



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, December 8th, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Gymnasium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA
90066

AGENDA

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)

Meeting called to order at 7:07 P.M.

Quorum present: Bill Koontz (chair), Bill Scheduling (treasurer), Melissa Stoller (Secretary), Sherri Akers, Valerie Davidson, Robin Doyno, Michelle Krupkin, Brad Wilhite, Ken Alpern, Mitchell Rishe, Michael Millman

2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)

3. **Approval of November 10, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)

Motion to approve as corrected by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Michelle Krupkin. Motion carried unanimously

4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)

3277 S. Barrington development:

- Hayashi Bara, 3361 McLaughlin: upset the MVCC agreed to postpone discussion; people in neighborhood are ready, shouldn't postpone because developer isn't.
- John Evans, 3300 block Barry: another home on Barrington is up for sale; realtor Sherri Noyes distributed flyer that is actively seeking creative developer for apartment building
- Elaine Stumpis: People moved here because they want to be in neighborhood of single-family homes. 10 years ago developer tried to increase size of apartments and the neighborhood pushed back; we can't allow developers to destroy our neighborhood for money. There are times on McLaughlin when traffic is stopped all the way to Palms.
- Jerry Hornoff, Lawler St. & president of Westdale Homeowners Association: need to recognize that the property is zoned R3 and try to work with the developer. Perhaps we can then use, along with council office to leverage other development.
- Steve Wallace: Best developments in Mar Vista are where neighborhood worked with developers. Developer can put 12-unit apartment there and if they do, other developers will follow. Think about what you would accept in that area. If we can protect the parkway, that will limit development (size must go down if can't do curb cuts for entry/egress). Gateway & Barrington: application for 125 unit apartment building where tire business is.
- Debby Almo Bazquez, 3264 Stoner: Lots of traffic down Stoner 4-7 P.M.; people speeding, no regard for pedestrians. Very dangerous situation.
- ?: Will impinge on solar rights; water system overtaxed. Allowing overdevelopment ruins scale & charm of neighborhood & devalues property. Need moratorium & realistic.
- Len Nguyen: Mike Bonin has received lots of emails. Asked staff to review underlying zoning, what's legal and what steps can be taken. If it meets zoning, there's not a lot we can do to stop.

Sherri Akers: RE: methane leak. Green Committee passed a methane leak motion, has asked other NCs to pass a motion. NASA study shows Methane leaks are rampant.

Ken Axten: People squatting in park (structures, using picnic table, cooking on BBQ)

5. **Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 1 min. each unless waived by the Chair)

- a. CD 11 – CM Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy Len Nguyen Len.Nguyen@lacity.org
 - El Nino is coming, City is planning series of town halls.
 - Introduced 7 motions re: parking recommendations.
 - Bill Scheduling: Notices lots of people using Centinela between Gateway & National to bike to commute; should restripe right turn lanes as bike lanes.
 - Valerie Davidson: Overnight parking on Centinela where it's posted no parking.
 - Myra Boime: Wants "keep clear" sign at Palms & Beethoven.
 - Ken Alpern: Will there be some efforts to provide more/alternative parking? Fan of bicycle network but need to consider safety; use riverbeds to go long distances—safer, avoids bike vs. car.
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Lizka Mendoza, Director
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway joejdg92@gmail.com
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - e. US 37 – Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian maral@mail.house.gov
 - f. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov
 - Venice Blvd: Rep. Ridley-Thomas authored successful bill to allow State to relinquish to city of Los Angeles from Lincoln to Cadillac.
 - Michelle Krupkin, RE: Venice: Poor condition of parts of street; issues with Make It Mar Vista due to CalTrans; issue with smart bus bench—can't put it on street.
 - Scott: call him directly if need help.
 - Ken Alpern: can we eyeball before any agreement is signed for Venice Blvd? Local input would help process.
 - Homeless encampments along rights of way; working on one near Cotner & Olympic; will displace homeless and they'll go elsewhere—complex issue.
 - Bill Scheduling: Should allow cars to go in & out of car pool lanes freely
 - g. US 33 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Joey Apodaca joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov
 - h. CA Assembly 47
 - i. CA Assembly 62
 - j. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly Katona, Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
 - k. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm Daniel.tamm@lacity.org
 - l. Joel Jacinto, Department of Public Works
6. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
- a. Chair-Bill Koontz
 - b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe
 - c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta
 - d. Secretary –Melissa Stoller
 - e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2014-15 or they will expire. All NPG and CIG grants approved by the Mar Vista Community Council are restricted funds according to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment regulations and must be used for the exact purpose approved by the MVCC. All Neighborhood Council Funding reports are available online at <http://done.lacity.org/onlinefunding/ncfunding.aspx>.
 - i. **APPROVAL** of November Monthly Expense Report (MER)
 - Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Valerie Davidson.
 - Motion to table by Melissa Stoller, no 2nd.
 - Discussion:
 - Bill Scheduling: Need to maintain our paperwork on monthly basis; DONE can freeze funds.
 - Steve Wallace: Do we loss \$29,000 if not spent?

