



**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 7:00 PM**  
**Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium**  
**11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066**

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**BOD-140114-MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min.)
  - Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.
  - Quorum present – Sharon Commins (Chair), Bill Koontz (1st Vice Chair), Yvette Milinaro (2nd Vice Chair), Bill Duckett (Secretary), Bill Scheduling (Treasurer), Ken Alpern, Valerie Davidson, Mitchell Riche, Kate Anderson, Melissa Stoller, Michael Millman, John Kuchta and Michelle Krupkin
2. **Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of December 10, 2013 Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)
  - Add Green Committee wording into the minutes**
  - Motion (Bill Scheduling) to approve minutes. Motion carries unanimously.**
4. **Public Comment & Announcements**--for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
  - Robin Doyno (Western Mar Vista Neighborhood Association): Informed us on way to get the overflowing trashcans emptied at bus stops. Distributed newsletter.
  - Michael Millman: Thursday, Jan. 23rd at 7 p.m., St. Bede's, Mar Vista neighborhood association annual meeting. Mike Feuer will be present in addition to Mike Bonin.
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](mailto:Len.Nguyen@lacity.org)
    - Len: Show cause hearing was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> and judge entered permanent injunction entered on owners, brokers, and tenants.
  - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
    - Jason: Working w/LAPD to have Senior Lead Summit here. Gym floor has been refinished. New light fixtures have been installed. Some outdoor lights outdoors have been energized and all should be finished by end of Jan. Baseball diamonds are being refurbished (may make them unusable for 1-2 months).
  - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Field Deputy Jeffrey Ebenstein, [jeffrey.ebenstein@lacity.org](mailto:jeffrey.ebenstein@lacity.org)
  - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
  - e. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
  - f. CA Senate 28 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles [Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov)
  - g. CA Assembly 47
  - h. CA Assembly 62
  - i. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly Katona, [Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov)
  - j. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm [Daniel.tamm@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.tamm@lacity.org)
6. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker)
  - a. Chair-Sharon Commins
    - The dispensary injunction is permanent.
  - b. First Vice Chair-Bill Koontz
    - New son, Lucas!
  - c. Second Vice Chair-Yvette Molinaro
    - No report.
  - d. Secretary-Bill Duckett
    - No report.
  - e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2013-14 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. Neighborhood Council Funding reports are available online at <http://done.lacity.org/onlinefunding/ncfunding.aspx>
    - i. **FUNDING MOTION:** APPROVAL of DECEMBER 2013 US Bank Card Statement
      - Motion (Bill Koontz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Krupkin) carries unanimously.**
    - ii. **FUNDING MOTION:** APPROVAL of DECEMBER 2013 Monthly Reconciliation Form
      - Motion (Bill Koontz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Scheduling) carries unanimously.**
  - f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano
    - Linda: January meeting is tomorrow (January 15<sup>th</sup>). Most of agenda is leftover from November meeting. The stop signs middle of Victoria and Grandview have been installed (installed larger ones). Also did this on Charnock. A year ago November a stop sign was asked for at Beethoven and Marco.

**Study has been completed but paperwork was lost at last meeting. The study indicated that stop sign not justified. Bus bench requested for Ocean Park and Bundy but it's not going to happen unless someone else pays for it besides the city.**

- g. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Bill Koontz  
**-DWP MOU: Absent due to birth.**  
**-LANCC: Ditto.**
- h. DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon [www.ladwp.com/recycledwater](http://www.ladwp.com/recycledwater)  
**-Christopher: Not present.**
- i. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson/Yvette Molinaro  
**-Albert: No meeting was held in December. Final numbers coming.**
- j. City Budget: John Kuchta  
**-John: Needs to reach out because it's been mysteriously silent (probably due to holidays).**

