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Staff Report

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CC - ACTION ITEM: (1) Discussion and Review of Options for the Future of Melvil Street, between Washington Boulevard and the City Boundary; and (2) Direction to the City Manager as Deemed Appropriate.

Meeting Date: October 10, 2022

Contact Person/Dept.: Andrew Maximous/Public Works Department
Phone Number: 310-253-5628

Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐ **General Fund:** Yes ☒ No ☐

Attachments: Yes ☒ No ☐

Commission Action Required: Yes ☐ No ☒

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Department Approval: Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director/City Engineer (09/29/2022)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City Council (1) discuss and review options for the future use of Melvil Street, between Washington Boulevard and the City boundary; and (2) provide direction to the City Manager as deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND

The City of Culver City's Local Emergency relating to the outbreak and spread of the coronavirus respiratory disease ("COVID-19") pandemic has been in effect for over two years since March 14, 2020. The Local Emergency was proclaimed pursuant to the authority granted by Culver City Municipal Code ("CCMC") Section 3.09.020.B.1.a, to the City Manager, in his role as the Director of Emergency Services. The Local Emergency was ratified by City Council on March 18, 2020.

On March 16, 2020, the City Manager issued the first Public Order enacting new City measures to protect members of the public and City workers from undue risk of COVID-19.

On May 11, 2020, the City Council approved the formation of the Economic Recovery Task Force (ERTF) to address the unique challenges of COVID-19 and spur economic survival and, eventually,

recovery with a focus on public health and equity. The ERTF has worked closely with the Public Works Department to address priority items including Downtown and Arts District street closures and creation of a temporary use permit program.

On June 1, 2020, the City Manager issued the Sixteenth Supplement to the Public Order which provides the Public Works Director/City Engineer with the authority to establish procedures, standards, conditions, rules and regulations, as he may deem appropriate, to implement the processing and approval of expanded outdoor dining and retail areas in the public right-of-way, while ensuring compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and any other measures deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare. The Order also established a specific Temporary Use Permit (TUP) process, including standards and procedures, to allow retailers and restaurateurs to utilize adjacent public rights-of-way to temporarily expand their outdoor dining and retail areas to allow for increased occupancy levels while adhering to physical distancing requirements. Public right-of-way areas that may be utilized include, but are not limited to, the adjacent sidewalk (where space is available) and public street area (where temporarily closed).

In May of 2020, City staff received a request from representatives of the Culver City Arts District Business Improvement District (CCAD BID) and Culver City Arts District Residents Association to consider street closures in the Arts District to promote economic recovery and support area businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. City staff developed an initial concept plan and presented it to the Mobility, Traffic and Parking Subcommittee on August 3, 2020. The plan included closures of the curb-side parking area and a westbound travel lane along some segments of Washington Boulevard between La Cienega Avenue and Adams Boulevard which included a dedicated 5-foot bike lane.

In addition, and in response to a request by the CCAD BID, a full closure of Hargis Street between the alleyway and Washington Boulevard was also included as part of the initial concept plan. Staff brought the plans for City Council consideration on August 24, 2020. During the discussion, the Council asked staff to consider closing Melvil Street as an alternative to Hargis Street due to accessibility issues relative to a local school. A community meeting was held on September 23, 2020, to discuss a potential street closure on Melvil Street between Washington Boulevard and the alleyway. Notification was sent to area businesses and residents on Melvil Street, Hargis Avenue and Fay Avenue. The meeting was attended by only a handful of area residents, and at that time, there were no issues/challenges presented regarding closing Melvil Street. An aerial of the area and surrounding business and residential neighborhood is provided in Attachment 1.

The street closures were implemented by the Public Works Department shortly thereafter and later modified in November 2021, as part of implementing the Move Culver City project. The modifications reduced the closure area along Washington Boulevard; however, these modifications did not change the Melvil Street configuration installation.

The closure areas, on both Washington Boulevard and Melvil Street, were improved by the Culver City Arts District with artificial turf and shade tents. However, within a few months of the closure, staff began receiving complaints from adjacent residents about noise, illegal parking in the alley, trash, and late-night events (Attachment 2). Since its closure, the space has been used by area businesses for yoga/pilates, outdoor classes, and special events, although not all of these uses were properly permitted prior to use. Staff reminded area business that any use of the space requires a temporary use permit (TUP) and related City indemnification and insurance coverage. Additionally,

staff spoke with representatives from the Art District on December 8, 2021, to discuss how to ensure proper permitting and whether the Arts District wanted to assume responsibility for the space. It was determined, at that time, that Rosie's Foundation, a non-profit that helps individuals of all abilities train for employment, would apply for the TUP to use the street and manage the space until further direction, relative to closure/reopening of the street, was considered by City Council. Rosie's TUP was approved in January 2022.

DISCUSSION

On May 9, 2022, the City Council received a presentation from the CCAD BID regarding several improvement projects they wish to implement in partnership with the City. One of the projects is the permanent closure of Melvil Street to create a community space that could be managed and programmed by the CCAD BID (Attachment 3). During the public comment period, area businesses and neighbors expressed both their support and opposition to this proposal. City Council asked staff to further explore impacts relative to a permanent closure. Shortly after this time, petitions were submitted to the City from area residents along Melvil and Hargis requesting the reopening of Melvil Street (Attachment 4). Staff also received correspondence and spoke with concerned residents about the process to explore the impacts including holding a community meeting.

As part of the review process, City staff also met with representatives from the Los Angeles Council District 5 including Los Angeles and Culver City Police, Fire and Sanitation Departments to understand service impacts and feasibility. During these meetings, staff from both jurisdictions indicated that maintaining the street closure would not have significant impact on area service assuming the implementation of specific design and bollard configurations.

On August 26, 2022, additional petitions, coordinated by area Arts District businesses, were submitted to the City in support of maintaining the closure (Attachment 5). On September 1, 2022, a community meeting was held for area residents to hear the CCAD BID proposal and provide their feedback/concerns. The meeting was facilitated by the Public Works Director who presented the background on the initial closure, invited the CCAD BID to present their proposal for how the space could be developed and received community comments. Eleven speakers provided comments/concerns regarding the permanent closure of Melvil Street. These comments/concerns are detailed in Attachment 6 and generally summarized below:

Support for Permanent Closure:

- Creates a special community space that could be used for artisanal markets, Farmer's markets, birthday parties, art, fitness classes and other public performances;
- Creates a connection to bike lane and promotes less cars in the area
- Could be called "Melvil Park" and serve as an organic space for people to come together and build community and create programming that supports the area
- Location in business district is nice addition to existing Syd Kronthenal Park and could make this part of town "shine"

Concerns about Permanent Closure:

- Only a few businesses benefit from space, not adjacent neighbors
- Increased nuisance, noise at night, trash, events and unhoused in the area. Residents are picking up trash, glass to keep area clean
- Residential street and is not intended for commercial uses
- Closure reduces parking in an area of the City that already has a parking deficit
- Not enough parking to support hosting events at space without ingress into adjacent residential neighborhood
- Closure encourages illegal parking in alley and at street closure preventing access to driveways
- Closure reduces neighborhood access and creates more congestion in the area
- Syd Kronenthal Park is nearby, has plenty of space to host community events/classes and has on-site parking

Closure Options

Should the Council direct staff to proceed with the permanent closure of Melvil Street, the closure would be done in accordance with California Vehicle Code Section 21101, including any needed environmental analysis, and the closure would be reflected in the General Plan. The physical closure of the street can be implemented in different ways. The options to close the street are:

- 1) Full curb and gutter - At the southern end of the closure area, the curb along Washington Boulevard would be extended across Melvil Street to provide a physical closure of the street. At the northern end of the closure area, the curb at the southeast corner of the alley would be extended across Melvil Street and connected to the curb at the west side of the street.

