



# Mar Vista Community Council



## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 7:00 P.M.

Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium

11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

### MINUTES

**1. Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)

Meeting called to order at 7:02. P.M.

Quorum present: Rob Kadota, Robin Doyno, Holly Tilson, Melissa Stoller, Paola Cervantes, *Greg Tedesco*, Ken Alpern (late), Michelle Krupkin, Damien Newton, Elliot Hanna, Chuck Ray

**2. Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)

**3. Election to fill vacant officer position(s)** – Jasmine Elbarbary

Chair

Nominations: Rob Kadota nominted by Melissa Stoller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Ray.

Rob Kadota elected: 7 ayes (Chuck Ray, Robin Doyno, Paola Cervantes, Melissa Stoller, Holly Tilson, Damien Newton), 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Elliot Hanna, Michelle Krupin), 3 absent (Ken Alpern, Susan Klos, Greg Tedesco).

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair

Nominations: Chuck Ray nominated by Melissa Stoller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paola Cervantes

Chuck Ray elected: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Rob Kadota), 3 absent (Ken Alpern, Susan Klos, Greg Tedesco).

**4. Approval of August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker).

Motion to approve by Melissa Stoller , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Damien Newton.

Michelle Krupkin: Add following to 11.b: Money was budgeted for it during Councilman Rosendahl’s term. After Councilman Bonin was elected, the "Greening the Boulevard" Plan seemed to vanish along with the money allocated which also included the Venice Blvd. median "Welcome to Mar Vista" signage.

Motion as amended carried: 7 ayes, nays, 2 abstentions (Holly Tilson, Rob Kadota), 3 absent (Ken Alpern, Susan Klos, Greg Tedesco).

**5. Appointment of At-Large Director**

All Candidates who have submitted a statement of candidacy will have the option to make a short statement in the order their applications were submitted. The Chair will then make the appointment, subject to approval by the Board.

Candidates:

Anastasia Bacigalupo

Sara Roose

Selena Inouye

Joseph Kieffer

Jake Yocham

Nomination of Anastasia Bacigalupo by Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Stoller.

Board Discussion

Michelle Krupkin: concerned that she doesn’t have time, hasn’t come to Great Streets meeting because has work conflict; doesn’t seem to be up on ADA vis-à-vis Venice Blvd.

Melissa Stoller: As a renter and disabled person, Anastasia would add diversity to the board. Also excited about her experience as a parliamentarian.

Not elected: 3 ayes (Chuck Ray, Robin Doyo, Melissa Stoller), 3 nays (Elliot Hanna, Holly Tilson, Michelle Krupkin), 3 abstentions (Damien Newton, Paola Cervantes, Rob Kadota), 3 absent (Susan Klos, Greg Tedesco, Ken Alpern)

Nomination of Sara Roos by Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Damien Newton.

Board Discussion

Melissa Stoller: Sara effectively chaired the Education, Arts & Culture Committee for many years.

Motion carried: 8 ayes (Paola Cervantes, Melissa Stoller, Holly Tilson, Damien Newton, Michelle Krupkin, Robin Doyno, Chuck Ray, Elliot Hanna), 0 nays, 1 abstention (Rob Kadota), 3 absent (Susan Klos, Greg Tedesco, Ken Alpern).

## 6. Community Memorial Observations

Steven Boskin was board member for many years and the go-to photographer for many events.

## 7. Public Comment & Announcements - for items not on the agenda (max 1 minute each, 30 minutes total, unless waived by the Chair)

Selena Inouye: Group ran two different polls, 1730 voted, 74% want lanes on Venice Blvd want lanes restored. Looks like broad community agreement to her.

Michael Millman: No good reason why any advocacy group shouldn't be invited into MVCC booth at Farmers' Market. Otherwise should remove Green and Bonin's booths. Have forgotten about US Constitution.

Alan Sege: Participated in demonstration at Farmers' Market. Concurs with Michael Millman. Government officials from market came repeatedly to move us and tell us not to speak, we were asked to remove t-shirts or leave market. Inquired about Venice at Green booth, director said not comfortable talking about it there. Should have place every week at the Green booth.

Carol Hyle: Police were called on Sunday.

Maggie Begley: Please get involved with Green Garden Showcase: April 28, 2018. Will be smaller, more curated, educational component. Need volunteers and everyone's good will.

