

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 9, 2009
MINUTES

7:07 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The following members of the board were present or arrived shortly thereafter: Kate Anderson, Ken Alpern, Laura Bodensteiner, Stephen Boskin, Sharon Commins, Bill Koontz, Christopher McKinnon, Marilyn Marble, Albert Olson, and Bill Scheduling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 12, 2009 minutes were approved as amended. The April 14, 2009 minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT (I)

Roseann Herman announced the MVNA potluck on Saturday from 12-3.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Laura Island, Mar Vista Park Director reported on the success of the roller disco night. Construction is starting for the stormwater project.

CA Senate 28 Senator Jenny Oropeza's Office represented by Primitivo Castro, Field Deputy, announced the senator's email newsletter.

Assemblymember Karen Bass is working on the budget and modernizing the tax code. She is trying to bring federal monies back to California.

Mayor of LA Antonio Villaraigosa represented by Jennifer Badger, Westside Area Representative announced that the 2011 NBA All-Star game is coming to Los Angeles. The mayor has been lobbying in Sacramento to preserve critical services at the city level. June 27th event including cleanup of Old Fire Station 62 and volunteer appreciation festival downtown afterwards.

CD 11 Councilman Rosendahl represented by Field Deputy Len Nguyen announced the councilman's swearing in on June 28. He gave an update on the construction on National, previously reported that it would be completed this month. Still on stage 3 (north side of National), will be completed first week of July. Stage four expected to be completed first week of August.

OFFICERS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Chair: No report.

First Vice-Chair: Albert Olson reported on a meeting with the Charnock Wells design team, will meet again in two weeks. He reported that they seem to be receptive to residents

Second Vice-Chair: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Christopher McKinnon reported the balance is \$71,664.44 with approximately \$20,000 allocated.

Director for Animal Welfare: No report.

DWP MOU: No report.

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Liaison: Linda Guagliano reported on the May 13, 2009 meeting. She reported on the progress of the reduction in the speed limit on Palms. Next meeting on July 8, 2009.

LANCC Delegate Report: No report.

Mayor's Budget Planning: Sharon Commins reported that the city budget was signed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive & Finance:

FUNDING MOTION: '09-'10 Proposed MVCC Annual Budget of \$45,000.00 plus carry over from 08-09 and 07-08 budgets. SEE ATTACHMENT A.

Motion passed unanimously.

FUNDING MOTION: Community Improvement Grants - The MVCC will establish a procedure for choosing a group of worthy projects, and allocate \$35,000 to disburse as Community Improvement Project Grants. This allocation must be disbursed by the end of the 2009-2010 fiscal year and must follow all DONE procedures and guidelines.

Sharon Commins commented on a similar program that the Venice NC is using.

Albert Olson discussed the surplus and the potential for the city to sweep the funds.

Bill Scheduling asked if the education funding from previous years would be included in this grant.

Ken Alpern commented in support.

Christopher McKinnon offered a friendly amendment to revise the amount to be dependent on the budget. Declined.

Tom Ponton commented that he hopes the council will account for what the organizations are using the monies for.

Christopher McKinnon commented on Neighborhood Improvement grants.

Motion passed.

Officers of the board (Chair, 1st Vice Chair, 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) will be elected at the next board meeting on July 14, 2009. Albert Olson reported that Rob Kadota does not want to chair the council and requests that board members communicate with him about committee chairmanships.

Community Concept Plan Committee:

The June 10 meeting at Bundy Campus will look at Q conditions and propose that they mobilize for outreach to see if there is consensus.

Community Outreach Committee:

FUNDING MOTION: Mar Vista Community Fall Festival - The Mar Vista Community Council will partner with the Mar Vista Recreation Center to present the Mar Vista Community Fall Festival at the Mar Vista Park, and allocates up to \$5,000 to cover any shortfall in funding the Festival. The funds may be used for items allowed for by LA City funding guidelines such as (but not be limited to):

- a. Event Publicity
- b. Furniture Rentals
- c. T-Shirts (with MVCC logo)
- d. Volunteer lunch

The MVCC, through its Outreach and Education & Arts Committees, will also assist in providing community and area school's participation in an "Arts and Culture" component for the Festival. Additionally, the MVCC Green Committee will be assisting in various capacities to further the "Mar Vista Goes Green" theme of the Festival.