This configuration would allow for the street to be raised to sidewalk level in the future to provide an even surface throughout.

- 2) Bollards - Bollards provide flexibility to secure the street and be able to open it for any reason. Approximately 8 to 10 bollards would be needed across Melvil Street at each end to secure the street. The bollards can be lowered manually or via an automatic system.

Emergency vehicle access would be incorporated into the selected option per City fire and police department requirements.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Direction provided to staff as part of this report does not have an immediate fiscal impact. However, the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 includes \$100,000 in CIP PF037 for design, should the City Council decide to make the Melvil Street closure permanent. Future funding would need to be requested for construction.

The cost estimate to construct the curb and gutter option is approximately \$100,000.

The cost estimate to construct the manually retractable bollards is approximately \$50,000. The estimate for the automatic system is approximately \$200,000.

ATTACHMENTS

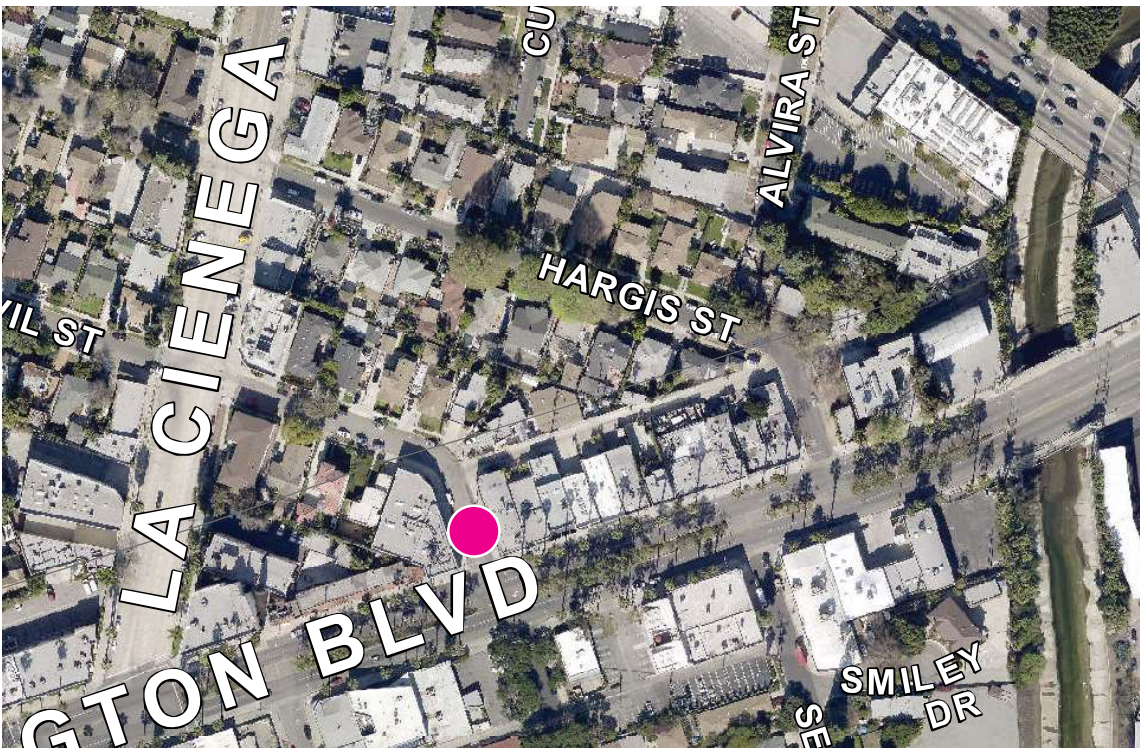
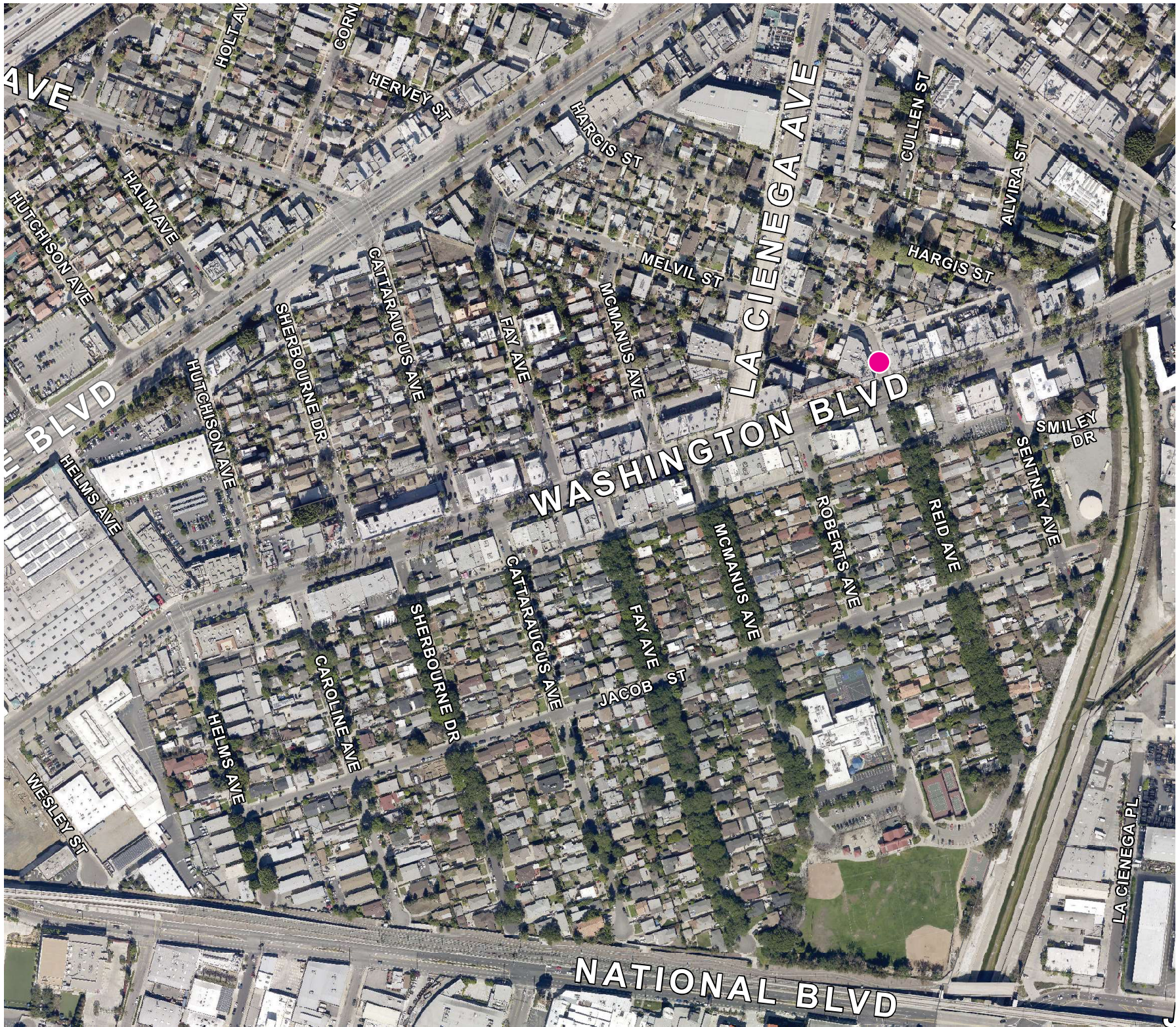
1. Culver City Arts District Vicinity Aerial
2. Melvil St Emails from Residents
3. CCAD Presentation 5-9-2022
4. Melvil Reopening Petitions
5. CCAD Business Petitions
6. Melvil Community Meeting Notes 9-1-2022

MOTIONS

That the City Council:

1. Direct the City Manager regarding one of the following options:
 - a. Return Melvil Street to be open to vehicular traffic as it was before the pandemic; or
 - b. Take actions required to close Melvil Street to all vehicular traffic.
2. If closure is desire, direct the City Manager regarding the following closure options:
 - a. Full curb and gutter;
 - b. Manually retractable bollards; or
 - c. Automatically retractable bollards.
3. Provide other direction to the City Manager as deemed appropriate.

