



Mar Vista Community Council



AGENDA & MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Tuesday, September 11th, 2018, at 7:00pm

Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

1. Call to order

Order called at 7:03pm

2. Presentation of Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

Approximately 20 in the audience for the presentation.

3. Roll Call – Call of the roll and certification of a quorum

Quorum met during roll call with {Robin Doyno, Elliot Hanna, Mary Hruska, Rob Kadota, Susan Klos, Nanxi Liu, Damien Newton, Sara Roos, Holly Tilson} nine present; Aaron Elster entered at 7:09pm and Michelle Krupkin at 7:10pm;. Ken Alpern, Paola Cervantes absent

4. Community Memorial Observations

Hruska: 9/11/2000 remembered with a moment of silence for all who perished on Sept 11, and the families still reeling from the impact.

5. Announcements

Damien Newton: Angel City Chorus, which practices at St. Andrews with many Mar Vistans among its choir, competed on America’s Got Talent two hours ago and they need our vote (online or via app)! It’s cool to see some from our community get this recognition.

6. Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda

Selena Inouye: (1) While WLA network announced its filing of a lawsuit against the City, this is not a pass for MVCC – the Venice road diet is not over yet and the community is asking for a Town Hall on the subject in December. There will be more motions for MVCC to consider on the subject. (2) "Action Network" letters is advocacy, not harassment. (3) Inappropriate Board behavior including side conversations, rolling eyes, dirty looks, should be addressed by the Chair.

Sheri Odere: received an email reply about how her email is harassing, but she doesn’t understand why and does not believe she should be accused of this.

Robin Doyno: LAUSD has behaved rudely by failing to update the community on construction changes?

7. Ex-Parte Communications and Conflicts-of-Interest - Each board member shall declare any ex-parte communications or conflicts-of-interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.

<i>Alpern –absent</i>	<i>Cervantes – absent</i>	<i>Doyno - none</i>	<i>Elster - none</i>
<i>Hanna – discussions of 11.1, 11.6, 12.5 with one or two other board members .</i>			<i>Hruska -none</i>
<i>Kadota - none</i>	<i>Klos – none</i>	<i>Krupkin – Discussion of many items on the agenda, but none of which involve personal financial benefit.</i>	
<i>Liu – none</i>	<i>Newton – ordinary PLUM conversations.</i>	<i>Roos – none</i>	<i>Tilson – many conversations, none involving conflicts of interest</i>

8. Adoption of the Agenda

Adopted without objection at 7:13pm.

9. **Reading and Approval of Minutes** – Reading and approval of the minutes from the July 10, 2018 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Incorrect Minutes referenced requires approval of August 31, 2018 Minutes to be postponed to October 9, 2018 meeting.

10. Reports

10.1. Elected Official and City Department Reports

Vanessa Serrano (DONE): PowerLA podcast available through DONE website – interviews with local individuals of interest, politicians, commissioners, staff, NC board members, etc.

Annual Congress Of Neighborhoods, September 22, 2018, 8am-4pm – myriad sessions from Planning to NC-related issues. Includes parking, breakfast, lunch.

Board Member David Ryu's CF 18-0467 has extended the public comment period.

Hannah Levien (CD11): Thanks to MVCC BoD for the \$10,685 via council motion for traffic improvements along McLaughlin; special thanks to Holly Tilson for treasury logistics. Arrival boards are confirmed for Centinela/Venice (per Krupkin).

10.2. Officer Reports

10.2.1. Chair – Elliot Hanna

Cmte/subcmte system is new, Mission Statements and designation of presiding or rotating Co-chairs need filing with Secretary. Minutes should be posted within ten days of meeting. Help is available – please ask!

10.2.2. 1st Vice-Chair – Rob Kadota

Rosenberg's Rules are copied, available for new Chairs – please familiarize yourself with the system and ask for help if needed.

10.2.3. 2nd Vice-Chair – Paola Cervantes

10.2.4. Secretary – Sara Roos

Filed letters and their recipients, responses, CIS available from the website. Newsletter is in process.

10.2.5. Treasurer – Holly Tilson

MER is in the packet. NCs received \$42K this year. The budget we set and approve governs spending; funding motions come via cmte, and are subsequently agendized through Exfin or sometimes straight to the BoD as funding motions. This month we spent \$790 on routine expenses, meeting room, etc mifi, mailchimp, The Web Corner; \$39,400K remains.

