

Windward School/Mar Vista Community Partnership Steering Committee

Friday, May 4, 2018

Pursuant to duly given notice, a meeting of the Windward School/Mar Vista Community Partnership Steering Committee was held at Windward School, 11350 Palms Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., on Friday, May 4th.

Attendees Present:

Tom Gilder, *Head of School, Windward School*

Dawn Barrett, *Director of Institutional Advancement and Operations, Windward School*

Hannah Levien, *Senior Field Deputy for Mar Vista & west L.A. (Council Member Mike Bonin)*

Delan Hilliard, *Vice President of Mar Vista Neighborhood Association*

Elliot Hanna, *Community Director, Mar Vista Community Council*

Nanette Pastor-Hanna, *President of MV Neighborhood Association*

Hiliana Gomez, *Administrative Coordinator to the Advancement Department*

Not in Attendance: *Rob Kadota, Chair, Mar Vista Community Council. Paola Cervantes, 2nd Vice Chair, Mar Vista Community Council.*

The purpose of the Windward/Mar Vista Community Partnership Steering Committee meetings is to continue to identify ways in which members of the Windward School community can work together with local neighborhood associations and the Mar Vista Community Council to support the Mar Vista community. The agenda usually covers sharing community updates and neighborhood concerns from committee members, a school update, communication issues, opportunities for coordinated action/community projects/committee discussion, and new business.

10:00 a.m. Meeting began in Tom Gilder's office on the Windward campus.

Brief updates were presented from Nanette Pastor-Hanna, Hannah Levien, Elliot Hanna, Delan Hilliard.

Below are the items discussed:

- Nanette Pastor- Hanna, President of Mar Vista Neighborhood Association- extended an invitation to the Mar Vista Block Party coming up on Saturday, June 23rd. Windward School will support the Mar Vista Block Party by providing 6 Family Size Salads from Tender Greens.
- Elliot Hannah, Community Director for Mar Vista Community Council- shared that Mar Vista Board has 13 seats and two vacancies. They are looking to fill the two vacancies as soon as possible. Also, Leadership elections are coming up in June.
- Hannah Levien, Senior Field Deputy for Mar Vista & West L.A. (Council Member Mike Bonin) shared:
 - Great Streets is still on a waiting period- waiting to hear from DOT with the information to determine if statistically this will remain.

- Homelessness- They are also in support for bridge homes that the Mayor had put forth.
- Safe Parking- Housing 10 (homeless) people with safe parking at the VA. Council's Office has requested to meet with Mar Vista Community Council to seek spots for potential development for Bridge Homes & Safe Parking.
- Home Sharing Ordinance- was passed yesterday there is going to be a cap of 120 days that people can Airbnb their homes. Council member is in support of people using Airbnb as a tool if it needed (as a 3rd income), etc. Party Houses have been an issue in Venice. Stay tuned for more on this issue; this issue will be going back to City Attorney's Office for discussion and also the Department of Planning to determine how permits will be issued and then back to Council for a vote.
- Summer Program Search for the Community- seeking fun Summer Programs to pass along to the Community. Tom Gilder, Head of School has shared that we are in swing with Windward Summer Camps. Hannah is excited to pass the information along to the Community.

Tom Gilder discussed Windward's Strategic Plan 2017-18:

- Focusing on reducing traffic in the Palms parking lot.
- Smaller student buses.
- Department Divisions have been implemented (7-8th Grade Middle School Div., 9-10th Grade College Prep Div. & 11-12th Grade Collegiate Div.). The purpose of this implementation is to allow students to feel that they are receiving the care and attention they need.
- Palms Parking Lot Construction will commence this Summer 2018.

Dawn Barrett shared Neighborhood Newsletter Upcoming Events:

- Upcoming Events are shared with our Neighbors on a quarterly basis.
- Summer Camps are open to the public (beginning June 2018- August 2018)- Summer Camp Flyer was handed out.
- Upcoming Event- Student Service/Big Sunday at Mar Vista Elementary; we will be help plant a garden.
- Upcoming Performing Arts Events- all Performing Arts Events are open to the Community/Flyer was handed out. Community participation is starting to grow; exciting news for us.

11:15 a.m. Meeting Adjourned