CULVER CITY ARTS DISTRICT VICINITY



● Melvil Street Closure
(between Washington Boulevard and Alley)

Maximous, Andrew

Subject: RE: MELVIL STREET CLOSURE // CCAD PROPOSAL

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Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 9:17 AM

To: info@culvercityartsdistrict.com <info@culvercityartsdistrict.com>; Eriksson, Goran

[REDACTED]

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*****.THE PROPERTY OWNERS /RESIDENTS ON THE BLOCK OF MELVIL HAVE NOW SIGNED A PETITION TO OPEN UP MELVIL!! PLEASE ADVISE WHO TO SEND OR DROP OFF TO,. Consider this email yet another reminder about closing off access to a residential block / limiting access to emergency vehicles / the attraction to homeless & unstable people stealing mail /packages / trash to name a few reasons not to keep it closed off. You can reference my numerous past emails with a litany of other reasons. Depending on the outcome, I might have reason to contact LA county & seek legal advice to my rights living on a public street on a residential block , paying property taxes etc.....

As I expressed at the last meeting, we are patrons of the arts & in favor of supporting the CCAD with enhancing the Boulevard But at the present time, don't we as a community have more pertinent issues to address then embellishing the trees with LED lights (yet another attraction for the homeless & vagrants...

I also made it known that we are in favor of restaurant sidewalk dining during the pandemic requirements But closure /access to a public street so the space can be rented out to increase the corner businesses revenue is beyond beneficial to the residents & property owners right to privacy. I would be remiss in mentioning how it will affect property value declines.

Susan & Michael R [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

P.s. THE DEBACLE DESIGN OF BUS LANES ON WASHINGTON BLVD ISANOTHER TOPIC THAT NEEDS SERIOUS ATTENTION... (raging drivers / unsafe conditions turning onto north south streets from an inside lane....HELLO EMERGENCY VEHICLES!

Sent from my iPad

Maximous, Andrew

Subject: RE: 5-9-22 City Council Meeting Public Comment for Item P-2

From: Susan R [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 4:38 PM

To: Eriksson, Goran <Goran.Eriksson@culvercity.org>; Vera, Albert <Albert.Vera@culvercity.org>; McMorris, Yasmine

[REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: 5-9-22 City Council Meeting Public Comment for Item P-2

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Subject: Re: MELVIL STREET CLOSURE // CCAD PROPOSAL

Joe, What does the CCAD Association have to do with the "continuation of the Melvil Street Closure" which is an access to a block lined with residential properties. ?? The Arts District interest is on Washington Blvd, and as I have expressed in person & in emails.... I and my husband support the arts in LA & NY and welcome the enhancement of our Arts District in Culver City.

Simply said... Ms Mendoza, has provided a litany of credible complaints as to why the street should not remain closed. During past events that have been held there with or without permits there are pile ups of cars on the Melvil side of barriers / along sidewalk & in the alley.... Frankly, it's a disturbance, including everyday access to Washington Blvd & for Emergency vehicles. Not mentioning the attraction to undesirable street persons...

I will await announcements of future public meetings...

Thank you,
Susan R [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 13, 2022, at 11:37 AM, Susca, Joe <joe.susca@culvercity.org> wrote:

Susan, to provide you additional transparency on where we are at when discussing the future of Melvil, below you may recall this e-mail that was send to you by Elaine Gerety-Warner outlining the next steps in this process. I have **annotated** her e-mail below to include the timing of each task it contains.

Elaine provided me a copy of your signed petition, so now, we both have a copy of it.

If you have any questions about the next steps outlined below, feel free to call me to discuss them in more detail at 310-253-5636.

Thank you,

Joe Susca, Senior Management Analyst

Public Works Department-Administration

9770 Culver Boulevard

Culver City, CA 90232

310-253-5636

I'm in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays

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From: Gerety-Warner, Elaine <Elaine.Warner@culvercity.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2022 11:12 AM

To: Susca, Joe <joe.susca@culvercity.org>

Subject: Fw: MELVIL STREET CLOSURE // CCAD PROPOSAL

From: Gerety-Warner, Elaine <Elaine.Warner@culvercity.org>

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 9:59 AM

To: Susan R [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: MELVIL STREET CLOSURE // CCAD PROPOSAL

Good morning Ms. Rosen,

Please feel free to forward to myself and Joe Susca copied above. (Received) We will include as part of our report to City Council. As I mentioned to Ms. Mendoza yesterday, we have been directed by City Council on May 9th to review the continuation of the street closure at the request of the Culver City Arts District. This will be a comprehensive process and I am copying our Public Works Director, Yanni Demitri and our Traffic Engineer, Andrew Maximous - both

who are familiar with this review and will be leading the efforts relative to studying traffic impacts.

I will be in touch personally once we have set a community outreach meeting (in person) for the residents and businesses in the vicinity to discuss all of the issues, impacts and concerns. The process is outlined below.

Take care,
Elaine

Our review process will include the following steps:

- Conducting a meeting with public safety staff for both Culver City and the City of Los Angeles to understand any issues or concerns with access. (This is scheduled to occur on 7-18-22)
- Conducting a community meeting - with mailed notice - to all residents and businesses in the area to discuss the potential closure and/or reopening of the street. I will personally send an email to you, and anyone else you would like. (Depending on the outcome of the 7-18-22 meeting and any task assignments resulting from it, this meeting will likely be scheduled the first week of August on a weeknight. Stay tuned for a formal public notice of the meeting and its agenda.)
- Presenting a report to City Council that outlines all of the comments and concerns we have heard and request direction from City Council if they would like to proceed with a traffic study and environmental review. All members of public may also comment during this agenda item as well. (This is tentatively scheduled for the 8/22/22 City Council meeting however, depending on the outcome of the two prior meetings mentioned above, it may be delayed.)

From: Susan R [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 10, 2022 9:46 AM
To: Gerety-Warner, Elaine <Elaine.Warner@culvercity.org>

[REDACTED]

Subject: Fwd: MELVIL STREET CLOSURE // CCAD PROPOSAL

I was informed that you are aware that we have a petition signed by property owners/ residents from the block of Melvil Street that has been closed off without any consideration to the residents..... so, please advise where / who to send this to. You, As a project manager for utilization of outside space and closing down a residential street, we all think you should have been transparent in the past & especially now.