10.3. Zone Director Reports

MOTION(Kadota/Hruska) to suspend rules and move forward the Zone Director and Committee Reports (agenda items 10.3 & 10.4) **PASSED** 10/0/1 (Hanna); [Alpern, Cervantes absent] at 7:25pm

11. Special Orders –

11.1. **Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation** – Presentation from Hannah Levien of CD11 of a certificate of appreciation to Linda Guagliano for her years of service as chairperson of the MVCC/CD11/LADAOT liaison committee

Hannah Levien: Linda Guagliano has worked tirelessly with the CD11/LADOT Traffic Committee established by Bill Rosendahl. She is a great diplomat, takes reports and works carefully, holding everyone accountable; she will be hard to replace. She is recognized by the City and Council member Bonin for her decade of service.

Linda Guagliano: Expresses thanks for the beautiful award. The bimonthly committee she took over when its Chair left in 2008 is neither MVCC Committee nor Subcommittee nor liaison Committee either; it is a distinct entity. Closed to the public several years ago, the LADOT limits public input because they are unprepared to address general questions there.

11.2. Presentation from LADWP (15 minutes) – Presentation from Annette Flores, Louis Rubacalva, and Deborah Hong of LADWP regarding the Venice-Sepulveda Water Pipeline Project.

<http://www.ladwp.com/SepulvedaVenice>

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Project Manager: Annette Flores | 213-367-0827 | annette.flores@ladwp.com

Associate Project Manager: Mary Olmos | 213-367-4475 | mary.olmos@ladwp.com

Community Affairs: Deborah Hong | 213-367-5204 | deborah.hong@ladwp.com

Construction will start soon on the Sepulveda-Venice water pipeline increasing reliability of LADWP's water distribution system to the West Los Angeles area. The project will provide an emergency connection to the [Metropolitan Water District of Southern California \(MWD\)](#) water supply by constructing a new trunk line that will be connected to an existing pipeline. The new steel trunk line will be between 20-inches and 54-inches in diameter and extend approximately 1,700 feet under Sepulveda Boulevard and Venice Boulevard within the City of Los Angeles and Culver City.

The project will be staged in six sections to limit impact to the Community. The first two stages will last 6 weeks each, finished before the Holiday moratorium beginning at Thanksgiving. Travel will be intermittently impacted along Sepulveda Blvd. The entire project is anticipated to be completed by January 2020.

As part of the project, eventually a new regulator station will be constructed on Bentley Avenue south of Venice Boulevard to control and reduce water pressure coming from the MWD system. In addition, a pressure relief station will be installed on Bentley Avenue, north of Venice Boulevard to support the emergency connection. No disruption in water service is anticipated.

11.3. Presentation regarding Mark Twain Tennis Courts Project (15 minutes) – Presentation from Mark Hovatter of the Los Angeles Unified School District regarding the Mark Twain Tennis Courts Project.

Community Relations: Fortunato Tapia, fortunato.tapia@lausd.net

Chief of Facilities, LAUSD: Mark Hovatter, mark.hovatter@lausd.net

Upon the completion of 131 new school construction projects three years past, LAUSD refocused to modernization of older campuses, of which Venice HS (VHS) is one. The project is large, lasting four years, encompassing upgrading infrastructure, new sports facilities, 29 classrooms, \$138m dollars.

To make room for construction and temporary housing of classrooms, VHS' existing 4 tennis courts needed to be removed, without any capacity for replacement prior to the end of construction.

To avoid displacing the HS tennis program, the contractor offered to build new courts at nearby Mark Twain MS at no cost, expanding service to a second campus and avoiding interrupted access for the High Schoolers. It seemed a benefit overall but the two sites were not treated separately, disturbing the immediate community surrounding MTMS. Accordingly LAUSD did not act as good neighbors. LAUSD regrets the disruption and lack of courtesy in explaining what was happening and why.

Community concerns have been addressed directly with stakeholders by modifying the original court design which abutted a fence, and incorporating a setback to baffle the noise along with landscaping.

Dedicated offsite parking should allay concerns about pressures on street parking. Nighttime activity on the courts is extremely unlikely: any surplus funds would likely first go to playing fields but any such addition would trigger a public comment process first.

The VHS project is a source of pride, including a state-of-the-art gym, sports fields open to the public, and sorely needed renovations to student's learning environment. Project staff is available to answer questions (contact above).

