



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Meeting Agenda

[Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability \(TI&S\) with the Board of Directors](#) Wednesday, October 4, 2023 From 6:30 to 8:30pm

Windward School, 11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, Ca 90066 Room 410

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1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:36 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.

Present: (Committee Members) Figone, Kuhns, Meuser, Peterson (broader Board Members) Honda, Kopelow, Marton

Conflicts and Ex Parte: None

Not present at start: Clausen (arrived at 6:53PM)

3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Figone: Reminders of function and structure of this Committee and structure of the agenda this evening

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - [SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS](#)

4.1. Approval of the August 2, 2023 Minutes:

Moved by Meuser, Seconded by Kuhns 6Y-0N-5A

5. CHAIR REPORTS

a) CHAIR – Kelsey Figone

i) [CIV:LAB Climate Fund LA](#) – one-time grant and volunteer opportunities to support place-based climate solutions.

CIV:LAB is an innovative grantmaking network that channels global funds and resources directly to local climate initiatives. CIV:LAB secured a few million dollars in funding to grant out to place-based climate initiatives across the USA beginning in NYC and MI. After successfully launching in both locations, they are looking to bring this program to LA.

CIV:LAB is distributing unrestricted grants between \$10-\$100k to be awarded to nonprofits/NGOs, community-based orgs, government programs, academic programs, and early-stage startups that are working on climate technology, climate

workforce development, and climate education.

If you or someone else you know is interested in applying for a grant, please visit the [CIV:LAB website](#). Applications will open on October 2 and will close on December 15, 2023.

Furthermore, they are also recruiting for people to join both our LA-based [Advisory Committee](#) that will make the ultimate funding decisions, as well as the group of [Additional Reviewers](#), who are an important part of the application evaluation process. The application for both can be found [here](#).

- ii) [California Clean Air Day October 4th](#) – get unlimited free rides on Metro Bike and Micro with Bike Share code 100423 and Metro Micro code CleanAir23!
- b) VICE-CHAIR – April Peterson
 - i) I-405 Sepulveda Pass Express Lane project is having in-person meetings on Tuesday, October 24 and Saturday, October 28th. Virtual meetings are on Monday, October 30 and Wednesday, November 8. Learn more here: <https://www.metro.net/projects/i-405-expresslanes-project/>
- c) MEMBER – Jakob Meuser *None*
- d) MEMBER – Derl Clausen *None*
- e) MEMBER – Fred Kuhns *None*

6. SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE

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

7.1.[ADMINISTRATIVE] NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY. Discussion and possible action regarding a motion for MVCC to host a community clean-up day on November 4th, 2023. (See [Motion 7.1 in the Supporting Documents](#))

- Clausen: Currently targeting November 4th as a cleanup day, probably the corner of Venice and Centinela because it is the intersection of 4 zones. Starting small to build interest and then hopefully this would become a recurring thing.
- Moved by Meuser, Seconded by Kopelow.
- Public discussion: Recommendation to approach local businesses and see if Traci Park could promote/attend. Consider including other intersections if a big group. Could advertise this to local schools (Venice and Windward) for community service hours. Question about if permits are necessary from the city, if no funding request than no.
- **Passed Vote 16Y-0N-2A**

7.2.[POLICY] COUNCIL FILE 21-1469-S2 (ALTERNATIVE SIDEWALK CORRECTIVE MEASURES/SIDEWALK REPAIRS/DIAMOND CUTTING). Discussion and possible action regarding a CIS in SUPPORT of [Council File 21-1469-S2](#). (See [Motion 7.2 in the Supporting Documents](#))

- Figone: Sidewalk repairs are currently very backlogged. This motion would provide an alternative measure to addressing sidewalk repairs by allowing diamond and concrete cutting to make repairs faster, allocating some funds outside of the regular sidewalk repair fund in the process.
- Moved by Peterson, Seconded by Marton.

- Public Discussion: Diamond and precision concrete cutting is not currently a common method for sidewalk repair, but is more permanent than the temporary practice of spot concrete and is seen by members as effective. Concern that alleyways are also in extreme disrepair, but this motion only addresses sidewalks. In supporting documentation linked in the Motion, the sidewalk program costs \$32M for fixing sidewalks and \$12M for litigation costs associated with disrepair. Funding model of sidewalk repair and responsibility has shifted to the city over the years. Tree roots add to the issue.
- **Passed Vote 17Y-0N-0A**

7.3.[POLICY] COUNCIL FILE 23-1051 (ACCIDENT/COLLISION/CRASH TERMINOLOGY).