7. **Zone Director Reports**--may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; Public comment permitted)  
**Zone 1 – Ken Alpern: Expo line moving forward. WVHA will be having annual meeting next month, one of the last Thursdays in February.**  
**Zone 2 – Bill Koontz: Marty doing excellent job.**  
**Zone 3 – Kate Anderson: Excited about the outcome of the injunction.**  
**Zone 4 – Michael Millman: Hat off to Linda for the leadership shown in getting the stop signs up.**  
**Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin: MMD at 3955 Inglewood arraignment scheduled for 1/17/14 per Claudia Martin.**  
**Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson: Inquiry about stop sign at Mark Twain School. Concern about timing of lights on Bundy. Woman fell and broke her hip due to the buckling of the sidewalks. 50/50 sidewalk cost split is gone. January 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7 p.m., Santa Monica main library for next airport to park meeting.**
8. **Committee Reports & Consent Calendar** - Action items included, 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. **Executive & Finance Committee**--Sharon Commins, Chair
    - i. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: EXFIN:** To establish a Garden Showcase 2014 Ad Hoc Committee for the 2014 Green Garden Tour.
      - 1. The Ad Hoc Committee would be tasked with determining the Showcase size, scope and format plus establishing a sound network of volunteers to help organize and run the event going forward.  
**Run 2014 event then make recommendations for the future. Proposes Shelly Wiseman and Christie Wilhelm as co-chairs (moved by Bill Scheduling and accepted as a friendly amendment).**  
**Motion (Sharon Commins) carries unanimously.**
  - b. **Election & Bylaws Committee**-- Bill Scheduling, Chair  
**--Bill S.:**
  - c. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee**--Steve Wallace & Michael Millman, Co-Chairs and **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Mitchell Rische, Co-Chairs
    - i. **POLICY MOTION: JMB/CENTURY CITY SPECIFIC PLAN:** The Mar Vista Community Council opposes any attempt by JMB Developers and the City of Los Angeles Planning to violate the Century City North Specific Plan and/or other any other covenant established to limit the commercial office space to 2.5 million square feet. The Mar Vista Community Council therefore opposes the proposed 731,000 square foot JMB-proposed Century City Center in that it is extra commercial office square footage that is three times the limit in size that JMB developers is allowed to build based on the number of trips it currently owns, unless the JMB developers purchase the number of trips from other commercial landlords that enables this tower to be legally built without creating a precedent to an illegal tripling of the size of Century City. The Mar Vista Community Council further opposes any attempt to triple the size of Century City's office/commercial square footage in that it will create devastatingly negative impacts on the environment, on traffic, on the economy and on the quality of life for Westsiders from La Cienega to the ocean, and implore both CD5 Councilmember Paul Koretz and CD11 Councilmember Mike Bonin to demand that JMB developers and City Planning adhere to the covenant of 2.5 million square footage of legal office space for Century City.  
**Unanimously approved in Committee. See also: <http://bhccourier.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/112213Fissue.pdf>**  
**On consent**  
**Motion carries 12 ayes 1 abstention (Melissa Stoller)**
    - ii. **POLICY MOTION: CITY OF LOS ANGELES GENERAL PLAN FRAMEWORK ELEMENT CHAPTER 3: PROTECTION OF LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AREAS:** The Mar Vista

Community Council believes clear and reasonable land use regulations, including definitions and performance standards [noise, traffic, parking, operating hours, and the like], are necessary for good governance, civil society, buffering of uses between zone classifications, proper code enforcement, neighborhood stability, public health, and public safety.

The General Plan of the City of Los Angeles specifically protects the residential character of low density residential areas as stated in the General Plan Framework Element Chapter 3 - Land Use Goals, Objectives and Policies Issue Two: Uses, Density, and Character:

*"Single-Family Residential Overview*

*The Framework Element recognizes the importance of existing single-family residential neighborhoods and the need to conserve them. Traditionally, they have formed the fabric that has distinguished the City from other urban areas. Even with substantial growth, the single-family dwelling is still considered to be a major objective of most income and ethnic groups. These areas also afford added opportunities to take advantage of the variety of lifestyles such as water-oriented, rural/agricultural and equestrian-keeping special use neighborhoods"*

And, additionally stated as:

*"Goal 3B: Preservation of the City's stable single-family residential neighborhoods"*.

There exist substantial low density areas within the MVCC's boundaries. ANY prospective change to this General Plan Framework policy is a serious matter of public process and accountability to MVCC stakeholders.

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council calls for full Environmental Impact Review in compliance with CEQA, to completely assess the impacts of any and all proposed ordinances, revisions, regulations, or plans which alter the above stated policy with regard to the character of the City's low density residential areas comprising over 65% of the City's land use-- including complete analysis of fiscal impacts to vital City services and future burdens on the City's aging physical infrastructure. **Unanimously approved in Committee**

**Consent**

**Motion carries 11 ayes 1 abstention (Melissa Stoller)**

- iii. **POLICY MOTION: NOTICING OF OFF RAMP CLOSURES:** WHEREAS Mar Vista residents have been deeply impacted by the 405 widening project, which is more than one year behind schedule and more than \$75 million over budget.

WHEREAS the 405 widening project has resulted in freeway off ramp closures commonly used by Mar Vista residents, including the 405 S Pico/Olympic off ramp, that appear to occur at random times and with **little or** no advance warning of the closure. This deprives us of an opportunity to plan ahead, causing us to take exits far from our destination, resulting in additional transit time (in addition to the delays caused by the widening project itself) and further increasing air pollution. This also demonstrates a total lack of respect and understanding for the inconveniences and delays that we have been subjected to throughout the duration of the years-long widening project.

NOW, THEREFORE, to alleviate commuter transit time and as a show of respect and understanding for those commuters who have been so severely impacted by the widening project, MVCC respectfully requests that councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz request that Cal Trans/Metro post **prominent** notice of an off ramp closure at least one off ramp before the closure (i.e., before the Santa Monica off ramp for a Pico/Olympic closure), to allow commuters sufficient opportunity to take the prior off ramp. **Unanimously approved in Committee**

**Motion as amended (see above) carries unanimously.**

- d. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, & Jeanne Kuntz, Co-Chairs  
–Melissa read her report from the attached addendum.
- e. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Amy Lawrence and Albert Olson, Co-Chair  
–No report
- f. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Koontz & Yvette Molinaro, Co-Chairs  
–No report
- g. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs  
–No report
- h. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs  
–No report

- i. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs  
–No report
- j. **Ad Hoc Website Team**-John Kuchta, Chair  
–Sharon having trouble with website
- k. **Community Outreach Committee** – John Kuchta, Chair  
–No report

**9. Discussion Calendar**

10. **Unfinished Business** - Action items held over from previous meeting (Public comment permitted)

11. **New Business** -(Public comment permitted)

12. **Grievances**, if any, received

**13. Future agenda items**

**14. Adjournment**

**Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**