



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MEETING AGENDA

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

Wednesday, February 7, 2024 From 6:30 to 8:30pm

Virtually at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8600748749>

Public Welcome

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE MAT VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial (253) 215- 8782, and enter 860 0748 7493 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

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In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

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(i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph , to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

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1. CALL TO ORDER 6:35 PM

2. ROLL CALL WITH EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Roll

Call shall include each board member declaring any ex parte communications outside of their duties and conflicts of interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.

Fred Kuhns – no/no

April Peterson – no/no

Jakob Meuser– no/no

Kelsey Figone – no/no

Derl Clausen – arrived at 6:38 no/no

3. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY MEMORIALS

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4.1. Approval of the January 22, 2024 Minutes – [April/Fred 10Y-0N-2A](#)

5. CHAIR REPORTS

5.1. CHAIR – Kelsey Figone

- i See Chair Report [uploaded to the Supporting Documents](#):
 - 1 [Katie Yaroslavsky \(CD5\) sent out a park survey \(applicable to Zone 1, people can give input\)](#)
 - 2 [Environmental justice policy program has a survey open for community input on how the City should approach environmental justice.](#)
 - 3 [Urban forestry workshop on 2/17 at 10AM](#) at the Palms/Rancho Park Library but also a city-wide online meeting on 2/29 at 2 PM.
 - a Can't attend? [Fill out their Community Questionnaire instead](#)
 - 4 [Mayor Bass doing community safety research study listening sessions, 2/8 6-8 PM hosted by UCLA.](#)

5.2. VICE-CHAIR – April Peterson

5.3. MEMBER – Jakob Meuser

5.4. MEMBER – Derl Clausen

5.5. MEMBER – Fred Kuhns

- i [Resilient Palisades overview](#): 501(c)(3) organization from 2019 in the Palisades with 4 main sustainability initiatives. They are focusing on clean energy resilience. They have been invited to the March meeting. They are working with contractors to help people in Palisades add solar and battery, also trying to establish a microgrid which can function independently from the main grid which can be an advantage during blackouts. Mar Vista could benefit from installation of solar, and this nonprofit could help with outreach to the community. They have been able to get price breaks for residents who wanted to do the installation.

6. [Neighborhood Sustainability Alliance report presented by rep Faith Myhra](#): Reminder that anyone can participate in the alliance, not just reps! Last month there was a candidate forum for City Council District 10 and discussion about gas stoves and the potential for induction. Currently there are tax credits for gas stoves and but not electric stoves. There will be a meeting to discuss impact of turf fields (link TBD). Energy committee is continuing to support communities impacted by the oil and gas industry. They are also advocating for decarbonizing buildings. The NSA opposes the Dodger's Stadium gondola project because of the lack of community input and waste of taxpayer dollars in the study. 76% of residents polled were against the project. The Trees committee is crafting a tree campaign for city officials, [noting a high rise in tree removal notices](#).

6. SPECIAL ORDERS - NONE

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

7.1. [POLICY] NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY. Discussion and possible action regarding the creation of an ad hoc committee to plan the upcoming neighborhood cleanup and shredding event, perhaps in coordination with other local events like Ciclavia.

- i Derl notes that we do not need permits and have all of the cleaning equipment from the city still. Kelsey notes that Ciclaviva would be a good time to do another cleanup on Venice. April mentioned that it would be helpful to get local schools to allow this as community service credit to get kids and their families involved. Carolyn notes that it might be possible to have two cleanup events before the shredding event is fully set. The bulletin board at the library could also have a flyer for better advertisement. Carolyn and the outreach committee is willing to work with this committee to publicize. Cian likes the idea of multiple clean up days rather than just one big one, to build momentum. He also notes that publicizing in a high school would be simple, but getting people to do it might be difficult. Dorothy notes that the boy scout and girl scout groups could also be involved in something like this. April notes that we could also plan for multiple dates out in the future to try and make this event more consistent. Fred agrees with April that a regular pattern would be good.