The MVCC will be identified as a co-sponsor and/or partner on all promotional materials. Must meet all DONE funding guidelines and will expire at the end of the fiscal year 2009-2010.

Tom Ponton commented that private donations could fund the festival.

Laura Island commented on the Park's need to rely on the Council's funds.

Christopher McKinnon offered a friendly amendment to meet all DONE funding guidelines and will expire at the end of the fiscal year 2009-2010. Accepted. He also asked what the total budget of the festival, Laura Festival reported the budget is \$8,000.

Motion passed. Sharon Commins recused herself from the vote.

FUNDING MOTION: Annual Youth Community Service Awards - The Mar Vista Community Council agrees to allocate up to \$5,000 to fund the establishment of an annual Community Youth Service Awards program to recognize outstanding achievements by MVCC youth. The MVCC Board requests that the Outreach and Education, Arts, & Culture Committees establish the details and requirements for the program and bring the results back to the Board for final approval prior to implementation of the program.

Motion to table, 1 opposed. Motion Tabled.

FUNDING MOTION: North Westdale Newsletters - The MVCC allocates \$250 to the North Westdale Neighborhood Association for neighborhood association newsletters to pay for ads placed in three of their monthly newsletters. This funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year which it is passed or it expires on June 30, 2010.

A stakeholder commented positively on the association's informative newsletter.

Motion passed.

Education, Arts & Culture:

FUNDING MOTION: Charnock Elem. School Arts Program - Request MVCC to allocate \$2,000 to the Friends of Charnock Champaign to Save the Arts, to help continue arts education for students at Charnock Elementary School. This funding motion must meet all City of L.A. funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year in which it passed or it expires. FOC will ensure that MVCC is acknowledged for its support in upcoming newsletters and other outlets, if applicable. Funds will be returned to MVCC if the project does not go forward and expires at the end of fiscal year 2009-2010.

The coordinator at the school and Booster club presented the program. Friends of Charnock formed with mission to save the arts at Charnock.

The school's art teacher discussed the art curriculum.

Marilyn Marble commented that the school does not have a PTA.

Sharon Commins commented positively on the motion.

Bill Scheduling suggested having a student art show as a stakeholder meeting.

Christopher offered friendly amendment that funds are returned to MVCC if the project does not go forward and expires at the end of fiscal year 2009-2010. Accepted.

Motion passed.

FUNDING MOTION: Venice HS Robotics Club - Request MVCC to allocate \$1000 to the Robotics Club of Venice High School to help students learn, build, and compete in the robotics field. This funding motion must meet all City of L.A. funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year in which it passed or it expires. The Robotics Club/ VHS will ensure that MVCC is acknowledged for its support in upcoming news letters and additional outlets, if applicable. The motion expires at the end of fiscal year 2009-2010.

Annette Mercer commented on the club and the benefits to the students and school. This club is unique to the Westside and LAUSD.

Bill Scheduling commented in favor of the motion.

Sharon Commins commented in favor of the motion.

Albert Olson commented that there are many school clubs/groups that need funding.

Motion passed.

Election & Bylaws Committee: No report.

Green Committee:

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Mission Statement: The mission of the MVCC Green Committee is to empower Mar Vista area Stakeholders to become more environmentally aware by providing information and methods that promote a sustainable lifestyle. The committee shall also work in cooperation with the other MVCC committees, local neighborhood associations, residents, businesses, public agencies, the MVCC Board of Directors and others to further these goals.

Motion passed.

