



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, August 11th, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA
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AGENDA

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of July 14, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1 min per speaker)
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
5. **Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 1 min. each unless waived by the Chair)
 - a. CD 11 – CM Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy Len Nguyen Len.Nguyen@lacity.org
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Lizka Mendoza, Director
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway joejdg92@gmail.com
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - e. US 37 – Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian maral@mail.house.gov
 - f. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov
 - g. Congressman – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov
 - h. CA Assembly 47
 - i. CA Assembly 62
 - j. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly Katona, Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
 - k. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm Daniel.tamm@lacity.org
6. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
 - a. Chair-Bill Koontz
 - i. Committee assignments (possible motions to follow)
 - Motion to approve appointment of Robin Doyno as additional co-chair of Education, Arts and Culture Committee.
 - Possible motion to change Aging in Place co-chairs.
 - ii. Board retreat
 - b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe
 - c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta
 - d. Secretary –Melissa Stoller
 - e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2014-15 or they will expire. All NPG and CIG grants approved by the Mar Vista Community Council are restricted funds according to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment regulations and must be used for the exact purpose approved by the MVCC. All Neighborhood Council Funding reports are available online at <http://done.lacity.org/onlinefunding/ncfunding.aspx>
 - i. **APPROVAL** of June Monthly Expense Report (MER)

- ii. Funding motion: MVCC approves payment of \$12 to North Westdale Neighborhood Association as reimbursement for a bounced check.
- iii. **FUNDING MOTION: ink cartridges** (submitted by Green Committee)
The Mar Vista Community Council approves the expenditure of up to \$300 for the purchase of ink cartridges (2 HP 564XL Color/Photo Black Combo packs; 1 HP 564XL Black 3-pack) to be used for printing display materials.
- iv. **FUNDING MOTION: Save Our Watershed printing** (submitted by Green Committee)
The Mar Vista Community Council approves the expenditure of up to \$400 for the printing of flyers or door hangers for Mar Vista Save Our Watershed.
- v. **FUNDING MOTION: Great Streets Challenge Grant Support** (submitted by T&I Committee)
Whereas, the Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce requests support from the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors for the Make It Mar Vista Small Business Saturday Community Event taking place on Saturday, November 28th, 2015, and
Whereas, the Mar Vista Chamber, along with several partner organizations, is honored to have been awarded one of the first-ever Great Streets Challenge Grants, and the Chamber feels a natural partnership with the MVCC as we work together to help realize the full potential of the Venice Blvd Great Street in Mar Vista, and
Whereas, there will be many aspects of the Make It Mar Vista event, and we are asking for this Board of Directors' support specifically for the Protected Bike Lane Pop-Up along Venice Blvd from Grand View to Wasatch, and
Whereas, this temporary switch of the Bike Lane and the Parking Lane along this stretch of the Great Street will require coordination with City and CalTrans officials and engineers, and will also require funding for (temporary) lane markers, barricades and signage, construction of planter boxes for use as lane barriers.
Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council will authorize a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$1000.00 to help make this project a reality, with the understanding that this amount will not fund this project in full, and that the Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce is also reaching out to other sources for contributions.
- vi. **FUNDING MOTION: NWNA Ad** (director's motion submitted by Bill Koontz)
The Mar Vista Community Council approves the expenditure of \$300 for ads in six editions of this year's North Westdale Neighborhood Association Newsletter.
- vii. **FUNDING MOTION: NWNA Fall Block Party/Talent Show** (director's motion submitted by Bill Koontz)
The Mar Vista Community Council approves the expenditure of \$300 for Westdale Neighborhood Association's Fall Block Party/Talent Show to be held Friday, September 18, 4-7:30 p.m. The funding will be earmarked to pay for the use of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church's Parking lot to hold the event and be paid to the church.
- viii. **FUNDING MOTION: BOD agenda printing** (director's motion submitted by Bill Scheduling)
The Mar Vista Community Council approves reimbursing Bill Koontz up to \$130 for printing of BOD meeting agendas.
- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison: Linda Guagliano
- g. DWP MOU Liaison: Myra Boime
- h. LANCC Liaison: Open (Bill Koontz reporting)
- i. DWP Recycled Water Liaison: Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
- j. Fall Festival Liaison: Albert Olson
- k. City Budget: John Kuchta
- l. Recode LA: Sharon Commins
- m. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald

- n. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: Sherri Akers
8. **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.
- a. **POLICY MOTION: Preserving City Trees** (submitted by Green Committee)
- The many mature trees that line Mar Vista's streets provide shade, beauty and habitat, making our sidewalks more inviting and pedestrian friendly. They decrease pollution and heat, while increasing our property values. But many are struggling during the current drought, and may be further threatened by sidewalk construction and repair. Ensuring the health of our existing trees and increasing the number of trees that provide urban shade canopies is crucial to our wellbeing.
- The Mar Vista Community Council therefore supports the following motions brought by Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Jose Huizer:
- Health of Trees in Los Angeles/Urban Forest Management Plan (Council File #15-047— see Attachment A)
 - Accommodation of Trees in Sidewalk Repair and Construction (Council File #15-047-S1 — see Attachment B)
- These motions mandate a study of the health of our city's trees and development of an urban forestry management plan to protect our existing trees and increase our shade tree canopy, and specifically address preservation of as many trees as possible when repairing sidewalks.
- With regard to sidewalk repairs, we especially support engineering strategies such as enlarging sidewalk cutouts and tree wells, meandering sidewalks that curve around existing trees, sidewalk ramping, underground root guards that deter sidewalk lift, permeable sidewalk materials, reverse parkways, curb bump-outs and the removal of portions of lifted sidewalk to allow for a larger tree well where replacement of concrete is not necessary for access.
- b. **POLICY MOTION TO OPPOSE AB 57: Limiting Local Government Authority Over Cell Towers** (submitted by T&I Committee)
- Whereas cell towers have been an issue within the community, therefore the MVCC supports the City of Los Angeles resolution CF 15-0002-S62 (see Attachment C) opposing AB 57 (http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_0051-0100/ab_57_bill_20150406_amended_asm_v97.htm) which proposes to remove substantial local control over wireless facilities, and further commends Councilmembers Mike Bonin, Mitch O'Farrell and Paul Koretz for their support on this matter.
- c. **POLICY MOTION TO OPPOSE AB 744: Limiting Local Government Authority Over Parking For SB 1818 Density Bonus Projects** (submitted by T&I Committee)
- Whereas AB 744 (http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB744) removes local control of parking requirements for certain types of SB 1818 projects, the MVCC recommends the City of Los Angeles oppose AB 744 and therefore requests Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz introduce a resolution opposing AB 744.
- d. **POLICY MOTION TO OPPOSE AB 1373: Exempting 40 Square Blocks Of Downtown La From The California Outdoor Advertising Act** (submitted by T&I Committee)
- Whereas AB 1373 (http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_1351-1400/ab_1373_bill_20150227_introduced.htm) seeks to exempt 40 square blocks of downtown Los Angeles from the California Outdoor Advertising Act, MVCC recommends the City of Los Angeles oppose AB 1373 and requests Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz introduce a resolution opposing AB 1373.
- e. **POLICY MOTION: MVCC Community Impact Statement to the L.A. City Council RE: LA City Mobility Plan 2035** (submitted by T&I Committee)
- Whereas, the LA City Mobility Plan 2035 is going to the full LA City Council PLUM and Transportation Committees in September, AND
- Whereas, the LA City Mobility Plan 2035 impacts the Mar Vista area and the Mar Vista Community Council, AND
- Whereas, WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils) recommends a vote of no-confidence

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council will submit the following Community Impact statement to the LA City Council by August 27:

The Mar Vista Community Council opposes, but recommends working with those drafting, the City of Los Angeles Mobility Plan 2035 in that it:

- 1) Does not ensure emergency response time when approving/allowing for new development
- 2) Establishes insufficient infrastructure (water, sewage, electricity, roads, multimodal commuter infrastructure, and parking
- 3) Creates significant negative impacts on public health, safety and welfare
- 4) 4) Does not sufficiently encourage telecommuting and staggered commuting hours
- 5) Does not require sufficient traffic studies for all projects, and use a correct L.A.-based traffic generation ratio
- 6) Does not ensure sufficient and appropriate transportation and mitigation fees from residential and commercial developers.

f. **POLICY MOTION: Maintaining Stability In Residential Zones And Neighborhood Conservation Under The Los Angeles General Plan Framework Element** (submitted by T&I Committee)

With regard to building densities, The Mar Vista Community Council affirms and upholds its single family and multifamily residential zones as key components of The Framework Element of the Los Angeles General Plan as stated in Chapter 3 - Land Use Goals, Objectives And Policies Issue Two: Uses, Density, And Character (<http://planning.lacity.org/cwd/framwk/chapters/03/03.htm>):

AND

The Mar Vista Community Council recognizes the vital correlation between the transportation, parking, sewage, water and other infrastructure that has been built for densities consistent with those residential zones, and not for the more dense multifamily and mixed-use zoning now being built and being promoted for construction within those residential zones:

The Framework Element recognizes the importance of existing single-family residential neighborhoods and the need to conserve them. Traditionally, they have formed the fabric that has distinguished the City from other urban areas. Even with substantial growth, the single-family dwelling is still considered to be a major objective of most income and ethnic groups. These areas also afford added opportunities to take advantage of the variety of lifestyles such as water-oriented, rural/agricultural and equestrian-keeping special use neighborhoods.

AND:

It is the intent of the Framework Element to maintain existing stable multi-family residential neighborhoods. In those stable neighborhoods characterized by a mix of densities and dwelling types, permitted densities may be reduced to levels consistent with the character of the entire area in order to minimize impacts on infrastructure, services, and/or maintain or enhance the residents' quality of life. The loss of potential units in these locations can be offset by the provision of new housing opportunities in mixed-use districts, centers, and boulevards. The determination of the locations in which such modifications may occur would normally occur as amendments to the community plans or other initiatives as provided for by the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The Framework Element establishes guidelines to achieve higher quality multi-family dwellings, such as design character, amenity, and open space.

9. **Zone Director Reports** – (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
- a. Zone 1 – Ken Alpern
 - b. Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite
 - c. Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling
 - d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman
 - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin

- f. Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson
- 10. **Committee Reports** - (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
 - a. **Executive & Finance Committee** - Bill Koontz, Chair
 - b. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
 - c. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs
 - d. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs
 - e. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs; Michael Millman, Vice-Chair
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 - f. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite & Sara Roos, Co-Chairs
 - g. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson & Martin Rubin, Co-Chairs
 - h. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair
 - i. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
 - j. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs
 - k. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Scheduling, chair
 - l. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair
 - m. **Aging in Place Ad Hoc**- Sherri Akers & Robin Doyno, Co-Chairs
- 11. **Discussion Calendar**
- 12. **Unfinished Business** - Action items held over from previous meeting (Public comment permitted)
- 13. **Grievances**, if any, received
- 14. **Future agenda items**
- 15. **Public Comment**
- 16. **Adjournment**

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Attachment A

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

MOTION

Urban forests have long been proven to provide multiple and essential socio-ecological benefits. We know that trees use CO₂ and produce oxygen. Lesser known is that they also capture harmful diesel particulates and smog-producing gases like nitrogen oxides, sulfur and ozone. Trees capture rain and slowly release it, reducing soil erosion, slowing storm water and protecting us from floods. Shade trees reduce heat-island effect and protect our skin from harmful UV exposure. Properly placed, shade trees can cool our homes, allowing us to reduce our energy use by up to 50%.