Susan R [REDACTED]

6116 Melvil Street

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Susan R [REDACTED]

Date: June 10, 2022 at 9:17:44 AM PDT

To: info@culvercityartsdistrict.com, goran.eriksson@culvercity.org,
albert.vera@culvercity.org, yasmine-imani.mcmorrin@culvercity.org,
alex.fisch@culvercity.org, daniel.lee@culvercity.org

Subject: MELVIL STREET CLOSURE // CCAD PROPOSAL

*****.THE PROPERTY OWNERS /RESIDENTS ON THE BLOCK OF MELVIL HAVE NOW SIGNED A PETITION TO OPEN UP MELVIL!! PLEASE ADVISE WHO TO SEND OR DROP OFF TO,. Consider this email yet another reminder about closing off access to a residential block / limiting access to emergency vehicles / the attraction to homeless & unstable people stealing mail /packages / trash to name a few reasons not to keep it closed off. You can reference my numerous past emails with a litany of other reasons. Depending on the outcome, I might have reason to contact LA county & seek legal advice to my rights living on a public street on a residential block , paying property taxes etc.....

As I expressed at the last meeting, we are patrons of the arts & in favor of supporting the CCAD with enhancing the Boulevard But at the present time, don't we as a community have more pertinent issues to address then embellishing the trees with LED lights (yet another attraction for the homeless & vagrants...

I also made it known that we are in favor of restaurant sidewalk dining during the pandemic requirements But closure /access to a public street so the space can be rented out to increase the corner businesses revenue is beyond beneficial to the residents & property owners right to privacy. I would be remiss in mentioning how it will affect property value declines.

Susan & Michael R [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

P.s. THE DEBACLE DESIGN OF BUS LANES ON WASHINGTON BLVD ISANOTHER TOPIC THAT NEEDS SERIOUS ATTENTION... (raging drivers / unsafe conditions turning onto north south streets from an inside lane....HELLO EMERGENCY VEHICLES!

Sent from my iPad

Maximous, Andrew

Subject: RE: Temporary Use Permits (TUP) to use Sidewalk or Roadway for Outdoor Dining will Expire on August 31, 2022, unless extended through fee payment.

From: Susan R [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:32 AM
To: Gerety-Warner, Elaine <Elaine.Warner@culvercity.org>

Subject: Re: Temporary Use Permits (TUP) to use Sidewalk or Roadway for Outdoor Dining will Expire on August 31, 2022, unless extended through fee payment.

I remember Melvil being closed during the time when sidewalk dining started due to pandemic.... Rosie's Foundation Green/ truck moved in much later when he moved in behind The Jazz Cafe.... Prior to this, The jazz cafe was holding events there..

Susan R [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 8, 2022, at 10:58 AM, Gerety-Warner, Elaine <Elaine.Warner@culvercity.org> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Rosen,

The 43rd Supplement to the Public Order outlines the extension of TUPs throughout the City. There is currently a TUP for use of Melvil Street which has been issued to the Rosie's Foundation and will expire upon specific City Council direction.

As previously discussed, consideration of reopening Melvil Street will include a community meeting and then a dedicated discussion at City Council. The community meeting to discuss Melvil's future has been scheduled for Thursday evening, September 1st at 7 PM (it will be held virtually via Webex). The mailed notice will be sent out in the next day or so. Once input is received from the neighborhood (both businesses and residents) a summary of that feedback will be presented at a future City Council meeting (currently scheduled for September 19th) to consider either extending or terminating Rosie's TUP; and/or instructing staff to take measures to reopen or alternatively, to study the permanent closure of Melvil.

We are in receipt of the petitions that have been submitted to re-open the street and all of those addresses will be included in the mailing. We have also been in touch with the City of Los Angeles, and have received a mailing list from them, similar to what was done in September 2020, to include all residents north of Washington in the vicinity.

If there are any individuals you would like us to email regarding the community meeting on September 1st, please let Joe and I know and we can reach out.

So in summary to next steps for Melvil Street consideration:

- Community Meeting – **September 1st – 7 PM** via Webex (notice to City of LA and Culver City residents to be sent by tomorrow)
- Culver City City Council Discussion currently set for – **September 19th – 7 PM** at City Hall Council Chambers or via Webex

Take care,
Elaine

From: Susan R [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, August 6, 2022 6:28 PM

[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Temporary Use Permits (TUP) to use Sidewalk or Roadway for Outdoor Dining will Expire on August 31, 2022, unless extended through fee payment.

I would like to know... what sidewalk dining permits for restaurants have to do with A street closure such as Melvil have to do with TUP & a residential street not having access to Washington Blvd

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 6, 2022, at 5:26 PM, Graciela Mendoza <chela20001@yahoo.com> wrote:

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: City of Culver City <culvercity@public.govdelivery.com>

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 5, 2022 at 05:06:49 PM PDT

Subject: Temporary Use Permits (TUP) to use Sidewalk or Roadway for Outdoor Dining will Expire on August 31, 2022, unless extended through fee payment.



Temporary Use Permits (TUP) to use Sidewalk or Roadway for Outdoor Dining will Expire on August 31, 2022, unless extended through fee payment

Pursuant to the [43rd Supplement to the Public Order](#), Temporary Use Permits (TUP) to use the sidewalk or roadway for outdoor dining will expire on **August 31, 2022**.

If you choose not to extend your TUP and pay the required fee, please remove your outdoor dining furniture, umbrellas, etc, no later than August 31, 2022.

If you wish to extend the TUP, it can be extended until December 31, 2022. The payment will be the City's regular annual license fee of \$13 per square foot, prorated to the final 4 months of 2022 or approximately **\$4.33** per square foot.

If you anticipate extending, please do so **no later than August 15, 2022**. To extend your TUP, [please email the Engineering Counter](#) with the following information:

1. A determination to extend the TUP and pay the fee;
2. A copy of the approved TUP site plan with a total square footage added that is legible;
3. A copy of the required TUP insurance, with an expiration date no sooner than December 31, 2022; and
4. Your TUP permit number.

The City will then email you an invoice, based on the approved square footage, which can be paid by credit card or cash at Culver City Hall, 1st Floor Cashier's window.

For additional information on how to apply to obtain an Outdoor Dining Permit for use of your expanded sidewalk, [please visit the City's website](#).

Maximous, Andrew

Subject: RE: SEPTEMBER 1st WEBEX "PERMANENT CLOSURE MELVIL ST.

From: Susan R [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 9:03 AM

To: Gerety-Warner, Elaine <Elaine.Warner@culvercity.org>; Gov Delivery <CulverCity@GovDelivery.com>; Eriksson, [REDACTED],

Subject: SEPTEMBER 1st WEBEX "PERMANENT CLOSURE MELVIL ST.

RE: ADVANCE PLANNING / GENERAL PLAN... DOES CITY COUNCIL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE OFF A STREET ACCESS TO WASHINGTON BLVD THAT HAS RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ?

I attended the meeting that allowed pro project people 10 minutes to speak and others as myself 3 minutes.

