

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JUNE 24, 2008  
DRAFT MINUTES

7:05 P.M.  
MAR VISTA PARK AUDITORIUM

*CALL TO ORDER*

The following members of the board were present or arrived shortly thereafter: Ken Alpern, Laura Bodensteiner, Stephen Boskin, Sharon Commins, Bob Fitzpatrick, Keith Lambert, Albert Olson, Bill Scheduling and Curt Steindler.

*PUBLIC COMMENT (I)*

Karen Kanter commented positively on the initiative of MVCC.

*NEW BUSINESS*

Response to the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Initial Study for the UPDATE TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT

<http://cityplanning.lacity.org/HousingInitiatives/HousingElement/DraftLACityHsgElementInitialStudy.pdf>

Review and consideration of the following motion forwarded to the Board from the MVCC Urban Planning & Land Use Committee with the intent of providing an MVCC response by Public Comment deadline of Monday July 7, 2008.

**POLICY MOTION:**

**Whereas, an update of the Housing Element of the City Plan directly impacts the Quality of Life of all residents of the City of Los Angeles, who should therefore be allowed to give their opinion on such an important aspect of the City Plan,**

**Whereas, due to uncertain future economic and environmental conditions the City of Los Angeles cannot guarantee adequate infrastructure development, particularly sufficient supplies of water but also sufficient sewage, energy and transportation-related infrastructure requirements needed to provide an appropriate quality of life to Los Angeles residents, to fulfill stated housing element 2006-2014 goals, and**

**Whereas, the MVCC supports connection between land use & transportation planning and that infill near transit is a sustainable way to provide housing to all income levels and with the least impact on existing neighborhood character,**

**Whereas, changing economic conditions and environmental conditions (such as water supply, energy supply, and climate uncertainties) make it clear this specific Framework FEIR as presently updated cannot adequately address the impacts of**

the Fourth Revision of the Housing Element, and

Whereas, the MVCC supports complete environmental analysis within the Housing Element EIR of infrastructure capacity,

The MVCC therefore requests:

1) That the Public Comment period for the Housing Element Update be extended by at least 60 days to allow for adequate neighborhood council, community and public input, and

2) The encouragement of livable and sustainable neighborhoods as the City continues to grow by creating a balanced approach to growth grounded in real planning and realistic assessment of inventories of, and future anticipated needs for, water, electrical, sewage and other vital infrastructure to support both current and future housing and related commercial development prior to adoption of any City proposed Housing Element update, and

3) The creation of a comprehensive new Final EIR of the Housing Element detailing these limitations, particularly water, in order to meet the criteria of CEQA and reducing environmental impacts, and

4) A realistic assessment of current inventories of existing housing at all income levels, and inclusion of in plans for sustainable neighborhoods a mix of housing at all income levels, and a re-evaluation of the Quantified Objectives: New Construction (RHNA Allocation) so that it is in line with Goals 1 and 3 of the Draft Housing Element 2006 through 2014.

Karen Kanter commented on the formula that is being used and that affordable housing is not being provided equally.

Nancy Karlin commented on the affordable housing aspect of the motion.

Sharon Commins noted that the Council should comment on this issue.

Curt Steindler commented on the issue of water. He commented on the amount of "above moderate" housing being 4 times more than all other times of housing together. He commented on the goals stated in the executive summary and that the implementation is not in line with the goals.

Ken Alpern thanked the board for considering the motion at a special meeting.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of revised Request For Proposal (RFP) prepared by the Ad Hoc Website Development Committee. This RFP will be an outline of the needs, requirements, and alternatives for the new MVCC Website we are asking the web development bidders to address in their proposals.

**Motion to table. Motion passed 3 for, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions.**

*PUBLIC COMMENT (II)*

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on July 9, 2008.