



Mar Vista Community Council



AGENDA & MINUTES

ROSE Committee (Recreation and Open Space Empowerment)

<http://www.marvista.org/ROSE.php>

Thursday, August 23rd, 2018, 6:30pm

Rutt's Hawaiian Café, Open patio on the east side
11707 Washington Pl; Mar Vista, CA 90066

1. **Introductions** ~ Welcome!

Scott Silverman, Sara Roos

2. **Minutes** – approval of 7/27/18 minutes

Without objection, passed 2/0/0

3. **Public Comment**

none

4. **Old Business** –

I. Cmte administration:

A. Setting of regular meeting time, place?

Last Friday of the month, 3:00pm, Rotating public coffee shops

B. Name change correction/proposal: "ROSE" to "POSy"

Name reflects "Parks And Open Space "Colloquy" (lol) – intended to not alter the technical name of the Committee resurrected by Elliot, but still honor the nice flower-name of yore.

II. Update on PAB, allying with MV Park and Its director, [Caroline Lammers](#); PAB board.

Sara will contact the Park, past PAB Chair Albert Olson and try to arrange to attend.

Scott will develop a letter articulating our desire to be helpful and not intrusive. We would like to be good neighbors, good partners.

III. Update on Beach Curfew issue (informative available on Cmte page at

<http://www.marvista.org/docs/34485690-9560.pdf>)

Passed the BoD and notice will be forwarded to WRAC. This makes super majority of Council-passages at WRAC so they will forward a litter of support.

This is contrary to POSy's position which was to learn more about the matter rather than pass it. Sara brought it to PLUM although it did not pass at POSy because it is a matter for the whole board to consider in order to elide with WRAC's cooperative mission. As well the demographics of the PLUM Cmte and POSy Cmte are different and it seemed fair that there be a hearing at both. The matter ultimately rests with the BoD for passage.

Note the motion was tabled pending further Safety information, but PLUM was in favor of passage and it was agendized for the Aug 31, 2018 for BoD.

IV. Inventory of Open Space in MV

A. Contribution to Community Plan initiative

This should be discussed with the CP SubCmte to discuss partnership.

V. Fall Festival

Coming along. We should try to have a presence, some agendas and minutes at least. Sara will discuss with Julie Miller

VI. Any other Old Business of concern

5. **New Business**

I. Fall Festival NEWSLETTER assistance/submissions

Issue focused on NAs so Cmte contributions not needed

- II. Tree Removal Notification Process, possible **motion** (in collaboration with WNC, WRAC):
increase the notification to NCs from Urban Forestry Dept. beyond the current **three-day notice policy** for removals of 1-2 trees. Having a three-day window is very short and does not provide adequate time for volunteers to go out and investigate, poll their fellow NCs, etc.

MOTION PASSED 2/0/0 for presentation to PLUM. Motion is for 45-day notification period for both 1-2 trees and 3+ trees. Anything less is not utilitarian given our Brown-Acted constraints. Informative attached which includes wording of motion.

- III. Other WRAC motions/concerns (to be determined)

None but Sara should develop regular process for consideration of these.

- IV. Any other New Business of concern

6. Future Meetings

- I. Strategies for building committee members, locale/time suggestions

Meetings to rotate at local coffee shops, need table tent.

7. Future Agenda items

8. Public Comment

9. Adjournment (by 7:30pm)

Adjourned at 7:15pm

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Informational re: Beach Curfew

In the 1980s many communities were struggling with high rates of violent crime and by 1988 many curfew ordinances for youth were enforced in both beachside communities and inland, along beach through-paths and on the beach itself.

By 2010 the gang and crime situation had changed and these dated ordinances were revisited amid questions regarding the regulatory authority of the Coastal Commission.

This 2010 LAT article by Tony Barboza provides a good background:

<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/nov/18/local/la-me-beach-curfew-20101117>

California coastal panel challenges beach curfews

The commission says cities' nighttime closures are illegal without state approval. The first big fight is shaping up in Los Angeles, which says the panel has little authority over local statutes.

The Westside Regional Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (WRAC) – a cooperative regional council made up of all 13 Neighborhood and Community Councils on the Westside of Los Angeles – serves to amplify our collective voices. WRAC will adopt a policy position if and only when a super majority of its constituent NCs approve a substantially similar motion.

The following has been passed by (1) Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council, (2) Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa, (3) Westside Neighborhood Council, (4) Pacific Palisades Community Council, (5) Brentwood Neighborhood Council and (6) Westwood Neighborhood Council, (7) Westwood Community Council (8) West LA-Sawtelle Neighborhood Council, and (9) South Robertson Neighborhoods Council

Motion: The Mar Vista Community Council opposes the lifting of the beach curfew currently in place, restricting beach access from midnight to 5am, daily. This is in consideration of public health and safety concerns and in keeping with long standing practice, supported by LAPD and LA County Beaches and Harbors, who are tasked with maintaining the safety and integrity of the beach and the shoreline, respectively.

and this more generally from the NYTimes: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/26/us/26curfew.html>

At issue is whether the CoLA or the Coastal Commission (CCC) has final authority over the beaches. CoLA contends the CCC does not appreciate social concerns specific to this locality (crime, homelessness, parking); the CCC contends its authority supersedes local jurisdictions regardless.

The courts have generally approved the CCC's position and in 2015 a group of homeless and anti-gentrification activists sued the City regarding its failure to obtain approval from the CCC for curfew restrictions.

That lawsuit was settled for \$1.1m in April and the City intends to seek that approval from the CCC, which is rumored to hear the matter in November.

As stated in a 2015 letter from the CCC, The CoLA will have to show "... "credible evidence" of a continuing public safety threat to get the permit". <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-venice-curfew-challenge20150419-story.html>.

Negotiating points employed or suggested by various coastal communities and policy makers at different times include • locations of corridor access, • curfew hours, • extent of beach access (for example, within 20 feet of "wet sand"), • compensatory enforcement appropriations • warning -> ticketing process.

Pacific Palisades has been key on this NC motion and its stakeholders particularly vocal. One proposed beach corridor could well be located at Will Rogers SP/beach, while a potential corridor at Venice Beach has been missing from periodic proposals. Here is a good article from PP: <http://www.palisadesnews.com/index.php/2018/03/26/editorial-beach-curfew-and-the-coastal-commission/>

MVCC's ROSE Subcommittee was interested to hear more about the law enforcement challenges before committing to a policy position. MVCC's PLUM Committee supports the safety concerns of the NCs in our neighboring beach communities (Del Rey, Venice, Pacific Palisades) and supports the WRAC resolution as written.