Jeffrey Keirns: Proposed traffic light on Charnock and Sawtelle was supposed to be on agenda. Ken Alpern: Sorry, failed to submit.

Robin Doyno: Venice High School forum on changes on Thursday, November 16. Mar Vista Library is bringing homeless program to Mar Vista 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Yvonne: Street lights – is anything being done to get them in Mar Vista Dell (Walgrove & Palms)?

## 8. Elected Officials and City Department Reports (max 1 min. each unless waived by the Chair)

a. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Director [Caroline.Lammers@lacity.org](mailto:Caroline.Lammers@lacity.org)

b. [CD 5](#) – Councilmember Paul Koretz, rep by [joseph.galloway@lacity.org](mailto:joseph.galloway@lacity.org)

c. [CD 11](#) – Councilmember Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy [Len.Nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:Len.Nguyen@lacity.org)

Fire Station 62: Draft option to lease is drafted, awaiting comments from city staff.

Hosting Westside Thanksgiving celebration: community dinner; also will provide haircuts, clothes, food. Can bring donations to WLA civic center. More info: <https://www.westsidethanksgiving.org/info.html>.

Community forum/open house. Tentative date is Saturday, December 2 in afternoon. Will be similar to last one, but with a presentation component.

Ken Alpern: Please invite Nat Gale.

Elliot Hanna: Will there be presentation of raw data and will Ms. Reynolds (LADOT head) be there? Very disappointed that Bonin not interested in community panel.

Paola Cervantes: Will stakeholders be able to submit questions?

Sara Roos: Can there be close communication with planning of forum? Len: Forward requests to Len.

Holly Tilson: Can we include component on cut-thru traffic. Len: yes

Michelle Krupkin: Representation from LAPD & LAFD on response time?

Selena Inouye: Comply with request for data before the meeting; allow Restore Venice Blvd. be allowed to present their data.

Ken Alpern: DONE not happy about \$5000 for alley paving; how can we partner with CD11 to repair?  
Len: Street paving and small patches are funded but large asphalt patches haven't been funded by City Council.

Rob Kadota: Will recommend Chuck Ray as Point Person.

- d. [LA City Board of Public Works](#) - Liaison to CD 2, 5, 11, Commissioner [joel.jacinto@lacity.org](mailto:joel.jacinto@lacity.org)
- e. [Mayor of Los Angeles](#) – Eric Garcetti, rep. by [Daniel.tamm@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.tamm@lacity.org)
- f. [2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. L. A. County Board of Supervisors](#) - Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by [Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov)
- g. [CA Assembly 54](#) - Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Brian Ross Adams [Brian.adams@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Brian.adams@asm.ca.gov)
- h. [CA Assembly 62](#) - Assembly Member Autumn Burke, rep by District Director [Robert.Pullen-Miles@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Robert.Pullen-Miles@asm.ca.gov)
- i. [US 33](#)– Ted Lieu, rep. by [joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov](mailto:joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov)
- j. [US 37](#) - Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian [maral@mail.house.gov](mailto:maral@mail.house.gov)
- k. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), rep by [jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org](mailto:jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org)

Please send updated roster.

Civic University starting again; want two attendees from each NC (1 man, 1 woman). 4 classes, held downtown.

Inventory: need list ASAP.

Board Action Certification forms – no longer used.

Mural process is now smoother.

Board members can apply to be on Funding Equity Working Group.

Stakeholder definition: send comments to commissioner.

By-laws are open for changes until April 15.

9. **Liaison Reports** (Public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)

- a. [Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee](#): Linda Guagliano [lindaguag@netzero.net](mailto:lindaguag@netzero.net)

Next meeting is tomorrow. Follow-up report from Len Nguyen on streetlights.

Ken Alpern: Request for traffic light at Walgrove and Palms. When will Sawtelle & Charnock be addressed? Linda: It's on agenda.

Melissa Stoller: Left turn light on Ocean Park Blvd at Centinela/Bundy won't be installed until late 2018, early 2019. Can't this be done sooner? Linda: It's on agenda.

