

Mar Vista Community Council Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

September 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM; Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium 11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066 www.marvista.org

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Welcome: 7:08 PM by Albert Olson, Chair. Board members present: Ken Alpern, Stephen Boskin, Sharon Commins, Rob Kadota, Bill Koontz, Marilyn Marble, Babak Nahid, Albert Olson, and Bill Scheduling.
2. Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance: Bill Scheduling
3. Approval of Minutes of July 14, 2009: Minutes approved as presented
4. Public Comment & Announcements[2]:
 - a. Yigal Sadgat: representing local residents association along Sawtelle. Named three problems needing attention
 - i. Homeless—shopping carts/harassment of neighbors
 - ii. Recycling center on Ralphs property National at Sawtelle is an eyesore
 - iii. Caltrans blocking of National at Sawtelle
 - b. Noel Weiss: Noted the ½ off City Council salaries petition drive and the ratepayer advocate proposal
5. Elected Officials and City Department Reports
 - a. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment - Deanna Stevenson, West Area Project Coordinator: No report
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Director, Laura.Island@lacity.org
 - i. MAR VISTA GOES GREEN FALL FESTIVAL preparations have exceeded expectations. Bikerowave interested in bike valet service for the day of the event; contract negotiations under way. Flyers and posters being distributed.
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, <http://cd5.lacity.org/>-no report
 - d. CD 11 - Bill Rosendahl – represented by Len.Nguyen@lacity.org, Field Deputy
 - i. The Councilmember met with Mayor Villaraigosa on September 1, 2009 regarding Old FS 62. The community has a 6 to 12 month window to explore other uses provided those uses do not cost the City one dime
 - e. US 36 – Congresswoman Jane Harman, represented by Jessica.Duboff@mail.house.gov , Field Representative-No report
 - f. CA Senate 28 – Jenny Oropeza represented by Primitivo.Castro@sen.ca.gov , Field Deputy-no report
 - g. CA Assembly 47 – Karen Bass represented by Marco.Meneghin@asm.ca.gov Field Rep-no report
 - h. CA Assembly 53 – Ted Lieu, represented by Jennifer.Zivkovic@asm.ca.gov , Field Deputy-no report
 - i. 2nd Dist. Los Angeles County Board Super.– Mark Ridley Thomas, represented by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov, Dist. Deputy-no report
 - j. Mayor of Los Angeles – Antonio Villaraigosa represented by Jennifer.Badger@lacity.org Westside Area Representative-no report
 - k. Special Guest: Shana Bonstin of the Los Angeles City Planning Department: Announced the CD11 initiated Livable Boulevards proposed walkabouts planned for Mar Vista in October. date to be finalized shortly
 - i. First step towards the Palms Mar Vista Del Rey Community Plan update
 - ii. Sites in North Westdale and at Venice and Centinela
 - iii. Question regarding EXPO planning in WLA
 - iv. Goals of the study include listing priority items related to streetscape improvements such as medians, landscaping and design standards. TIMP priorities.
 - v. Encourage traffic on major streets through design
6. Officers and Liaison Reports

