

**Mar Vista Community Council**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
August 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM  
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium  
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066  
[www.marvista.org](http://www.marvista.org)

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 at [www.marvista.org](http://www.marvista.org).

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order and Welcome** – Albert Olson, Chair (2 min.)

**Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance** – Bill Scheduling

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

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

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

**Department of Neighborhood Empowerment** - Deanna Stevenson, West Area Project Coordinator

**Mar Vista Recreation Center** – Director, [Laura.Island@lacity.org](mailto:Laura.Island@lacity.org)

**CD 5** – Paul Koretz, <http://cd5.lacity.org/>

**CD 11** - Bill Rosendahl – represented by [Len.Nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:Len.Nguyen@lacity.org) , Field Deputy

**US 36** – Congresswoman Jane Harman, represented by [Jessica.Duboff@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jessica.Duboff@mail.house.gov) , Field Representative

**CA Senate 28** – Jenny Oropeza represented by [Primitivo.Castro@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Primitivo.Castro@sen.ca.gov) , Field Deputy.

**CA Assembly 47** – Karen Bass represented by [Marco.Meneghin@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Marco.Meneghin@asm.ca.gov) Field Rep.

**CA Assembly 53** – Ted Lieu, represented by [Jennifer.Zivkovic@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Zivkovic@asm.ca.gov) , Field Deputy

**2nd Dist. Los Angeles County Board Super.**– Mark Ridley Thomas, represented by [Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov), Dist. Deputy

**Mayor of Los Angeles** – Antonio Villaraigosa represented by [Jennifer.Badger@lacity.org](mailto:Jennifer.Badger@lacity.org) , Westside Area Representative

**Officers and Liaison Reports**

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

a. Nomination of MVCC Committee Chairs and Liaisons by Chair, and approval by the Board of Directors

b. Announcement of COMMUNITY BENEFIT GRANTS PROGRAM (see Attachment 2)

c. Neighborhood Council Ethics Training Update: Completion of the Online Ethics Training Course is required of all Neighborhood Council Governing Board members.

<http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done>

The following 6 Board members of the MVCC have completed the course: **Rob Kadota, Sharon Commins, Marilyn Marble, Christopher McKinnon, Albert Olson, Laura Bodensteiner**

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

**Second Vice Chair**, Bill Koontz (2 min.)

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

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

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

**DWP MOU** – Babik Nahid

**LADOT MOU** – Albert Olson, Bill Pope (alternate)

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

**LANCC Delegate Report** – Marilyn Marble (2 min)

**Mayor's Budget Planning** – Rob, Sharon, Chris (2 min)

### **Special City Guests**

BongHwan Kim , General Manager of the **Department of Neighborhood Empowerment**  
And Takashi Kawamura, the **Mayor of Nagoya, Japan**

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

#### **1) Executive & Finance Committee** – Albert Olson (10 min)

##### **a.** Information:

- i. Bill Koontz will be organizing Board member participation in MVCC Farmer's Market booth maintenance
- ii. Reminder for Committee Chairs to post agendas and minutes of all meetings on website.

##### **b.** Funding Motions:

- i. The MVCC shall allocate up to \$1,000 to hire an Apple One employee to assist with setting up and taking down of audio/visual equipment for MVCC Board meetings. This will be paid at Apple One's Administrative Assistant rate, and will be an ongoing monthly expense.
- ii. The MVCC shall allocate up to \$500 to the Hilltop Neighborhood Association for their August 29<sup>th</sup> Movie Night event. Allocation will follow the procedures and stipulations as established in the MVCC program for funding of neighborhood block parties, and meet all City of L.A. funding guidelines.

