

INFORMATIVE: Proposed sidewalk mosaics in Mar Vista

Previously:

The former CD11 Transportation Deputy shepherded a project via MVCC's Great Streets Committee for a sidewalk mosaic by artist Tracey Corrine, of a hopscotch design ("Hopscotch project") to be placed in the sidewalk in front of the MV Library.

This project remains on the table. It is difficult to implement but Tracey's been talking with the Bureau of Street Services (BSS) for some time now about the logistical details. Mosaics are very labor intensive projects, so coordinating the artist's lead time with the BSS' schedule is tricky. This project is half-completed and while an approximate date of installation cannot be promised, its completion remains a priority.

Currently:

The Bureau of Street Services is fixing the sidewalk in front of 826LA within the next month. This will result in wet concrete, a necessary condition for installing a sidewalk mosaic.

For the 826LA site, the proposed mosaic ("826LA project") would be smaller: three 20"x20" tiles. Physical conditions would not have to be arranged, they are happening anyway, and some of the labour difficulties with the Hopscotch project are obviated with this different, smaller design.

The proposed 826LA project would be different from the Hopscotch project. It would be more general to Mar Vista, and less kid-centric. It is intended to be a design that is welcoming of and to Mar Vista as a community.

The Hopscotch project would not be tabled if the 826LA project is implemented. But its completion cannot be promised, only prioritized.

Here are proposal sketches for the 826LA Project:



- done in ochres + or yellows depending on what is available



- could be all blues if yellow or orange is not available.



- flower would look better in yellows if we can get but can also do in multiple blues.

Bee and California Poppy square

This tile speaks to the Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase and the communities commitment to conservation, the health of the planet, the bee is on a California Poppy so it speaks as well to the state flower and it's growth here in our neighborhood.

...and here are photos of the in-process tiles for the proposed 826LA Project:



Sunflower or coastal flower square

This square is a more generic representation of nature found in Mar Vista - from sunflowers, to daisies, to coastal California *encelia*. This could be any of these and it's a bright and happy design in a sea green background.

...and a note from the Artist about process:

The colored tile is a solid color porcelain tile which is slip tested for outdoor wet areas like pools and indoor areas like bathrooms and kitchens. It will be adhered to a solid porcelain floor tile using mortar and another adhesive which allows tile to be installed over tile. These layers would be installed in the sidewalk in 20 3/8"x 20 3/8" squares framed out by BoSS. I hope for a nice artistic arrangement of the three squares somewhere around and in front of Alana's coffee roasters and 826 LA.