- b. [DWP MOU](#): Chuck Ray
- c. [LANCC](#): Chuck Ray
- d. [One Water LA](#): Christopher McKinnon
- e. [WRAC](#): Rob Kadota
- f. WRAC LUPC: Sharon Commins
- g. [City Budget Advocates](#): Holly Tilson
- h. [Recode LA](#): Sharon Commins
- i. [Animal Services](#): Tom Ponton
- j. [Friends of Historic FS 62](#): Albert Olson
- k. [Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce](#): Sarah Auerswald

10. **Officer Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)

- a. Chair – Rob Kadota

MVCC recognized at last Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting for 15 years of existence. City Council recognized Mar Vista 90<sup>th</sup>. Tom Ponton provided sign used at Farmers' Market celebration.

Board retreat on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

- b. First Vice Chair
- c. Second Vice Chair – Paola Cervantes

- d. Secretary – Melissa Stoller

Please get committee meeting minutes up on website.

- e. Treasurer – Holly Tilson

- i. Report on current financial status

City allocated \$42,000. Revised budget doesn't allocate full amount, have unallocated \$8000; think about funding ideas for next year.

- ii. **APPROVAL** of October Monthly Expense Report (MER)

Motion to approve by Holly Tilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elliot Hanna. Motion carried unanimously: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Rob Kadota), 2 absent (Greg Tedesco, Susan Klos).

11. **Committee Reports:** (may include motions to refer committee where desirable; public comment permitted)

- a. **Elections and By-laws Committee** - Rob Kadota, Chair; Holly Tilson, Vice-chair

- b. **Community Outreach Committee** – open

Looking for chair. Outreach opportunities with Santas Sleigh, Winter Wonderland. Will put up signs at stops, looking at outreach materials.

Meeting next Thursday, November 16, to talk about Green Garden Showcase.

- d. **Committee on Public Safety** – Bill Koontz, Chair; Elliot Hanna, Vice-chair

Next meeting Nov. 28 at Windward 6:00. Officer Eliot Hernandez from LAPD Major Crimes Unit will give presentation. Will look at public health aspects of homeless encampments.

- d. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-chairs

- e. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** – Damien Newton, Chair; Michael Millman & Latrice Williams, Vice-chairs

- f. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern, Chair; Michelle Krupkin, Vice-chair

T&I Committee is opposed to traffic light at Sawtelle & Charnock. Next meeting is December 6.

- g. **Bike Mar Vista** - Mitchell Rishe, Chair

- h. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** –Robin Doyno & Paola Cervantes, Co- chairs; Lenore French, Vice-chairs

Mar Vista Art Walk is Saturday after Thanksgiving. Morning will be more kid-friendly. Kids zone in parking lot on Wasatch,

Setting up meeting with Nick Melvoin regarding tolerance curriculum.

Gloria Prado presenting at next meeting.

- i. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin & Greg Tedesco, Co-chairs

Susie Leonard from Kids Place addressed concerns about Great Street lane reduction. Next meeting December 13. Hopes to get someone from Mar Vista Chamber; hoping can mend fences.

- j. **Airport Committee** – Holly Tilson & Martin Rubin, Co-chairs

Held private meeting with Karen Bass, made her aware of specific impacts on SMO. Next meeting is December 2; Debbie Wagner is guest: lives near SEATAC airport, activist against pollution, wrote book, experience working with agencies. Karen Bass suggested we get PETA (People for Ethical Treatment of Animals) involved.

Will bring motions next year. There's inadequate noise monitoring.