FUNDING MOTION: Recycling containers for MV Rec Ctr - Allocate up to \$120 to purchase 5 recycling bins for placement at Mar Vista Park unless the City will provide them. This funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year 2009-2010 or it expires on June 30, 2010.

Motion passed.

POLICY MOTION: Continue profiling gardens on the garden showcase blog, as well as MVCC events with a landscaping/environmental focus.

Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: partner with CD11 Water Conservation event to assist with planning and outreach, and to receive acknowledgement that the event is co-hosted by the MVCC Green Committee.

Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: the MVCC Green Committee requests a booth at the Fall Festival.

Motion passed.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee: No report.

Old Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee

FUNDING MOTION: Old 62 Station Clean Up \$100 - the Mar Vista Community Council supports the June 27, 2009 Mayors Day cleanup of Old FS 62 and allocates an amount not to exceed \$100.00 for a multi use banner advertising the project with the following proposed text: "Mar Vista Community Council Project" with the MVCC logo prominently displayed Line 2: "Old FS 62 Cleanup" Additional notes: Banner text to be placed so as to be reusable for other MVCC events by allowing enough space between the two text lines to affix future MVCC project or event information over the proposed text for the June 27th cleanup. The OLD FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee has also voted to make cleanup and beautification of the old fire station an ongoing committee community service project so as to prevent the property from becoming an enduring blight and nuisance to the neighborhood

Motion passed.

Planning and Land Use Management Committee: No report.

Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee:

FUNDING MOTIONS:

Inglewood Stairway project: Request that the MVCC Board extend and renew into the next fiscal year, previously approved of funds of up to \$2,500, in support of beautification and maintenance, including buying plants, containers, trash cans, and lighting upgrades as approved by the City and nearby residents. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.

Beethoven Stairway - Request that the MVCC Board extend and renew into the next fiscal year, previously approved of funds of up to \$2,000, in support of beautification and maintenance, including buying plants, trash can, and a bench for the public stairs from Beethoven St to Appleton Way. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.

MV Rec Ctr Roller Hockey Rink - Request that the MVCC approve funds of up to \$2,500 for the purchase of specialized patching and repair materials and surface coating material to be used for the repair and upgrade of the surface of the Hockey Rink at Mar Vista Park. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.

Project managers reported what the funds would be used for on each project.

Motion passed.

Christopher McKinnon reported on landscape and maintenance problems at the NEW Fire Station 62.

FUNDING MOTION: New LAFD Station 62: Request for MVCC community improvement and beautification funds of up to \$2,500 for the repair, replacement and addition of plants, irrigation and landscaping elements at NEW Fire Station #62. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.

Sharon Commins commented on covering the wall.

Motion to table. Tabled. 6 for, 3 against.

Sharon Commins reported on landscape and maintenance concerns at the OLD new Fire Station 62.

FUNDING MOTION: Old LAFD Station 62: Request for MVCC community improvement and beautification funds of up to \$500 for the replacement and addition of California native drought tolerant plants, landscaping elements and dust masks at OLD Fire Station #62. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.

Sharon Commins reported that it won't be bulldozed.

Ken Alpern suggested contacting Greg Monfette for watering.

Motion passed.

Safety and Security Committee report – Bill Koontz, Chair (5 min)

FUNDING MOTION: National Night Out Event - The MVCC shall allocate up to \$400 to purchase 400 highly reflective kids bracelets to be handed out in support of the "National Night Out" Tuesday August 4th from 6pm to 8pm at the Mar Vista Rec. Center.

A stakeholder commented on buying items that will likely be thrown away.

Bill Scheduling suggested adding a stamp with MVCC.

Motion passed.

Santa Monica Airport Committee: No report.

SMC Bundy Campus Ad Hoc Committee: No report.