- a. Chair, Albert Olson
 - i. Administrative Motion: The MVCC Board requests that DONE issue a second credit card to the new Chair of the MVCC Board, Albert Olson, and that the split of funds for each card per quarter be 75% on the Treasurer's card and 25% on the Chair's card
 - 1. **Motion passed unanimously**
 - ii. Update of COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM
 - 1. Lots of inquiries and 1 application submitted
 - iii. Newsletter out for distribution and available at the farmers market
 - iv. Need help for set up and take down at the Market
 - v. Update of Neighborhood Council Ethics Training: 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 10 Board members of the MVCC have completed the course: Rob Kadota, Sharon Commins, Marilyn Marble, Christopher McKinnon, Albert Olson, Laura Bodensteiner, Kate Anderson, Bob Fitzpatrick, Bill Koontz, Ken Alpern and Bill Scheduling
 - b. First Vice Chair, Sharon Commins
 - i. Proposed change to City Council Public comment rules; encourage everyone to write as private citizens
 - ii. Major City Council Budget and Finance meeting Monday September 14, at 1 PM downtown concerning budget shortfall.
 - iii. Reminder: City council meetings available online with new features
 - c. Second Vice Chair, Bill Koontz—no report
 - d. Secretary, Laura Bodensteiner—no report
 - e. Treasurer, Christopher McKinnon
 - f. Director for Animal Welfare – Lola McKnight—no report
 - g. DWP MOU – Babik Nahid
 - h. LADOT MOU – Albert Olson, Bill Pope (alternate)
 - i. Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Sub Committee - Linda Guagliano,
 - i. Two issues still needing resolution: Woodbine and Butler blind corner and the palms to Woodbine merging lane on McLaughlin
 - ii. Next meeting in November, date TBD
 - j. LANCC Delegate Report – Marilyn Marble—no report
 - k. Mayor's Budget Planning –no report
7. Committee reports
- a. Executive & Finance Committee – Albert Olson
 - i. Administrative Motion: All requests for allocations to assist in tree-planting in the Mar Vista area will be referred to the MVCC ROSE committee for discussion and deliberation. The committee's recommendations will be brought to the Board for final approval.
 - 1. **Motion passed unanimously**
 - ii. Administrative Motion: Appointment of Sharon Commins and Marilyn Marble as the two MVCC representatives to the Community Budget Day taking place at the Citywide Congress of Neighborhoods event to be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the Los Angeles City Hall.
 - 1. **Motion passed unanimously**
 - b. Community Outreach Committee – Rob Kadota & Stephen Boskin, Co-Chairs
 - i. Funding Motion: The MVCC allocates \$350 for SoMar Neighborhood Association Newsletter as part of the \$6,000 2009-2010 MVCC funding motion for neighborhood association newsletters to pay for an ad that is placed in their current newsletter. 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.
 - 1. **Motion passed unanimously**
 - c. Education, Arts and Culture – Babak Nahid & Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs
 - i. Ocean Charter School is seeking a letter of support from the MVCC regarding their 2009 application to LAUSD School Board seeking a 40-year lease at the Proposition

39 Ocean Charter School/Walgrove Ave. Elementary current co-location site. The EAC Committee will be making a recommendation to the Board regarding this matter.

- d.** Election & Bylaws Committee – Bob Fitzpatrick & Marilyn Marble, Co- Chairs
- i. Administrative Motion: Endorsement of the City Clerk’s Election Division map of the boundaries of the Mar Vista Community Council. (See Attachment)
 - Does the NC endorse the City Clerk map(s) as presented: Yes
 - Does the map(s) match the bylaws description? Yes
 - If No, please attach the corrected map(s) and specify reason:
 - Are the NC outer boundaries drawn correct on the map(s)? Yes
 - If No, please attach the corrected map(s) and specify reason:
 - Are the sub-divisions correct on the map(s)? Yes _
 - If No, please attach the corrected map(s) and specify which sub-division(s) are incorrect:
 - Does this NC overlap boundaries with other NCs? Yes
 - Please specify area(s) shared:
 1. Request City Clerk change subdivision nomenclature to ZONE
 2. Venice High school, Mark Twain Middle school and Walgrove are shared with Venice NC
- Motion passed unanimously**
- e.** Green Committee – Laura Bodensteiner & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs
- i. The weekly presenters program at the farmers market is extremely successful; and the Committee is actively looking for more knowledgeable presenters
 - ii. DWP will be at the Market September 13 with information on gray water, turf removal and general code information
 - iii. September 27, the Mar Vista Rec Center Teen club will be manning the booth
- f.** Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee – Bill Pope
- i. Linda Guagliano reported the NTM is compiling a list of questions for LADOT reps; fall meeting date TBD
 - ii. speed trailer back in action
- g.** Old FS #62 Ad Hoc Committee – Sharon Commins & Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs
- i. Administrative Motion: The MVCC supports the Park[ing] Day LA event at the old FS 62on September 18, 2009.
- Motion passed unanimously**
- h.** Planning and Land Use Management Committee – Sharon Commins & Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs
- i. a. Policy Motion: MVCC motion of support for the appeal of 11933 Magnolia Blvd - DIR-2008-1178-DB-SPP by Valley Village to the Planning Commission
 1. The MVCC supports the stakeholders of Valley Village in regard to their two appeals of [DIR-2008-1178-SPP] regarding the SB1818 development located at 11933 Magnolia Boulevard Valley Village: (1) Dale Neglia et al; (2) The membership of the Board of Neighborhood Council Valley Village. The MVCC expresses its support for the concerns expressed by the Board of Valley Village Neighborhood Council and the apparent lack of transparency in regard to the project. We assert the need for the Planning Department to proactively engage Neighborhood Councils when evaluating these development projects. Public Comment: Jennifer Reed from Valley village gave a brief review of issues pertaining to this project including no public hearing and lack of transparency. The motion was pared down for brevity

