



## Mar Vista Community Council



**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
GREAT STREETS AD HOC COMMITTEE  
Wednesday May 10, 2017 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
Mar Vista Library  
12006 Venice Blvd., Mar Vista, CA 90066  
(SW corner of Venice and Inglewood Blvds.)

Co-Chair: Michelle Krupkin  
Co-Chair: Greg Castelnuovo-Tedesco

### MINUTES

1. Call To Order and Welcome – Chair (1 min.) acting chair: Michelle Krupkin 6:39 pm
2. Introductions and Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) (2 minutes)  
Tracey Corinne discussed her meeting with Jessie during which they looked at possible locations for the mosaic hopscotch installation. Mar Vista Art Department and the Mar Vista Library were possible locations.

There was a general discussion of bus benches and bus shelters and other options for shade shelter and general seating on Great Street Venice Blvd.

Sheila G. mentions stamped and colored concrete sidewalk options. Len Nguyen said that it is not a good option as it wears away.

Michelle Krupkin brought up the email she received from Chris McKinnon and a broken pipe issue occurring on Venice Blvd. west of Grand View. Len Nguyen commented that he is trying to follow up on this matter.

3. Motion to approve March and April 2017 Great Streets minutes (2 minutes)  
Lenore French made the motion to approve and Tracey Corinne seconded the motion.  
Lenore has some corrections that she will email to Michelle. The minutes passed unanimously.
4. Reports (5 Minutes)
  - a. Great Streets Program brief definition. Michelle Krupkin, MV Community Council gave a brief overview of the Great Streets Program. Full info at <http://lagreatstreets.org/what-we-do>  
Mayor Eric Garcetti launched the Great Streets Initiative to help re-imagine neighborhood centers, one main street at a time. Our streets are the backbone of our neighborhoods – the places where we live, work, learn, and recreate on a daily basis. All of our great neighborhoods deserve Great Streets that are livable, accessible, and engaging public spaces for people.  
Goals:
    - Increased Economic Activity
    - Improved Access and Mobility
    - Enhanced Neighborhood Character
    - Greater Community Engagement
    - Improved Environmental Resilience
    - Safer and More Secure Communities
    - Improved Public Health

5. New Business (30-45 minutes)

- a. Len Nguyen, CD11 Senior Field Deputy, gave an update of the upcoming CD11 Pilot Program as well as other Great Streets projects. Len shared that it is an exciting moment for the Great Street Venice Blvd. Midblock crossings are currently going in, with the installations still in progress at Boise and Meier. There will be approximately one more month of construction. What still remains to be done: Installation of protected bike lane starts in mid- May 2017, hopefully to be done by June 1 or so.

Michelle Krupkin shared from Jessie Holzer's notes on the street mural update: BOE and GSD completed testing. Only half the intersection met the skid resistance requirements so we are exploring options to make the intersection more "grippy" before the pavement mural can be installed.

Lenore French answered questions about the nature of the Grand View/Pacific pavement murals. She said that an example of what will be installed can be found by searching online for City Repair Portland Street paintings. Go to the section on Intersection Paintings.

Mar Vista would be the first LA City to have a pavement mural installed. DOT is currently doing many tests regarding distractions, slips skidding.

Greg Castelnuovo-Tedesco commented that traditionally artists threw sand into paint, which can make the medium more "grippy."

Michelle Krupkin communicated info from Jessie Holzer's notes on the mosaic sidewalk project: Tracey and Jessie did a site visit with LA City Bureau of Street Services. The locations in front of the library and in front of Mar Vista Art Department will work from their perspective. Next step is to pull together the application for the permit.

Tracey commented that she needs letters of support from CD11 and the Mar Vista Community. She is still sourcing materials including adhesives. Great C suggests laying the project directly into the concrete. Tracey says that she presented four (4) different methods of tile installation to BSS and is going with the one that they approved. Michele Costa suggests the idea of sandblasting for tile installation.

Michelle Krupkin shared from Jessie Holzer's notes about streetlight banners: if the committee wants to update the design for the streetlight banners we should start brainstorming what the design should be and find a designer. Lenore French stated that she is working on getting a designer.

Also from Jessie Holzer's notes: there is No update on painting the new trashcans, we're still exploring options. Lenore French commented that we should make it a school project, possibly with a competition between all seven Mar Vista schools, with the winner getting their artwork installing on trash bins.

Additional note from Jessie Holzer: the People Street applications for plaza are due at the end of May 2017. Len Nguyen stated that he has applications for a few CD11 locations, but that Mar Vista a People Street Plaza might not be a good fit.

- b. Lenore French, GCI Communications, went over a preview of plans for the upcoming June 1 2017 Mar Vista Art Walk. The Theme will be "The Art of The Game." John Snyder did the artwork for the posters, which will be available for sale along with high-end fine art prints.

Originally when the Mar Vista Art Walk began, there were fifteen (15) businesses participating. Now there are well over forty (40) businesses.

Lenore stated that they are going to try to activate the areas at the midblock crossings. For example between Inglewood and Grand View on the south side with be artists and Eddie's Block Party. Full Circle Pottery will have a blacksmith with a forge. The Coffee Connection and Vintage at Venice will have vendor spots for sale.

The main event will be an Art Battle in the car wash parking lot on the north side of Venice Blvd. near Stewart. There will be 4 artists participating and Judges including DJ Neff, Michelito, Leonardo, La Desma and Saturno.

There will be a parade of electric cars. There will also be a Battle of the Bands next to Alan's on the north side of Venice near Boise. There will be two stages for music – at Alana's and also at the Coffee Connection.

The Moving Joint will have a Sound Bath at 8 pm and also modern and tango dance performances.

There will also be the regular art shows, including live painting.

The NBA playoff game will be on at Grand View market and Louie's.

The Passport Game will be active again, with a need for volunteers. Lenore put out a call for volunteers to contact Eric Charlot, the volunteer coordinator as well as Alex Prosser.

Lenore stated that this will be the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) Mar Vista Art Walk.

6. Public Comment. Michelle Krupkin shared the May 2017 Westways magazine article on Vision Zero that includes a photo of the Hollywood and Highland pedestrian scramble. Len Nguyen stated that the design of a pedestrian scramble needs high pedestrian volume in order to function properly. Venice and Centinela does not have enough pedestrian volume currently.
7. Future Agenda Items Review of the June 1 2017 Mar Vista Art Walk
8. Adjournment 7:55 pm

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