

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 Rosenberg's Rules of Order, the latest edition. For more information, please visit the MVCC web site.

AGENDA

- 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)
- 4. Public Comment & Announcements** for items not on the agenda (max1 min each)
- 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
 - 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
 - c. **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
 - ii. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Mid FY Budget Adjustment:** Present MVCC balance, and adjustment in budget line items
 - 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.
 - f. **Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison** - Linda Guagliano
 - g. **DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison**-Bill Koontz
 - h. **DWP Recycled Water Liaison**-Christopher McKinnon
 - i. **Fall Festival Liaison**-Albert Olson
 - j. **Mayor's Budget Day**--Christopher McKinnon
- 7. Committee reports - Action items included** (public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker) ; items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment
 - a. **Executive & Finance Committee**-Sharon Commins, Chair
 - i. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION:** Motion to end Apple One note-taking experiment
 - ii. Appointments
 1. DWP Recycled Water Liaison: Christopher McKinnon
 2. Neighborhood Council Plan Review and Reform Initiative: working group nominations, SEE ATTACHMENT A
 - b. **Elections and Bylaws Committee**—William Scheduling, Chair
 - i. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO MVCC BYLAWS: First Reading:** SEE ATTACHMENT B
 - 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.
 - 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

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.

- e. **Green Committee** – Sherri Akers, Melissa Stoller, & Jeanne Kuntz, Co-Chairs
 - i. **POLICY MOTION: San Onofre Licensing:** Andy Shrader – The MVCC 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.
 - 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).
 - 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
 - f. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Mitchell Rische, 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
- 8. **Zone Director Reports** (Possible motions; Public comment permitted)
 - 9. **Unfinished Business** - Action items held over from previous meeting (Public comment permitted)
 - 10. **New Business** -(Public comment permitted)
 - 11. **Grievances**, if any, received
 - 12. **Future agenda items**
 - 13. **Adjournment** (9:30 PM)

ATTACHMENT A: NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PLAN REVIEW AND REFORM INITIATIVE

INTRODUCTION-Regulatory History of Governance and Operation of the Neighborhood Council System

The current City Charter was approved by the electorate in 1999. Article 9 of the Charter addresses the creation of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and neighborhood councils. The Neighborhood Council Plan is embodied in a number of ordinances, the first of which was adopted by the city council in 1999. These ordinances and amendments are included in Chapter 28 of the city’s Administrative Code. There are also policies adopted by the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners that touch upon the operations of neighborhood councils.

Review of Neighborhood Council Structure and Operations and Recent Developments

The Neighborhood Participation Project of the University of Southern California monitored the neighborhood council system during its early years. The NPP twice surveyed neighborhood council board members and provided feedback, particularly with regard to levels of participation and diversity among neighborhood councils. In 2007, the Neighborhood Council Review Commission held hearings throughout the city and issued a report containing several recommendations, many of which (most notably factual basis stakeholder definition and requirements) were adopted by the city council. In 2010, Councilmember Krekorian conducted two workshops gathering comment on the neighborhood council system. As a result, he offered a series of motions to make changes to the system. No action has been taken on these motions. On taking the chair of city council’s Education and Neighborhood Committee, Councilmember Parks conducted a series of meetings throughout the city to gather input. He subsequently entered a motion about the methods by which neighborhood councils bring their concerns to city officials. Most recently, Councilmember Huizar has submitted motions regarding factual basis stakeholders and boundary adjustments to city council.

Mission And Purpose

The Neighborhood Council Plan Review and Reform Initiative is intended to be a grassroots, neighborhood council-driven review of the rules and regulations that govern the neighborhood council system. The purpose is to consider the current state of affairs and recommend to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and City Council amendments necessary to facilitate the work of neighborhood councils, recognizing neighborhood councils’ independent status and strengthening their ability to perform their key missions of increasing stakeholder participation and influencing the municipal decisionmaking process.