Urban forests create mulch that allows rain to percolate into groundwater supplies, fostering living soils. Tree roots also uptake nutrients and other pollutants keeping them out of our storm drains, rivers and oceans and reducing MS4 compliance costs. Fruit and nut producing trees in our urban forest produce needed sustenance for the people and the native wildlife that call our diverse region home.

Research has shown that the more trees there are in a community the more reduced violence, improved civic engagement, increased property values, better overall resident health and general well-being. Additionally, trees increase the life span of city infrastructure. On streets that are shaded, the asphalt deteriorates less quickly, requiring them to be paved less often.

The City is entering its fourth year of a record-breaking drought – made worse by a decades-long warming trend associated with global climate warming – and is asking its residents to reduce outdoor water use. In some cases, tree health is being unintentionally impacted by these essential reductions.

Mature shade trees are being removed in an effort to fix sidewalks. Tree species that produce significant shade could take years to grow large enough to do so. Small tree species, mostly grown for spring floral displays, are replacing shade trees, providing significant benefit reductions. Trees are also being topped and damaged by unskilled or hurried contractors hired by homeowners and City Departments.

Drought-stressed trees are more susceptible to the spread of disease and invading pathogens like bacterial leaf scorch, *Xylella fastidiosa*, a widespread disease now common in Liquidambar and other common trees in Los Angeles. Another increasingly widespread pest is the polyphagous shot hole borer, which has defied all conventional and chemical methods of control. A fungus spread by the polyphagous shot hole borer is now killing thirty-five species of trees throughout the region.

Temperatures in the City have increased by 7°F, climate change-related heat waves will increase the stress on trees as well as increase the potential for major public health impacts.

Yet, cities can have a purposeful, positive impact on tree health. In 2009, the State of Victoria, Australia, suffered an extreme heatwave that contributed to the deaths of 374 people. The City of Melbourne has since implemented a plan to double tree canopy cover by 2040. A denser tree canopy can reportedly reduce heat in neighborhoods by up to 9 °F, which may be enough to save lives.



As the City moves to implement measures aimed at resiliency and sustainability, it must prioritize the tree health and maximize the beneficial impact of its urban forest. A robust, healthy and climate-resilient tree canopy must be at the heart of its plans.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Street Services' Urban Forestry Division, in consultation with plant pathologists and entomologists, and other local tree-focused organizations, be directed to report to the City Council regarding the health of the trees in Los Angeles. The report should include an assessment of the City's ability to enforce current regulations, the need for new regulations and guidelines, the benefits of trees to our local watersheds and to climate resilience, reducing heat-island effect by increasing tree canopy cover, strategies to support trees without over-taxing local water resources, plans to address existing and emerging health problems of the urban forest. Given the recent agreement to commit to an extensive sidewalk repair plan, the report should also include strategies that consider potential impacts on canopy, needed resources, and the overall future outlook of our urban forest.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Urban Forestry Division be directed to collaborate to develop an urban forest management plan that will highlight new strategies to protect and enhance our urban forest without imported water supplies, provide tree health care during drought, reduce heat-island effect by increasing shade tree canopy, diversify street tree species by increasing native and low-water use trees and address new pests and diseases.

PRESENTED BY:


PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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Attachment B

PUBLIC WORKS & GANG REDUCTIO

MOTION

A healthy urban forest offers multiple benefits to city residents, aesthetic, economic, and environmental. Street trees are a cornerstone of the urban forest. However, they are frequently in conflict with sidewalk infrastructure, the cause of sidewalk damage in all parts of the City.

The City is embarking on an ambitious 30-year program to repair sidewalks. It is important that this program properly consider the value of our urban forest when addressing existing trees and planning for new ones.