Liu: Clarifies that the time frame for courts construction is two months; entire project is 4 years.

Selena Inouye: Feels community and staff input was solicited but not heeded. Hovatter: The community was consulted and involved, but at \$20m over-budget already [due to unanticipated infrastructure needs], cost:benefit design decisions limit options available for the project.

Doyno: Will the pool be modernized? Hovatter: LAUSD owns the land on which the present pool rests and supports replacement discussions with CoLA regarding indoor vs. outdoor pool. Along with the open gym this marks \$32m invested in sports facilities.

Tilson: Thanks for meeting with the community; the pool remains of concern and its renovation ought to utilize LA84 (Olympic) money.

Margaret Hosier: Reiterates appreciation.

Allison Holdorff (LAUSD4): acknowledges LAUSD Facilities and WMVRA involvement.

Roos: References the community petition signed by 700 stakeholders demonstrating the pool's centrality to this community and the imperative for its renovation.

11.4. Presentation from the Vista Area Representative, Los Angeles County Assessor's Office (10 minutes) – Short presentation from Matthew Lyons, the Mar Vista area representative of the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office. Mr. Lyons will discuss the Office of the Assessor's proactive approach to addressing taxpayer issues.

The assessor's office appraises all taxable property, equipment, machinery in the City. Six agencies are involved in taxation, so because of the complex, Jeffrey Prang's office is trying to be more proactive in helping homeowners find savings. Assessor's website portal has information about property, taxes and how to claim exemptions and discover other such savings and tax relief.

Selena Inouye – concerned about the effect of a neighboring residence converted from triplex to duplex. Ans: This could be a recording issue, or a permit office problem for the registrar-recorder; Prang's office can commit to helping identify responsibility.

Tilson: A rumor suggests 40% of housing in LA is owned by one corporation; are tax bills sent in such concentration as to suggest truth to this rumor? Ans: There are corporations with significant amounts of property, but has not heard such a number.

Marty Rubin: Tax assessment will be affected by [proposition 5](#) on the November 2018 ballot that would amend proposition 13, involving the one-time transfer of tax assessment to a newly purchased house anywhere within CA.

Regarding sales tax, its administration has recently been switched from the [State Board of Equalization](#) to the [California Department of Finances and Tax Administration](#), perhaps reflecting changing departmental responsibilities.

11.5. Presentation from Uber/JUMP Bikes (10 minutes) – Short presentation from Andrew Magaña, Senior Operations Manager for Uber/JUMP Bikes in Southern California.

Andrew Magana <andrewm@uber.com>

CoLA has permitted a pilot program to evaluate dockless, motorized bicycles, branded a bright orange color and called "JUMP", these are owned by Uber and utilize the same app. They launched 9/17/18 in Santa Monica and soon thereafter in LA.

The green "Hulu" branded bicycles in Santa Monica, Westwood and WeHo are run by the same company ("Breeze") but are "docked", utilizing hubs and a different payment system that will eventually be integrated.

Dockless bikes are being piloted as a more convenient, controllable system; the permitting process in CoLA requires feedback from NCs. Feedback from the community will help prevent bad experiences. The collaboration with Uber is designed to reduce short car trips.

Price is competitive with scooters – tap card can be filled with cash or credit card; equitable access is subsidized.

Newton: How are adjoining municipalities integrated? Ans: out-of-service locations (say, Mar Vista) can't be activated but bicycles can be dropped there for charging-collection.

Kalani Whittington: Safety is a concern; who is liable for an underage child illegally operating a motorized vehicle? Ans: CoLA requires that JUMP carry \$5m insurance, so the City is not in financial risk, but liability is determined by the courts.

Hannah Levien: Policy questions about the Council's pilot and recent mobility legislation may be [directed toward her](#).

11.6. Resignations of board member and committee chairs/co-chairs – Discussion and possible action regarding resignations received, including appointments of replacements.

Paola Cervantes, MVCC's Second Vice-Chair, resigned her At-Large board and Committee positions for personal reasons, effective September 4, 2018. Ms. Cervantes brought decency and civility to the board. She is a wonderful, lovely person and a calming influence; her resignation is accepted with regret. The MVCC board extends best wishes for her continued well-being and happiness.

The board vacancy shall be filled pursuant to MVCC's bylaws. Letters of candidacy should be addressed to the Chair@marvista.org by 9pm on October 6, 2018, 25 days from this announcement. Following candidate's statements and a question-answer period at its regularly monthly board meeting on October 9, 2018, a replacement will be appointed by the Chair subject to board confirmation.

