffee Connection - Station Room  
3838 S. Centinela Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066

### AGENDA

1. **Call to order and Welcome**
2. **Approval of 03/12/18 Meeting Minutes**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Treasurer's report**
  - a. Review of March financial status
  - b. Review/amendment of budget (see Addendum A) – possible motions to follow
  - c. Review of Landkeepers' Trust reimbursement of CD11 and reapportionment of \$2K
    - i. This is \$2K MVCC didn't spend and should be returned to CoLA as unspent tax dollars.
    - ii. Suggestion: Request that CD11 earmark these funds for CoLA services within MV e.g., high visibility crosswalks as per T&I's \$10K motion from T&I (#14.j)
5. **MVCC administrative items**
  - a. Discussion of March 13<sup>th</sup> (previous) BoD meeting - see Addendum A, BAC (Board Action Certification)
    - i. New Executive Board
      1. CIS submitters (see policy motion below)
    - ii. BoD vacancies
      1. Zone 3 Director
        - a. Letters received
      2. At-large Director
        - a. Letters received
    - iii. Passed motions (see Addenda) – status of approved motions
      1. POLICY MOTIONS
        - a. Tree stump removal (#13a)
        - b. 6-month followup request for Venice Boulevard Pilot Project data (#13b)
          - *CONTAINS DATED SECTIONS*
        - c. Correct status of Centinela Avenue and Venice Boulevard Bus Service with the LA City Planning Department (#13d)
        - d. Parking Demand survey (#13c)
        - e. Proliferation of RVs (#14p)
      2. FUNDING MOTIONS
        - a. MVCC Administrative Support: employment of BOD minutes writer - \$800 (#14a)
        - b. Green Garden Showcase publicity: \$1000 for promotional banners, signs and flyers. (#14b)
        - c. General MVCC Promotional Items: Trash Bags to Go - \$730; (#14c)
        - d. MVCC mugs (speakers), total cost not to exceed \$300; (#14d)
        - e. Safe Driving lawn sign campaign - \$2500; (#14e)
        - f. Post It Notes - \$1500; (#14f)
        - g. Seat cushions - \$488.40; (#14g)
        - h. MVCC Blue and Green outreach awning replacements - \$1000; (#14h)
        - i. tri-fold brochure design and printing costs - \$500 (#14i)
        - j. Joint MVCC/CD11/LADOT Safety and Mobility Enhancement - \$10,000 for (i) High Visibility Crosswalks, (ii) Reconstruction/restoration of Venice Blvd-adjacent alleys, (iii) Repair of Pacific Avenue adjacent to FM (#14j)

3. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS
  - a. Boundary adjustments (2 motions: #14k, #14l)
- iv. Not-passed motions
  1. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS
    - a. Great Streets Town Hall (TBD but mentioned was April 14)
- b. BOD issues
  - i. On-line Connectivity
    1. Google Docs
      - a. Training needed?
      - b. Transparency of agenda-building
        - Real-time construction
        - Advance notice of motions for thought
      - c. Spreadsheet for motions
        - Facilitates editing of motions for grammar/logic (in advance of cmte meetings)
        - ID of point-person (complete spreadsheet in advance of cmte meetings if possible)
        - Increase awareness of target recipients to be ID'd via cmte discussion
      - d. Policy motion letters tracking
        - ID of target recipients (ExFin discussion/ID of passed motions')
    2. Social media
      - a. Council notifications
      - b. Board member communications with constituents
      - c. Bylaws policies regarding mores, use, etc?
  - ii. In-person Outreach
    1. MV Fall Festival
      - a. Liability
      - b. Enthusiasm
  - iii. Community liaison responsibilities
    1. WRAC, PLUM is vacant
      - a. CIS amendments not in step w/region
        - Sober Living Homes CIS #17-1426
        - SB 827 (pending in our PLUM)
- c. Discussion of April 10<sup>th</sup> (next) BoD meeting
  - i. Redesigned agenda regarding public comments - global notice that 3 minutes speaking is default unless otherwise indicated by chair
    1. Friendlier w/o sacrificing meeting efficiency
  - ii. Needed motions
    1. POLICY MOTIONS
      - a. Any possible needed policy motions
    2. FUNDING MOTIONS - discussion and possible **motions**
      - a. Reapportionment of returned \$2K from MV Landkeepers' (for "MV Turns 90").
      - b. **Funding Motion:** MVCC approves up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Clover ES for \_\_\_\_\_. Include complete NPG application for approval.
      - c. **Funding Motion:** MVCC approves up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Grandview ES for \_\_\_\_\_. Include complete NPG application for approval.
      - d. **Funding Motion:** MVCC approves up to \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Teen Court for \_\_\_\_\_. Include complete NPG application for approval. (c/d/e will need wording updated for final agenda)
      - e. Additional funding motions from cmtes via Rob.

