



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
GREAT STREETS AD HOC COMMITTEE
Wednesday September 13 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 was at 6:33 pm - Chair (1 min.) acting chair: Michelle Krupkin
2. Introductions and Public Comments (for items not on the agenda) (2 minutes)
Several issues were brought up during public comment. A stakeholder stated that there are issues with vendors on sidewalks and food trucks adding tables and chairs. The stakeholder has been in contact with the LA City Vendor Compliance Division and hopes this will be remedied.

Another stakeholder commented that these vendors are dumping grease into the gutter, which should be a public safety issue. The sidewalks near the MV Ranch Market and O'Reilly Auto Parts are stained with black grease and are very slippery. The stakeholder observed that this food truck sets up near the bus stop on Venice and Centinela near Starbuck and are set up 7 days a week from around 6 pm to midnight.

There was discussion of the homeless encampment on Venice Blvd. under the 405 overpass and concern about health and welfare of homeless.

There was a comment about many RVs parking overnight on Venice Blvd. from the 405 to McLaughlin.

There was a discussion about the traffic light at Centinela and concerns that the eastbound left arrow has too short a duration. The same stakeholder mentioned that they thought that the Mid-Block Crossing at Boise is located at an intersection with no real destination between the two sides of Venice Blvd. and is a bad choice for a the feature. Also, the light on the Boise Mid-Block crossing is turning green on it's own and the timing appears to be off. The stakeholder has called Rudy at LADOT about this several times and left voicemails with no response.

Another stakeholder spoke about crime on Pacific Ave adjacent to the car wash. Alleged incidents include drug selling, late night parties and raves and possible prostitution. Pacific Division is working with Narco but things are not improving.

3. Motion to approve August 2017 Great Streets minutes (2 minutes) Sheri Odere made the motion, Selena Inouye seconded. Minutes were approved.
4. Reports (5 Minutes)
 - a. Great Streets Program brief definition- Michelle Krupkin, MV Community Council, gave a brief overview of Great Streets, the first initiative from Mayor Eric Garcetti.
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. Lenore French, did not attend and there was no overview of the events from the September 7 Mar Vista Art Walk themed “Psychedelic September.” Tabled due to Lenore’s absence at a conflicting appointment. Lenore was able to share that the next Mar Vista Art Walk will be November 25 2017 in conjunction with Small Business Saturday. The hours for the Mar Vista Art Walk were tentatively to be 11 am to 10 pm. The theme is to be Gratitude.
- b. Jessie Holzer, CD11 Mobility Deputy, gave an update on the CD11 Pilot Program as well as other Great Streets projects. Jessie had several updates. First up was a tree planting update: LADOT purchased 14 trees for planting in the parkway and median on Great Street Venice Blvd. They have been delivered to urban Forestry where they are undergoing inspection. There are 8 Australian Willow for the parkway and 6 Pink trumpets for the median. CD11 will try to coordinate with TreePeople to set up a Tree Planting day probably in Spring 2018.

Jessie shared that they have a new contractor for trimming/landscaping the Great Street Venice Blvd. medians so hopefully they will be maintained properly going forward.

Jessie stated that in response to stakeholder questions about the exact date of the CD11 Pilot Program Installation, it is officially May 20 2017.

Jessie said LAFD Station 62 and Station 63 have received transponders from LADOT, one each for the Fire Engine and one for the Ambulance. The transponders will trigger the green light to let LAFD through intersections in order to respond to their calls.

A stakeholder was concerned that getting through the intersections is not the problem according to employees at both Fire Stations, but rather gridlock and the inability to travel on Great Street Venice Blvd. in a timely manner is the real problem that adds to response time.

Another stakeholder observed LAFD Station 42 trying to get through Venice Blvd. with a hook & ladder and a fire engine and having trouble.

Jessie informed the committee how LADOT is collecting data. They are using different methods including manual data gathering as well as gathering data electronically. Manual Data gathering includes using radar guns. Travel time is collected electronically. There have been cameras added at the intersection of Venice and Centinela that feed input to LADOT downtown. Tubes were put out to measure cut through traffic. LADOT collected data on 22 streets before the installation of the CD11 Pilot Program. A stakeholder asked how to obtain the data. Jessie said that the data would be online at veniceblvdmarvista.org. Alternately people can email her for information.

Another update from Jessie concerned the green paint for the bike lanes. There has been

coordination between FILLA and LADOT in order to reach an agreement on a specific color and material. LADOT is looking for an alternate material since the one discussed takes time to install and has to be in sunlight to dry properly. LADOT is testing two alternate colors and materials that may be easier to install.

Jessie informed the committee that LADOT is working on a design for a double left turn from eastbound Venice Blvd. onto northbound Centinela and also westbound Venice Blvd onto southbound Centinela Blvd. There would be possibly be 2 lanes to go left from Venice Blvd. onto Centinela north from eastbound Venice Blvd. and south from westbound Venice Blvd.

Jessie also discussed the speed hump program. IN 2016-2017 there were 2 locations per Council District. In 2017-2018 there will be another 2 different corridors considered for installation.

Another update from Jessie was that LADOT is concerned about the visibility of cyclists at right turns. The current CD11 Pilot Program is being reconfigured in several locations. The locations include Grand View Blvd., where they will be removing parking spaces in both directions on Venice Blvd. and changing the right turn pockets for vehicles to those that are at Centinela Blvd. One parking space will be taken away in one direction at the following intersections, all on the north side of Venice Blvd.: Mountain View, Ocean View, Boise and Meier.

There was a short Q&A for Jessie.

One stakeholder spoke about her concern with skateboarders and bikes traveling on the sidewalks.

Another stakeholder expressed frustration with the midblock crossings at Mountain View and Ocean View. A pedestrian can't cross the full intersection on one green light, but has to wait at the median for a second green cycle.

Jessie replied that the mid-block crossing was times for pedestrians at first but then LADOT changed to a shorter time cycle to get cars through the intersections.

A stakeholder spoke about traffic backing up on Palms Blvd. regularly since the Pilot Program's installation.

Another stakeholder spoke about collector streets such as Victoria, Charnock and McCune, which are now getting a high volume of cut through traffic. Is LADOT monitoring these streets as well as Palms, National and Washington Place?

A stakeholder shared that these problems didn't occur when there was three vehicle lanes on Venice Blvd. in each direction.

6. Public Comment

7. Future Agenda Items –There was interest in getting a new representative from MV Chamber of Commerce to attend the Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee meetings.

8. Adjournment was at 7:56 pm.

** **PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** – The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.*

* **PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS** - MVCC agendas are posted for public review at Mar Vista Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine Street, LA, CA 90066. You can also receive our agendas via email by subscribing to L.A. City's Early Notification System at <https://www.lacity.org/subscriptions>

* **THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT** - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting chair@marvista.org.

* **PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS** – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at website, <http://www.marvista.org>, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, contact secretary@marvista.org.

* **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 at our website, <http://www.marvista.org>.