##### **c.** Policy Motion:

- i. The Executive Committee voted to support the the amended version of Old FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee's updating of MVCC's position on the Old FS 62. (Please see motion under **Old Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee**)

#### **2) Community Concept Plan Committee** – Sharon Commins, Chair (2 min)

#### **3) Community Outreach Committee** – Albert Olson & Stephen Boskin, Co-Chairs (5 min)

- a.** Policy Motion: The committee recommends approval of the amended Mar Vista Community Youth Service Awards, and the Mar Vista Community service Award. After this motion was passed in committee, DONE representatives stated that the awards financial awards in the program were not allowable.

#### **4) Education, Arts and Culture** – Babak Nahid & Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs (5 min)

- a.** Policy Motion: The MVCC supports Ocean Charter School's 2009 application to LAUSD School Board seeking a 40-year lease at the Proposition 39 Ocean Charter School/Walgrove Ave. Elementary's current co-location site

- 5) Election & Bylaws Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick, Chair (2 min)
- a. DONE has requested additional Bylaw changes, and the Committee will be bringing recommendations to the Board for the following items:
    - i. Article 4 H: “conviction of a felony”
    - ii. Article 4 H: “the Council shall consult with the City Attorney, throughout any removal process”.
    - iii. Article 4 D: “A Director may serve for no more than four (4) consecutive terms.”
    - iv. Article 6 D: “Agenda and notice of such meeting shall be posted 72 hours before”
  - b. Administrative Motion: The Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors approves the following Preferred Polling Locations for 2010 Elections
    - i. MV Farmers Market
    - ii. Grand View Elementary School
    - iii. Mar Vista Rec. Ctr
    - iv. Mar Vista Elementary School

**6) Green Committee** – Laura Bodensteiner, Chair (5 min)

**7) Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee** – Bill Pope (2 min)

**8) Old FS #62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Sharon Commins, Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs (5 min)

- a. Policy Motion: The Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors strongly recommends the retention and rehabilitation of the site and existing structure at 3631 Centinela, Los Angeles 90066 [known as Old Fire Station 62] for the purpose of establishing a multiple use Community Center including a CERT [Community Emergency Response Training] and Tsunami Evacuation Center.

The Old FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee advocates and emphasizes the restoration of the station should incorporate solar energy and water conservation technologies to bring the cost of operating the building down as low as possible.

NOTE: this was the original 2007 motion on future use of the fire station, from then Education, Arts and Culture Committee: [The Mar Vista Community Council Board strongly recommends the establishment of a Multipurpose Community Center at the old site of Fire Station 62.](#)

**9) Planning and Land Use Management Committee** – Ken Alpern, Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs

**10) Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Tom Ponton, Chair (10 min)

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

- a. Update on Pacific Graffiti Solutions work in Mar Vista

**12) Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Scheduling, Chair (2 min)

- a. Policy Motion: Approval of the attached letter thanking Senator Barbara Boxer for her recent letter to the FAA (Attachment 2)

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

**14) Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report** - Albert Olson, Chair (2 min.)

- a. Policy Motion: The MVCC finds that, with respect to Mar Vista, the maps for the draft Bicycle Master Plan show that the plan does not offer a significant improvement over existing conditions for cyclists riding in Mar Vista. We therefore recommend that the scope of work be rewritten to position the Bicycle Plan as an inspiration and aspiration document that will support cycling as a transportation choice.

b. Report on presentation to the T & I Committee by Red Mountain Retail Group regarding the proposed development at 3115 W. Sepulveda Blvd. (Chuck Ray)  
3115 Sepulveda Blvd.

**15) Web Development Update – Babak Nahid (5 min)**

**Zone Director Reports**

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

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

**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.

1. 05/07/09 Grievance filed by Rick Selan: Mr. Selan requested that the grievance process be delayed until further notice.

**Future agenda items**

**Adjournment (9:30 PM)**

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**Attachment 1**

Dear Senator Boxer:

The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) would like to thank you for your letter to Randolph Babbitt, FAA Administrator, in which you bring to his attention the concerns of Santa Monica Airport (SMO) neighbors, with regard to toxic jet emissions as well as safety concerns.