Motion passed: 7 aye; 1 abstention
- i.** Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee – Tom Ponton & Jerry Hornof, Co- Chairs
No report
- j.** Safety and Security Committee report – Bill Koontz & Rob Kadota, Co-Chairs
- i. Update on Pacific Graffiti Solutions work in Mar Vista-not presented
 - ii. Police chief selection public meetings noticed
 - iii. Have a safety table at the farmers Market every quarter
 - iv. The Shakeout is coming

- k. Santa Monica Airport Committee – Bill Scheduling & Bill Koontz, Co- Chairs
 - i. Committee has set goals and objectives
 - ii. Articles for next newsletter including input from airport management and the pilots association
- l. Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report - Ken Alpern & Chuck Ray, Co-Chairs
 - i. Brief review of EXPO grade separations
 - 1. Centinela: grade separated
 - 2. Sepulveda grade-separation at Exposition. The choice is for an at-grade crossing for \$13 million, or an elevated crossing/elevated station for \$26 million.
 - 3. Barrington: at grade
 - 4. Westwood Bl: at grade
 - 5. Overland: at grade
 - a. Overland has a freeway off ramp
 - ii. Policy Motion: The MVCC Board: Recognizes the need to establish a quality mixed-use project at the old Circuit City/Shoe Pavilion site (3115 Sepulveda Blvd.) that would benefit the neighborhood and region, and
 - 1. Opposes the request for a zone change from C2-1VL to RAS 4-1, and
 - 2. Recommends the mitigations to include:
 - a. Retaining existing height district classification (1VL) of 45-50 feet
 - b. Adheres to 15-foot front yard and rear yard setbacks, and a minimum 10-foot side yard setbacks
 - c. Articulated structure and pedestrian-friendly landscaping
 - d. Conforms with, and adheres to, all City General Plan and Community Plan Policies
 - e. The City shall install a signal-controlled intersection at Sepulveda Blvd/Clover Ave. east of Sepulveda-Alley west of Sepulveda
 - f. A restriction on all left turns from the alley north of the project (Clover Ave.) to/from Sepulveda Blvd.

Query on whether or not 'articulated' was a legitimate architectural term [it is, according to Wikipedia]

Friendly amendment to 'a structure' not accepted

Public comment: Richard Saltzman of the Westside Village Civic Association indicated height is still a major roadblock to community support for the proposed project

Motion passed: 7 aye, 1 nay

- iii. Policy Motion: Whereas, to meet the State directive for investor-owned utility agencies to generate 20% of the power from renewable for 2010, yet did the Mayor proclaim his 40% goal without consultation and approval by the Community, 2. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LA DWP) has delayed writing a Solar Energy Implementation Plan since February 2008, 3. the LA DWP must reduce its reliance on carbon based power production, and 4. to encourage all interested parties to engage in the manufacture and installation of renewable energy systems as soon as possible, The Mar Vista Community Council requests that the LA DWP define the Solar Energy Implementation Plan with full transparency and with the participation of Neighborhood Councils and interested Stakeholders.
 - 1. Motion passed: 7 aye, 1 nay**
- iv. Policy Motion:
 - 1. The Mar Vista Community Council calls on the LA DWP to:
 - a. Include in the Solar Energy Implementation Plan a significant private buildings component with appropriate incentives for private construction. The private buildings' plan shall begin at the same time as the plan for public buildings. At least 50% of the work on public and private buildings shall be put out for open competitive bidding with a minimum of 30% of workforce used coming from the local community.

- b.** Maintain a solar training program for their own employees and the union workers from IBE W #18 which does not burden the capabilities of the Los Angeles Unified School District to the point where local students cannot be accommodated in Vocational Training Photo Voltaic classes.
- c.** Provide full disclosure by the LA DWP Board of Commissioners on money and "in-kind" contributions from the unions, businesses and other entities which deal with the Department made to the DWP Administration and to elected officials since 2004 and to disclose their relationship to LA DWP.

Suggested that Go Solar Mar Vista and the Green Committee may have additional insights on this matter

motion tabled unanimously and referred back to Committee for further vetting

- m.** Web Development Update – Babak Nahid , Chair—no report
- n.** Zone Director Reports
 - i.** Zone 1: no report
 - ii.** Zone 2: no report
 - iii.** Zone 3: no report
 - iv.** Zone 4: no report
 - v.** Zone 5: no report
 - vi.** Zone 6: Neighborhood watch being established north of palms
- o.** Old Business
- p.** New Business
- q.** Grievances—none
- r.** Future agenda items: re order agenda, place Old Business at top as per Roberts Rules
- s.** Adjournment: 9:30 PM