- k. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-chairs
  - l. **Homeless Solutions Ad Hoc Committee** – Robin Doyno & Susan Klos, Co-chairs, Joe Cuanan, Vice-chair  
    - Received kudos on pamphlet from Venice NC.
  - m. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-chairs
  - n. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-chairs
12. **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  
    - Thank you for help with preparedness fair. Angry homeowners in SE corner w/ cars parking in front of private homes. may have preferential parking zone.
  - b. Zone 2 – Damien Newton  
    - North Westdale Neighborhood Association meeting January 25, 2018.
    - Electronics recycling drive 1<sup>st</sup> week in January.
  - c. Zone 3 – Melissa Stoller
  - d. Zone 4 – Greg Tedesco
  - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin  
    - Tex Grill opened on Washington Blvd.
    - Sanitation work on Inglewood.
  - f. Zone 6 – Holly Tilson  
    - Gas leak, a lot of Walgrove evacuated. People didn't know where to go, when they could come back.
    - New proposed project for Zone 6, using density bonus of Centinela & Venice (not a major transit stop).
    - Venice High School modernization budget \$138M. Possible Olympic-sized pool.
13. **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. **Administrative Motion:** City Hall Parking Passes (director motion submitted by Rob Kadota)  
    - MVCC approves adding the Chair and Treasurer to the list of people who can use the City Hall parking passes.
    - Motion to approve by Damien Newton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by MichelleKrupkin. Motion carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Rob Kadota), 2 absent (Susan Klos, Greg Tadesco).
  - b. **Administrative Motion:** Conflict of Interest Disclosure (director motion submitted by Elliot Hanna)  
    - WHEREAS, public trust and transparency is essential to the effective function of a neighborhood council, and
    - WHEREAS, allegations of conflicts-of-interest have been publicly levied against sitting board members by both stakeholders and other sitting board members.
    - THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council moves that a standing item shall appear on each Board of Director's Agenda – immediately following the approval of the previous meeting's minutes and prior to the first public comment period – whereby each director shall disclose any actual or perceived conflicts-of-interest and ex-parte communications concerning items on the agenda. These shall include - but not be limited to – employment relationships, financial relationships, and things of value given to or received from any individual, organization, or entity with any interest in any business before the council.
    - Presentation by Elliot Hanna: Require that we on BOD present, designed to build public trust.
    - Motion to approve by , 2<sup>nd</sup> by.
    - Public Comment
    - Martin Rubin: Supports

Selena Inouye: Supports

Amy Shoenhom: Supports. Should recuse when have conflict. Street Blogs (Damien Newton) has conflict, as does Rob Kadota – received Vision Zero \$

Alan Sege: Board vote is irrelevant, must disclose.

Colum Whittington: All members of council should be required to make known if work for city council or any other city department that would be impacted by business before board.

Jasmine Elbarabary: All BOD members must take trainings and sign Code of Conduct. Conflict of interest matters are determined by conferring with City Attorney; advice is protected by attorney-client privilege.

Motion to table by Chuck Ray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Stoller.

Board Discussion of Tabling

Ken Alpern: Perception is important.

Damien Newton: Should it be looked at by Elections & By-laws Committee? Rob Kadota: Yes, makes sense.

Holly Tilson: Affirmation

Melissa Stoller: Our By-laws establish a process for actual conflict of interest. Should table and amend by-laws. Our Standing Rules state “All Board and Committee agendas must include a standing agenda item entitled “*Ex Parte* Declaration.” I will include that in the next BOD agenda and notify all committee chairs. I do not see a need for this motion.

Robin Doyno: Board doesn't enforce the ethics we've already agreed to. To have more written that we don't observe is poison pill.

Elliot Hanna: Motion intended to address fact that public doesn't trust us.

Public Comment on Tabling

Alan Sege: Could make motion to amend bylaws now.

Selena Inouye: Found Robin's comments disturbing. Who enforces?

Colum Whittington: Are we to trust our government officials to decide what is wrong and bring it to us. We need to rely on your integrity.

Michael Millman: Should just vote up or down.

Motion on tabling not carried: 3 ayes (Melissa Stoller, Robin Doyno, Chuck Ray), 6 nays (Paola Cervante, Holly Tilson, Ken Alpern, Damien Newton, Michelle Krupkin, Elliot Hanna), 1 abstention (Rob Kadota), 2 absent (Greg Tedesco, Susan Klos).

Board Comment on motion:

Damien Newton: Good idea to check with city attorney, even if don't believe have conflict of interest but there is perception.

Rob Kadota: Board members encouraged to check with city attorney if might have conflict of interest.

Motion carried: 6 ayes (Paola Cervante, Holly Tilson, Ken Alpern, Damien Newton, Michelle Krupkin, Elliot Hanna), 1 nay (Melissa Stoller), 2 abstentions (Rob Kadota, Robin, Chuck), 2 absent (Greg Tedesco, Susan Klos)

- c. **Administrative Motion:** Record of actions (director motion submitted by Elliot Hanna)

WHEREAS, public trust and transparency is essential to the effective function of a neighborhood council, and

WHEREAS, stakeholders have expressed concern that no status is provided regarding actions taken in response to motions passed by the board.