7.2. [POLICY] COUNCIL FILE 14-0499-S7 (BALLONA CREEK BIKE PATH EXTENSION PROJECT). Discussion and possible action regarding [Council File 14-0499-S7](#)

- i The City Council passed a motion putting this project on the Cycle 7 proposal for state funding of bicycle infrastructure today!

7.3. [POLICY] LIGHTING ON GRAND VIEW AND PALMS. Discussion and possible action regarding lighting and crossing safety at the Grand View and Palms intersection, raised by a constituent.

- i **Cian presenting on this issue.** Kelsey notes that it is helpful to bring these kinds of traffic concerns to this committee's attention. Cian lives on Grand View in Zone 7, and the Grand View/Palms intersection in the evenings is unsafe. Cian normally gets home around 6 or 6:30, and while Palms is well lit, pedestrians are walking up and down hill and there are no sidewalks in some sections. Once you get onto Grand View, because of the hill and how bright headlights are there is a distinct lack of visibility, and then there is much less street lighting on that street. A lot of pedestrians use this street to walk and it is likely unsafe because of the lack of sidewalks and lighting. Carolyn lives on Grand View and walks at night on the street. She agrees that Palms and Grand View are terrible traffic at night and it has gotten worse over the years. In terms of solutions, Cian thinks that neon pedestrian signs with a light that starts flashing when people are crossing the street would be helpful. Carolyn notes that flashing lights from the sign would likely be unpopular with the residents of the street. Faith did some investigation and the LA bureau of street lighting has some complicated rules about this sort of thing, but perhaps someone could come speak at a meeting. April suggests that the bureau in charge of street safety could look into the intersection specifically, since changing all of Grand View lighting would be a

separate issue. Carolyn is against lighting up the entire street as well. Kelsey points out that there were 336 pedestrian deaths in Los Angeles in 2023, and that number keeps growing every year. Nathan notes that to get a pedestrian light mid-block the citizen has to pay for it and it is a tax assessment for many years. Kelsey shared draft letter language:

- ii The MVCC requests signage or infrastructure that clearly communicates priority for pedestrians, such as complete sidewalks, signage, and/or any other measures that increase pedestrian safety and visibility, at the intersection of Grand View and Palms. Additionally, much of Grand View is poorly lit and this intersection could benefit from the installation of additional street lights nearby.
- iii Faith moves, April seconds.
- iv Discussion: Carolyn does not like that the language communicates priority for pedestrians rather than safety. Faith likes the word priority because pedestrians are the most vulnerable people on the road. April prefers safety, whereas priority would put pedestrians over cars. Kelsey notes that in terms of transportation, pedestrians always have priority to go first by law and cars are supposed to stop. Dorothy notes that Jacqueline did research on Sawtelle and Charnock and perhaps could be in contact with Cian about the Grand View issue.
- v Carolyn moves to amend, April seconds.
- vi Discussion: Carolyn would like to replace the word priority with safety. Fred suggests saying infrastructure that enhances safety for pedestrians. Nathan moves to call the question on the amendment vote.
- vii 10Y-3N-1A. New language: The MVCC requests signage or infrastructure that clearly communicates safety for pedestrians, such as complete sidewalks, signage, and/or any other measures that increase pedestrian safety and visibility, at the intersection of Grand View and Palms. Additionally, much of Grand View is poorly lit and this intersection could benefit from the installation of additional street lights nearby.
- viii Final vote: 14Y-0N-0A passes

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.*

April: Notes that ballots have been going out and to vote!

Faith: Shoutout to the committee.

Jakob: We should try and get someone from the bureau of street lighting and traci parks office to talk with us

John: alex bartrassofs replacement would be helpful, was with Bonin's office and is now in LADOT. There is also a person from Del Rey who could help us find the right people. Pooja Bhagat.

Motion to adjourn: Kelsey/Faith 7:48

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