

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 8, 2013, at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066
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The audience is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the Agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the public comment period. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Mar Vista Community Council meetings will follow Rosenburg's Rules of Order, the latest edition. For more information, please visit the MVCC web site.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Chair (1 min.)
2. Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance (1 min)
3. Approval of Minutes (public comment permitted) (2 min)
Minutes approved unanimously
4. Public Comment & Announcements for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each)
Michael Millman made a pitch for MVNA Annual Meeting
Bill Koontz pitched Westdale neighborhood meeting honoring Bill Rosendahl
5. Elected Officials and City Department Reports (max 1 min. each)
 - a. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
 - b. CD 11 - Bill Rosendahl, rep. by Len Nguyen Len.Nguyen@lacity.org,
Field Deputy
Gratitude for donations
Bond going on ballot for street repair introduced by city council
Building and Safety took care of the problem at building at corner of Palms and Centinela
Looking into crosswalk requested by neighbor in Michael Millman's zone
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep. by David Giron David.Giron@lacity.org ,
Field Deputy
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - e. CA Senate 28 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov
 - f. CA Assembly 47 – Holly Mitchell
 - g. CA Assembly 62 – Steven Bradford
 - h. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Super.– Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by
Karly Katona Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov,

- i. Mayor of Los Angeles
- 6. Officers and Liaison Reports (Action items included with public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker)
 - a. Chair-Sharon Commins
 - b. First Vice Chair-Bill Koontz
 - Showed green bag prototype*
 - . Second Vice Chair-Yvette Molinaro
 - d. Secretary-Bill Duckett
 - e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2012-13 or they will expire.
 - i. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: APPROVAL of DECEMBER 2012 US Bank Card Statement
 - Bill S. motioned. Motion carried unanimously*
 - ii. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Mid FY Budget Adjustment: Present MVCC balance, and adjustment in budget line items
 - Bill Scheduling motioned. Motion carried with 9 ayes and one abstention (Bill Shedding)*
 - iii. FUNDING MOTION: GREEN COMMITTEE: Motion to allocate no more than \$100 to purchase a new rolling cart and step stool needed for the Green Tent.
 - Melissa Stoller motioned. then presented justification*
 - Some discussion*
 - Motion carried unanimously*
 - f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison Linda Guagliano
 - Next mtg. Jan. 16th. Needs agenda items by Jan. 12th.*
 - Bill Koontz would like to see LADOT and MOU/LANCC communicate better about tearing up streets concurrently instead of intermittently.*
 - g. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Bill Koontz
 - MOU: Discussed Parcel Tax notice to take care of storm drains. Stakeholder commented that the parcel tax is high for multiple unit owners.*
 - LANCC: Looks like they are trying to ram through the bond Len mentioned. Eventually Board agendas will need to be posted at various locations throughout neighborhood, one being a 24 hour spot. The number of locations is yet to be determined.*
 - h. LADWP/BOS Recycled Water Advisory Group (RWAG) Liaison-Christopher McKinnon
 - The storm water parcel tax goes to county and neighborhoods will need to lobby for money.*
 - Stakeholder commented that these taxes and parcels cannot keep hitting only the homeowners.*
 - Ken suggested thresholds should be established for passing these*

taxes and levies.

-Bill K. was unable to get any information about how well the reclaiming of the storm water is doing.

i. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson

j. Mayor's Budget Day--Christopher Mckinnon

-Christopher has the black and white of the proposed budget. Two WLA people were appointed to the oversight committee.

-Gave report on who was present.

7. Committee reports - Action items included (public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker) ; items may be received and filed by consent; no discussion or public comment

a. Executive & Finance Committee-Sharon Commins, Chair

i. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Motion to end Apple One note-taking experiment

-SharonCommins motioned

-Motion carried unanimously

ii. Appointments

1. LADWP/BOS Recycled Water Advisory Group (RWAG) Liaison: Christopher McKinnon

-Sharon Commins motioned

-Motion carried unanimously

2. Neighborhood Council Plan Review and Reform Initiative: working group nominations, SEE ATTACHMENT A

-Bill Scheduling is nominated by the Chair. Ken Alpern and John Kuchta spoke in favor of the nomination.