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council moves that the ~~Secretary~~ Board shall compile a list of all actions taken in response to motions passed including, but not limited to, the actions taken, the motion to which the actions relate, the date the action was taken, the person who took the action, and the responses received. This list shall be maintained as a perpetual record on the Mar Vista Community Council website.

Presentation by Elliot Hanna

Public Comment

Ken: Marek: Supports.

Martin Rubin: Supports

Selena Inouye: Supports

Jasmine Elbarbary: some NCs resend motion in letter form.

Board Discussion

Ken Alpern: City Council has people to come up with letters, etc. We are all volunteers. If DONE is really serious about empowering Stakeholders, should realize we need staff.

Holly Tilson: Supports doing. Bylaws committee needs to detail how to do.

Michelle Krupkin: Likes suggestion of having a clerk provided by city.

Melissa Stoller: I've requested changes to the website to provide better access to motions passed; they are not yet implemented. Perhaps a way to record status could be incorporated into this change. The Secretary does not wish to do this work; people taking the actions or receiving the responses would need to provide the information.

Paola Cervantes: Should be responsibility of those making the motion.

Motion amended.

Motion as amended carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Rob Kadota), 2 absent (Greg Tedesco, Susan Klos)

- d. **Policy Motion:** Natural Gas Storage Facility Operations/Compliance Regulations (submitted by Planning & Land Use Management Committee)

MVCC supports motion by Councilmember Bonin ([Council File NO: 17-0756](#)) to require city departments to investigate proposal to insure that the facility is safe for the people and environment.

NOTE: Advocacy organization Protect Playa Now proposed this motion, Venice Neighborhood Council passed a similar motion.

Presentation by Damien Newton.

Public Comment

Faith Myra: Supports. Works with Food & Water Watch. Are already leaks on Westside. Is 33% well failure in Aliso Canyon after declaring safe and reopening.

Tom McHenry: Do they know difference between getting sick from natural gas vs. methane? Faith Myra: natural gas is methane.

Colome Whittington: Opportunity to question whether development should occur in any and all areas. Well was there before the development.

Board Discussion

Holly Tilson: Need to ask for disaster plan. Faith Myra: That is next step.

Motion as amended carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Rob Kadota), 2 absent (Greg Tedesco, Susan Klos).

- e. **Policy Motion:** Proposed development at 11671-11677 W. National Blvd. (submitted by Planning & Land Use Management Committee)

**Whereas** - A large, four story, mixed use development is planned for National Boulevard between Federal and Barrington Avenues

**Whereas** - The development would have 46 housing units, two levels of parking, a mezzanine, a roof deck and two subterranean levels of parking

**Whereas** - The developer has done no outreach to the surrounding community, North Westdale Neighborhood Association, Westdale Homeowners Association, or Mar Vista Community Council other than construction permit notices to neighbors who border the property.

**Whereas** - The development team is planning to demolish the existing structure as soon as final permitting is completed, perhaps as soon as December.

**Therefor let it be resolved:** The Mar Vista Community Council opposes this project and urges a halt to all permitting until a public process that includes the Community Council and North Westdale Neighborhood Association can be completed

**Therefor let it be resolved:** That the Mar Vista Community Council asks Councilmember Mike Bonin to work with the developer to encourage a voluntary public process with the community.

Presentation by Damien Newton: Developer hasn't shared any plans with community.

#### Public Comment

Martin Rubin: Supports motion. Don't even know what is planned. Out of character with neighborhood.

Joan Winters: Supports motion. Want to see plans.

Mary Hersko: Should look in to development of form-based codes to control development with area.

Gian Carlo: Doesn't understand how developer can do without public hearing. Going to cast shadow on neighbor's gardens.

Colona Whittington: How many affordable housing units?

Motion to approve by Damien Newton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krupkin.

#### Board Discussion

Ken Alpern: Project as-is is something where we pay as community,

Elliot Hanna: Development is just exploding. Until we as State think about Prop 13, will continue.

Damien Newton: All the motion says is we need to be involved.

Melissa Stoller: Concerned about parking ingress/egress. Tenant on Barrington expresses concerned about workers taking all the available parking; would like developer to provide off-site parking and shuttle workers.

Motion carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Rob Kadota), 2 absent (Greg Tedesco, Susan Klos).

