

# Mar Vista Community Council

## Special MVCC Candidate Forum

June 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM

Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium  
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

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### Program

**Call to Order and Welcome** – Bob Fitzpatrick, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair (2 min.)

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Bill Scheduling

**Public Comment & Announcements** - (limit: 2 minutes per speaker)

**Announcements by Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 2 min. each)

**DONE** – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Barry Stone, Project Coordinator

**Mar Vista Recreation Center** – Director, Laura Island

**CD 5** – Councilman Weiss – represented by Jennifer Badger, Field Deputy

**CD 11** - Councilman Rosendahl – represented by Len Nguyen, Field Deputy

**US 36** – Congresswoman Jane Harman, represented by Jessica Duboff, Field Representative (North District)

**CA Senate 28** – CA Senator Jenny Oropeza's Office represented by Primitivo Castro, Field Deputy

**CA Assembly 47** – Assemblymember Karen Bass represented by Estee Sepulveda

**CA Assembly 53** – CA Assemblymember Ted Lieu represented by Stephanie Molen

**2<sup>nd</sup> District LA County Board of Supervisor** Yvonne B. Burke represented by Karly Katona

**Mayor of LA** – Antonio Villaraigosa represented by Stephen Cheung, Westside Area Representative

**Special MVCC Candidate Forum, Facilitated by Evon Gotlieb, LA League of Women Voters (30 Min.)**

Each Declared and Certified Candidate will be given 2 minutes to make a statement to the public. At the conclusion of all presentations, stakeholders will have an opportunity to informally meet and talk with candidates. All write-in candidates should notify the facilitator of their presence and will be introduced to the audience and if time permits allowed to speak for no more than 2 minutes.

#### **Zone Director Candidates**

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| Zone 1 | Babak Nahid          | <a href="mailto:babak@nonprofitopia.org">babak@nonprofitopia.org</a> |
| Zone 2 | Laura Bodensteiner   | <a href="mailto:lebrown1234@yahoo.com">lebrown1234@yahoo.com</a>     |
| Zone 2 | Bill Koontz          | <a href="mailto:chillywilly00@msn.com">chillywilly00@msn.com</a>     |
| Zone 3 | Kate Anderson        | <a href="mailto:Kate.Anderson@mto.com">Kate.Anderson@mto.com</a>     |
| Zone 3 | Louis "Chuck" Ray    | <a href="mailto:LChuckRay@gmail.com">LChuckRay@gmail.com</a>         |
| Zone 4 | Stephen Boskin       | <a href="mailto:SSBoskin@aol.com">SSBoskin@aol.com</a>               |
| Zone 5 | Christopher McKinnon | <a href="mailto:ChrisPM@aol.com">ChrisPM@aol.com</a>                 |
| Zone 6 | Valerie Davidson     | <a href="mailto:agave8@yahoo.com">agave8@yahoo.com</a>               |
| Zone 6 | Keith Lambert        | <a href="mailto:Keith@Web-Coyote.com">Keith@Web-Coyote.com</a>       |
| Zone 6 | Marilyn Marble       | <a href="mailto:mfmarble@aol.com">mfmarble@aol.com</a>               |
| Zone 6 | Rachel Snowden       | <a href="mailto:rachel@vcfwestside.org">rachel@vcfwestside.org</a>   |

#### **Community Director Candidates**

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| Rob Kadota | <a href="mailto:rob@orl.ucla.edu">rob@orl.ucla.edu</a> |
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**Break / Informal Meet and Greet / Question and Answer (Approx. 10 minutes)**

# Mar Vista Community Council

## Board of Directors Meeting

June 10, 2008 at approx. 8:00 PM

*(Scheduled to begin after the MVCC Candidate Forum)*

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### AGENDA

**Approval of Minutes** (public comment permitted (2 min))

#### **Officers and Liaison Reports**

**Chair**, Rob Kadota (2 min.)

**First Vice Chair**, Bob Fitzpatrick (2 min.)

**Second Vice Chair**, Albert Olson (2 min.)

**Secretary**, Laura Bodensteiner (2 min)

**Treasurer**, Curt Steindler (2 min.)

**LANCC Delegate Report** – Rob Kadota/Albert Olson/J.D. Gaydowski (2 min)

**Neighborhood Council Review Commission** (912), Tom Ponton (2 min)

**Mayor's Budget Planning** – Curt Steindler,

**Director for Animal Awareness** – Lola McKnight (2 min.)

**DWP MOU** – JD Gaydowski

#### **Committee reports** - Action items included with public comment permitted

A) **Executive & Finance Committee**, Chair (5 min.)