- f. Any possible needed funding motions.
- 3. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS
  - a. **Administrative Motion:** Authorization to submit Community Impact Statements (Directors motion submitted by Sara Roos)

**Whereas,** the City Clerk maintains a procedure for Neighborhood Councils to addend Community Impact Statements (CIS) 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 its ExFin Committee,  
 Rob Kadota, Chair  
 Elliot Hanna, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
 Paolo Cervantes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
 Melissa Stoller, Secretary  
 Holly Tilson, Treasurer,

to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements that have been passed by a vote of the full board.

**Be it further resolved,** that in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, any aforementioned board member is authorized to WRITE and SUBMIT a Community Impact Statement in consultation with the chair, provided that it expresses the position of a motion previously passed 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:** MVCC approves increasing the credit card limit to \$10-15K/mo.
  - Rationale: Funding Guidelines allow \$5K/month. The MVCC will not be able to purchase items approved and/or in our budget without increasing our limits.
- c. Any possible needed administrative motions.

- 6. **Future agenda items**
- 7. **Public Comment**
- 8. **Adjournment**

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**ADDENDUM A: 04/02/18 Draft Amended Budget (available at meeting)**

**ADDENDUM B: Motions Approved on Consent at March 13, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting**

13.a **Policy Motion: "Tree Stump Removal"** (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, the MVCC recognizes there is a long waiting list and lack of stump removal teams and/or services to serve the MVCC, and

WHEREAS, the MVCC recognizes that tree stump removal has impacts on transportation/infrastructure and related safety issues, and

WHEREAS the MVCC recognizes that cities are required by CEQA law to maintain streets, curbs, parkways, and sidewalks within their borders,

THEREFORE, the MVCC calls upon the City and any related departments (LA Bureau of Street Services, LADOT, LADWP, etc.) to fund and implement tree stump removal programs so that tree stumps will be removed in a prompt and cost-effective manner.

13.d **Policy Motion: "Correct Status Of Centinela Avenue And Venice Boulevard Bus Service With The LA City Planning Department"** (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, current SCAG information states that the junction of Centinela Ave. and Venice Blvd. does not have the required Bus Service to be eligible as "a major transit stop," and

WHEREAS, in the past, the mistaken categorization has allowed out of character developments to be approved inappropriately due to the City of Los Angeles Planning Department and Planning Commission using incorrect information, and

THEREFORE, the Centinela Ave. and Venice Blvd. junction should not continue to be categorized as a Major Transit Stop by the City of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles Planning Department, and The MVCC respectfully requests that Councilmember Bonin officially notify the City of Los Angeles Planning Department and Planning Commission of these facts and receive confirmation that this junction will not be categorized as a Major Transit Stop for any future developments.

14.c **Funding Motion: "General MVCC Promotional Item – Trash Bags To Go"** - \$730.00 plus art set up, tax and shipping. (submitted by Community Outreach Committee)

14.d **Funding Motion: "General MVCC Promotional Item – MVCC Mugs"**, total cost not to exceed \$300.00. (submitted by Community Outreach Committee)

14.g **Funding Motion: "MVCC Promotional Outreach Items – Seat Cushions"** \$488.40 plus art set up, tax and shipping. (submitted by Community Outreach Committee)

14.h **Funding Motion: "MVCC Blue and Green Outreach Awning Replacements"** cost not to exceed \$1000 total. (submitted by Community Outreach Committee)

14.i **Funding Motion: "General MVCC Tri-Fold Brochure Design And Printing"** costs not to exceed \$500.00. (submitted by Community Outreach Committee)

**ADDENDUM C: Motions Approved by Vote at March 13, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting on Consent**

WITH AMENDMENTS:

**13.b Policy Motion: "Six Month Follow-Up Request For Promised Venice Boulevard Pilot Project Data"** (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2017, the Mar Vista Community Council passed a motion entitled "Continuation of Venice Boulevard Pilot Project" by a near-unanimous vote of ten ayes and one no, and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2017, the Mar Vista Community Council passed a motion entitled "Great Streets Venice Blvd. Point Person" by a vote of 6-3-1, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that the LAPD and LAFD submit data on response times and incident rates for before and after the changes and track same by month, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested the same data on streets in Los Angeles where this same configuration was implemented, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested an evaluation by an ADA consultant, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that the buffered bike lane be evaluated for safety by established bicycle safety advocacy groups like League of American Bicyclists ([www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org)), American Bicycling Education Association (<https://abea.bike>), and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that the City of Los Angeles post all related survey results, traffic studies, and community impact reports online for this pilot project and others previously implemented, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that the city of Los Angeles provide data available on cut through traffic on neighborhood streets that is available through the agreement with Waze, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that it be provided with a breakdown of all petition signatures by zip code or community of residence, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that it be provided with current and regularly updated data on the survey created by CD11, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council requested that it be provided with the LADOT data collected on the Los Angeles City streets where this configuration has been previously implemented, and

WHEREAS, in those motions, the Mar Vista Community Council urged "the City of Los Angeles and grass roots community organizations to provide the needed information promptly with a planned reassessment six months from this date," and

WHEREAS, that six-month reassessment date was January 11, 2018, and

WHEREAS, to date LADOT, CD11, LAPD, LAFD, nor any other city agency has provided anything requested in that July 11, 2017 motion.

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council moves to instruct the Chair to invite Councilman Bonin, Nat Gale, and Seleta Reynolds to a special MVCC meeting to be held not later than May 15, 2018 for the purpose of answering questions from the board and the community regarding these items.

*Passed as amended: 8/0/1 (Kadota)*

13.c **Policy Motion: "Follow-up Request for Parking Demand Survey"** (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, in June and July of 2017, both the West Mar Vista Residents Association and the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) sent resolutions to Councilman Bonin requesting that he obtain city funding for a parking demand survey as provided for by AB 744, and

WHEREAS, the MVCC and all neighborhood associations have heard no feedback or other helpful input from either the CD11 or any appropriate city offices, and

WHEREAS, effective stakeholder input is essential to the success of the study and the acceptance of its findings by the community.

THEREFORE, the MVCC requests funding for a parking demand survey for Venice Boulevard and other major thoroughfares west of the 405 freeway from the CD11 office, and for Sepulveda Boulevard and Overland Avenue from the CD5 office, and

THEREFORE, the MVCC asks the CD11 office to set up, prior to project definition, a two-way line of communication – with a task force to be set up by the MVCC Transportation and Infrastructure Committee – regarding the proposed study, and

THEREFORE, the MVCC requests details on how the study will comply with AB744.

*Passed as amended: 8/0/1 (Kadota)*

14.k **Administrative Motion: "MVCC Boundary"** (submitted by Elections & Bylaws Committee) MVCC amends Bylaws Article III, Section 1 (Boundary Description) as follows:

The MVCC represents Stakeholders within the following geographic boundaries

- South of the Santa Monica Freeway between Centinela Ave. and the San Diego Freeway,
- West of the San Diego Freeway between the Santa Monica Freeway and National Blvd.,
- South side of National Blvd. between the San Diego Freeway and Overland Ave.,
- West side of Overland Ave. between National Blvd. and Charnock Rd.,
- West side of Sepulveda Blvd between Charnock Rd. and Regent St.
- North side of Regent St. between Sepulveda Blvd. and Tuller Ave.
- West side of Tuller Ave. between Regent St. and Venice Blvd.
- North of Culver City Border between Tuller Ave. and the intersection of Zanja St. and Walgrove Ave.
- East side of Walgrove Ave. between Zanja St. and Santa Monica City border,
- South of the Santa Monica City border between Walgrove Ave. and Centinela Ave.
- East side of Centinela Ave. between Airport Ave. and the Santa Monica Freeway.  
(Further details to be provided by LA City Department of Neighborhood Empowerment)

Note: Venice High, Mark Twain Middle School, Walgrove Elementary and Beethoven Elementary, shall be considered an overlap area with the neighborhood council established by the Venice Neighborhood Council. Palms Middle School shall be considered an overlap area with the Palms Neighborhood Council.