- f. **Policy Motion:** Regional Safe Bike Routes (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, extensive segments of government owned land exist in and around Mar Vista that could be used for protected bike paths and bike lanes

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 conduct a feasibility study exploring the following alternative long-term protected bike lane solutions along the entire length of Venice Boulevard, from Venice Beach to Downtown Los Angeles:

1. Removing the center median, which is a former Red Car Rail right of way ("ROW"), to increase usable roadway and provide at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, an extra wide bike lane, and a standard parking lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway, or
2. Replacing the center median Red Car ROW with a signalized protected bikeway, while retaining at least 3 motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, and a standard parking lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway, or
3. Create signage, and repaint adjacent residential streets, as safe thoroughfares for rapid, bicycle-friendly, and safe routes for bicyclists that enhance the mobility, ease of use, and safety for bicyclists as an alternative to Venice Blvd., while still allowing a safer bicycle lane, with better visibility and access for both bicyclists and motorists, on Venice Blvd. associated with a restoration of the three-lane configuration for motorists, or
4. Constructing at least one off-street public parking facility per 3 city block segment, to enable removal of the current parking lanes to create a roadway that includes at least 3



motor vehicle lanes, expanded turning lanes, and an extra wide curb adjacent protected bike lane on each direction of the 2-way roadway; and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to pave new regional connector bike paths on an expedited basis, especially including:

1. A path along the former rail ROW adjacent to the southwest side of the California 90 Expressway/Freeway from the Marvin Braude Coastal Bike Trail in Marina del Rey and connecting to both the Culver Boulevard Median and Ballona Creek Bike Paths in Del Rey; and
2. Reinstallation of the former rail bridge top, potentially via fast-track City approval of 5000 Beethoven "Del Rey Pointe" apartment development plans, to connect existing and potential new bike paths in Del Rey across Ballona Creek and into Playa Vista via either McConnell Avenue and/or following the ROW to Jefferson Boulevard; and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the Cities of Culver City and Santa Monica to designate a north/south onstreet bikeway through Del Rey / Mar Vista to follow a likely route from the Ballona Creek Path along McConnell Avenue, past the Culver Boulevard Median Bike Path, continuing along McConnell Boulevard, connecting to Wade Street after crossing Washington Boulevard and Washington Place, and continuing through Mar Vista on May Street, Cabrillo Boulevard, and Stewart Avenue before connecting to Airport Avenue and into current and proposed parks on the Santa Monica Airport site, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to conduct a feasibility study to explore installation of bike lanes along the entire length of Walgrove Avenue, accomplished through removal of the existing parkway, widening of the street without removing any existing parking spaces, and roadway restriping, including green paint to designate the bike lanes. Such changes should include attempted coordination between the Cities of Los Angeles, Culver City, and Santa Monica to potentially include installation of a traffic signal at Washington Boulevard and Walgrove Avenue, and to seamlessly connect to the 23rd Street bike lane in Santa Monica, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the County of Los Angeles and City of Culver City to restore existing bike paths, including resurfacing uneven sections and redirecting flood drain outlets to clear excess sewage runoff, specifically including Marvin Braude Coastal Bike Path in Marina del Rey, Ballona Creek Bike Path, and Culver Boulevard Median Bike Path, and

THEREFORE, Mar Vista Community Council further moves to advise Council District 11 to initiate a collaborative effort with the County of Los Angeles and City of Culver City to expand the frequency of police patrols, sweeping of sand, glass and other debris and removal of weed overgrowth from all area bike paths, bike lanes and bikeways.

#### Public Comment

Ken Marek: Worked tirelessly for 6 months to support community. NextDoor poll is best one. As cyclist, wants better bike infrastructure.

Michael Millman: People want bike safety. Need to pay attention to NextDoor survey. Restore integrity to board.

Selena Inouye: Motion is about real bike safety. Restore the lanes and do something positive.

?: Motion is well thought out and provides for interest of everyone in our community.

Glen Hruska: Argument supports community and gives bike safety.

#### Board Discussion

Damien Newton: Checked with city attorney, not under conflict. Concern with removing bike lanes while we do study.

Michelle Krupkin: Appreciates work Ken Marek has done

Holly Tilson: Implemented without informing community, Wouldn't ride bike on Venice Blvd before or after.