a. Annual MVCC Budget for 2008-2009 (approved 5/13/08)

Outreach Committee \$35,000

Executive Committee \$06,000

Standing Committees \$09,000 (\$1,000each x 9 committees)

Grand total \$50,000

b. Proposed budget revision for current account balance of \$82,207.79

i. Community Improvement \$50,000.00

ii. Community Outreach \$20,000.00

iii. Operational Expenses \$13,206.79

B) **Community Outreach Committee** – Stephen Boskin (5 min)

Administrative Motion – Review and finalize MVCC Annual Stakeholder Survey 2008

C) **Education, Arts and Culture** – Curt Steindler, Chair (1 min)

D) **Election & Bylaws Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick, Chair (5 min)

1. Date of MVCC Zone and Community Director – Saturday, June 21, 2008 10am-4pm.

2. Standing Rules and Procedures – Albert O.

E) **Green Committee** – Laura Bodensteiner (5 min)

F) **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Tom Ponton (2 min)

G) **Safety and Security Committee** report – Bill Koontz (2 min)

H) **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Albert Olson, Chair (5 min)

I) **SMC Bundy Campus Ad Hoc Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick (1min)

J) **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report** - (William Scheduling, and Albert Olson Co-Chairs 15 min.)

#### **1) Policy Motion regarding traffic study and traffic impact mitigation policies being used by the City of Los Angeles**

The Mar Vista Community Council is concerned that the traffic study and impact mitigation policies being used by the City of Los Angeles have caused, and are now accelerating, traffic congestion on our arterial streets and causing regional commuter traffic to cut through our residential neighborhoods.

Therefore the MVCC requests that the City of Los Angeles initiate policies that would require any density and/or trip-increasing land development project to completely mitigate, per the Transportation Policies specified in the Los Angeles General Plan and our Community Plan, the impact of all project traffic/trip increases, not just Peak Hour increases, by either enhancing the roadway system used by their traffic, or by funding the mass transit infrastructure required to accommodate their project's new residents, just as the City required the original land developers to build the roads needed by their original home buyers. Furthermore, the City must ensure that the additional roadway or transit capacity is on-line before issuing project occupancy permits.

## **2) Policy Motion requesting CD11 explore building a parking structure at Venice Blvd. and Grandview Blvd**

The MVCC is concerned about the lack of public parking spaces on Venice Blvd. between Centinela and Inglewood, and the MVCC is also concerned that the City might attempt to alleviate these parking shortages in the future by encouraging business use parking on residential side streets. Therefore the MVCC requests that CD11 begin studying how the City could build a parking structure on the corner of Venice Blvd. and Grandview in the present Post Office Parking Lot.

## **3) Proposed Policy Motion/MVCC response to City of Santa Monica's Charnock Water Well Project – EIR Scoping Meeting.**

The Mar Vista Community Council requests that the following questions be addressed and resolved in the proposed Environmental Impact Report for the Charnock Well Field Restoration Project:

1. What design alternatives will be acceptable to the surrounding community to mitigate aesthetic issues so that any new construction be visually consistent with the existing residential neighborhood and/or Windward School. The MVCC requests that serious consideration be given to the possibility of placing the proposed tanks below ground in order to mitigate the visual impact of this facility.

2. What will the true noise levels be, based on a study of noise levels found in similar facilities that are currently in operation, and what are the alternatives for mitigating those levels to the actual current real time db levels of the neighborhood?

3. What are the impacts on residential streets of the very large trucks that will be visiting the proposed facility on a regular basis? Will these trucks exceed the weight limits for which streets such as Westminster Ave. were designed?

4. What are the impacts of a release into the neighborhood of any of the hazardous materials associated with the chemicals utilized in the treatment of potable water such as sodium hypochlorite, antiscalants, aqueous ammonia and hydrochloric acid, and the possible hazardous materials involved in the remediation of the existing contamination such as the disposal of water, sludge and carbon that will be contaminated with MTBE and TBA. What are the health risks to the community? *A Hazards and Operability Study* must be done prior to approval of the project to identify potential safety hazards and evaluate potential operational problems in characterizing potential consequences to the surrounding communities in the event of a release of a hazardous material. This study must include studying the specific effects of any of these materials on school-aged children. What are the health risks of exposure to the toxic gasoline compounds MtBE and TBA?

