



Mar Vista Community Council



Executive and Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, October 2nd, 2017, 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 September 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes
3. Public Comment
4. New Business
 - Motion to approve 6.a–b on consent.
 - a. MVCC approves the appointment of Rob Kadota as 2nd signer and credit card holder.
 - b. MVCC approves the expenditure of \$6.66 to reimburse Rob Kadota for equipment supplies.
5. Treasurer’s report (possible motions to follow)
 - a. Review of September financial status (NOTE: MER not available until October 5)
 - b. Review/amendment of budget
6. MVCC administrative items
 - a. Discussion of September 12th BOD meeting
 - i. Passed motions (see Addendum A)
 - Letters status
 - Venice Blvd point person
 - ii. Motions sent back to committee (see Addendum B)
 - Parliamentary issue resolution status
 - Public Comment Card
 - iii. Tabled motion (see Addendum B) – resolution status
 - b. BOD issues
 - i. Committee chairs and assignments
 - ii. Board member decorum and expectations
 - iii. Board priorities and goals for 2017-18
 - c. Discussion of October 10th BOD meeting
 - i. Filling of vacant board officer positions (MVCC By-laws)
 - ii. Community Outreach Committee Chair
 - iii. Announcement of At-large Director opening
 - d. Website contact person
 - e. Farmers’ Market bollards motion status
 - f. Mar Vista Turns 90 celebration
 - g. Volunteers
 - Facebook and social media
 - Mar Vista Celebrates 90 Years! November 5th, 9am – 2pm
 - Other board support
7. Future agenda items

8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

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 - * **RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS** - *For information on MVCC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the MVCC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website, <http://www.marvista.org>.*

ADDENDUM A: Motions approved at September 12, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting

- a. **Funding Motion:** Business cards (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)
MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$250 for printing of business cards.
- b. **Funding Motion:** Mar Vista Turns 90 (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)
MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$4000 for a Mar Vista Turns 90 Celebration to be held at the Mar Vista Farmers' Market.
- c. **Funding Motion:** Senior Health & Wellness Fair (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)
MVCC approves the expenditure of \$500 for Senior Health and Wellness Fair outreach opportunity.
- d. **Funding Motion:** Emergency Preparation Signs (submitted by Committee on Public Safety)
The Committee on Public Safety hereby requests that the Mar Vista Community Council appropriate \$1,500 for emergency preparation signs, promotional material, and for other related purposes.
- e. **Funding Motion:** Budget Revision (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)
MVCC approves the revised budget, as presented in Addendum A.
- f. **Policy Motion:** Resolution in support of establishing a 2500-foot human health and safety buffer around oil drilling operations in the City of Los Angeles (submitted by Green Committee)

Whereas Los Angeles is one of the only places in the United States where oil drilling occurs right in the middle of a densely-populated urban metropolis. Over 620,000 Angelenos live within a mile of an active oil well;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles contains over 1,000 active oil wells and 80% are located within 2,500 feet of a sensitive land use, impacting residents, students, and workers;

Whereas neighborhood drilling threatens the health and safety of those living along the fence line of these oil wells;

Whereas oil and gas extraction sites routinely use and emit as byproducts toxic chemicals that are known carcinogens, endocrine disruptors, and are harmful to multiple organ systems. These include but are not limited to formaldehyde, hydrochloric acid, hydrofluoric acid, naphthalene, xylene, benzene and volatile organic compounds;

Whereas the primary health risk factor associated with oil and gas development within urban areas is proximity to active sites, because any toxic emission will be at its highest and most dangerous concentration at the source of pollution;

Whereas the closer you live, work, and play to an active oil well, the more severely your health and safety are threatened. Whereas living next door to neighborhood drilling means chronic headaches and migraines, frequent nosebleeds, exacerbated asthma and other respiratory illness, reproductive harm and an increased risk of cancer;

Whereas the transport, onsite storage and use of toxic and flammable chemicals in industrial facilities in close proximity to homes and other sensitive land uses also raises the risk of catastrophic accidents;

Whereas neighborhood drilling is incompatible with public health and has no place near sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, churches or daycare facilities; and studies show that a buffer of at least 2,500 feet between active oil wells and these sensitive land uses is necessary to protect community health from oil extraction;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles is a leader at the forefront of enacting policies to protect the environment and address global climate change, including the Sustainability City pLAN requiring dramatic reductions in GHG emissions with an 80% GHG reduction target by 2050;

Whereas the City of Los Angeles has a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents and can use its power over land use and oil operations to protect those residents in this instance;

1. The Mar Vista Community Council resolves to support the introduction of an ordinance establishing a human health and safety buffer that prohibits oil drilling within 2,500 feet of sensitive land uses including homes, schools, early childhood centers, senior centers, hospitals and medical clinics, parks, etc.