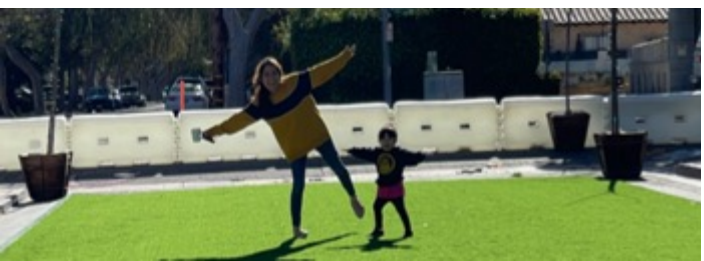
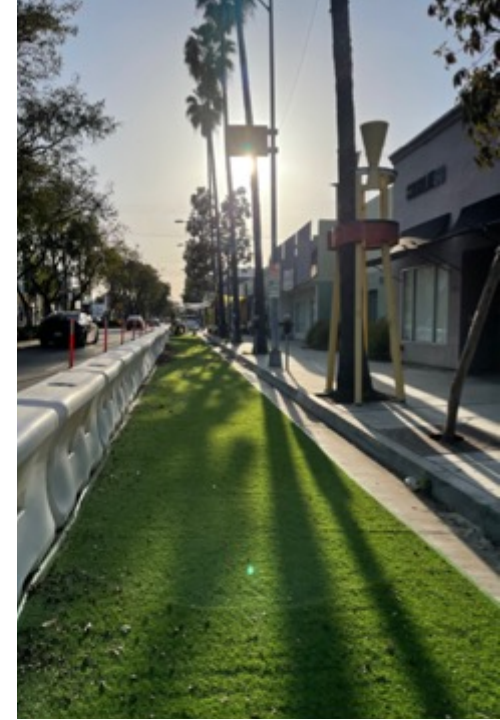
- people that are pro this closure Does anyone live on MELVIL? Would they be pro if the street they resided on was declared a permanent street closure?
- downtown culver city Main Street closure was compared to MELVIL as a potential street for a Farmers Market. Main Street is in the heart of commercial retail with municipal parking. Where are Farmers parking to unload & reload? Will they be allowed to park in the Bus Lanes on Washington Blvd amongst the lane poles or a dead end at Rosie Green Truck near the front of my property?
- how legal is the car pile up surrounding Rosie Truck during events that have been held to date?
- Culver City's plans for town enhancement such as MOVE, is an accident waiting to happen.... Driver rage & passing cars using the bus lane of which I rarely see a bus in it! Turning onto a N or S street off Washington is challenging nightmare , hitting poles since there's barely room to turn. Limiting parking spaces....and you plan to attract more cars with your plans for MELVIL St.... Parking in general is problematic on a commercial street and now you are planning to invade residential streets?
- THE CITY PARK AT THE END OF MELVIL WOULD BE AN IDEAL PLACE for Events/ Rosie's Green Truck /a Farmers Market / Pilates classes plenty of parking/ bathrooms.... While I support Rosie's non profit and the Arts, I do not approve of this potential invasion in front of my home and Lack of respect for other residents living on this block of which many rely on parking spaces on the street where they live.
- please provide evidence from companies that you mentioned tonight supporting the PERMANENT MELVIL CLOSURE ...SUCH AS APPLE ENTERTAINMENT ... HBO WARNER COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS ON STUDIES THAT WERE MENTIONED WILL BE DONE....

Susan R [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



Culver City Arts District BID Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget Considerations







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(310) 553-5222

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Weekly Sweeping Needed
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Stash Flager 17



WE DO NOT SELL GLASS...
WE MAKE ICE CREAM
NEXT DOOR → → → →

PLEASE NO SOLICITING







Maintenance

Maintenance Program Costs

PROPOSED MONTHLY RATES	April - June 2022	July - December 2022
Labor	\$ 2,285.66	\$ 2,612.15
Vehicle	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,802.50
Estimated Equipment & Supplies	\$ 400.00	\$ 412.00
Estimated Dumpster Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,060.00
MONTHLY	\$ 6,435.66	\$ 6,886.65
ANNUAL	\$ 79,933.82	

POSITION	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN	HRS.
	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7
Supervisor	RDO	RDO	RDO	RDO	7am- 3pm	RDO	RDO	7
	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	12
Sweeper 1	RDO	RDO	RDO	RDO	7:30am-2:30pm	RDO	RDO	6
Sweeper 2	RDO	RDO	RDO	RDO	7:30am-2:30pm	RDO	RDO	6
Totals								19

String Lights





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String Light Program Costs

PS= Per Strand

2.20.2020

Element	Description	Qty	Average Strands Per Tree	Bright (\$26 PS)	Brighter (\$30 PS)	Brightest (\$36 PS)
Jacaranda - Larger Multi Branch Trees	Lining the Median Center Islands - Wrap Every Tree to the Main Branches of Canopy.	74	20	\$38,480	\$44,400	\$53,280
Multi Branch Small	Lining the Median Center Islands - Wrap Every Tree to the Main Branches of Canopy.	28	10	\$7,280	\$8,400	\$10,080
Palm Tree w/ Decorative Fixture	Lining the North and South Bound Side Walk Palm Tree From the top of the Fixture to the very top of the palm Tree	53	22	\$30,316	\$34,980	\$41,976
Total		155		\$76,076	\$87,780	\$105,336
Jacaranda - Larger Multi Branch Trees	Lining the Median Center Islands - Wrap Every Tree to the Main Branches of Canopy.	37	20	\$19,240	\$22,200	\$26,640
Multi Branch Small			10	\$0	\$0	\$0
Palm Tree w/ Decorative Fixture	Lining the North and South Bound Side Walk Palm Tree From the top of the Fixture to the very top of the palm Tree	53	22	\$30,316	\$34,980	\$41,976
Total		90		\$49,556	\$57,180	\$68,616
Element	Description	Qty	Average Strands Per Tree	Bright (\$300 + \$243 Controllors)	Brighter (\$450 + \$243 Controllors)	Brightest (\$600 + \$243 Controllors)
Jacaranda - Larger Multi Branch Trees	RGB Tree Wrap - Two Trees Per Median - Strand Length 66'	28	6	\$57,204	\$82,404	\$107,604

Ballona Creek Monument







Monument Banner Program Costs

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Amount
4	180"(h) x 72"(w) Vertical Balloon Creek Banners Printed on outdoor vinyl, Image on Front and Flood Coat on Back hem and grommets (4) Images- All 4 Color Process	895.00	3,580.00T
1	Installation and maintenance and repairs on existing frames. Maintenance includes normal wear & tear for 90 days (Maintenance due to any unforeseen circumstances will be charged extra).	850.00	850.00
1	Cost of supplies to repair the 2 missing springs	350.00	350.00

Sales tax subject to change based on current sales tax rate at time of invoicing. Prices subject to change after review of supplied art. All claims for errors or allowances must be made in writing within 10 days from receipt of goods. No goods returnable without written consent.	Sales Tax:	\$366.95
	TOTAL AMT. DUE	\$5,146.95

Melvil Parklet (Before)







Melvil Parklet (After)



Total Program Costs/Request

Culver City Arts District BID Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget

		Cost
Expense		
Maintenance (Chrysalis)		
2 Sweepers & 1 Supervisor	Annual Cost	\$80,000.00
Tree (String) Lighting		
155 Trees (Jacarandas, Medians & Palms)		\$105,000.00
Ballona Creek Gateway Monument Refurbishment		
Repair, Paint, Lighting and Banners		\$55,000.00
Melvil Parklet		
Programming (Cover by CCAD BID) & Maintenance		\$5,000.00
Total Funding Request		\$245,000.00

CCAD (assessments) will cover all administrative costs for the above projects.