Bill Scheduling: Money is allocated, not yet spent; we'll spend any left over funds at end of year.

Bill Koontz: Yes, would lose if not spent; allocated \$4500 for election

Motion carried: 9 ayes, nays, 1 abstentions (Melissa Stoller).

ii **FUNDING MOTION: Winter Wonderland** (submitted by ExFin Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$1000 to the LAPD Booster Club for reimbursement of Winter Wonderland tent and chair rentals.

Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Sherri Akers.

Discussion:

Bill Scheduling: MVCC has been supporting for years.

Michelle Krupkin: Need volunteers day before (Dec. 11)—sorting toys in Pacific Division parking lot; starts at noon

Motion carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Robin Doyno).

iii **FUNDING MOTION: Webster MS, Venice HS, Mark Twain MS & Grand View ES NPGs** (Submitted by Education, Arts & Culture Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves the following Neighborhood Purpose Grants:

- \$2925 to Webster Middle School to expand its successful robotics pilot.
- \$2350 to Venice High School to pilot secure wheelbase-locking storage of skateboards used for commuting.
- \$2688 to Mark Twain Middle School to beautify its playgrounds and support its vigorous PE program with essential equipment.
- \$1300 to Grand View Elementary School for establishing a classroom food waste recycling and composting program.

Motion to consider 6.e.iii-v together by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Melissa Stoller. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to refer back to committee with comments by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Sherri Akers.

Discussion:

Sara Roos: EACC is here to support Mar Vista. Work of committee is what Mar Vista is about. Put out requests to small projects to schools. Ability of school booster clubs to raise money is dependent in part on relative wealth of population. Moved NPG timeline forward because it's difficult for schools to do the projects near end of school year. Projects help raise the profile of Mar Vista. EACC requests that 1st 4 requests be funded 100%.

Sherri Akers: Together grants are 1/3rd of total MVCC budget, first 4 are 25% of budget. Committees are careful to not spend money. Need to consider total picture, not just individual motions.

Ken Alpern: Long history of supporting these types of projects. Was taken aback by amounts and some of the projects. Board usually prefers "things" over programs. People in community may look at and say "isn't this what LAUSD is supposed to be doing?"

Michelle Krupkin: Echoes Ken & Sherri's feelings. This is huge portion of budget. Perhaps there are some matching grants.

Michael Millman: What is relationship of size of these grants to other NPG grants in community? How do skateboard lockers enhance profile of Mar Vista?

Robin Doyno: EACC thinking was \$4000 in NPG pile, \$5000 in Community Improvement Grant. Last June, talked about branding Mar Vista as Education Capital.

Sherri Akers: Currently \$16000 allocated for grants, EACC asking for \$14,000.

Steve Wallace: Two of the schools aren't all Mar Vista kids. Are other NCs putting in money to these schools? Why can't skateboard lockers be rolled in to Venice High work? Shouldn't our taxes be paying for things like stop watches for coaches?