-Nomination supported unanimously

b. Elections and Bylaws Committee—William Scheduling, Chair

i. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO MVCC BYLAWS: First Reading: SEE ATTACHMENT B

-Friendly amendment to reword Article XIII and strike the first sentence of the change presented accepted by Bill Scheduling.

-Friendly amendment to remove the words "to amend these by-laws" from Article V:Section 3 accepted by Bill Shedding.

-Friendly amendment to add the California Brown Act back into the amendment to Article XII accepted by Bill Scheduling.

-By-law changes passed with 10 ayes and 1 nay of quorum present, which constitutes the needed 2/3 majority.

c. Planning and Land Use Management Committee-Steve Wallace & Michael Millman, Co-Chairs

i. POLICY MOTION: AA-2012-2571-PMLA-SL [PARCEL

MAP]; ENV-2012-2572-CE:12107 W Ocean Park Blvd
90064: Small Lot Sub Division [Matt Jacobs]: Motion to support
the proposed small lot subdivision at 12107 Ocean
Park Blvd.

*-Stakeholder asked how neighbors feel. There has been no
opposition the owner is aware of.*

*-Currently 4 apartments to become 4 houses with 8 parking
spaces.*

-Motion carried with 12 ayes and 1 nay

d. Santa Monica Airport Committee – Bill Koontz & Yvette Molinaro, Co-
Chairs

i. Policy Motion: Los Angeles Action Regarding Santa Monica
Airport: Whereas Los Angeles City Council District 11 (CD 11)
borders Santa Monica Airport (SMO) to the south
and to the east, including a portion of the east end of SMO within
the City of Los Angeles CD 11; and Whereas the CD 11
neighborhoods of Mar Vista, Venice, and West Los Angeles are
uniquely impacted by nuisances and serious safety/public health
concerns created by SMO operations; and Whereas the changes
to the operations at SMO by the City of Santa Monica and the
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), over the past twenty-five
years, have greatly acerbated the extreme negative effects on the
Los Angeles neighborhoods of Mar Vista, Venice, and West Los
Angeles, Therefore be it resolved that the Mar Vista
Community Council requests that the City Council of the City of
Los Angeles takes all necessary steps, including opening a council
file directing the City Attorney to research all potential actions that
may be taken, including but not limited to legal action, to protect
the public health of Los Angeles residents against extreme
environmental, safety, and all other disproportionate impacts from
SMO operations. Be it further resolved that the Mar Vista
Community Council recommends, in order to assure that Los
Angeles interests are given fair and appropriate attention, that the
City of Los Angeles request official 2 representation from Los
Angeles CD 11 at all meetings with the City of Santa Monica that
pertain to the future of SMO operations; including SMO staff
meetings with the FAA.

*-Friendly amendment by Bill Shedding to reword the policy
motion because there is some confusion as to whether a
piece of the airport is in the Los Angeles city limits or not.
Yvette Molinaro, instead of accepting the friendly
amendment, chose to take it back to committee and do more
research.*

-Public comment by Martin Ruben read by Chair.

e. Green Committee – Sherri Akers, Melissa Stoller, & Jeanne Kuntz, Co-
Chairs

i. POLICY MOTION: San Onofre Licensing: Andy Shrader – The supports the Los Angeles resolution, introduced by Councilman Paul Koretz and co-signed by Councilman Bill Rosendahl, that the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant be put through a full public license amendment process with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission before moving forward with any plans to restart either Unit 2 and/or Unit 3. Furthermore, that any other process than a license amendment with an evidentiary hearing is insufficient for public safety.

-Andy Shrader not present when motion presented.

-Mellisa Stoller and Chair spoke on behalf of this motion.