Melissa Stoller: I heard speakers who want immediate restoration of the traffic lanes complain that the current configuration is not ADA compliant; on what planet is a parking lot every three blocks

handicapped friendly? We can certainly be involved in the process, but I don't think it is this council's job to design regional bike paths; I don't have the knowledge or expertise. How can we advocate for removing parkways on Walgrove without any outreach to Walgrove residents?

Motion to table and consider 1<sup>st</sup> next month by Elliot Hanna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Ray.

Motion to table carried: 6 ayes (Paola Cervantes, Melissa Stoller, Damien Newton, Robin Doyno, Chuck ray, Elliot Hanna), 2 nays (Ken Alpern, Holly Tilson), 2 abstentions (Rob Kadota, Michelle Krupkin), 2 absent (Susan Klos, Greg Tedesco).

- g. **Policy Motion:** RecyclA trash franchise system (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) has received many complaints and concerns from property owners and business owners who are or will be affected by the trash franchise system called RecyclA, and

WHEREAS, The Mar Vista Community Council supports the City's efforts to have cleaner air, more recycling, and less trucks on our streets, but not at the cost to property owners and business owners, and

WHEREAS, The main concerns that the MVCC has heard from the business community are:

- Bullying tactics by sales representatives to sign contracts.
- Charging fees that do not correspond to the City's agreed fee schedule.
- Missed pick-ups that are charged for.
- Phone calls to the waste hauler franchisee and to the City's 800 number are rarely returned.

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council demands that the City investigates and resolves these issues and, if necessary, cancels the current contracts until the City can create a program that is fair and meets the needs of our community's businesses and property owners.

Not taken up due to lack of time.

- h. **Policy Motion:** Request for LADOT/LAPD/LAFD presentation of current and comprehensive data on Venice Blvd. Great Streets project (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

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

WHEREAS, the feedback by neutral LAPD and LAFD officials suggested an inability to electronically access information and data as discussed in the recent annual Hilltop Neighborhood Association meeting held on Thursday, October 26th at St. Bede's Church, 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 Mar Vista Community Council similarly supports safe, accessible, and livable residential streets adjacent to Venice Blvd. that are also free of inappropriate and unnecessary cut-through traffic for bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists, the aging population, and the disabled, and

WHEREAS, the lane-reduction on Venice Blvd, has caused significant tension within the community, and has led to concerns of cut-through traffic and safety/mobility issues on residential streets adjacent to Venice Blvd. in Mar

Vista, while also raising interest in establishing bicycle paths/routes on Venice Blvd. residential streets to create safe and efficient bicycle mobility throughout Mar Vista,

THEREFORE, The Mar Vista Community Council moves:

- (1) To advise the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Council District 11, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments, as well as any appropriate LAUSD officials, to present to the MVCC and to the community, updated and comprehensive data that includes September 2017 data addressing the impacts of

Venice Blvd. reconfiguration to the community and including access to public schools, and

- (2) Address the potential of alternate implementations on Venice Blvd., as well as adjacent residential streets, that will achieve the programs' goals of reducing speed and thus injuries and deaths without adverse impact to the community and surrounding neighbors that includes the summer and fall of 2017, and which includes the comprehensive data requested by the MVCC to include all stakeholders (including businesses and schools) of the Mar Vista Community Council.

Not taken up due to lack of time.

- i. **Policy Motion:** Proliferation of Recreational Vehicles and Homeless Encampments in Mar Vista (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

WHEREAS, It has been noted that there is an increase in long-term Recreational Vehicle proliferation throughout Mar Vista, and including both major commercial thoroughfares and residential streets, and

WHEREAS, it has been noted that there is an increase in homeless encampments throughout Mar Vista, including under freeway overpasses and in residential neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, there is some confusion as to where updated LADOT maps allow for Recreational Vehicle parking and Homeless encampments, and what the roles and responsibilities for the LADOT and LAPD to enforce laws related to Recreational Vehicle and Homeless living spaces and locations,

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council strongly encourages Council office 11 and Council office 5 and other LA city agencies to enforce [LAMC Ordinance 85.02](#) and disregard the map.

Not taken up due to lack of time.

14. **Grievances**, if any received

15. **Future agenda items**

16. **Public Comment**

17. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

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