Christopher McKennon: Does money go to the school, or individual vendors? Bill Scheduling: goes to school in lump sum.

Brad Wilhite: thanks to Sara Roos for hard work on committee. Feels like number presented tonight is about same as last year. Items submitted by schools are well thought out; if follow back to source, they make sense and are important.

Bill Koontz: Last year had gift of one newsletter and no election to fund.

Bill Scheduling: Should give EACC a dollar amount to target.

Bill Koontz: Requests board members to attend EACC meeting, give Sara private feedback/questions.

Ken Alpern: We owe it to Sara to delve in.

Motion carried: 8 ayes, 3 nays, 0 abstentions.

- iv. **FUNDING MOTION: Walgrove ES NPG** (Submitted by Education, Arts & Culture Committee)
The Mar Vista Community Council approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$2500 to Walgrove Elementary School to support its 2nd annual Studio Lab Community Game Day.
- v. **FUNDING MOTION: Richland ES NPG** (Submitted by Education, Arts & Culture Committee)
The Mar Vista Community Council approves a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of up to \$2500 to Richland Elementary School for books and learning tools supportive of its new Dual Language Immersion Program.
- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison: Linda Guagliano lindaguag@netzero.net
- Met Nov. 18. Long list of new business. LAPD officer previously assigned skipped last two meetings; the newly assigned officer was in accident a few days before meeting. Sgt. Christopher Kunz attended meeting.
 - Newly installed signs for Farmers' Market: 85% done, expect to finish in next few weeks.
 - MV Post Office: Complaints about not being able to exit onto Grand View. Public alley and Post Office has no say in traffic control. Will sandblast signs saying "No Exit".
 - Valerie Davidson: Need handicap curbs at intersection at Rose at all four corners
 - Mitchell Rishe: Lineup of cars trying to get on 10 FWY; response (put up no blocking signs) doesn't address root of problem.
 - Bill Scheduling: Put "No Right Turn" sign on Stoner to prevent cut-thru's.
- g. DWP MOU Liaison: Myra Boime
- h. LANCC Liaison: Open (Bill Koontz reporting)
- i. DWP Recycled Water Liaison: Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
- Hasn't meet since last BOD. Part of water rate increase is for water recycling.
 - Bill Koontz: Should inject water back in to ground—more expensive short term that spreading fields, but long term saves money. Is there any discussion of this?
 - Christopher: Injection done now to prevent seawater incursion. Injection involves spending money, pumping.
 - Valerie Davidson: Rain barrel program? Sherri Akers: Focus is more on cisterns; just had demonstration program.
- j. Fall Festival Liaison: Albert Olson
- k. City Budget: John Kuchta
- l. Recode LA: Sharon Commins
- m. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald –add website
- Thanks for Make it Mar Vista support. Head of Small Business Association spent whole day there with her family: bowled, bought gifts for Obama's at Soaptopia.
 - Meeting Monday, Dec 14 at 5:30 P.M.
 - Rustic Kitchen opening on Dec. 16.
 - Michelle Krupkin: Thanks Sarah for efforts with Cal Trans.
- n. Animal Services Liaison: Steve Boskin

8. **New Business** - Action items, which may include motions to refer items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable (public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker unless waived by the Chair); items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment.

a. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Standing Rules Revision** (submitted by Elections & Bylaws committee)

MVCC approves replacement of the Standing Rules approved May 13, 2008 and last amended on June 9, 2015 with a new version dated December 8, 2015.

Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Mitchell Rishe.

Discussion:

Sherri Akers: Appreciates work that went in to.

Mitchell Rishe: Friendly amendment II.6.d:

The minutes should contain enough information for stakeholders to understand how~~why~~ the committee came to its decision.

Michael Millman: Are there consequences for violating Standing Rules? Are they designed to be guidelines?

Bill Koontz: Recollection is that there's something in by-laws: are rules, not guideline.

