

# Mar Vista Community Council

## Board of Directors Meeting

September 25, 2008 at 7:30 PM\*

Windward School - 11350 Palms Blvd.\*

Los Angeles, CA 90066

\*PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT-MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

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### AGENDA

**Call to Order and Welcome** – Rob Kadota, Chair (2 min.)

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Bill Scheduling

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

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

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

**Chair**, Rob Kadota (5 min.)

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

**Second Vice Chair**, Sharon Commins (2 min.)

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

**Treasurer**, Christopher McKinnon (2 min.)

**LANCC Delegate Report** – Babak Nahid (2 min)

**Mayor's Budget Planning** –

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

**DWP MOU** – Babik Nahid

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

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

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

Funding Motion:

\$500 four rolls of colored outdoor poster paper

\$1500 – Honda Generator for Outreach events Model # EU2000iA 2000 watts (16.7 A) of Honda inverter

120V AC power, Super quiet - 53 to 59 dB(A), Lightweight (less than 47 lbs.) Eco-Throttle - Runs up to 15 hr on 1 gal. of fuel MSRP \$1,079.95

\$100 Digital voice recorder Olympus WS311M

**B) Community Concept Plan Committee** – Sharon Commins, Chair

**C) Community Outreach Committee** – Albert Olson and Stephen Boskin, Co-Chairs (5 min)

Administrative Motion – Motion to adopt a policy for funding of neighborhood block parties: **The Mar Vista**

**Community Council, in the interest of introducing Mar Vista stakeholders to the Mar Vista Community Council and its activities, may allocate money to support and partner with groups and organizations who are creating neighborhood block parties, with the following conditions:**

**1. All publicity for the event must include a reference to MVCC sponsorship**

**2. The organization or group putting on the block party must provide a forum for public introduction of the MVCC to the attendees at the party. In addition, the MVCC shall be allowed to host a booth or table where promotional materials can be distributed.**

**3. The group or organization putting on the block party shall answer the following questions:**

**a. What is the average attendance for past neighborhood block parties put on by your group?**

**b. What is the attendance you are anticipating for your block party?**

**c. What is the budget of expenditures for this event?**

**d. How are you raising money to pay for this event?**

**e. How much money are you asking for from the MVCC?**

**f. For what expenditure(s) will this money be used?**

Funding Motion: Allocation to create a banner for MVCC booth.

Funding Motion: Allocations for purchase of MVCC promotional items

- D) **Education, Arts and Culture – Babak Nahid and Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs (3 min)**
- E) **Election & Bylaws Committee – Bob Fitzpatrick, Chair (2 min)**
- F) **Green Committee – Laura Bodensteiner (5 min)**
- G) **Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee – Bill Pope (2 min)**
- H) **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee – Tom Ponton, Chair/Roseann Herman (5 min)**

Policy and Funding Motion re: Mar Vista Stairs Clean Up: **The MVCC approves of the Recreation and Open Space Enhancement Committee becoming the lead organization for the Community Beautification Grant Improvement Project for the stairway leading from Inglewood Blvd to Granville Ave & Indianapolis St, with Roseann Herman as project manager. The MVCC shall allot up to \$2,500 for costs associated with the Improvement Project including repairs to the fence, the railing, and the drainage culverts as well as power washing the stairs. Funds shall not be incumbent on the awarding of the grant, but shall require final approval of the MVCC Board before individual payments are made. All funds shall be spent prior to June 30, 2009.**

- I) **Safety and Security Committee report – Bill Koontz (2 min)**  
The Great Southern CA Shake Out – Nov. 13  
Pacific Division Winter Wonderland Toy Drive – Nov/Dec
- J) **Santa Monica Airport Committee – Bill Scheduling, Chair (5 min)**
- K) **SMC Bundy Campus Ad Hoc Committee – Bob Fitzpatrick (1min)**
- L) **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report - (Albert Olson, Chair 15 min.)**  
Policy Motion re: Charnock Wells Restoration Project DEIR (See attachment A)
- M) **Planning and Land Use Management Committee report – Ken Alpern and Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs (15 min.)**
  - 1) Policy Motion: **The MVCC opposes of the construction of high-density housing or any other projects requiring rezoning at the old Fire Station 62 site\_** (passed 38-0-2 in MVCC PLUM Committee)
  - 2) Administrative Motion: **The MVCC Board will establish an Ad Hoc Committee, at the board level, similar in nature and scope to the SMC Bundy Campus Ad Hoc Committee, to evaluate and vet proposals for future public use of the old Fire Station 62 Site.**
- N) **Web Development – Babak Nahid (2 min)**

**Zone Director Reports**

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

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

Administrative Motion-Proposed Letter of Appreciation: The MVCC wishes to thank the LA Department of Water and Power, the CD5 office, and any involved City Agencies for their efforts to rewire underground, and thereby preserve the health of, the Moreton Bay Fig Tree at St. John's Church.

**Grievances – 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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Attachment 1

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, consistent with the suggestion made in earlier documents by the City of Santa Monica to place a proposed salt-water well below ground so that only the top five feet were visible, in order to mitigate the visual impact of that facility.

2. What will the actual hourly 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 trucks that will be visiting the proposed facility on a regular basis?

a. What type of trucks will be used (length, height, and weight)?

b. How often will they be traveling on residential streets?

c. Will these trucks exceed the weight limits for which streets such as Westminster Ave. were designed?

4. What are the impacts of a release, from either the plant site or transport trucks, into the neighborhood of any of the chemicals utilized in the treatment of potable water such as sodium hypochlorite, antiscalants, aqueous ammonia and hydrochloric acid? And what are the impacts of a release into the neighborhood of 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? The MVCC requests that the City of Santa Monica study the following issues related to environmental concerns:

a. The wells were first drilled in the 1930s and were closed down in 1996 because of chemical contamination. What is the state of the ground now?

b. 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? Will the lowering of the water table result in land subsidence in the area? Are there any current studies addressing the reduction of the underground water table?

c. There have been earthquakes since the wells were last used. The Charnock Fault follows McLaughlin and is an active fault. What impact might this have on the proposed facility.

d. 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?

e. How might lowering the water level facilitate the migration of harmful gases such as methane, hydrogen sulfide, and BTEX gases 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 Responsible agencies, since the City will be the decision maker in approving such land uses.

7. The MVCC requests that the City of Santa Monica investigate the feasibility of pumping the untreated water from the Charnock Well Field to a more appropriate location in the city of Santa Monica, and thus avoid the mitigations that would be required by many of the above impacts.