The MVCC represents residents in Los Angeles adjacent to the south, east, and northeast of SMO. Jet exhaust affects primarily Los Angeles residents due to the prevailing ocean breezes. Our Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl has made this critical issue a priority of his and we are very appreciative of him also.

We appreciate your reaching out to the FAA on this critical issue and look forward to a prompt and positive response from them.

Thank you again,

Chair  
Mar Vista Community Council

**Attachment 2**

**Mar Vista Community Council  
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

The Board of Directors of the Mar Vista Community Council has recently allocated funds for a series of Community Improvement Grants (CIG). These Grants will be for projects designed to improve the quality of life in the Mar Vista community, and will be implemented in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Individuals and organizations within the Mar Vista community are encouraged to submit proposals which will be considered by the Board for final approval as a Community Improvement Grant. The following are the Board-approved guidelines for these Grants:

1. Criteria for the Community Improvement Grant selection:

- a. Funding shall be for projects designed to improve the quality of life in the Mar Vista community
- b. Funding shall be for a specific activity, physical item(s), improvement project, community or education event. Funding shall not include general donations to community organizations' operating funds, etc. Funding shall conform to all published DONE guidelines regarding Neighborhood Council funding proposals.
- c. Funding shall be for projects that will be implemented in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
- d. Funding proposal shall provide:
  - i. Exact amount of money needed
  - ii. Exact way in which money will be spent, and to whom the money will be paid
  - iii. Timeline for how money will be spent
  - iv. Organization or person responsible for carrying out project
  - v. Explanation of benefit for the community
- e. Organization or individual will provide appropriate means for public recognition of MVCC involvement in project.
- f. Special emphasis in choosing recipients of grants will be placed on projects whose needs are immediate, and whose resources for alternative funding are limited.
- g. Total funding for these grants in the year 2009-2010 will not exceed \$35,000. Maximum

funding for any proposal shall be \$3,000, and each proposal shall be for one of the following three amount classifications:

- i. \$3,000 to \$1,500 (maximum of 5 proposals will be funded)
- ii. \$1,500 to \$500 (maximum of 8 proposals will be funded)
- iii. not to exceed \$500

2. Notification to the Public: Disseminate a notice to stakeholders, schools, and neighborhood associations of the availability of the grants on a one-time basis and request that interested groups or individuals submit proposals.

3. Selection of CIG Proposals:

- a. Executive Committee and/or relevant MVCC committees, will review proposals, and present to the Board a list of grant candidates for approval.
- b. Final CIG projects shall be presented to the MVCC Board for approval.
  - i. MVCC Treasurer will coordinate with grant candidate and appropriate MVCC committee representatives the exact form and time of payment, based on the criteria of the project.

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**Mar Vista Community Council**  
**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

The aim of the MVCC Community Improvement Grants (CIG) program is to provide funding to appropriate projects intended to improve the quality of life the people of Mar Vista. Please contact the MVCC chair at [info@marvista.org](mailto:info@marvista.org) for more information. Community Improvement Grants must normally be approved at committee level and then approved by the Board of Directors. Attendance at these meetings is not mandatory but highly recommended to help answer stakeholder questions about your application. For meeting dates, please visit [www.marvista.org](http://www.marvista.org).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of contact person filling out this application: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Telephone number of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Email address of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name of community organization to receive grant funds on behalf of applicant, if such an organization is a part of the proposal: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Address of organization named in #3: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Authorized signature of sponsoring organization: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Description of your project: \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. On a separate sheet of paper please answer the following questions:
- a) Describe your project or program.
  - b) If your project involves construction, provide a set of plans and list of materials.
  - c) In a draft budget, list the equipment, services, or materials you plan to be used in the grant.
  - d) How will your project benefit residents of Mar Vista?
  - e) Provide IRS tax determination letter if the sponsoring organization is tax-exempt.
  - f) When do you plan to begin your project?
  - g) When will your project be completed?