Motion carried as amended: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Michael Millman).

b. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Elections & Bylaws Committee Chair** (submitted by Executive and Finance Committee)

MVCC approves the appointment of Bill Koontz as chair of the Elections & Bylaws Committee.

Motion to approve by Melissa Stoller, 2nd by Ken Apern. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

Jay Handal, Neighborhood Council Elections Administrator: Lots of help available this time: templates, poll banners, Chiat Day publicity. Has 19 employees. Committed to making great election. Frontloading all registered voters into NationBuilder. Paying for poll workers. NCs need to reach out to stakeholders. To do really good job, allow \$8000-10,000.

Sarah Auerswald: Elections Committee needs to sign MVCC up for NationBuilder.

Robin: Wants to be included on Outreach Committee.

c. **POLICY MOTION: Homeless Count MOU** (submitted by Executive and Finance Committee)

MVCC agrees to the terms of the Neighborhood Council Opt-In Program MOU (See Addendum A) and will participate in the 2016 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. Further, MVCC approves the creation of an ad hoc 2016 Homeless Count committee and appoints Liberty Bradford and Robin Doyno as co-chairs.

Motion to approve by Robin Doyno, 2nd by Valerie Davidson.

Discussion:

24 volunteers already signed up; need 60.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. **POLICY MOTION: 3277 S Barrington Small Lot Subdivision** (submitted by PLUM committee)

MVCC oppose the project as proposed, with the following requests for any development on the site:

- Height no greater than 30 feet
- Increased setbacks
- Mitigation of traffic and other impacts to MV Elementary
- Mitigation of safety concerns in the alley (mainly due to increased traffic)
- Provide for guest parking
- Architectural re-design more consistent with the character of neighborhood
- Reduce to 2-3 units
- Removal of "kitchenette" in plans.

Motion to put over by Michael Millman, 2nd by Bill Scheduling.

Discussion:

Michael Millman: Be cautious about putting over, consult with zone director

Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Zone Director Reports** – (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
 - a. Zone 1 – Ken Alpern
 - b. Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite
 - c. Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling
 - d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman
 - January 21: MVNA annual meeting at St. Bede’s 7:00 P.M.
 - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
 - Earls Gourmet closed.
 - f. Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson
 - Usual concern with mansionization & traffic; great holiday lights on Rose Ave.
 10. **Committee Reports** - (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
 - a. **Executive & Finance Committee** - Bill Koontz, Chair
 - b. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
 - c. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs
 - d. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs
 - Might have joint meeting with PLUM Tuesday, December 15, to discuss bike lanes.
 - e. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs; Michael Millman, Vice-Chair
 - f. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite, Robin Doyno & Sara Roos, Co-Chairs
 - Please ask questions.
 - g. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson & Martin Rubin, Co-Chairs
 - Great meeting. LA Weekly & Argonaut reporters attended.
 - FAA says lease extended to 2023 because Santa Monica received some funding.
 - Dec. 9 NRNA informational meeting addressing airport issues
 - h. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair
 - i. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
 - j. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs
 - Lots of traction on Facebook.
 - k. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Scheduling, chair
 - l. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair
 - m. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-Chairs
 - n. **Homeless Issues Committee** – Robin Doyno, Chair
 - Need volunteers for January 27 homeless count, 2 to 2 ½ hrs.
 - Need board members at Farmers’ Market to promote count.
 11. **Discussion Calendar**
 12. **Unfinished Business** - Action items held over from previous meeting (Public comment permitted)
 13. **Grievances**, if any, received
 14. **Future agenda items**
 15. **Public Comment**
 - Georgia McQuerry: Daughters attend Mark Twain & Walgrove. Schools in Mar Vista are losing kids to charters. Grants are about trying to keep the kids local and making schools flagships of our community. If keep kids there, less traffic. LAUSD expects schools to raise funds; it’s really hard.
 16. **Adjournment**
 - Meeting adjourned at 9:36 P.M.
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