



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Meeting Agenda

Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability (TI&S) with the Board of Directors

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Wednesday, August 2, 2023 From 6:30-8:30pm

Public Welcome

Windward School, 11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, Ca 90066

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1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:39 PM

2. ROLL CALL AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS/CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST - *roll call shall include each attending board member declaring any ex parte communications outside of their duties and conflicts of interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.*

In attendance: Chair Figone, Vice-Chair Clausen, Member Meuser, Member Kuhns.

No ex parte, no conflict.

Planned Absence: Vice-Chair Petersen.

3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: LADOT is hiring people for 1 year positions as management analysts, and also hiring crossing guards on the westside. Next month's meeting will be moved to a different date, TBD.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -

4.1. Approval of the May 3, 2023 Minutes: Moved by Vice Chair Clausen, seconded by Member Meuser. Approved 8 to 0 with 0 abstention.

5. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE, GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

5.1. Faith Myrhra, Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) – There has been talk in the energy committee about well capping activities and oil drilling sites. After a meeting next week there will be more updates.

5.2. Isabel Duvivier, Community Forest Advisory Committee (CFAC) – The Community Forest Advisory CFAC is part of the public works department, acting as a liaison between the public and city in all tree planting and trimming matters. Many different departments in the city are required to work together on tree

management, and this committee is in place to streamline that process. Trees are important for both infrastructure and sustainability: they provide shade which is important for a heating climate and cutting down on AC costs. Information shared by Ms. Duvivier:

- The City planning committee doesn't look at trees when development plans are submitted; thus, many trees get removed when residents build or enlarge driveways without much pushback.
- A tree inventory ([attached](#)) for Mar Vista was shared as well as recent tree-related motions in the council. Importantly, climate change is projected to make Los Angeles inhospitable for its many Magnolia trees within 50 years. Thus, it is important to invest in more native plants.
- The MVCC is invited to submit community impact statement concerning the [attached](#) tree-related motions.
 - The first motion concerns fines: currently, there is a very low fine, \$250, for cutting down or trimming trees illegally. There is currently a 20-year cycle for tree trimming which creates problems because people trim their own trees in ways that risk killing the tree.
 - A comprehensive tree/biodiversity report was issued under CF 15-0499-S2.
 - There is a native plant motion up for a vote soon which would require the city to only plant native plants. There are many endangered species that are specific to Los Angeles that are dying out because they are not being planted here and their habitat is being destroyed.
 - A wildlife pilot study ordinance is also on the docket, which would create separate building guidelines that create corridors for endangered species.
- There are some complaints about how trees on the north side of Venice Blvd., between Centinela and Grand View, are trimmed by the property owners there, in contrast to compliant tree trimming on the south side. It is possible for [residents to obtain private permits for tree trimming](#), which provides instructions for how to do so properly. The committee discussed sharing information with businesses and residents on tree trimming.

6. CHAIR REPORTS - NONE

- a) CHAIR – Kelsey Figone
- b) VICE-CHAIR – April Peterson
- c) VICE-CHAIR – Derl Clausen
- d) MEMBER – Jakob Meuser
- e) MEMBER – Fred Kuhns

7. SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE

8. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NEW - [SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS](#)

8.1. **[ADMINISTRATIVE] COMMITTEE GOALS.** Discussion and possible action on goals, mission, and vision for the upcoming committee year. – This committee covers Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability. These are vast topics touched on by many city agencies. Some basic goals include:

- making streets safe,
- translating broader benefits to the local Mar Vista community,
- engaging the community,
- and identifying and spurring projects.

Some specific ideas include:

- improving mobility in areas of high need,
- connecting improvements to make them useful,
- addressing the Sepulveda Creek bike path,
- supporting crossing guards,
- making use of the Inflation Reduction Act by providing information to individuals that can take advantage of the subsidies,
- working with the Outreach Committee to provide information on sustainable investments or practices for homeowners,

- organizing neighborhood cleanups,
- working on encouraging cool (temperature) rooftops,
- working with PLUM to make sure we are in concert,
- improving and adding crosswalks,
- documenting and submitting MY311 complaints on behalf of the community.

In sum, the committee wishes to focus on: (1) informing the community and getting people involved; (2) identifying specific projects which will have a positive effect and pushing them forward; and (3) working with other MVCC committees, such as PLUM, to ensure that Mar Vista is building a more sustainable and safe community. The committee is also open to revisiting these goals throughout the year as more input is received from the community.

9. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - OLD –

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA - *The Brown Act provides for a “part of the meeting where the public can comment on any item of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency.” The MVCC is an advisory board to the Los Angeles City Council and, as such, its jurisdiction is restricted within Los Angeles and most importantly, the Mar Vista Community. Therefore, please keep public comments within the MVCC jurisdiction. Thank you.*

Faith Myhra: Plans to share information regarding the SoCalGas gas plant on the Ballona wetlands at future meetings.

11. ADJOURNMENT - 7:25 PM

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