The Mar Vista Community Council authorizes the submission of a community impact statement if such an ordinance does get introduced into the Los Angeles City Council.

2. The Mar Vista Community Council resolves to support Land Use and Legal Study to determine the feasibility of such an ordinance.

The Mar Vista Community Council authorizes the submission of a community impact statement if such a study takes place.

- g. **Policy Motion:** Support for reappointment of Dr. Frederick Pickel (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

Whereas Dr. Frederick Pickel has served well as the Executive Director of the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate for a five-year term as specified in the City Charter; Whereas the City Council has continued Dr. Pickel as the interim Executive Director of the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate until another five-year appointment occurs as specified by the City Charter;

Whereas the City Council is overdue on selecting someone for the next five-year appointment as specified in the City Charter;

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council endorses Dr. Frederick Pickel to be reappointed as the Executive Director of the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate for another five year term

Note: Dr. Pickel is currently operating on a temporary contract. The City Council has not taken the necessary action to select the next Executive Director for the Office of Public Accountability/Ratepayer Advocate. This greatly weakens Dr. Pickel's effectiveness. The DWP Committee suggested in April that all Neighborhood Council pass resolutions in support of giving Dr. Pickel another five year contract.

- h. **Policy Motion:** Presentation of Proposed Stop Light at Sawtelle and Charnock (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

Whereas, the LADOT is recommending the implementation of a stop light at Sawtelle and Charnock; and

Whereas, the neighbors living next to the stop light will be significantly impacted in that they will be restricted from easily and reliably accessing their homes;

Therefore, The Mar Vista Community Council calls for a presentation by LADOT of any proposed stoplight or traffic treatment.

- i. **Policy Motion:** Telecommunications permitting (submitted by Planning & Land Use Management Committee)

Recognizing: That there are various state and federal laws that restrict what cities can and cannot do when it comes to the permitting of the construction of telecommunications facilities;

Recognizing: That the process preceding and during construction of a cell phone vault and tower on East Blvd between Venice & Pacific left nearby residents angry, confused, and disenfranchised

Recognizing: That the behavior of the company installing the vault infuriated an already bad situation by blocking driveways for days on end, damaging existing infrastructure, and harassing neighbors

Recognizing: That the city issued a U permit for this process in 2015, and that notices for the AGF portion were mailed to as few as two houses near the site according to receipts provided by the construction firm

Recognizing: That while this U permit expired, when the 2017 U permit was issued, the AGF portion was allowed to be attached to the new 2017 U-Permit

Recognizing: That many long-term residents were unaware of the project and that newer residents would have had no chance to appeal the project

Therefor, let it be resolved that:

1. The City of Los Angeles review its automatic extension process for cell phone towers and vaults and make any changes allowed under state and federal law to allow residents more opportunities to learn about projects in their neighborhoods.
 2. That if the city cannot substantially change its automatic extension process, that it require that notices on extended permits be mailed to all impacted residents
 3. That the AGF portion of expired U permits not be automatically be renewed for new U Permits submitted for the same site
 4. That the pool of impacted residents be included to include any residents who will be impacted by construction or installation of the vault, i.e. that people who have their driveways blocked get proper notice Min 250, max 500 `
 5. That the appeal fee for appealing a permit granted for cell phone tower construction be reduced from \$100 to \$1
 6. That a code of behavior for companies installing towers be created that includes notification and behavior of construction employees
 7. That the city require "proof of deliver" for permit applications notifications.
- j. **Policy Motion:** Planning Appeals Fees (submitted by Planning & Land Use Management Committee)