ExFin is filled upon election of a new second Vice-Chair. The BoD Chair will temporarily Co-chair ExFin.

The resignation of Ms. Guagliano is effective August 14, 2018 but she will temporarily Chair the September 19, 2018 meeting. To fill her giant shoes, former MVCC Chair and dedicated pot-hole investigator Albert Olson has distinguished himself as fair-minded and knowledgeable about transportation issues. His appointment effective September 20, 2018 is **CONFIRMED by a vote of 9/0/2** (Doyno, Newton).

Agenda item 10.3 Zone Director Reports

Rules (agenda order) resumed

Agenda item 10.3.1. Zone 1 – Ken Alpern

Agenda item 10.3.2 Zone 2 – Damien Newton

NWNA newsletter is out. NWNA party is coming September 29. Awesome, come hang out. Party there all day, Noon-7. Enjoy the talent show.

Pelton appeal of the project at 11671-11677 National(/Barrington). This is a big mixed use development going in by right, with interesting ingress/egress issues. Its driveway is felt to be on the "wrong" street, but the Developers didn't listen. Adjacent property owners filed an appeal of the LADOT ruling in favor of the contested driveway, which was upheld at the CoLA Transportation Cmte, but subsequently overruled by the City Attorney in a confidential letter. The appeal was deemed impermissible for liability reasons. The original single ingress/egress off Barrington remains. The Developer reached many agreements with CD11, even while unresponsive to the community. Therefore the appeal filed by the Peltons enabled interaction with the recalcitrant Developer so the community owes them a debt of gratitude.

Agenda item 10.3.3. Zone 3 – Mary Hruska

First Community Plan Subcommittee will meet September 25, 2018 at 7:30, in St. Andrews Church, Narbeth Room. All are invited. There will be outreach from DCP specifically on our Community Plan at the Felicia Mahood Center on SM Boulevard from 9-11am.

Westdale HOA block party will be held between 1p – 5p on September 30th, 2018.

Agenda item 10.3.4. Zone 4 – Aaron Elster

The shiny new zebra-crosswalks were installed at Charnock/Mclaughlin & Charnock/Victoria. Congrats to everyone who made this happen.

Agenda item 10.3.5. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin

Canela Restaurant closed along the Great Street on August 31, 2018. This brings the count to 14 businesses closed since the inception of the pilot program installed along Venice Boulevard on May 20, 2017.

There was a shooting in the alley between Inglewood and Marcasel. A new hair salon called [The Hive Beauty Collection](#) opened between Inglewood and Marcasel.

Agenda item 10.3.6. Zone 6 – Holly Tilson

The LAUSD presentation constituted much of Zone 6's report. Five houses have been burglarized in the last month by first knocking on the front door to determine occupancy, entering through the back door and exiting the front.

Agenda item 10.4 Committee Reports

Agenda item 10.4.1 Elections and Bylaws

Everyone's invited; Three CoChairs will rotate. Standing Rules and Bylaws are on the website; tent policy has been reviewed already.

Agenda item 10.4.2 Community Outreach

Posting deadline was missed but new one will be posted in next couple days.

Agenda item 10.4.3 Transportation and Infrastructure

T/I is first Wednesdays; Great Streets second Wednesdays. Scooter motion discussed, overview of the Artwalk.

Agenda item 10.4.4 Planning and Land Use Management

PLUM meetings are first-Thursdays. 75 unit project at 4343 Gateway/Barrington is in the offing (with a bookstore). Very large (400+) unit project at Sepulveda/Palms is in the offing with a special meeting to be scheduled dedicated to it; it is the largest project ever built here in MV. Interactions with the developer have been challenging.

Agenda item 10.4.5 Public Health and Safety

SubCommittee reports: Aging In Place is a speaker series not meeting now; October is the next scheduled.

Mobility/Bike MV is working on outreach and education among youth and schools; Back To School is a priority. Piloting a 'Bike Rodeo' that will hopefully spread beyond its first events to many schools in rotation. Encouraging "Ride To School" and "Walk To School" days shifting traffic patterns. Partnering with Culver City "Walk N Rollers", looking for funding that can be matched as is theirs. Weekly bike stand at the Farmer's Market continues and will help prepare bikes for September 30, 2018 CicLAvia: LAPhil 100-year celebration between Disney Hall and the Hollywood Bowl.

