



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
PLUM Committee
August 23, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Mar Vista Public Library
Public Meeting Room
12006 Venice Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions and Public Comments for items not on agenda - Four members of the board of directors, 8 members of the public, 2 member of Matz Properties, and 2 co-chairs (Michael Millman and Latrice Williams)

Latrice Williams Chairs Meeting

3. Passing of Minutes
 - a. Approved as amended, added word minutes to masthead. Passes by acclamation.
4. New Business
 - a) Presentation by Matz properties on new drive-thru Starbucks at 3505 South Sepulveda.

Following presentation, and lengthy question and answer period. Damien agreed to put the development team in touch with Ken Alpern, the zone director for the project area. Some of the community concerns included ingress and egress around the development site, placement of security cameras to provide a benefit to the larger community and employee parking.

b) Presentation of Policy for vote by committee to pass on to full board concerning city notification requirements before the construction of new cell phone towers. The following motion passed by acclamation with amendments by Chris McKinnon (included)

Policy Motion submitted by Damien Newton, Mar Vista Community Council Zone 2 Director for consideration to the Planning and Land Use Committee of the Mar Vista Community Council.

Recognizing : That there are various state and federal laws that restrict what cities can and cannot do when it comes to the permitting of the construction of telecommunications facilities;

Recognizing : That the process preceding and during construction of a cell phone vault and tower on East Blvd between Venice & Pacific left nearby residents angry, confused, and disenfranchised

Recognizing : That the behavior of the company installing the vault infuriated an already bad situation by blocking driveways for days on end, damaging existing infrastructure, and harassing neighbors

Recognizing : That the city issued a U permit for this process in 2015, and that notices for the AGF portion were mailed to as few as two houses near the site according to receipts provided by the construction firm

Recognizing : That while this U permit expired, when the 2017 U permit was issued, the AGF portion was allowed to be attached to the new 2017 U-Permit

Recognizing : That many long-term residents were unaware of the project and that newer residents would have had no chance to appeal the project

Therefor, let it be resolved that:

- 1) The City of Los Angeles review its automatic extension process for cell phone towers and vaults and make any changes allowed under state and federal law to allow residents more opportunities to learn about projects in their neighborhoods.
- 2) That if the city cannot substantially change its automatic extension process, that it require that notices on extended permits be mailed to all impacted residents
- 3) That the AGF portion of expired U permits not be automatically be renewed for new U Permits submitted for the same site
- 4) That the pool of impacted residents be included to include any residents who will be impacted by construction or installation of the vault, i.e. that people who have their driveways blocked get proper notice
- 5) That the appeal fee for appealing a permit granted for cell phone tower construction be reduced from \$100 to \$1
- 6) That a code of behavior for companies installing towers be created that includes notification and behavior of construction employees
- 7) That the city require “proof of deliver” for permit applications notifications.
- 8)

c) Presentation of Policy for vote by committee to pass on to full board concerning a proposal to increase fees to stakeholders and residents groups to appeal various permits from the Planning Department. The following motion passed on consent.

Presentation of Policy for vote by committee to pass on to full board concerning a proposal to increase fees to stakeholders and residents groups to appeal various permits from the Planning Department :

Recognizing : That some City Councilmembers, City Planning Commissioners, and staff at various levels of city government feel there is a problem with “nuisance appeals” of approved permits and projects granted by the City of Los Angeles;

Recognizing : That oftentimes the appeals process provides the best chance for resident and neighborhood associations to appeal projects and permits when errors are made by city staff and planning commissioners;

Recognizing : That some of the fees being discussed to file an appeal of a project by a resident or Neighborhood Association;

Therefor Let It Be Resolved : That the Mar Vista Community Council opposes any proposal to raise fees on appeals for any project or permit that comes from City Planning or the Planning Commission or any other city department or board without first conducting a lengthy public review process that includes a presentation with opportunity to provide feedback to any and all neighborhood councils.

c) Special Public Comment on Mar Vista Great Streets - Two speakers spoke on the Mar Vista Great Street, expressing opposition to the current design in the pilot program.

6. Future Agenda Items

7. Public Comment

8. Adjourn

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