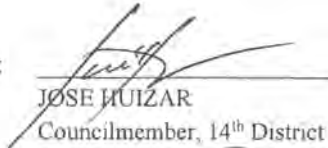
"Restoring LA's Urban Forest" is a recent UCLA Master of Urban and Regional Planning student analysis and report, which offers numerous recommendations for improvements in practice and policy related to the City's urban forest. It states "Restricted growing space is reported to be the single most important cause of conflicts between tree roots and hardscape."


The report also cites successes of Los Angeles's efforts in a period before the economic recession led to dramatic cutbacks in the City's tree program: it limited tree removal to 7% of the 6,500 trees that were involved in the repair of 74 miles of sidewalk. It did so "by utilizing root pruning in conjunction with multiple engineering strategies to address sidewalk repair." These and other strategies cited include: enlarging sidewalk cutouts and tree wells, meandering sidewalks that curve around existing trees, sidewalk ramping, underground root guards that deter sidewalk lift, permeable sidewalk materials, reverse parkways, curb bump-outs, sidewalk grinding, and the removal of portions of lifted sidewalk to allow for a larger tree well where replacement of concrete is not necessary for access.

It is in the City's interest to preserve and plant trees, as they foster pedestrian activity, improve aesthetics and property values, reduce pollution and heat, and provide habitat.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services, in collaboration with the Community Forest Advisory Committee and other experts as necessary, report on its guidelines for tree removal and also on its guidelines for tree wells and the accommodation of trees in the practice of sidewalk repair and construction. The report should also provide recommendations for how the sidewalk repair program can anticipate and enable tree plantings and future growth of the urban forest that lessens conflict with sidewalk infrastructure.

PRESENTED BY:


JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District


PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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Attachment C

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RESOLUTION WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2014, AB 57 (Quirk), was introduced, and was subsequently amended on March 26, 2015 and April 6, 2015, which would provide that a collocation or siting application for a new wireless telecommunication facility is 'deemed approved' if the city or county fails to approve or disapprove the application within the time periods established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and all required public notices have been provided regarding the application; and

WHEREAS, AB 57 notes that in 2009 the FCC adopted rules that require local governments to review and act on applications for the establishment of wireless communication facilities in *In re Petition for Declaratory Ruling, 24 FCC Rcd. 13994 (2009)*, and under the ruling cities have 90 days to review collocation applications and 150 days for other siting applications for new wireless telecommunication facilities; however, the FCC in its rules specifically declined to make these applications 'deemed approved' if a city fails to meet the 90 or 150 day deadlines; and

WHEREAS, AB 57 does not distinguish between a wireless telecommunication facility in the public right of way or on private property, and community members have long advocated for the local adoption of regulations to govern the placement of cellular installations on the public right of way; and

WHEREAS, AB 57 notes that wireless communication facilities is 'not a municipal affair' and rather a 'matter of statewide concern,' and thereby, undermining local control inasmuch as the legislation includes 'charter cities;' and

WHEREAS, enactment into law of AB 57 would undermine local land use control, inasmuch as the city processes thousand of land use entitlement requests, and the 90 day limitation is not appropriate/realistic given the caseload and processing times necessary to meet other statutory requirements (e.g. public hearings, environmental clearance, public notification); and

WHEREAS, AB 57 is opposed by the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the California Chapter of the American Planning Association;

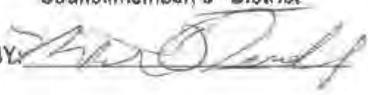
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 State Legislative Program **OPPOSITION** to AB 57 (Quirk), which would unnecessarily and detrimentally impact the city's authority to regulate the placement of wireless telecommunication facilities, inasmuch as it would 'deemed approved' wireless facilities not approved by the city within 90 days for collocation, and 150 days for new wireless facilities, and thereby undermine the principle of home rule, and ultimately land use control.


COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE BONIN

PRESENTED BY:


PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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