Recognizing: That some City Councilmembers, City Planning Commissioners, and staff at various levels of city government feel there is a problem with "nuisance appeals" of approved permits and projects granted by the City of Los Angeles;

Recognizing: That oftentimes the appeals process provides the best chance for resident and neighborhood associations to appeal projects and permits when errors are made by city staff and planning commissioners;

Recognizing: That some of the fees being discussed to file an appeal of a project by a resident or Neighborhood Association;

Therefor Let It Be Resolved : That the Mar Vista Community Council opposes any proposal to raise fees on appeals for any project or permit that comes from City Planning or the Planning Commission or any other city department or board without first conducting a lengthy public review process that includes a presentation with opportunity to provide feedback to any and all neighborhood councils.

- i. **Policy Motion:** Great Street Venice Blvd. Point Person (submitted by Stakeholder petition)

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council passed on July 11th the Continuation of Venice Boulevard Pilot Project motion, a directors' motion submitted by Ken Alpern and Sherri Akers, and, WHEREAS, said motion requested the following:

- The MVCC requests that the LAPD and LAFD submit data on response times and incident rates for before and after the changes and track same by month. MVCC also requests the same data on streets in LA where this same configuration was implemented.
- The MVCC requests an evaluation be done by an ADA consultant
- The MVCC requests that the buffered bike lane be evaluated for safety by established bicycle safety advocacy groups like League of American Bicyclists (www.bikeleague.org), American Bicycling Education Association (<https://abea.bike>) or other organizations similar in focus and expertise.
- That the City of Los Angeles posts all related survey results, traffic studies, and community impact reports online for this pilot project and others previously implemented
- That the city of Los Angeles provide data available on cut through traffic on neighborhood streets that is available through the agreement with Waze.
- That MVCC be provided with the data to date on the survey created by CD11 and updated on a regular basis.
- That MVCC be provided with the LADOT data collected on the Los Angeles City streets where this configuration has been previously implemented.

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's problems and requests for assistance, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Mar Vista Community Council to monitor the delivery of City services to the community, as well as the accuracy of forms and sources of data,

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council moves to follow through on its promises to the Mar Vista stakeholders and:

- 1) Immediately designate point person(s) to be responsible for writing up these requests for information and evaluations to Councilperson Mike Bonin's office, Mayor Eric Garcetti's office, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Los Angeles Police Department;
- 2) Instruct said point person(s) to submit the written requests to the Board Chair Sara Auserwald by September 19th so they can be speedily forwarded to Councilperson Mike Bonin's office, Mayor Eric Garcetti's office, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Los Angeles Police Department;
- 3) Empower said point person(s) to follow up with Councilperson Mike Bonin's office, Mayor Eric Garcetti's office, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Los Angeles Fire Department and the Los Angeles Police Department to ensure a timely response;
- 4) Instruct said point person(s) to report back to the Mar Vista stakeholders at every Board of Directors meeting as to the status of these requests for information and evaluations;
and
- 5) Make available to all Mar Vista stakeholders the information received by publicly posting it in electronic format on the Mar Vista Community Council website
<http://www.marvista.org>.

ADDENDUM B: Motions sent back to committee/tabled at September 12, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting

- k. **Policy Motion:** Public Comment form (submitted by Stakeholder petition)

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, to facilitate stakeholder input and feedback and to serve as advocates for Mar Vista stakeholders with officials of the City of Los Angeles and other governmental and non-governmental entities, and,

WHEREAS, many Mar Vista stakeholders in attendance at the July 11, 2017 Board of Directors meeting felt the MVCC was not fulfilling their mission to accurately collect stakeholder input and feedback as well as serve as advocates for Mar Vista stakeholders with officials of the City of Los Angeles, and,

WHEREAS, many Mar Vista stakeholders were expecting to be asked for their opinions on the motions in front of the Board of Directors at the July 11th meeting prior to the Board casting their own vote, and,

WHEREAS, many Mar Vista stakeholders felt the Public Comment form provided at the July 11th meeting did not accurately capture the demographics of the people giving Public Comment, in particular the number of people who were not Mar Vista stakeholders, and/or people who were representing non-profit groups receiving grants from LADOT Vision Zero,

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council moves to update its Public Comment form to better capture Mar Vista stakeholder input and feedback by including the following:

- 1) An entry to record a stakeholder's opinion on a particular agenda item in lieu of speaking, as well as the following statement: All in-lieu opinions will be tallied and announced before the Board vote on this item;
- 2) An entry to record a speaker's affiliation: Mar Vista stakeholder, City employee, lobbyist, business organization, neighborhood association, etc.;
- 3) A check box for speakers to indicate if they are a paid speaker and instructions to provide their client's information on the back of the form, as well as the following advisory: If you are receiving compensation to make this appearance, the City of Los Angeles' Municipal Lobby Ordinance (LAMC Section 48.01 et. seq., as amended) may require you to register and report your lobbying activity. For more information, contact the City Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or <http://www.lacity.org/ethics>.

Sent to Election & By-laws Committee.

- m. **Policy Motion:** Venice Blvd Great Street Lane Restoration #1 (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council asks that Councilmember Mike Bonin immediately reverse the lane reductions on Venice Blvd. and implement other strategies to improve the safety, efficiency, and accessibility of our roads for pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles. As representatives of your constituents and your elected advisory body, we believe strongly that this is the only remedy that addresses the constant, voluminous, community outcry on this issue.

Tabled pending resolution of parliamentary issue.

- n. **Policy Motion:** Venice Blvd Great Street Lane Restoration #2 (Director motion submitted by Elliot Hanna)

WHEREAS, "Vision Zero" and the "Great Streets" pilot programs were recently implemented on both the east-bound and west-bound sides of Venice Blvd. between Beethoven Avenue and Inglewood Blvd., and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports the stated goals of reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries throughout the City of Los Angeles, and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports making the stretch of Venice Blvd. between Beethoven Avenue and Inglewood Blvd. a "Great Street" with well-maintained medians and parkways, thriving businesses, and friendly to bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, the aging population, and the disabled, and

WHEREAS, the Venice Blvd. lane reductions have caused significant daily increases in traffic, increased commuter traffic on surrounding residential streets, increased average commuting times, and increased pollution from idling vehicles, and

WHEREAS, the lane-reduction on Venice Blvd, has caused significant tension within the community, and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2017, Councilmember Mike Bonin named a 20-member community panel - comprised of a broad range of Playa Del Rey stakeholders with differing views and perspectives - to "analyze data, community feedback and available financial resources to make short-term and long-term recommendations to reduce speeding and improve safety on Playa del Rey streets."

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council moves (1) to advise the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Council District 11 to reverse the lane reduction component on Venice Boulevard and restore the six-lane configuration, and (2) to urge the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation to study, and present to the community, alternate implementations on Venice Blvd., that will achieve the programs' goals of reducing speed and thus injuries and deaths without adverse impact to the community and surrounding neighbors and to provide a monthly update of changes made and data collected, and (3) to urge Councilmember Bonin - as a vital part of this study - to appoint a community panel, similar to the one appointed for the projects in Playa Del Rey, to commission a scientific survey, to conduct focus groups comprised of random stakeholders from all sides of the issue in the proper proportion, and to study and make recommendations regarding changes to Venice Blvd.

[Sent to Transportation & Infrastructure Committee.](#)

o. **Policy Motion:** Regional Safe Bike Routes (Director motion submitted by Ken Alpern)

WHEREAS, Mar Vista Community Council, Councilmember Bonin and Mayor Garcetti are committed to the successful implementation of the Vision Zero Action Plan January 2017, which states, "all Angelenos have a right to safe mobility"; and

WHEREAS, the Venice Boulevard "Great Street" pilot program was implemented on May 19, 2017, including several changes to the roadway between Beethoven Street and Inglewood Boulevard to adhere to the intentions of Vision Zero; and

WHEREAS, during the 11-week period from May 20, 2017 through August 6, 2017 at least 17 accidents have been reported on the Venice Boulevard "Great Street", including 9 involving cyclists. Total accidents increased by 325%, from 4 reported during the same period in 2016, which implies that the current roadway configuration is failing to meet the objectives of Vision Zero; and

WHEREAS, the "Great Street" roadway configuration on Venice Boulevard has had unintended consequences of reducing safety by causing substantial gridlock on Venice Boulevard and many alternate routes, increasing cut-through traffic on nearby residential streets, causing greater pollution from idling motor vehicles, and slowing fire/police emergency response times; and