Additional Information:

- Addendum A: Current MVCC map and Map highlighting issue area
- Addendum B: Boundary adjustments proposed by Palms NC

*Passed as amended: 9/0/0*

14.l **Administrative Motion: "MVCC Geographic Zones Adjustment"** (submitted by Elections & Bylaws Committee)

MVCC amends Bylaws Article III, Section 2 (Internal Boundaries) as follows: Geographic Zones: The Zones shall be defined as:

- Zone 1. South of National Blvd., North of Charnock Rd., East of the 405 freeway, West of Overland Ave., West side of Sepulveda Blvd between Charnock Rd. and Regent St., North side of Regent St. between Sepulveda Blvd. and Tuller Ave., West side of Tuller Ave. between Regent St. and Venice Blvd.;
- Zone 2: South of the 10 freeway, North of National Blvd., East of Centinela Ave., West of 405 freeway; 4 MVCC BYLAWS APPROVED 7.01.2017
- Zone 3: South of National Blvd., North of Palms Blvd., East of Centinela Ave., West of 405 freeway;
- Zone 4: South of Palms Blvd., North of Venice Blvd., East of Centinela Ave., West of 405 freeway;
- Zone 5: South of Venice Blvd., North of Culver City, East of Centinela Ave., West of Sawtelle Blvd., North of Culver City Border; and
- Zone 6: South of Santa Monica Airport, North of Washington Blvd., East of Walgrove Ave., West of Centinela Ave., North of Culver City Border between Sawtelle Blvd. and the intersection of Zanja St. and Walgrove Ave

*Passed as amended: 9/0/0*

WITH NO AMENDMENTS:

14.a **Funding Motion: "MVCC Administrative Support"** (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee) MVCC approves the employment of a BOD minutes writer at a cost not to exceed \$800 for the remaining 2017-18 fiscal year.

*Passed: 8/0/1 (Roos)*

14.b **Funding Motion: "Green Garden Showcase Publicity"** (submitted by Community Outreach Committee) MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$1000 for Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase promotional banners, signs and flyers.

*Passed: 8/0/1 (Hanna)*

14.e **Funding Motion: "Safe Driving Lawn Signs"** safety outreach \$2500 plus art set up, tax and shipping. (submitted by Community Outreach Committee)

*Passed: 8/0/1 (Kadota)*

14.f **Funding Motion: "MVCC Promotional Outreach Items – Post It Notes"** with Map of Mar Vista total cost not to exceed \$1500.00 (submitted by Community Outreach Committee)

*Passed: 5/2 (Cervantes, Hanna)/2 (Alpern, Krupkin)*

14.j **Funding Motion: "Funding For Community Projects For Joint MVCC/CD11/LADOT Safety And Mobility Enhancement"**

Whereas, the MVCC has a strong interest in enhancing the safety and mobility of pedestrians, bicyclists, bus riders and car commuters for the benefit of all parties, and Whereas, the Joint CoPS and T/I Committee meeting held with both LAPD and CHP members derived a preliminary consensus of how to spend these funds as potential "seed money" for the CD11 and LADOT to fund and prioritize for several such projects,

Therefore, the MVCC appropriates \$10,000 towards:

- a) High Visibility Crosswalks at McLaughlin Avenue and Charnock Road, and/or McLaughlin Ave. and Victoria Ave., and/or Grand View Blvd. and Pacific Avenue and/or Colonial Ave. and Victoria Ave., and/or Colonial Ave. and McCune Ave., and/or Beethoven St., Zanja St. and Caswell Ave., and/or Moore St. and Pacific Ave. and/or Grand View Blvd. and Victoria Ave., or
- b) Reconstruction and restoration of the Venice Blvd-adjacent alleys (which serve a vital function to that thoroughfare's commercial corridor) north of Venice Blvd. and east of Centinela Blvd, as well as any repairs to the alley south of Venice Blvd. due to last winter's storm damage.
- c) Repair of Pacific Avenue adjacent to the Farmer's Market, between Inglewood Blvd. and Centinela Ave.

*Passed: 9/0/0*

14.p **Policy Motion: "Proliferation Of Recreational Vehicles In Mar Vista"**

(submitted by Homeless Issues Committee)

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

WHEREAS, there is some confusion as to where updated LADOT maps allow for Recreational Vehicle parking, and what the roles and responsibilities for the LADOT and LAPD are to enforce laws related to Recreational Vehicle 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 correct the map.

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council supports the work of Councilmember Mike Bonin to increase the amount of parking made available to vehicle dwellers with the Safe Park program in private parking lots including those of faith-based organizations.

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council asks Councilmember Mike Bonin's office to explore expanding the Safe Park program to include city owned parking lots that are currently empty in the evening.