5. What are the effects on the environment of re-opening these wells? They were first drilled in the 1930s and were closed down in 1996 because of chemical contamination. What is the state of the ground now? Santa Monica has grown since the wells were last used. How much water does Santa Monica plan to extract and can it be demonstrated this is safe? To what level can Santa Monica safely reduce the underground water table? Are there any current studies addressing the reduction of the underground water table? There have been earthquakes since the wells were last used. The Charnock Fault follows McLaughlin and is an active fault. The water plumes go southward, probably as far as the Ballona Wetlands. What are the depths of the water basins and how far do they really go? When was this last studied and what has changed in 12 years? How might lowering the water level facilitate gases such as methane to migrate to Mar Vista?

6. Will there be any consultation about this project with the City of Los Angeles' environmental section staff, community planner bureau staff or Citywide staff? The Open Space zone allows "public water supply reservoirs (uncovered) and accessory uses which are incidental to the operation and continued maintenance of such reservoirs". However, it does not allow these uses by-right. The City would require a Conditional Use Permit per

Section 12.24 U.19 (a) (d) for "Appurtenant structures adjacent to reservoir use, such as water treatment facilities, pumping facilities, distribution facilities and water filtration facilities". Should the City of Los Angeles be listed as one of the responsive agencies, since the City will be the decision maker in approving such land uses.

7. As a possible way of mitigating many of the above issues, has the City of Santa Monica investigated the feasibility of pumping the untreated water from the Charnock Well Field to a more appropriate location in the city of Santa Monica (preferably not in the immediate vicinity of either residential housing or schools), where that city could more effectively deal with the issues of building a facility to clean their water.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Sub Committee – Bill Pope (2 min)

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Sub Committee - Linda Guagliano, MVCC Liaison (2 min.)

K) **Urban Planning Committee report** – Ken Alpern and Steve Wallace, (5 min.)

1) Policy Motion: MVCC Motion supporting variance at 12627 Matteson Ave.

Updates: Moreton Bay Fig Tree rewiring, 3160-3178 Barrington, 3115 Sepulveda

## Zone Director Reports

**Old Business** - Action items - NONE (Public comment permitted)

**New Business** - Action items (Public comment permitted)

- 1) Policy Motion – (Ken Alpern 10 min.) Whereas, the MVCC Board agrees with City Planning that (as stated in the opening of the Executive Summary of the May 29, 2008 Revised Draft Housing Element Update) growth and residential development must be accommodated in a sustainable way, that respects the collection of unique neighborhoods that characterizes Los Angeles, while at the same time assuring all residents a high quality of life, a vibrant economy, and accessibility to jobs, open space, and urban amenities, and Whereas, the MVCC Board also agrees with (as also stated in the Executive Summary of the Draft Housing Element Update) City Planning in its goals of:
  - 1) Creating a balanced approach to growth by linking it to the land uses and infrastructure that will support the type of infill development that incurs the least economic, environmental and social costs,
  - 2) Increasing the feasibility of such infill development near mass transit to increase housing opportunities in Downtown
  - 3) Encouraging livable and sustainable neighborhoods that offer a mix of housing at all income levels, jobs, transit and services
  - 4) Preserving the character of neighborhoods that meet the needs of existing residents as the City continues to grow,
- 2) Policy Motion – (Ken Alpern 10 min)The MVCC Board favors the inclusion of the following in any Housing Element Update:
  - 1) A realistic assessment of all current and future mass transit and other transportation plans (some of which may take 20 years or more) that calculates any existing needs for traffic and parking to ensure that sufficient transportation infrastructure of all modes (including car, bus, rail, bicycle, telecommuting and pedestrian modes) is included in any new developments, and that any remedial expansion of such transportation infrastructure is included as a concurrent requirement of any new commercial, residential or mixed-use development or redevelopment projects
  - 2) A realistic assessment of current and future inventories of, and anticipated needs for, water, electrical, sewage and other vital infrastructure to support both current and future housing and related commercial development
  - 3) A realistic assessment of both the benefits, shortcomings, and anticipated timelines for establishment of vital mass transit projects, such as those which the MVCC has previously supported (the Exposition Light Rail Line and a Green Line extension to LAX) with respect to current and future transportation, infrastructure, livable community and environmental needs

**Grievances** – Laura Bodensteiner, Secretary

Any grievances received since the last meeting of the MVCC Board of Directors will be presented to the board for their consideration for possible referral to the MVCC Grievance Committee for further review and consideration.

**Future agenda items**

**Public Comment and Announcements (limit: 2 minutes per speaker)**

**Adjournment (9:30 PM)**

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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 Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. For more information, please visit the MVCC web site at [www.marvista.org](http://www.marvista.org).

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