Emergency Preparedness: Great shakeout on October 14, 2018. Valley Preparedness fair along with Resilience LA have good ways to prepare your neighborhood, and the block captain program too.

Homeless Issues: has been meeting actively around the situation at Globe/Tuller, investigating solutions.

Agenda item 10.4.6 Education, Arts, and Culture

none

12. Consent Calendar – The Consent Calendar is reserved for items deemed to be routine and non-controversial. Any board member may pull an item or items for further discussion.

NOTE THAT FUNDING ITEMS NEED ROLE CALL SO CONSENT CALENDAR MUST BE CALLED

12.1. Review and approval of Monthly Expense Report – Review and approval of the Monthly Expense Report for August, 2018.

12.2. Appropriation for Venice High School's "Grease Night" (Executive and Finance Committee [funding]) – The Mar Vista Community Council approves an OUTREACH EXPENDITURE, not to exceed \$300, for the purpose of conducting outreach activities at Venice High School's "Grease Night."

12.3. Appropriation for fall newsletter (Director Tilson [funding]) – The Mar Vista Community Council approves the OUTREACH EXPENDITURE of up to \$4,000 for printing costs and distribution for a fall newsletter.

12.4. Appropriation for safe-cycling events (Mobility Subcommittee [funding]) – The Mar Vista Community Council approves the OUTREACH EXPENDITURE of up to \$400 for printing costs and light refreshments for safe-cycling and bike-swap/bike-tune-up events at two local elementary schools.

Pulled by Krupkin

12.5. Subcommittee name change (Mobility Subcommittee [administrative]) – The Mar Vista Community Council renames the “Mobility” Subcommittee to the “Bike Mar Vista” Subcommittee.

Pulled by Roos

12.6. Reimbursement of office expenses (Director Tilson [funding]) – The Mar Vista Community Council approves an \$86.49 OFFICE EXPENDITURE to reimburse Holly Tilson for office supplies used in the treasurer's duties.

12.7. Support for construction of an eldercare facility (Planning and Land Use Management [policy]) – The Mar Vista Community Council supports the construction of an eldercare facility with 67 assisted-care units and 20 memory-care units, with subterranean parking, at 11405 West Venice Blvd.

12.8. Trader Joe’s Conditional Use Permit (Planning and Land Use Management [policy]) – The Mar Vista Community Council supports the conditional-use permit application for Trader Joe’s, located at 3546 South Sepulveda Blvd., to sell bottled alcohol.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR, EXCLUDING 12.4 & 12.5 – none.

*Consent calendar is **APPROVED** unanimously: 11/0/0*

13. Excluded Consent Items – Discussion and further action on items excluded from the Consent Calendar.

13.1. (Agenda item 12.4) Appropriation for safe-cycling events (Mobility Subcommittee [funding]) – The Mar Vista Community Council approves the OUTREACH EXPENDITURE of up to \$400 for printing costs and light refreshments for safe-cycling and bike-swap/bike-tune-up events at two local elementary schools.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: *to include costs up to \$1000 ~ “The Mar Vista Community Council approves the OUTREACH EXPENDITURE of up to \$1000 for printing costs and light refreshments for safe-cycling and bike-swap/bike-tune-up events at two local elementary schools”.*

PUBLIC COMMENT – none on amendment

BOARD COMMENT ON AMENDMENT

Tilson: From where in the budget is this money to come? *Kadota:* Traditionally the end of the years sees a lot of unspent funds, e.g., \$10K plus in 2017-18; expects this will happen again. *Tilson:* So from elections? We haven’t yet discussed Committees’ budget and funding priorities comprehensively as a Board. It would be prudent to discuss our funds in the context of overall re-allocations. *Kadota:* This is a worthwhile investment in and of itself, and the source isn’t part of the motion.

Newton: Has run the program at Richland without funding and is excited about what could be done with a little money. These NC funds would be utilized after school hours.

Kadota: This is an experimental trial program for us in the school where we have the most solid parent engagement and volunteer help. The hope is to expand the program to be annual, rotating through different schools, zone to zone.

Krupkin: Supports the concept, two bike rodeos and LAPD and LAFD involvement; but is skeptical of the funding source. CoLA money may not be as appropriate as LAUSD funding or grant monies from LA County Bike Coalition or Vision Zero. Using City dollars to fund one form of transportation over another may be inappropriate.