Discussion and possible action regarding a CIS in SUPPORT of [Council File 23-1051](#). (See Motion 7.3 in Supporting Documents)

- Moved by Clausen, Seconded by Kuhns
- Public Discussion: Some stakeholders feel that a change in terminology doesn't make a difference/is a waste of time and the language of the Council File is inflammatory. Other stakeholders expressed that this is an important change because of the recent increase in traffic deaths scaled to population growth and respects families and victims who have been impacted by the current language. Discussion centered on the connotations of the various posed words: crash, collision, incident, accident. The technical definitions of these terms were reiterated from the Council File. Other government changes indicate that LA is out of step with its current use of "accident" for all forms of traffic violence. Stakeholders disagreed on whether the proposed terminology was clearer or more confusing than the previous norms.
- Move by Peterson to amend the motion to oppose as written, Seconded by Kopelow, but then rescinded by Peterson after some discussion.
- **Failed Vote 6Y-8N-0A**

7.4.[POLICY] LADOT WESTSIDE MOBILITY PROJECTS. Discussion and possible action regarding a CIS in SUPPORT of the current alignment on McLaughlin/Barrington. [LADOT is currently seeking community input](#) on safety concerns and potential improvement measures, in person and virtually. (See Motion 7.4 in Supporting Documents)

- Figone: LADOT has been seeking feedback about adding new bikeways (could be route or lane) on the Westside. Specifically, the proposal from this committee is support of the alignment of the West LA to Del Rey corridor along Barrington and alignment of the Santa Monica to Ballona Creek Corridor along either option.
- Moved by Figone, Seconded by Peterson
- Public Discussion: Stakeholder question and answer about bike lane design and position on streets. Discussion of the current safety of biking on Barrington and analysis of the proposed changes. Concerns about alignment included traffic, parking, connectivity to other bike lanes, and safety. Feedback from the open houses will be happening on November 9 with LADOT. Some stakeholders were confused about the joint nature of the Motion (including both corridors), but this was clarified.
- **Passed Vote 6Y-3N-6A**

7.5.[POLICY] MARINA CENTRAL PARK. Discussion and possible action regarding a CIS in SUPPORT of a feasibility study for the [conversion of the Marina Freeway \(CA-90\) into a park](#). This is a proposed 10-year long project, including a proposed initial 2-year feasibility study, which has been recently profiled by the [LA Times](#). This project is currently supported by Caltrans, Mayor Karen Bass, Assemblymember Isaac Bryan, and Sen. Lola Smallwood-Cuevas. (See Motion 7.5 in Supporting Documents)

- **Figone:** Describes the motion and its focus on the feasibility study and not the merits of the project itself. The Marina Central Park project is an envisioning of the transformation of the CA90 freeway into a park and residential housing including buildings and roads. This segment of freeway is only 3.1 miles long and unfinished, not a normal freeway. The proposed project would likely take 10 years. The feasibility study has the support of Caltrans, Mayor Bass, Senator Smallwood-Cuevas and Representative Isaac Bryan. This is an opportunity for us to be involved in providing input in this process. This support motion would say that we want to be a part of the discussion process.
- Moved by Figone, Seconded by Meuser
- **Public Discussion:** Stakeholder doubts that we wouldn't have a seat at the table if we didn't pass this motion in support of a feasibility study. Some stakeholders were frustrated that they hadn't been informed about this project formally, even though it was emphasized that the point of the feasibility study is to start community engagement on this project. Other complaints about the project included fears about potential traffic congestion, potential wetland destruction, increase in local population, potential lowering of property values. Concerns about ambulance access was addressed by showing that the proposal includes a bus lane that can be explicitly used by first responders. The Playa Vista development was mentioned multiple times as a nearby development that had not properly involved the community or mitigated wetland effects. One stakeholder worried that the [MV-Palms-Del Rey Community Plan](#) is not taking account of this potential of new housing, although it is currently going through an update. Another stakeholder felt that the area already had sufficient park space, although the space to population scale was not mentioned or compared with other similar neighborhoods, and it was reiterated that this project is not solely to convert the freeway into a recreational park. Some stakeholders voiced support of this project and its potential for reducing environmental effects, potentially increasing affordable housing availability in the broader community, increased tax base, reversal of induced demand, and improved quality of life.
- Move by Peterson to extend the meeting until 8:45, Seconded by Meuser, Vote 15Y-0N-0A
- **Failed Vote 5Y-9N-0A**

8. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - OLD 9. 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT 8:50PM

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