



# MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, November 1, 2023 From 6:30 to 8:30pm

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

Room 410

Public Welcome

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER 6:37 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 Meuser, Clausen, Kuhns, and Figone

Conflicts and ex parte: None

Not present at start: Peterson

- 3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** - [SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS](#)

4.1. Approval of the October 4, 2023 Minutes

Moved by Kuhns, seconded by Clausen 6Y-0N-0A

- 5. CHAIR REPORTS**

a) CHAIR – Kelsey Figone

Metro updates: 11/6/23 Metro is doing a presentation on the traffic reduction study (congestion pricing). 11/8/23 Metro is having a meeting on the 405 express lanes project. 11/9/23 is virtual workshop on Santa Monica to Ballona creek bikeways. By 11/30/23 provide feedback on the Sepulveda Transit Corridor. See supporting documents for more details on all of these.

Murphy Drill Site: MVCC was sent a letter about a recent decision concerning the Murphy Drill site. Many protections were removed. See attached letter for details.

b) VICE-CHAIR – April Peterson

Bike lanes under the 405 on Venice are now passable..

c) MEMBER – Jakob Meuser

Green Power Plan: LADWP Green Power plan is fairly unknown right now but a way for Angelenos to invest in renewable energy. See attached presentation for details.

d) MEMBER – Derl Clausen

11/12/2023 will be the Neighborhood Cleanup! Meeting at Alana's Coffee, they are offering dumpster usage and Traci Park's office is offering supplies. Considering posting fliers at farmers market, public library, and Westside current, and schools.

e) MEMBER – Fred Kuhns

Two motions just passed the city council. 23-1056 E-bike subsidy program: almost half of all greenhouse gas emissions in CA are passenger traffic related. There are many subsidies for electric vehicles but not E-bikes. Motion was for LADWP to report in 90 days on the feasibility of an E-bike subsidy program. Motion passed unanimously. We will be looking to where public charging stations would be placed. 23-1072 Water conservation efforts: water reduction efforts have been a success, but in order to make Green New Deal targets we need to address five areas.

6. **SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE**

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

7.1. **[POLICY] COUNCIL FILE 23-1168 (SPEED SAFETY SYSTEM)**. Discussion and possible action in SUPPORT of [Council File 23-1168](#).

Motion to support council motion to immediately implement AB 645 in LA by establishing speed cameras. Speed is the single biggest factor in determining if someone survives a car crash. Speed cameras or ASE's (automated speed enforcement devices) are known to be effective in reducing speed and related crashes.

Discussion: Committee members and stakeholders discussed relative merits of alternative measures, such as signage, speed signs showing MPH, and police presence. Some committee members did not like cameras because of risk of illegal monitoring use and potential impact on communities of color/lower-incomes. Others wondered about research on these different deterrents, with Figone pointing to research that shows speed cameras do seem to be effective in reducing speed.

Clausen motioned to amend, Meuser seconded: MVCC is in support of the council file establishing a speed safety pilot program to reduce speeding with traffic calming measures, but explicitly does not support the implementation of speed cameras. 5Y-2N-1A

Meuser moved to vote, Figone seconded: 5Y-2N-1A

7.2. **[POLICY] CROSSWALK REQUEST ON SAWTELLE**. Discussion and possible action on public request for a sidewalk on Sawtelle, between Palms Blvd. and Venice Blvd.

Stakeholder presented the motion, noting that there is currently a lack of a safe way to cross Sawtelle between Venice and Palms because there is low visibility from a hill and cars speed. Their proposal is to install a yield to pedestrians crosswalk, similar to one on Sepulveda a few streets over.

Several people present noted experiences jaywalking across this segment because of a lack of infrastructure. Other stakeholders noted that they avoid walking on this segment because it is busy. Kuhns wondered what other traffic calming measures could be implemented in conjunction with the crosswalk.

Meuser moved, Clausen seconded 8Y-0N-2A

7.3. **[POLICY] PARKING AT FLO EV CHARGING STATIONS.** Discussion and possible action on public request for parking enforcement at flo EV charging stations.

Stakeholder presented this topic. No charging units exist in some apartment complexes in Mar Vista. non-EV cars park at outdoor public charging stations even when other parking is available. There not currently any parking restrictions posted for those spaces.

Meuser suggested that any restrictions should extend ot EV cars not currently plugged into charge. Clausen explained that a building owner has to put in a charger if the tenant requests, but the tenant has to pay, and there is an exception if the building is over a certain age.

Peterson moves to amend to also address a curb designation, Figone seconds: 10Y-0N-0A.

Meuser moves to support the idea that LA Lights and LADOT research this issue and consider how to increase utilization of these charging stations with signage and curb markings, Peterson seconds. 10Y-0N-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.*

Stakeholder has another crosswalk of interest: overland and Rose has a lot of left hand turn issues with that crosswalk.

Another stakeholder is curious about updates on Marina Park. Kuhns gave an overview of our previous meeting, that a number of stakeholders are concerned about the impact on traffic and potential slow down of emergency vehicle access. Other stakeholders were in favor of the increased park space and housing.

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