Kadota: The rodeos are a new idea, and an opportunity to partner with City and County entities; it’s a worthwhile commitment and investment. The program has \$1500 grant from Walk N Rollers, which has corporate sponsors and is looking to support education.

Krupkin: Could no other sponsors be found; where is the other money sponsoring this event coming from? The possibility of [NACTO](#) money (National Association of City Transportation Officials) is concerning for its association with Vision Zero. As well, extending the request from \$400 to \$1000 is a large change, and without notice. More, if it’s a school event why not reach out to LAUSD?

Doyno: Bicycle safety is essential.

Roos: LAUSD wouldn’t be a source for this small, local event. Individual schools wouldn’t have the prerogative to devote their budget to this sort of outside program.

Tilson: We haven't set priorities at the start of the year, so as motions appear precipitously, already budgeted money must be shifted around, without a guiding vision. When projects don't get completed, money goes unclaimed at the end of the year, but in election years where money is scheduled for year's end, unbudgeted motions will come from those late-scheduled election monies.

Kadota: Sensitive to prioritization and budgeting issues, wants a budget that expresses our priorities.

The goal is for Bike Rodeos to alternate between schools, and develop a system for managing LAUSD hurdles and fees. Future endeavors will be easier..

AMENDMENT to raise appropriation from \$400 to \$1000 **PASSES** 9/0/2 (Hanna, Krupkin) at 8:57pm

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AMENDED MOTION

Selena Inouye: Shares concerns about funding one mobility form at the expense of another. The emphasis of the "Mobility Cmte" should not be preferentially for "Bikes". Will spending \$1,000 on a "bike rodeo" limit the committee's capacity to consider pedestrian issues? Disability issues? Is there a pre-existing relationship with the LAC Bike Coalition that biases the committee's focus? Would such a focus be more appropriately supported by the other entity?

Stacy Shure: Six years ago Clover ES in Zone 1 hosted such a Rodeo, supported by Westside Village HOA. Engaging LAUSD was a challenge but the event was very successful, demonstrating broad community need for it. 220 families were expected; over 400 showed up, many from outside the Zone. General safety issues were addressed, both children and families were reached and it proved a good outreach tool. Neighborhood Associations, even across Zones, are good potential funding and volunteering partners.

BOARD COMMENT ON AMENDED MOTION

Hanna: Pedestrian issues haven't been ignored by the Board; last fiscal year over \$10,000 went toward pedestrian traffic improvements along McLaughlin Boulevard, a significant increase over this proposed \$1,000 appropriation.

Newton: Agrees with the importance of spending more on pedestrian improvements. Here, the focus is on reaching out to Elementary School students so bicycle safety makes a lot of sense. Driver safety at High Schools could work as an alternate age-specific focus.

Krupkin: Isn't "anti-safety" but is concerned instead with the program's funding sources even while acknowledging its popularity and need, and the equity concerns surrounding implementation.

Hanna: Concern with expanding scope of the proposal, which originally included solely: bike swap, safe cycling and tuneup. With subsequent Culver City Walk N Roller interaction, the scope apparently expanded to be more of an emergency prep and safety fair, which brings more people and is more interesting especially to non-kids, but is changed from the original motion passed in the SubCommittee, and which was not heard in Committee. Kadota: The money could be spent just on safe cycling, but this opportunity to expand the scope seems beneficial.

Krupkin: If the event expands and becomes annual, printing and other costs can be planned and coordinated with SubCommittees moving forward, but also with school parent and community groups.

Safety provisions are the proud scope of other MVCC Committees, as for example the recent installation of continental crosswalks at the site of a fatal pedestrian crash. Recent opening celebrations of that initiative should have included contributors to the committee project.

Tilson: What is the process for such a motion? We have available funds, but no budget line-item for this appropriation.

Hanna: The motion could be sent to ExFin for budget adjustment. Tilson: For re-approval of a new budget that includes this line item, with the motion appropriated next meeting? Kadota: Alternatively approve the motion now and rewrite the budget to accommodate the appropriation after. Tilson: and if the budget is not approved, the appropriation cannot be spent?

MOTION CALLED (Elster/Liu) and **APPROVED** by 2/3 vote,

MOTION to approve the Outreach expenditure of \$1,000 **PASSES** 10/0/1 (Hanna) at 9:11pm

13.2. (Agenda item 12.4) Subcommittee name change (Mobility Subcommittee [administrative]) – The Mar Vista Community Council renames the “Mobility” Subcommittee to the “Bike Mar Vista” Subcommittee.