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee:

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The T & I Committee proposed mission statement:

The Transportation and Infrastructure Committee serves as the policy advisory body to the Mar Vista Community Council on transportation and infrastructure issues that concern and/or impact the Mar Vista community. The committee's goal is to promote community input and involvement on these issues, and to provide input to the MVCC Board regarding:

(a) redress of issues raised by the community regarding traffic, transportation, and infrastructure, and
(b) the development of area planning strategies for transportation and infrastructure, in cooperation and coordination with Los Angeles Department of Transportation, California Department of Transportation, and other organizations and stakeholders, that will enhance the quality of life for all in the Mar Vista community.

Motion passed.

POLICY MOTION: MVCC response to Bundy Village and Medical Center DEIR . SEE ATTACHMENT B.

Cesar Diaz presented a response to the motion from Westside Medical Park.

Lorraine Wells commented on the heavy traffic that already exists on Bundy.

Motion passed. 2 abstentions.

POLICY MOTION: Requesting that the Bundy Village and Medical Center project developer contribution to a Mar Vista Traffic Management Escrow Fund. This motion will be sent to Councilmember Rosendahl and CD11 staff.

Whereas the Bundy Village and Medical Center project, proposed near the northwest corner of Bundy Drive and Olympic Boulevard, is expected to add 20,073 Daily Trips and 1879 Peak Hour Trips to Bundy Drive-Centinela Avenue and Olympic Boulevard, and

Whereas the Bundy Drive-Centinela Avenue intersections at Olympic Boulevard, Pico Boulevard, I-10, and Ocean Park - Gateway Boulevards will be Significantly Impacted by this project, and

Whereas the resulting congestion on Bundy Drive-Centinela Avenue will likely cause Bundy-Centinela commuters to divert to the Mar Vista residential streets of Palms Boulevard, Inglewood Boulevard and McLaughlin to reach Barrington Avenue, and divert to Palms Boulevard, Beethoven Street and Rose Avenue to reach 23rd Street as alternate routes to avoid Bundy Drive-Centinela Avenue,

Whereas the increased traffic from the project to the I-405 freeway will significantly increase the traffic on National Blvd., a street which runs through the center of the Mar Vista Community, from Bundy Dr. to the freeway,

The Mar Vista Community Council requests the Bundy Village and Medical Center project developer to make a voluntary contribution to the Mar Vista Neighborhood Traffic Management Escrow Fund of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation for the development of a "neighborhood traffic intrusion reduction program" for Mar Vista residential streets, similar to the contribution to be made by the developer for such a plan for Nebraska Avenue and Missouri Avenue.

Ken Alpern commented that this motion addresses an action plan.

Bill Scheduling commented on the need for a sum in the motion.

Motion passed.

Web Development Committee:

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Approval by Urban Insight Design #10 for MVCC home page design template.

Sharon Commins commented on the enhanced functionality of the new web site.

Laura Bodensteiner commented that she was disappointed that designs for the web site banner were not more broadly solicited from the community.

Motion passed.

ZONE REPORTS – Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

GRIEVANCES

Moved to next meeting per request of the grievant.

FUTURE AGENDA

None.

Public Comment

Stephen Boskin announced the MVNA potluck on Saturday 12-3pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on June 21, 2009.

ATTACHMENT A – '09-'10 Annual Budget

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL BUDGET 2009-2010

Funds

Yearly Allocation 2009-2010	45,000.00
Rollover from Previous years (estimated)	60,000.00
ACCOUNT BALANCE WITH DONE as of Jul 1,2009 (Estimate)	105,000.00
Petty Cash Rollover (estimated)	400.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE MVCC 2008-2009 (Estimate)	105,400.00

Budget

Category Annual Total

100 Operations - 12%

101 Committee Meeting Expenses	2,000.00
102 Office Supplies	2,000.00
102a Copies	2,000.00
103 Staffing/Apple One or equivalent	5,000.00
104 Office Equipment and Software	2,000.00
105 Credit Card fees	150.00
106	