*Passed 9/0/0*

**ADDENDUM D: Motions tabled/not addressed at December 13, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting**

TABLED BY AMENDMENT:

14.n **Administrative Motion: "Sponsorship Of Great Street Town Hall"** (Directors motion submitted by Rob Kadota)

A community conversation tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 14 1-3pm at Windward School Gymnasium.

*Tabled by amendment: 5/3 (Kadota, Cervantes, Doyno)/1 (Roos)*

NOT ADDRESSED:

14.m **Administrative Motion: "Code Of Conduct"** (submitted by Elections & Bylaws Committee)  
MVCC adds the following statement to Article V (Governing Board) Section 8 (Censure) of the Bylaws: Violation of the Code of Conduct by a Director or Committee Chair/Co-Chair/Vice Chair may result in Censure or Removal.

*Tabled*

14.o **Policy Motion: "EV Chargers"** (submitted by Planning & Land Use Management Committee)

The AQMD says plug-in cars are essential if clean air standards are to be realized. Plug-ins now make up 5% of new vehicle sales in California, and are increasingly popular in Mar Vista, but adoption is hindered by lack of easy home and workplace charging.

Several California cities have already adopted sensible building code changes to make adding electric vehicle chargers much less expensive.

For instance, the study in the City of Oakland's Council File 16-0359 says preparing for EV chargers ahead of time adds about \$140per parking space, and makes later EV charger installation \$500 to \$5000 cheaper.

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council follow the example of these cities, and pass sensible, cost-effective building code changes to require most new parking spaces in the city to be ready for future installation of EV chargers.

*Tabled*

14.q **Policy Motion: "Support Of Mar Vista Stakeholder's Great Streets Venice Blvd. California Public Records Act Request"**

WHEREAS the Great Streets - Venice Blvd pilot project was implemented on May 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS Mar Vista and Venice Blvd. stakeholders have voiced ongoing concerns about the planning, implementation and evaluation of said pilot project; and

WHEREAS the Mar Vista Community Council had passed 3 different motions in July, September and October calling for the pilot project data from LADOT, Councilman Bonin's office and the Great Streets Initiative in Mayor Garcetti's office; and

WHEREAS a California Public Records Act request was filed on behalf of the community by a Mar Vista stakeholder on August 8, 2017 requesting pilot project data from LADOT, Councilman Bonin's office and the Great Streets Initiative in Mayor Garcetti's office; and

WHEREAS to date, this request has not been fulfilled by LADOT; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Mar Vista Community Council to facilitate the delivery of City services and City government responses to Mar Vista stakeholders requests for assistance and information;

NOW, THEREFORE, be in resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council will submit a letter in support of the stakeholder's August 8, 2017 California Public Records Act request, demanding that LADOT provide for inspection all of the information requested immediately and without further delay.

*Tabled*

14.r **Policy Motion: "LADOT/CD 11 Great Streets - Venice Blvd Town Hall Meeting"**

WHEREAS, the Venice Blvd. "Great Street" pilot project was implemented on May 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the pilot project included removing one traffic lane in each direction to install a curbside protected bike lane, a buffer/loading zone and reconfigured on-street parking; and

WHEREAS, Mar Vista and Venice Blvd. stakeholders have voiced ongoing concerns about perceived negative impacts of pilot project, including:

- 1) Gridlock on Venice Blvd.,
- 2) Cut through traffic onto residential streets adjacent to Venice Blvd,
- 3) A negative increase in emergency response times for LAFD and LAPD because of the gridlock,
- 4) An increase accidents on Venice Blvd and adjacent streets due to gridlock and cut through traffic,
- 5) Safety concerns about the protected bike lane, including reduced visibility and an increase in points of conflict between cars and bicycles,
- 6) An increase in bicycle vs. car accidents,
- 7) A lack of sidewalk improvements,
- 8) A lack of involvement of persons with disabilities in the planning and implementation phases of the project,
- 9) An ongoing lack of transparency in the planning, implementation and evaluation of this pilot project,
- 10)A lack of pre- and post-implementation data provided to the community from LADOT and Council District 11; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Mar Vista Community Council to monitor the delivery of City services to the community; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Mar Vista Community Council to facilitate the delivery of City services and City government responses to the community's requests for assistance and information; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council will sent a letter forthwith to LADOT and Councilman Mike Bonin's office demanding a Town Hall meeting be held post haste on this issue, to present information, gather feedback, and address the concerns of Mar Vista and Venice Blvd stakeholders about the Great Streets - Venice Blvd pilot project.

*Tabled*