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Name	Address	Date
Maria G. Mendoza	6103 Melvil St.	6/6/2022
EVA MUNOZ	6107 MELVIL ST	6/6/2022
Michelle Jimenez	6105 MELVIL ST	6/6/2022
Lilia Martinez	6101 Melvil St	6/6/2022
CIRO BENVITEZ	6115 MELVIL ST.	6/6/2022
Elizabeth Villalobos	6121 MELVIL ST.	6/7/2022
Robin Frisbey Kuehn	6125 Melvil ST	6.7.22
Greg Kuehn	6125 Melvil ST	6.7.22
Thomas Miller	6131 Melvil St	6/6/2022
SUSAN COSEN	6116 MELVIL ST	6-7-2022
Michael Rann	6116 Melvil St	6-7-2022

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Name	Address	Date
Margarita Ortega	6111 Washington	6 / 7 / 22
Sasqueline Ramirez	3210 Roberts Ave	6-25-22
Rosario Alderson	3208 Roberts Ave	6-25-22
Eleonora Lanza		
Thomas Lewis	3025 Reed Ave	6/25/22
	Culver City 91222	
JORGE SIMANE	6081 HARGIS	6-26-22
Juan M Jimenez	6079 HARGIS	6-26-22
Ernesto Jimenez	—	6-26-22
Aurelia Jimenez	6081 Hrgis	6-26-22


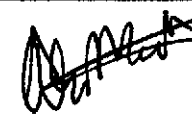


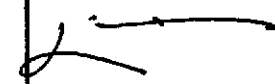


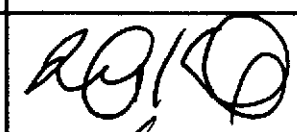

Petition of Support for the Melvil Community Space

We would love to present at a community meeting virtually- all our community members names and voices of support to keep the Melvil Community Space available and closed to traffic. This space has been used for permitted community events, yoga classes, respite, family play, the culver city art walk and ROSIES Foundation to continue their programing safely with evolving covid restrictions. THANK YOU Culver City Arts Distrcit for supporting your community!

We, the undersigned, are in support of the Melvil Closure and Community Space.

Printed Name	Signature	Email	Address	Connection to the Space, resident, work in the area, community member, community partner, child attends school in the neighborhood, Support local buisnesses
1 LISA M. DANIELS		lmdj5d5@sbcglobal.net	866 WESTMAN DR. #105 W. Hollywood CA 90069	Take pilates weekly on Saturdays
2 Marissa Aladro		amipatari.com	6162 W 126th St 90225	Saturday Pilates ☺
3 SARA DEE		sara@doseedo.com	2446 Glynndon 90291	Pilates Pod 3x Saturday mornings @ space
4 Ronit David		ronitdavid@verizon.net	3400 Canby Blvd 90225	Pilates Pod. / Saturday class.
5 Jane Lee		jwlee@uw@gmail		Classes yes!
6 Laurel Miller		laurelcmillere@gmail.com	731 S. Mansfield Ave 90036	take pilates weekly so nice to be a part of culver community
7 Shona Gupta		shona.gupta8@gmail	3428 Fwy	Pilates + cafe jazz!

PETITION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MELVILLE COMMUNITY SPACE. (The Pod Parklet)

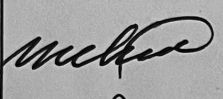
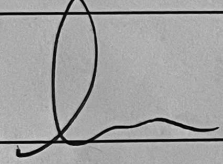
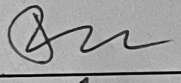
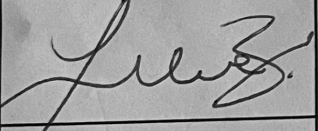
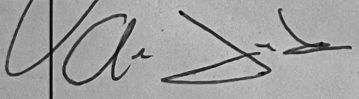

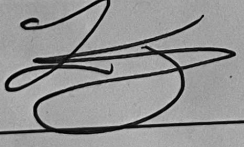
17	Katia Cumber		katiaelizabeth65@hotmail.com	1927 S. Main Ave LA 90019	Saturday pilates
18	Alyson Motton		alycealymotton.com	6226 Damask Ave. LA, CA 90056	Sat Pilates
19	Elizabeth Alter		ElizabethnAlter@gmail.com	10963 Lindblade culver city, CA 90230	Sat Pilates
20	Sadie Adams		Jadeann adams@gmail.com	7 Fleet St MDR CA 90292	
21	Mimi Weisbard		mweisbard@gmail.com	13065 Mindern MDR, CA 90292	Sat Pilates
22	Dawn Dellamano		dawnndellamano22@hotmail.com	2931 Senthney Ave CC	Sat Pilates
23	Sonny Low			LA	SAT PILATES
24	John Katousich		jkatosich@yahoo.com	Los Angeles	Saturday Pilates
25	Rae Low		sayheyrae@icloud.com	Los Angeles	saturday pilates

Please sign so we may continue our outdoor community classes. !!

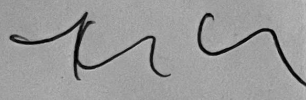

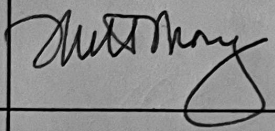
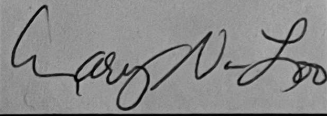
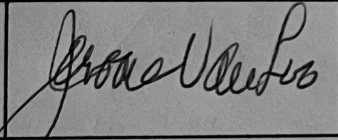
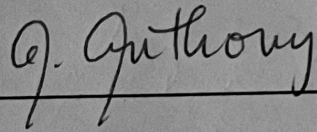
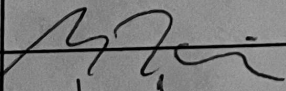
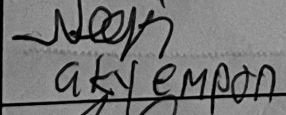
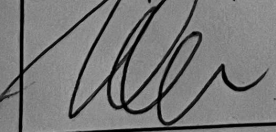
Petition of Support for the Melvil Community Space

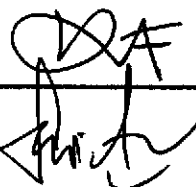

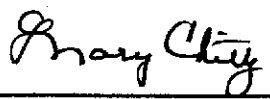
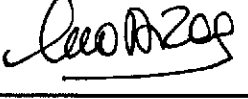
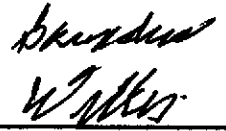

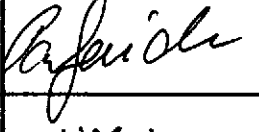
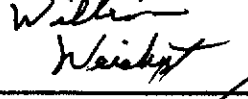

We would love to present at a community meeting DATE, virtually- all our community members names and voices of support to keep the Melvil Community Space available and closed to traffic. This space has been used for permitted community events, yoga classes, respite, family play, the culver city art walk and ROSIES Foundation to continue their programing safely with evolving covid restrictions. THANK YOU Culver City Arts District for supporting your community!

We, the undersigned, are in support of the Melvil Closure and Community Space.

	Printed Name	Signature	Email	Address	Connection to the Space, resident, work in the area, community member, community partner, child attends school in the neighborhood, Support local buisnesses
1	Nechama Chemotsky		nechama@byROSIES.org	916 S. Sherman Dr. #102. L.A. C.A. 90035	Work and homeschool in the neighborhood, use space for game day with children
2	Aaron Hubbard		LAARON.HUBBARD@GMAIL.COM	1111 Jefferson Culver City. 90231	WORK AT Culver City USPS.
3	Diana Beeson		BBeesonDiana@gmail.com	1606 S. Bronson ave LA CA 90049	Work in culver city and enjoy the neighborhood with my children.
4	Guadalupe Zamudio		harkypj902@gmail.com	1831 S. Burnside Ave Los Angeles, CA 90019	Current employee in culver city that enjoys the space for music art & community meetings
5	Arian Jenkins		ArianJenkins87@gmail.com	1606 S. Bronson ave LA CA 90049	Work in culver city enjoy the neighborhood, children love it
6	Edgar Varela		Edgar@EdgarVarela.com	Procolo Culver city	Needdard open space.
7	Lee Chemotsky		Lee@byROSIES.org	Washington Blvd C.C. 90232	work in CC. CCAD Board member uses space to bring community together. To while creating professional development and Access opportunities for ppl w/ Disabilities.