Sub Total 13,150.00

200 Outreach - 53%

201 Newsletter - 4	25,000.00
202 Web Development	6,000.00
203 Website Hosting	2,000.00
204 Internet Survey Service	240.00
205 Refreshments Board and Stakeholder Meetings	2,000.00
206 Neighborhood Outreach Events	10,000.00
207 Advertising in Neighborhood Newsletters	6,000.00
208 Poster Printing for PA Kiosks	500.00

209 Promotional Items	4,000.00
210	
Sub Total	55,740.00
300 Community Improvement - 35%	
301 Community Beautification and Improvement Projects	15,000.00
302 Infrastructure Repair and Maintenance	15,000.00
303 Special Projects	6,510.00
304	
Sub Total	36,510.00
Grand Total	105,400.00

Attachment B – Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

MVCC response to Bundy Village and Medical Center DEIR

RE: Bundy Village and Medical Center Draft Environmental Impact Report
Case No. ENV-2006-3125-EIR
State Clearinghouse Number: 2006111106

The Mar Vista Community Council has the following concerns regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report published for the Bundy Village and Medical Center:

WATER SUPPLY

The DEIR states that “According to a Water Supply Assessment performed for the proposed project adequate water supplies would be available to meet the water demands of the proposed project. The LADWP anticipates that the projected water demands from the proposed project could be met during normal, single-dry, and multiple-dry water years, in addition to the existing and planned future demands on the LADWP. As such, no new or expanded water supplies would be necessary for the operation of the proposed project and a less-than-significant impact would occur.”

The MVCC requests that this Water Supply Assessment be re-evaluated. In light of the fact that the City of Los Angeles in April of 2009 approved “shortage year rates” for all Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) water customers effective June 1,

2009, citing reduced water supplies due to drought and regulatory restrictions, it is imperative that a new Water Supply Assessment be conducted, and that the issue of insufficient water supplies be addressed. Clearly any increase in the population density of the area will only worsen and prolong the water crisis currently facing the City of Los Angeles. The Water Supply Assessment should examine water availability for increases in population contemplated not only by the West Los Angeles Community Plan, but all adjacent Community Plans. It should address long term regional cumulative impacts upon all residents. The MVCC recommends that no density-increasing development project be approved so long as “shortage year water rates” are in effect, and unless the City has signed contracts guaranteeing at least a twenty-year water supply for existing Los Angeles residents plus the density increase effectuated by the proposed land development project.

TRAFFIC

The DEIR states that the project is expected to add 20,073 Daily Trips and 1879 Peak Hour Trips to Bundy Drive-Centinel Avenue and Olympic Boulevard,

1. The MVCC is concerned that this massive increase in Daily Trips on these two major roadways in West Los Angeles, and the impact this increase will have on the intersection of Bundy Drive and Olympic Boulevard cannot help but make what is already a very badly congested traffic situation even worse.

2. The MVCC believes the traffic impacts described in the DEIR and accompanying Traffic Impact Analysis Report (Appendix H of the DEIR) are understated because LADOT's Traffic Study Policies and Procedures and the West L.A. Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Specific Plan allowed the developer to make the following invalid assumptions:

- a. Only one-quarter of non-senior condo residents will commute during the Peak Traffic Hour. This is a CEQA violation as CEQA requires impacts to be measured under the worst conditions, which would be that all condo residents commute during the Peak Traffic Hour.
- b. Only one in twenty residents over 62 will drive a vehicle to or from the project during the Peak Traffic Hour
- c. Intersections will accommodate up to 75% more traffic than their physical capacity allows. (See Exhibit 1.) The over-allocations should have been spread back to prior intersections and the resulting impacts mitigated. (See Exhibit 2.)
- d. Current congestion-constrained flows were interpreted as current Demand on an intersection or roadway. Consequently intersections and freeways were given current baseline remaining-capacity ratings that are higher than realistic.
- e. The East Bound I-10 will accommodate the project's additional PM Peak Hour trips without impacting existing upstream traffic west of the Centinela on-ramp. (See Exhibit 3.)
- f. Too much credit was given for Pass-By trips. (See Exhibit 4.)

