



Mar Vista Community Council



Minutes Committee on Public Safety Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Joint Meeting on Traffic Safety

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at
The Windward School (Conference Room 1030)
11350 Palms Blvd. Los
Angeles, CA 90066

Co-Chair: Elliot Hanna (elliot.hanna@marvista.org)

Co-Chair: Chuck Ray (lchuckray@gmail.com)

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. **Announcements**
 - **Background** – This special meeting is hosted jointly by the Mar Vista Community Council’s Committee on Public Safety (Elliot Hanna, Chair) and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee’s (Ken Alpern and Chuck Ray, Co-Chairs and Michelle Krupkin, Vice-Chair)
3. **Public Comment for Items NOT on this Agenda - None**
4. **Review and approval of minutes** – Minutes from 1/23/2018 Committee on Public Safety meeting approved by voice vote.
5. **Special Guests**
 - **Captain Gary Walters, Commanding Officer, West Traffic Division, Los Angeles Police Department** - Captain Walters is a 27-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department. His career has spanned assignments in North Hollywood, Hollenbeck, Metropolitan, and 77th Divisions as well as Professional Standards and Operations Central Bureaus. He has been a patrol commanding officer at Pacific, 77th, Rampart, and Harbor Areas. In addition, he has commanded Air Support and - most recently – commands the West Traffic Division. – Captain Walters was unable to attend. SLO Adrian Acosta, Sgt. Danny Eun and two other officers attended in his place.
 - **Officer Blase Austin, Community Outreach and Partnership Program, California Highway Patrol** - Officer Austin is a 17 year veteran of the California Highway Patrol. He has worked a variety of assignments including Terrorism Liaison Officer, Gang Liaison Officer, Officer-In-Charge, Field Training Officer, Protective Service Detail Officer, Public Information Officer, Special Response Team Officer, and Senior Volunteer Coordinator. He is currently assigned as team coordinator of the Community Outreach and Partnership program.
6. **Old Business**
 - None
7. **New Business**
 - **Traffic Safety in Mar Vista** – Discussion of traffic safety issues in Mar Vista including efforts to reduce speeding and dangerous driving in residential neighborhoods, including a possible motion or motions for MVCC to procure signs and/or equipment to assist police in enforcement efforts.
 - Discussion of possibly procuring a new speed trailer ensued
 - Bill Pope provided background on the maintenance issues encountered with the old speed trailer
 - Speed trailers are effective in reducing speeds for only three to four days after deployment.
 - Speed trailers provide a false sense of security.
 - Decoy cars are also ineffective.

- A lawn-sign campaign was suggested.
- A motion was made to recommend against purchasing a new speed trailer and to focus instead on funding more effective measures including high-visibility crosswalks – Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- Issue was referred to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for further action.

8. **Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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