



Mar Vista Community Council



Transportation and Infrastructure AND Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee Joint Meeting
Wednesday, July 11, 2018 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Windward School Boardroom 1030, Building C (by baseball diamond)
11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066 (SW corner of Palms and Sawtelle Blvds.)
Co-Chairs: Ken Alpern and Michelle Krupkin

MINUTES

1. Call to Order—Ken Alpern and Michelle Krupkin presiding 7:10 pm
2. Introductions and Discussion of Items Not on Agenda
3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings -Tabled.
4. Public Comment
There was a discussion about Bird and Lime scooters. There was also a discussion about the Expo line and bike paths, both existing and needed.
5. Transportation & Infrastructure and Great Streets Related Reports
 - a. MVCC Liaison to Bi-Monthly CD11/LADOT/LAPD Traffic Committee Meeting - Linda Guagliano (10 min). No report
 - b. LA DWP – NC MOU Committee and Reform Efforts/Goals. No report
 - c. MVCC Parking Study Update - Discussion and Update from Howard Weisberg.
Update from Alek Bartrosouf, CD11 Mobility Deputy: Alek sent Howard's Statement of Work (SOW) to LADOT and is waiting for their response. Ken asked Alek about having a similar parking study done for the area including Overland and Sepulveda. There was a discussion of the need for parking in LA city, including a need for parking at Expo line locations.
 - d. Great Streets Program brief definition-Michelle Krupkin, MV Community Council.
Michelle shared the definition of GS. Full info at <http://lagreatstreets.org/what-we-do>
She shared that despite one of the goals being increased economic viability, there unfortunately have been 13 businesses on GS Venice Blvd. that have closed since May 20 2017.
Michelle also commented that although 14 trees were promised to replace the 7 that were removed for the 4 mid-block crossings, only 5 have been planted. Alek said he would relay that info to CD11 MV Deputy Hannah Levien.
 - e. CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf shared Mar Vista related mobility issues -see Item 7c.
6. Old Business/Open Issues: Committee/Task Force/Updates
 - a. Update of bus shelter info (from Hannah Levien, Joseph Galloway, and Francois Nion) to add, improve, replace and upgrade key bus locations. **STATUS: No New information.**
There was a discussion of the need for an arrival board at the bus stop located at the SW corner of Venice Blvd. and Centinela Ave., as this was a promised feature of the Great Streets program.
7. New Business
 - a. **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 vital 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., and that there are no resources allotted to correcting this current lack of street maintenance,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the CD11 office, L.A. Bureau of Street Services (BOSS), and LADOT will work with any and all City budgeting and resources to initiate and implement regular and ongoing street sweeping to the aforementioned segment of Centinela Blvd.

THEREFORE, LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED: That the CD11 office, the CD5 office, BOSS, and LADOT will perform an analysis of all major thoroughfares within the confines of the MVCC to determine if regular and ongoing street sweeping, as well as other vital services and maintenance, is in order.

MOTION TABLED – waiting for more info. Alek requested time to connect with Mary Hruska, the author of the motion, regarding inquiry about Public Works denying Mary’s request to add a street sweeping route on Centinela between Palms and National Blvds.

b. **Policy Motion: MVCC Support for the restoration of the “Opt-out” clause in the City of Los Angeles Sidewalk Vending Program**

Council File No: 13-1493, Related Legislation: SB 946

WHEREAS, the City Council, on April 18, 2018, adopted an Ordinance creating a Sidewalk Street Vending Program and,

WHEREAS, in the final draft of said ordinance, the “opt out” provision was removed, at the last minute, prior to approval, and

WHEREAS, local brick and mortar enterprises along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, have spent years establishing their businesses based on a set of assumptions and rules, such as where they can be located, the taxes they are required to pay, and the best ways to attract customers, and

WHEREAS, sidewalk vendors in the proposed ordinance will probably sell similar types of goods and services as nearby brick and mortar businesses, but not be required to adhere to the same elaborate state and local permitting and land-use regulations, and

WHEREAS, the local brick and mortar businesses on Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, have contributed to the “main street” atmosphere that local residents value, and

WHEREAS, the local brick and mortar businesses along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista are mostly small ones, with small profit margins, and

WHEREAS the presence of sidewalk vendors along Venice Blvd in Mar Vista, for the reasons specified above, would constitute unfair competition for the local brick and mortar businesses on the same stretch,

THEREFORE, the MVCC moves to submit a Community Impact Statement to the City Council and Committees urging the restoration of the “opt-out” clause of the Los Angeles Sidewalk Vending Ordinance.

MOTION TABLED – waiting for more info.

c. **Discussion and potential motion:**

Discussion of the need for a DASH bus/micro-transit service for Mar Vista serving Great Street Venice Blvd.

There was a discussion of the need for a DASH in the Mar Vista area. Michelle shared that Metro/LADOT has denied the request for a DASH in the MV area on several occasions.

She was told that LADOT "leans away" from having DASH routes in more affluent areas such as Mar Vista. Michelle stated there are many apartment dwellers in MV who would be well-served by a DASH route, as well as senior citizens who would be glad to avail themselves of a DASH route.

There is also the adjoining Del Rey area which is underserved as well.

Currently, Mar Vista Gardens residents have to take multiple buses to get from their location to the Bundy Expo line destination. A DASH route that runs in Del Rey and MV would be a welcome method to reach out and encourage more participation in mass transit use.

CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf said that LADOT is piloting a micro-transit project that encompasses both Mar Vista and Del Rey (including Mar Vista Gardens). The goal is to connect these communities (and others) to the Expo line. Metro is in the process of training drivers and perhaps launching later this year (2018). The area to be served is Palms, MV, Venice and Marina Del Rey.

Michelle and Ken expressed concern that many areas with multi-unit dwellings need coverage. Michelle and Ken discussed that a micro-transit is not the same as a DASH service.

CD11 Mobility Deputy Alek Bartrosouf also shared that Metro Westside Bike-Share is coming to Mar Vista soon.

8. Public Comment. Michelle shared info from SoCal Gas about Mar Vista adjacent work in Del Rey and Playa Vista on Inglewood and Jefferson Blvds., to be completed by Spring 2019.
9. Future Agenda Items
10. Adjournment 9:00 pm.

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