



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PLUM Committee
July 26, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Mar Vista Public Library
Public Meeting Room
12006 Venice Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066

1. Call to Order
 - a. In attendance were 34 members of the public, including the chairs and vice-chair of the committee (Newton, Williams, Millman) and two Board Members (Auerswald, Akers).
2. Introductions and Public Comments
3. Passing of Minutes
4. New Business
 - a) **Discussion with motion to support or oppose** installation of cell phone tower at 3815 McLaughlin Avenue, LA 90066

Residents shared stories about how outreach for proposed project at 3815 McLaughlin Avenue has not truly occurred. Stakeholders were unable to come to conclusion on whether or not proper outreach has occurred. The following motion was written by Newton, and passed by acclamation.

WHEREAS preliminary construction of a cell phone tower has begun on city-owned property adjacent to 3815 McLaughlin Avenue in West Los Angeles;
WHEREAS there is no notice of construction posted anywhere in the immediate area near the construction cite;
WHEREAS no notice was given to neighbors surrounding the construction area and;
WHEREAS no notice was given to the Mar Vista Community Council and;
WHEREAS proper permitting has not been completed for this project, no permits are found on searches of city websites ZIMAS and LADBS and;
WHEREAS no hearings were held on the addition of a cell phone tower to the neighborhood where neighbors could voice their concerns and;
WHEREAS the community protested the existing cell tower on the 3815 McLaughlin property in 2008
WHEREAS a similar tower was proposed several years ago in the same area and was widely opposed by the community;
Therefore let it be resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council asks the city do everything in its power to immediately stop the construction of the cell phone tower.
Let it further be resolved that the company building the tower brings renderings of the proposed tower to MVCC so that the community can see what the towers will look like if they are built;
Let it further be resolved that the relevant city departments explain how this project was permitted, if it was, without public notice and explain how they will make sure this doesn't happen in the future.

b) Policy Motion to oppose State Bill 649, Wireless Telecommunications

For more information, read this article in The Argonaut: <http://argonautnews.com/cell-tower-bill-gets-bad-reception/>

Presentation was made by WRAC representative on the motion they submitted. Small changes made to motion to submitted by WRAC. The following motion was passed by acclamation.

5. Old Business

a) **Update** on 12444 Venice Boulevard Proposal

b) **Re-open discussion with opportunity for motion to support or oppose** development at 11460 Gateway Boulevard.

After presentation and Q and A with developer's representative, the following motion was passed by acclamation.

Policy Motion: Gateway Project (submitted by Planning & Land Use Management Committee
- See Addendum B for background information)

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) is an official neighborhood organization of the City of Los Angeles;

WHEREAS, The mission of the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) is to provide a forum for discussion of issues that affect the quality of life of MVCC Stakeholders, and to facilitate stakeholder communication and serve as the advocate for the MVCC area with officials of the City of Los Angeles and other governmental and non-governmental entities.

WHEREAS, the Gateway Project is located within the boundaries of the West Los Angeles Sawtelle Neighborhood Council (WLASNC) just 1/4 mile from Zone 2 of the MVCC;

WHEREAS, gridlock traffic throughout Mar Vista and West Los Angeles has continued to become increasingly problematic;

WHEREAS, the Gateway Project would increase traffic and increase the burden to find local parking;

WHEREAS, the Gateway Project calls for 129 units that will replace "mom and pop" businesses that have been serving the community for years and that these businesses will be missed;

WHEREAS, the WLASNC has voted not to support each of two separate versions of the Gateway Project;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MVCC supports the decision of the West L.A. Neighborhood Council to not support the Gateway Project.

c) **Discussion** of policy motion passed at July MVCC Board Meeting

6. Future Agenda Items

7. Public Comment

8. Adjourn

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