Name Signature Email Address Connection to the Melvil Space

8	Katerina Schick		Katerina Schick @gmail.com	4114 San Bern pl. Culver city 90232	Live in neighborhood
9	MICHAEL KELLY		JUSTDUCKS@ LOVAME.com	3256 FAY AVE 90034	LIVE NEAR AND USE THE SPACE TO RELAX
10	Michael Monagan		Michael@ monagan.com	3341 Fay Ave 90232	Nearby neighbor (musician)
11	Mary A. Van Loo		Vanloo@ me.com	3433 Fay Ave. 90232	Keep it going. Close Melville
12	Jeroame W. Van Loo		Vanloo@me. com	✓	Ditto!
13	Angela Anthony		akanthony18@ gmail		Yes! Great for the community
14	RAQUEL TANUBO		sayugitan@gyahoo.com	Linblad St 90230	Live and work in the neighborhood. Yes.
15	Nanyia Akyempon		Nanyia Akyempon @gmail.com	3346 CATTARAUGUS Avenue	Live and work in culver city
16	MILCE OHEN		MRCULVERCITY @MRCULVERCITY.COM	4378 JASMINE 90232	
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8	KIM FLOYD		Kimberly ann floyd @gmail.com	3406 FAY AVE. CULVER CITY CA 90232	KEEP IT IN THE neighborhood!! :)
9	SASKIA ASAMURA		sasamura2 @aol.com saskiasamura@gmail.com	3640 Highland Dr. Van Park, CA 90008	Fabulous Saturday Pilates class - Keep it open for community health!
10	Mary Chitty		gailchitty @aol.com	6601 Springpark #8, LA 90056	PLEASE KEEP PILATES POD IN CURRENT PLACE!
11	MARIE-ANNE AIZAC		marianne. aizac@ gmail.com	3335 Shurborne Dr. Culver City 90232	Keep this open! Essential to the community
12	DAUNTRA WILLIS		WILLIS 4@gmail	3422 W 82 ST INGLEWOOD	Keep this space open for yoga
13	NATALIE VAN DER VEEN		NATALIEB MICROY@ GMAIL.COM	2325 20TH STR. APT 1. SANTA MONICA	KEEP IT OPEN FOR Pilates Pod ✓
14	GAIDA PAULOVSKA		GPAULOVSKA@ HOTMAIL.COM	7143 1/2 KITTYPHAWK AVE. LOS ANGELES C.A. 90045	FANTASTIC SPACE FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH.
15	WILLIAM WEISHAUP		WEISHAUP@ RELAYPOINT. NET	12123 CLARKSON RD. LOS ANGELES 90064	11
16	WARNER (POD) TAKAKI		SFWNLAA@ me.com	6039 Washington St C.C. 90232	Community classes Role

Rachel
Panush



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please
keep it
open! it's
so nice!

Melvil Street Permanent Closure Community Meeting

September 1, 2022

1. **Opening and Format by Yanni Demitri, Culver City Public Works Director (CCAD BID)**
2. **Presentation for the Culver City Arts District Business Improvement District (Full Presentation is Attachment X in the staff report)**
 - George Montgomery, President of the CCAD explained the history of how the pandemic led to the closure however, due to the pandemic, the CCAD BID couldn't really activate the Melvil block, noting that the original intent was to help the local restaurants survive at the time.
 - Edgar Varela, Executive Director of the CCAD discussed improvements to the area conducted by the CCAD BID including artificial turf, shade structures and some trees/lighting to make the area look better. CCAD BID hired a maintenance contractor who lives in the area to keep it clean and to water the trees. Noted that it is hard to plan events without the closure being permanent. Potential programming options could include artisanal market for vendors, and possibly a Farmers' Market. If full closure approved, then the CCAD BID can program its use to build the community feeling. Will be showing the space to potential users.
 - Lee Chernotsky from Rosie's and Board Member of the CCAD BID. Rosie's has been operating in Culver City since 2014. The closure will help the community grow and together need to design the space to help all "connect" the community socially and help recent businesses.
 - PowerPoint presented by Lee Chernotsky. Encourage the creative community to try "learning new things" and to learn from each other. Potential to call it "Melvil Park." It has become an organic space for people to come together.



MELVIL PARK

INVEST IN COMMUNITY

The time we are in is full of uncertainty - but we are 100% sure the time is now to make Melvil Park a permanent fixture of the impact the entire community can make together while Culver City continues to grow exponentially.

2020

CCAD Business Improvement District led community effort to activate the Melvil street closure \$25k spent on the existing improvements as well as weekly maintenance of the area CREATING local jobs.

2021

Temporary Use Permit and Special event permits secured for events supporting local collaborations between local nonprofits, business, and residents. Each initiative created access to work for people with disabilities.

2022

Approve permanent closure -
Continue investing in local by working together with Culver City Creatives to design and grow green spaces like this one that connect us ALL.



MELVIL STREET PARK



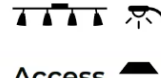
#melvil4people



Potential district wide sponsorship opportunity

Community

Opportunities to engage with local impact, industry, and thought leadership - Like only we can in Culver City!



Access

Accessible OUTDOOR and sun protected community program space to promote local collaboration and SAFETY.



Local Creatives

Digital and Mural artists, content producers, comedians, writers, musicians - this is for you!



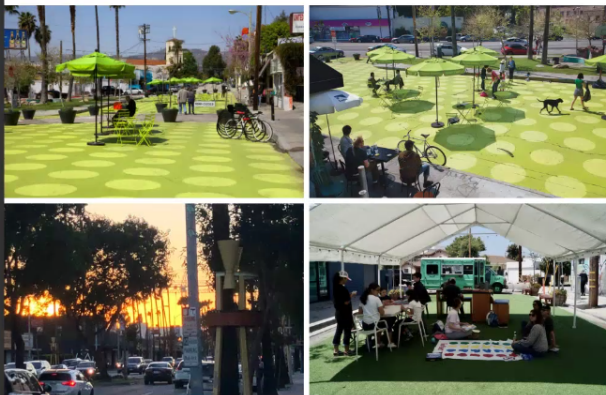
Local Business

This space supports local Non-Profits, Coffee shops, restaurants (takeout), Pilates Studios, and Production companies

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MELVIL PARK



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COMMUNITY

Outdoor space, designed to connect local creatives, businesses, patrons, and residents with access to the opportunities Culver City Creative together!

Already happening in LA - Sunset Triangle Plaza

- 1 The segment of Griffith Park Boulevard that was transformed into Sunset Triangle Plaza was regularly being closed down for a farmer's markets. Additionally, it was redundant path for vehicles and the closure served to create a walkable neighborhood destination.

<https://ladotlivablestreets.org/projects/Sunset-Triangle-Plaza>

It's known as the "Sunset Triangle Plaza" seems to have been first conceived in about 2012 and made real by 2014. 8 years later it's still going strong.

- 2 Melvil Street Park has eliminated the traffic congestion that used to reroute itself from Washington Blvd onto the local streets including Melvil. It has also become a safer alley path for locals with small children riding to and from school with access due to less traffic. Additionally, it created a space for community to connect safely outdoors. COVID is part of our new reality especially those who are immunocompromised in our local community- It our responsibility to create safe spaces we ALL NEED here in the Culver City Arts District.

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The Sunset Triangle Plaza (STP) photo is near Griffith Park.

Work to eliminate traffic congestion and accidents and keep community and riding bikes and seeing kids play in a safe area. STP closed weekly for a Farmer's Market, but the traffic access it provided was minimal, so they decided to close it permanently for the local coffee shop to use and a nearby café too.


