



## Mar Vista Community Council



### Executive and Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 6:00 P.M.  
Windward School – Room 1030  
11350 Palms Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066

#### AGENDA

1. Call to order and Welcome
2. Approval of October 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of November 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes
4. Public Comment
5. Treasurer's report (possible motions to follow).
  - a. Review of November financial status
  - b. Funding Motion: MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$2000 for promotional community outreach items.
  - c. Funding Motion: MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$100, in addition to \$250 previously approved, for board and committee chair business cards.
  - d. Funding Motion: MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$1000 for the purchase of food and drinks for Winter Wonderland.
  - e. Review/amendment of budget (see Addendum A) – possible motion to follow
6. New Business
  - a. Policy Motion: "Hearing" Mar Vista Stakeholders Regarding Roadway Improvements To Venice Boulevard  

Whereas the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) is an advisory board with no authority to legislate, and

Whereas MVCC board members are mandated to represent their constituents, yet as volunteer board members without staff or resources to faithfully survey all constituents under controversial, complicated conditions, it is unreasonable to imagine that any given board member could become well-enough prepared to generate a singular, representative position with a high likelihood of validity, even

Whereas were it possible to generate such a valid singular position, this would thereby silence the important perspectives of minority groups composed of important proportions of stakeholders, representing many and valid constituent observations on the project to be considered, therefore be it

Resolved that instead of opining summarily on the fate of the Great Streets project in Mar Vista, MVCC shall solicit and edit into one document, a compilation of stakeholder-groups' opinions to be presented to the city council office as collectively representative of the various perspectives of several discrete community groups regarding the merit and potential fate of Mar Vista's Great Streets project along Venice Boulevard.
7. MVCC administrative items
  - a. Discussion of November 10<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting
    - i. Passed motions (see Addendum B) – letters status
  - b. Discussion of November 14<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting
    - i. Committees
    - ii. Committee chairs and assignments
    - ii. Tabled motions (see Addendum c), time management

- c. January 6, 2018, board retreat
- d. BOD issues
  - i. NC Inventory process
  - ii. Email audit
  - iii. Social media usage by board members
  - iv. Restore Venice Blvd at Mar Vista Farmers' Market
  - v. Director motions, bypassing of committee vetting
  - vi. Policy motion letters tracking
- e. Farmers' Market bollards motion status
- 8. Future agenda items
- 9. Public Comment
- 10. Adjournment

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## ADDENDUM A: Draft Amended Budget

<b>Budget Category: General/Operational</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
<b>Subcategory: Office</b>		
<b>Storage</b>		
Storquest	\$2,496.00	\$2,496.00
<b>Meeting rooms rental</b>		
The Vineyard	\$600.00	\$600.00
St Andrew's Lutheran Church	\$300.00	\$300.00
St Bede's	\$75.00	\$75.00
Windward School	\$5.00	\$5.00
PO Box rental	\$132.00	\$132.00
Farmer's Market rental	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
<b>Equip &amp; supplies (misc)</b>		
misc	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
<b>Mtg supplies &amp; printing</b>		
printing	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Board Training &amp; Support</b>		
Business cards/name badges	\$250.00	\$350.00
Board Retreat	\$37.68	\$100.00
<b>Office subtotal:</b>	<b>\$7,195.68</b>	<b>\$7,358.00</b>
<b>Subcategory: Outreach</b>		
<b>Website</b>		
The Web Corner: website maintenance	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
The Web Corner: emails	\$385.00	\$385.00
The Web Corner: Extra Data Entry	\$500.00	\$500.00
RIMU Hosting	\$96.27	\$96.27
<b>Email Service</b>		
Mail chimp email service	\$480.00	\$700.00
<b>Advertising</b>		
Banners/sign/event promotion	\$500.00	\$500.00
Facebook ads	\$250.00	\$250.00
Promotional items		\$2,000.00
Emergency Prep signs & brochures	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Neighborhood Watch signs		\$1,500.00
<b>Community Events</b>		
Block parties (5 4 X \$300)	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00
Westside Senior Health & Wellness Fair	\$500.00	\$500.00
Winter Wonderland	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Art Walk	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Venice High Grease Night	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>MVCC Events</b>		
Mar Vista Turns 90 Celebration	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Great Street Tree Planting	\$300.00	\$300.00

Green Garden Showcase	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Budget Category: General/Operational	Current	Proposed
misc events	\$7,843.05	\$7,843.05
<b>Outreach subtotal:</b>	\$26,804.32	\$30,224.32
<b>Subcategory: Elections</b>		
Election expenses	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Elections subtotal:</b>	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
<b>General/Operational Total:</b>	\$35,000.00	\$37,582.32
<b>Budget Category: Community Improvement Grants</b>		
Alley repair/seed money	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Budget Category: Neighborhood Purpose Grants</b>	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>Budget Total</b>	<b>\$42,000.00</b>	<b>\$39,582.32</b>

## ADDENDUM B: Motions approved at November 14, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting

- 13.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.
- 13.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.
- 13.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.
- 13.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.
- 13.e 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.

## **ADDENDUM C: Motions tabbed/not addressed at November 14, 2017, Board of Directors Meeting**

13.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-striping 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 Costal 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.

- 13.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.*

- 13.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.

13.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.