Previously the Committee was named “Bike MV”. During July’s Committee restructuring the committee was re-designated “Mobility” but also placed under ‘Public Health And Safety’ rather than ‘Transportation and Infrastructure’ (T/I) because this better reflected its focus on health and safety. However therefore the name “Bike MV” more accurately captured this committee’s goals and aspirations; it’s catchier and more reflective of what the CoChairs are trying to do.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheri Odere: Concerned that the MVCC Mobility Committee will be simply a bike club, leaving no stakeholder representation for other forms of “mobility” – walking, scooting, driving.

Selena Inouye: At best it would be a bike club; worse would be a lobbying group. If the purpose were to promote businesses, bicycling classes, a bicycle-agenda, that would constitute a conflict of interest and potential financial gain. A mobility committee is fine with a safety focus, but should include all forms of transportation in order to sustain a more balanced view on the issue.

BOARD COMMENT

Hanna: Breaking tradition in speaking first in order to clarify the intention in renaming the committee. It was deliberate, and intended to suggest addressing all forms of transportation. It is important to avoid even an appearance of bias; focusing on bikes alone can give the impression there is a “special interest” to the committee rather than a general one. Therefore he opposes the name change.

Kadota: welcomes T/I taking up the matter of mobility, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, alternative transportation modalities – these are critical issues, the heart and soul of T/I. However they are beyond a narrow scope of charge, which is the goal. They are open to other issues – e.g., rides sponsored by other folks, such as MVNA.

Hanna: Moving the committee to Public Health and Safety was to emphasize safety concerns, not road trips.

Newton: Apologizes for losing composure at the term “bike lobby” since there exist more insulting conspiracy concerns.

Krupkin: Welcomes a Mobility Subcommittee under T/I, which has addressed the noted issues. Mobility issues are also of concern to the Great Streets Subcommittee, where sidewalk repair concerns pedestrian mobility.

Hruska: Suggests a Mobility Subcommittee under T/I is not incompatible with Bike MV as a Subcommittee under Public Health/Safety; both could be valuable. Great Streets could retain its interest in scooters, for example; issues of disability mobility could be addressed. A bimonthly meeting could be considered if staffing is problematic.

Tilson: moves to create two committees, Mobility under T/I and Bike MV under Public Health/Safety, both Chaired by Kadota.

Newton: Argues the motion is out of order; sustained by the Chair.

*Newton: **MOVES** (Newton/Alpern) to postpone the motion definitely until the October 9, 2018 meeting. This could allow the motion to be considered carefully and withdrawn if desired. Kadota: prefers a vote now.*

***MOTION** to postpone the Committee name change til the October BoD meeting **PASSES** 6 (Newton, Liu, Elster, Doyno, Tilson, Hanna)/5 (Roos, Klos, Kadota, Krupkin, Alpern)/0 at 9:25pm*

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders - None

Do trees.

Newton from PLUM.came through subcmte – city is redoing urban forestry plan and at wracpum was discussion that city only needs 3 days notice to removing trees in non-eergency – says 3 days Is not enough time under our own bylaws. Doesn’t impact emergency situations; this is non-eergency to change 3d to 45d. len was at our meeting and saw no reason to oppose this. Thought was fine.

Hanna reads it.

15. New Business –

15.1. Opposition to dockless scooter permits (Transportation & Infrastructure [policy]) – Discussion and possible action regarding a motion passed by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee regarding dockless scooters in Mar Vista.

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council supports dockless scooters as an affordable mode of transportation that integrates well with existing public transit options; and

WHEREAS, MVCC recognizes the primacy of public safety of ALL residents and visitors over other worthy neighborhood goals like improved transportation, accommodating new technology, or equal access to multimodal transportation for low income neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the majority of dockless scooter riders in Mar Vista and Venice violate traffic laws such as avoiding sidewalks and Class I bike paths or riding with a valid driver's license, and scooter companies have not taken necessary steps to mitigate illegal behavior; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and LADOT developed a regulatory framework and pilot program for shareable dockless vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the pilot regulations drew from a traffic study limited to one council district and did not include usage patterns or accident rates in areas where dockless scooter usage is highest; and

WHEREAS, the regulations emphasized equity and sidewalk safety of parked vehicles, but ignored safety of vehicles in operation; and