Structure

Three working groups (Valley / Central-East / Harbor-South-West); each group consisting of 16 members (one commissioner, who will act as chair / 3 at-large members chosen by commissioner / 12 members recommended by NC presidents). NC presidents in each of 12 election regions will recommend three members as follows:

Valley Group (34 neighborhood councils)

North West Valley South West Valley North East Valley South East Valley

Central / East Group (30 neighborhood councils)
Central 1 Central 2 NELA East Area

Harbor / South / West Group (31 neighborhood councils)
West LA South LA 1 South LA 2 Harbor

All members will be appointed by the commissioner serving as temporary working group chair, with significant weight given to NC president recommendations. When appointed, each group will elect a chair, vice chair and secretary. All meetings will be noticed in accordance with Brown Act requirements. Working groups will determine when and where they meet, as well as the frequency of meetings within each two-week session time period.

Neighborhood Council Plan Review and Reform Initiative: Chronology / Work Plan [6 MONTH TIMETABLE]

January 1-15: Working group members appointed; initial documents distributed
January 16-31: Opening meeting and workshop: "Looking Back: The Neighborhood Council Story in Los Angeles"
(joint event with panel on NC history) Working groups choose co-chairs and secretaries/reporters
February 1-14: Session I: Stakeholders--key issues: factual basis stakeholders / live, work, own property definitions
February 15-28: Session II: Elections and Boundary Adjustment Policy--key issues: should city clerk be involved in NC elections / election outreach
March 1-15: Session III: Department of Neighborhood Empowerment / Board of Neighborhood Commissioners--key issues: duties and powers / general manager and commission selection process
March 16-31: Session IV: NC funding / grants and donations
April 1-15: Session V: The Brown Act--key issues: Brown Act vs. sunshine ordinance / posting policy
April 16-30: Session VI: Education and leadership development
May 1-15: Session VII: The work of neighborhood councils--key issues: Early Notification System / monitoring delivery of city services
May 16-23: Closing meeting (joint session): "Looking Ahead: The Future of Neighborhood Councils in Los Angeles"
May 24-31: Draft report preparation
June 1-15: Draft report comment
June 16-30: Final report for commission consideration
July 1: Report submitted to city council

ATTACHMENT B: PROPOSED MVCC BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

For our consideration (in the order of the Bylaws):

1) Tom Ponton's suggestion on elections frequency: (P8)

ARTICLE X, Section 1:

Election of Directors: The MVCC Election of Directors shall occur based on a two year cycle and shall be conducted pursuant to City ordinances and procedures pertaining to Neighborhood Council elections.

2) Clarify which stakeholders can sign a candidate's support petition: (P 9)

ARTICLE X, Section 6, item B.

B. To support their candidacy, candidates must obtain twenty (20) signatures from MVCC Stakeholders that are eligible to vote for the candidate.

3) Amend to incorporate Robert's Rules of Order as a backstop: (P10)

ARTICLE XII, PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The MVCC shall use the Rosenberg's rules of order when conducting MVCC meetings. If Rosenberg's rules of order are silent on an issue; the Council shall refer to Robert's Rules Order, as revised. Additional rules and/or policies and procedures regarding the conduct of the meetings may be developed and adopted by the Board and those would be found in MVCC Standing Rules. [and remove other references to Rosenberg's rules and refer to the Parliamentary Authority exclusively:(text TBD) (P6, P7, P10)]

4) Clarify the process for bylaws approval: MVCC – DONE – MVCC (P 10)

ARTICLE XIII, AMENDMENTS

No bylaw amendment or change shall be voted on until it has been read at two meetings. Amendment of these bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors in attendance. Once approved by the Council, the amendment must be approved, in writing, by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) before it is read the second time, approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors in attendance and thus becomes the amended bylaws of the Council.

5) A new Severability Clause to protect our Bylaws: (friendly amendment) (P2 &

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ARTICLE XV

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

Should any part of these Bylaws be rendered or declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of California, such invalidation of such part or portion of these Bylaws should not invalidate the remaining portions thereof, and they shall remain in full force and effect.