-Mitchell Rische and Bill Scheduling voiced concern that we weigh in on issues such as this that do not affect us directly.

-Ken Alpern asked what difference it makes if we weigh in.

Chair clarified that we are actually supporting the Council.

-Motion carried with 9 ayes and 3 abstentions (Valerie Davidson, Mitchell Rische, and Bill Scheduling)

ii. POLICY MOTION: Styrofoam: Andy Schrader: requests the MVCC Board forward the June 2011 MVCC Motion in support of SB 568 Statewide Polystyrene Ban as a policy motion asking the LA City Council to ban restaurants within the City from distributing food in polystyrene (aka, Styrofoam) food containers. Motion submitted by Steve Fox, seconded by Jeanne Kuntz and passed unanimously with one abstention (Sharon Commins).

-Stakeholder made a suggestion that perhaps a levy should be passed on Styrofoam containers in the hope that people will seek alternatives (vote with their pocketbooks).

-Melissa Stoller argued that alternatives are available so we should take a stand due to the danger of Styrofoam to the environment. She also presented visual evidence.

-Ken Alpern worries about extra costs to restaurants and the domino effect to the economy. Val is also concerned about effect to economy.

-motion carried unanimously

iii. POLICY MOTION: Expo Phase Two landscaping: Whereas California native plants and trees require on average far less water than non-natives (saving both water and the energy to move and treat that water), can reduce green waste, and, unlike “drought tolerant” non-native exotics, require no soil amendments, provide crucial wildlife habitat, and create a sense of geographical identity; And Whereas a preponderance of stakeholders surrounding the stations for Phase Two of the Expo Line have expressed a preference for California native landscaping on the right-of-way and adjacent to stations; And Whereas the Mar Vista Community Council passed a policy motion sending a letter on November 30th 2011 to the Exposition Construction Authority

endorsing and requesting that indigenous plantings be utilized by the Los Angeles MTA for all landscaping for phase two of the Exposition Line light rail project. Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council requests that any public or private streetscape design, redevelopment plan, or other land use funded or incentivized by the Transit Neighborhood Plan being developed by the City of Los Angeles also stipulate and require the exclusive use of California native plants and trees

-Charles Miller spoke on behalf of the motion. Support for a native parkway along the expo line comes from all neighborhoods affected. This motion only affects the 4 stations not in Santa Monica.

-Ken Alpern spoke on behalf of practices like this which help to bring back native fauna. Others chimed in with similar support.

-Motion carried unanimously

f. Transportation & Infrastructure Committee – Ken Alpern & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs

g. Community Outreach Committee – Kate Anderson & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs

h. Safety and Security Committee – Rob Kadota & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs

i. Education, Arts and Culture Committee – Amy Lawrence and Albert Olson, Co-Chair

j. Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs

k. Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs

l. Volunteer Program-Sandra Casillas, Val Davidson, Co-Chairs

m. Ad Hoc Website Team-John Kuchta, Chair

-All committee chairs need to check their pages on the website and let John know if there is anything that needs to be changed.

8. Zone Director Reports (Possible motions; Public comment permitted)

Zone 1-Pizza Hut is now a takeout due to high rent. Gratitude to all who worked to influence the planning committee in regard to Casden project.

As a result Bill Rosendahl and Mike Bonin have come out against it.

Zone 2-Sent a letter against Casden. Burglary yesterday.

Zone 3-NOT PRESENT

Zone 4-No report

Zone 5-Potential burglary at Alice's home; Yvette made a comment that the police were present in the area of the gangs in zone 5 this past Sunday

Zone 6-Car burglary; would like to know how to get the cards from LAPD; Bill Koontz will get them to her.

9. Unfinished Business - Action items held over from previous meeting (Public permitted)

10. New Business -(Public comment permitted)

11. Grievances, if any, received

12. Future agenda items

-Mitchell Rishe suggested we address Smart Meters which is in his committee (transportation and infrastructure) jurisdiction.

. Adjournment (9:05 PM)