WHEREAS, the regulations do not provide LAPD with specific guidance on enforcement, allocate resources from fees to mitigate the costs of enforcement, or require dockless scooter operators to self-enforce by geofencing prohibited areas;

THEREFORE, MVCC censures the approval of the LADOT regulations and opposes issuing permits to companies to operate scooters at this time. MVCC will support these actions once the city council and LADOT immediately take the following steps to improve the regulations:

- require permitted companies to disable scooter usage or parking via geofencing on all Class I bike paths, city parks (excluding roads and bicycle lanes, and including the Venice Beach Boardwalk), and LAUSD primary and secondary schools; and*
- provide LAPD with adequate resources to deploy two extra officers for fulltime traffic enforcement, to focus on scooter usage in high-impact areas; and*
- develop, in consultation with LAPD, signage informing scooter users of relevant traffic laws, and deploy signage in areas with the highest illegal usage (as determined by LAPD) including on the Braude Bike Path.*

Additionally, MVCC requests that LA City Council and LADOT act during the pilot program to:

- study scooter traffic patterns, law violations, and injury rates in areas of the city with the highest scooter usage, and*
- use the results of that study to determine, with LAPD, the extra long-term resources needed to enforce traffic laws for scooters and cover the cost of these resources with changes to the permitting fee structure, and*
- approve enforcement mechanisms to accept reports of illegal scooter usage and disable accounts of identify users that illegally operate scooters, using ride data provided by the scooter companies.*

Agenda item 15.1 postponed until October 9, 2018 meeting for want of time.

15.2. Support for notification of tree removals (Planning and Land Use Management [policy]) – Discussion and possible action regarding support for a 45-day public-comment period prior to the removal of any city-owned trees.

WHEREAS the City of Los Angeles (CoLA) is developing a new Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP) following years of City budget-related cutbacks, and

WHEREAS subsequent class-action litigation settled in 2015 prioritizes and funds reparation of ADA compliant sidewalks, putting pressure on the mature trees comprising our urban canopy since these are more likely to have lifted sidewalks due to the dearth of preventive maintenance, and

WHEREAS the Urban Forestry Division (UFD) has adopted policy to notify EmpowerLA of pending tree removal permits in the City, and

WHEREAS EmpowerLA shall alert the relevant Neighborhood Council (NC) as to tree/s within its boundaries at risk for removal, triggering either a 3-day review period in the case of 1-2 at-risk trees, or a 30-day review period in the case of 3+ at-risk trees,

THEREFORE, let it be understood that while the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC, a certified NC) appreciates the partnership that would empower cooperation in these important assessments, enabling sustenance of our vital urban canopy, yet it

REQUESTS the timeline for evaluating tree removal permits be extended to accommodate NC citizen advisory capabilities and limitations, as a Brown-Acted Council restricted by monthly committee and board meetings. Three days is insufficient time to manage and publicly evaluate such consequential – and technical – decisions with good faith and accuracy. And legal constraints can make even a 30-day notice period infeasible.

THEREFORE the MVCC requests a timeline that would empower NCs meaningfully, by restructuring UFD's process in conjunction with whatever City Departments, Offices or Councils are necessary, to mandate a 45-day period for public comment on the proposed removal of trees.

Motion presented by Newton: This is about City-owned trees. Developers frequently remove trees in the process of construction and we learn of it after permits are issued or the trees are gone. The Department of Urban Forestry is trying to involve community stakeholders better through NCs and Council District offices. But given Brown Act constraints, NCs cannot cooperate effectively in three days; this proposal could not engage us. This is feedback concerning the proposed process.

Unusual opportunity to be the first of fellow westside NCs to pass a motion; neighboring NCs are excited to follow MVCC's lead on this.

Krupkin: Witnessed the disappearance of a hundred year old historic Canary Palm without notice: supports this attempt to better engage the community in tree removal notification.

*Motion regarding tree removal notification **PASSES** 10/0/1 (Hanna).*

15.3. Discussion of improvements to MVCC website (administrative) – Discussion and possible action regarding improvements to the MVCC website.

Agenda item 15.3 postponed until October 9, 2018 meeting for want of time.

15.4. Discussion of constituting a town hall subcommittee (administrative) – Discussion and possible action regarding constituting a town hall subcommittee to arrange meetings regarding issues of interest in Mar Vista.

Agenda item 15.4 postponed until October 9, 2018 meeting for want of time.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:38pm

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