If real-world assumptions are used, the MVCC believes that Total Daily Trips will be closer to 25,607 than 20,073, and PM Peak Hour Trip will be closer to 2,740 than 1879.

Furthermore, the MVCC believes the effectiveness of proposed mitigations are overstated for the following reasons:

a. Motorist already perform the capacity-enhancing behavior intended by the Right Turn Pocket mitigations at the intersections where such measures are proposed. Therefore no mitigation credit should be given for Right-Turn Pocket type mitigations.

b. Although many of the other proposed mitigation may theoretically calculate out as providing a capacity increase at an individual intersection, subsequent unmitigatable downstream congestion negates the benefit. (See Exhibit 5.) Even using the underestimated impacts and over-stated mitigation benefits, the proposed project would:

a. Would leave eighteen (18) intersections at Level of Service "F" after proposed mitigations, including unmitigatable impacts to the following Mar Vista community intersections:

- Ocean Park Blvd./Gateway Blvd. and Bundy Drive (14% to 16% over capacity)
- National Blvd. and Bundy Dr./Centinela Av (24% over capacity AM)

This is unacceptable. It also violates both the West Los Angeles Community Plan and the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plans, which state that Levels of Service are to be maintained at the Satisfactory Level Of Service of LOS "D" on Secondary Highways, or "E" on Major Highways and business districts. (The actual number of LOS "F" intersections will be closer to 60 as a result of the proposed and related projects. This would have been shown in the Traffic Study if the traffic that cannot be accommodated at the eighteen over-allocated intersection had been properly shown as backing up prior intersections as in the real-world. See Exhibit __.)

b. Cause Bundy-Centinela commuters to divert to the Mar Vista residential streets of Palms Boulevard, Inglewood Boulevard and McLaughlin to reach Barrington Avenue; and divert to Palms Boulevard, Beethoven Street and Rose Avenue to reach 23rd Street as alternate routes to avoid Bundy Drive-Centinela Avenue.

3. The Traffic Impact Analysis cited in Appendix H states that LADOT discussed downscaling the project as a "possible means to reduce the traffic impacts of the project to below significant levels. However, the applicant indicated the scope of the project is required due to the sizable demand for additional medical services on the Westside of Los Angeles, particularly medical services adjacent to affordable and senior housing" The MVCC believes that even if it were a proven fact that there is a sizable demand for additional medical services on the Westside of Los Angeles (and the MVCC has seen no study showing this to be the case), this would still not justify the negative traffic impacts that will be felt by all of the communities surrounding this development, and would not justify the negative impact on the quality-of-life of all the residents of these surrounding communities.

IN CONCLUSION, the MVCC recommends that the City take the following actions:

1. Redo the Traffic Impact Analysis using gravity-flow modeling for trips generated and those which can be accommodated based on the principles of sound traffic engineering.
2. Require mitigation of the newly discovered impacts that will either:
 - a. leave all project-used intersections and roadways at Community Plan specified Satisfactory Levels of Service, or
 - b. completely accommodate all project traffic with no increase in Volume demand to Capacity (V/C) Ratios greater than 0.00, or

- c. downsize the project so that requirements a. or b. can be met, or
- d. disallow the project.

If the above is not done, then in order to protect MVCC residential neighborhoods from the traffic impacts that will clearly occur, the MVCC must request the Bundy Village and Medical Park project developer to make a voluntary contribution to a Mar Vista Neighborhood Traffic Management Escrow Fund to be established at the Los Angeles Department of Transportation for the development and implementation of an effective “neighborhood traffic intrusion reduction program” for Mar Vista residential streets (similar to the contribution to be made by the developer for such a plan for Nebraska Avenue and Missouri Avenue). The contribution should be of sufficient amount to cover full implementation of the developed traffic management program. This program would be developed and monitored by the developer, LADOT, CD11 Councilmember, and the Mar Vista Community Council.