WHEREAS, a diverse grassroots group of community members have coalesced since May 19, 2017, resulting in over 3,000 electronic signatures asking Councilmember Bonin to restore the old three traffic lane per direction Venice Boulevard configuration in the "Great Street" roadway segment; and

WHEREAS, a recent survey of 45 businesses on Venice Boulevard found that 82% oppose the lane reduction element of the "Great Street" pilot program and that many business owners have witnessed accidents and close calls that are caused by the current unsafe roadway configuration; and

WHEREAS, Council District 11 has communicated that the "Great Streets" roadway changes on Venice Boulevard consist of a pilot program, using inexpensive temporary materials, and that the City would keep what the community loves and remove what the community does not want; and

WHEREAS, extensive segments of government owned land exist in and around Mar Vista that could be used for protected bike paths and bike lanes that would be substantially safer than the currently unsafe "Great Street" configuration on Venice Boulevard;

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council moves to advise Council District 11 to immediately remove the lane reduction element of the "Great Street" pilot program and return

Venice Boulevard to an improved version of the previously established six motor vehicle lane configuration, with improvements including a resurfaced roadway, bike lanes that are clearly designated with green paint, and a reduced speed limit, as allowed by State law upon completion of the roadway re-stripping and any required speed study; and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the State of California, County of Los Angeles, City of Culver City, and City of Santa Monica to expeditiously study, design and pave a regional network of safe bicycle paths and routes, possibly to include:

- Playa Del Rey to Playa Vista
- Marina del Rey to Playa Vista
- Del Rey to West Los Angeles
- Venice to Mar Vista
- Del Rey to Santa Monica (East)
- Del Rey to Santa Monica (West)
- Venice Beach to Downtown Los Angeles
- Bike Path Safety: initiate safety precautions including installation of lights, posting/enforcement of "no loitering" signs, and frequent daily police patrols on all bike paths;
- Bike Path Maintenance: expand ongoing and one-time bike path maintenance, including frequent sweeping and weed removal, repaving of worn-out pavement, and underground channeling of storm drain runoff.

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to designate the MVCC Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to promote and advocate for implementation of this regional network of safe bicycle paths and routes as described herein, to include a Proposed Regional Network of Safe Bicycle Paths and Routes:

- **Playa Del Rey to Playa Vista:** paving City easement parallel to Culver, Jefferson and Lincoln Blvds. from Nicholson St. to Bluff Creek Dr.;
- **Marina del Rey to Playa Vista:** connecting the Marvin Braude Costal Path to McConnell Ave. in Playa Vista, following abandoned railroad, including a connection to the Culver Blvd. Median and Ballona Creek Paths, and re-topping of existing bridge pylons across Ballona Creek;
- **Del Rey to West Los Angeles:** connecting the Ballona Creek, Culver Blvd. Median, and Exposition Corridor Paths through a combination of paved paths along the Sepulveda Channel and across Mar Vista Park, combined with greenways on residential streets including: East Blvd., Butler Ave., and Purdue Ave.;
- **Venice to Mar Vista:** connecting the Marvin Braude Costal Path to the proposed Sepulveda Channel Path via greenways on residential streets including: Zanja St. and Van Buren, Garfield, Caswell, Francis, and Pacific Avenues;
- **Del Rey to Santa Monica (East):** connecting Ballona Creek and Culver Blvd. Paths to Santa Monica College Bundy Campus via greenways on residential streets including: McConnell Blvd., Wade St., Cabrillo Blvd., and Stewart Ave.;
- **Del Rey to Santa Monica (West):** connecting the Culver Blvd. Median Path and proposed Marina del Rey to Playa Vista Path to 16th St. in Santa Monica via greenways on residential streets including: Alla Rd., Glencoe, Glyndon and Glenavon Avenues, combined with paved paths across the east edge of Penmar Park and Golf Course and adjacent to Dewey St.;
- **Venice Beach to Downtown Los Angeles:** initiate a feasibility study to explore future removal or replacement of the abandoned median railroad with a protected bikeway, while retaining three motor vehicle lanes in each direction;

Sent to Transportation & Infrastructure and Bike Mar Vista Committees.