MELVIL PARK

LOCAL CREATIVES

The Culver City Arts District is defined by our Creative Community. This small park within a vibrant commercial area that closes the street of to car traffic and converts it into an outdoor plaza and calm creative environment encouraging the community to stop and

LOCAL IMPACT

Impact this space has had on ROSIES since securing TUP

- 12 Apprentices trained to work across industries
- Over 5,000 hours of on the job training during a global pandemic for people with Diverse Abilities
- in partnership with:









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Edgar: Less cars, slower cars is the way to go for a modern city.



LOCAL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY IN SUPPORT-



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| 01 Pilates Pod
Signed petition of support | 03 Cadfab |
| 02 ROSIES | 04 Brunello |
| 05 TING | 06 Helms Bakery District |
| 07 Culver City Arts Business Improvement District | 08 EK valley |
| 09 Culver City Residence association | |
| 10 The Shay Hotel | |

Support Local



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Lee: The EK Valley road closure area on WA Blvd should remain open and keep the road closed so they may continue to operate.

3. Community Comments

Ken Mand, Arts District Resident and Culver City Arts District Resident Association: Input with community is very important and important to have conversations for the potential of space. The Space could be very special and moving forward could be embraced by residents throughout the Arts District and make the area shine. Birthday parties and Farmers' Market can be held here, more art displays, and

with more input from the local businesses we will use it for other events and to display art. Apple is coming, Cumulus is opening up so we will have dramatic changes to WA Blvd. This is a special space. Believe we can mitigate challenges and annoyances and can collaborate with the neighbors to make it all work out.

Shona Paesel: Speak with multiple hats as an Arts District resident, mom who uses space and on Board for the Culver Arts Foundation. Space is special and a haven with during the pandemic. Able to spend countless hours beneath the tent and participate in the Pilates/yoga classes, which are a lovely experience. Community mural on the building walls is really beautiful and a special moment for son to participate. Witnessed restaurants/business using the space and it is great to see. I call it the “Marvelous Melvil Activation Hub”. Love the space and can’t wait to see what happens in the future

Eric Paesel: Arts District resident and the Melvil space has been a huge plus and is a silver lining during the pandemic. My wife attends the Yoga class there every Saturday. We don’t have a similar space nearby that we can program and be controlled by the Arts District BID, and they are maintaining the area, so I support it continuing with permanent closure.

Maria Mendoza: I live on Melvil, my backyard faces the alley. Why is Melvil the only one closed for use by local businesses, it isn’t fair without telling us or warning us first. It’s not a community space, we weren’t even told about it and are not allowed to use it either. Only one business benefits from it, not the neighbors. No one in our street taking benefit. No one on my street wants to keep it closed. I hate the loud music, and there is trash too. Parking is a big issue without it, especially illegal alley parking as a result of limited parking that blocks access to residents, including my driveway exits to the alley. There is a lot of homeless who are noisy themselves, and they are attracted there to have parties and hang out and they throw rocks and become violent sometimes. I started petition for my street to re-open. Why not close another street, not ours! I have a lot of stress and I visit a therapist as a result of the closure. My daughter is stressed out too and is ill and my son too.

Ali Lexa: As we lose more and more access to our homes, it creates even more grid lock and the only thing there is the Rosie’s van! No restaurants are using the block. They already blocked all the parking on Washington Boulevard and that has helped the restaurants, but not the residents. How about we close it once weekly for the Farmers Market instead as a compromise? Traffic congestion just moves to Washington Boulevard and doesn’t go away at all. The local businesses would benefit more by having parking for their clients. What about using Syd Kronenthal Park instead – it is just three blocks away! We were patient during the pandemic, but now we suffer more traffic gridlock as a result. We should be involved more in such decisions and we weren’t. Please reopen the block.

Michael and Susan Rosen: Susan – Thank you Ali, you said much of what I was going to say. Does any Arts District BID board member live off Melvil? . . . I didn’t think so. They won’t suffer the trucks in the alley, littering, and commerce near their homes. Closing Melvil is NOT a public space – use Syd Kronenthal Park instead and MANY hold events there, so why can’t ROSIE’s hold their events there too? I don’t see anyone profiting (aside from businesses) from your programming intentions. The art galleries and office spaces nearby are all available to use their own space to have such events, and they will NOT benefit by this closure. This is a residential block and the pile of illegally parked cars in the alley and in front of our homes is unacceptable. Rosie’s is taking the lead to govern this effort after subletting the space from Industry Cafe? I pay taxes! Where will people park for an event you hold in this closed block anyway? No parking is left nearby except in front of my home! There is a beautiful park nearby –

that is where events should be held, away from my personal residential property. I love the Arts and I patronize them this has nothing to do with art, this is all about Rosie's parking their Van on the street.

Michael Rosen: Rosie's had an issue finding a place to park their Van, and that is all this block is successful in doing. The Arts District BID I approached and said you took eight parking spaces away from us, why didn't you come to us residents and ask our opinion first? I see the homeless there all the time and it is problematic and unwelcome, but they love the closed road use as a haven. I have to shoo them away, and clean up broken glass containers, fecal matter, and trash they leave behind and our children are exposed to all of it when they go to school. None of you live on Melvil – You have a beautiful park only three blocks away, why not use it and it has on-site parking too. May seek legal advice if this proceeds This is a residential street and is not intended for commercial uses.

CL: (Difficult to decipher) "Codie", a Rosie's client. Wants to keep Melvil closed.

Kathleen Kurkjian: As a local resident, I found the presentation very weak – and it is missing a lot of information. I agree with the lack of street parking being available and more neighborhoods in the area are applying for "permit parking" given the overflow parking into my neighborhood as a result of the nearby restaurants customers and now, a COVID-19 testing facility nearby. I have witnessed (while reading my newspaper) illegal parkers and I tell them to MOVE because they don't have a permit to display in their vehicle. I also object to the increased accidents at our corner. Plus streetsweepers cannot access the area that is closed off so it isn't being kept clean. The closure creates more traffic and slows flows down, not the opposite as claimed! Getting to Smart & Final takes 20 minutes to navigate from my home which is ridiculous. I have lived here since 1974 and it is difficult to get around. Use the space that you have already have available and this space is not needed -- it is just wrong. I should have been notified about the closure ahead of time and we weren't. Also, the businesses and Arts District don't even live here!

Kenji Haroutjanian: I support the closure, but I don't live that close to it. I do patronize the businesses in the area via my bicycle. I like the idea of the community space, but I agree the impacts to adjacent neighbors is a real issue – maybe we can develop some form of compromise? I love the Syd Kronenthal Park, but this would be a nice addition. I have no idea who Rosie's is or what they do. We all pay taxes and contribute to the betterment of the neighborhood.

Michael Monagan: I live on Fay and obviously there has to be a lot of work in regard to addressing the issues raised by the community. As a musician, I support building community spaces and support public performances, so the idea of music (not loud) and Yoga uses on Melvil is great. The space does need to be used and be vibrant, and input is necessary from everyone to determine its programming.

4. Closing – Yanni Demitri, Public Works Director

Appreciated the community's time and noted that everyone feels very strongly about these issues. If the Council directs staff to keep Melvil Street closed, a study will need to be done to assess the impact this closure would have on traffic circulation and noise. The City has zero tolerance for loud music that does not adhere to our noise ordinance or for parking violations in the alley—and when reported, violators are cited. When issues are reported, Parking Enforcement is immediately sent out. This location has been listed on a "hot list" of locations that gets cleaned up more frequently. A full closure will not occur

unless there is City Council direction. If the City proceeds with a closure, there would be more outreach to the residents to incorporate feedback and concerns, so it is done in a way to support the business in the area but keeps harmful impacts to area residents to minimum or eliminate any negative impacts where possible.