

Mar Vista Community Council
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066
www.marvista.org

Agenda:

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.

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)

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

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

Mar Vista Recreation Center – Director, Laura.Island@lacity.org

CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep. by Jay.Greenstein@lacity.org , Field Deputy

CD 11 - Bill Rosendahl, rep. by Len.Nguyen@lacity.org , Field Deputy

US 36 – Congresswoman Jane Harman, rep. by Jessica.Duboff@mail.house.gov , Field Representative

CA Senate 28 – Jenny Oropeza represented by Primitivo.Castro@sen.ca.gov , Field Deputy

CA Assembly 47 – Karen Bass represented by Marco.Meneghin@asm.ca.gov Field Representative

CA Assembly 53 – Ted Lieu, represented by Jennifer.Zivkovic@asm.ca.gov , Field Deputy

2nd Dist. Los Angeles County Board Super.– Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov, Dist. Deputy

Mayor of Los Angeles – Antonio Villaraigosa rep. by Jennifer.Badger@lacity.org , Westside Area Representative

Special Guest: Los Angeles City Controller Wendy Greuel

Officers and Liaison Reports

Chair, Albert Olson

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 12 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, Bill Scheduling, Stephen Boskin**

First Vice Chair, Sharon Commins

Second Vice Chair, Bill Koontz

Secretary, Laura Bodensteiner

Treasurer, Christopher McKinnon

Director for Animal Welfare – Lola McKnight

DWP MOU – Chuck Ray

LADOT MOU – Albert Olson, Bill Pope (alternate)
Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Sub Committee - Linda Guagliano,
LANCC Delegate Report – Marilyn Marble
Mayor's Budget Planning – Sharon Commins, Marilyn Marble

Old Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

Committee reports - Action items included with public comment permitted

1) Executive & Finance Committee – Albert Olson, Chair

a. Administrative Motion: *The Board of Directors of the Mar Vista Community Council commends Laura Island, Mar Vista Recreation Center Director, on her strong commitment to the community. Her exemplary leadership and management made the 2009 Mar Vista Community Fall Festival a resounding success, and her tireless efforts are appreciated not only for the Fall Festival but on a daily basis in Mar Vista.*

b. Funding Motion: *The MVCC will allocate up to \$300 for the purchase of office furniture, specifically a filing cabinet, storage cabinet, and desk, to be used at the shared office space the MVCC will be utilizing at the Municipal Building at Corinth Ave.*

(It was noted by the committee that every attempt should be made to find used furniture at nominal cost or free.)

c. Policy Motion: *The Mar Vista Community Council hereby adopts the creation of a CERT and Community Center at the site of Historic Fire Station 62, 3631 Centinela, as an official MVCC community benefit project.*

NOTE: This is in accord with Article 1 of the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils, which states the goals and objectives of the Plan are to: *1. Promote public participation in City governance and decision making processes so that government is more responsive to local needs and requests and so that more opportunities are created to build partnerships with government to address local needs and requests.*

d. Update of new website development, and possible presentation of new MVCC website to the Board and public

2) Community Outreach Committee – Rob Kadota & Stephen Boskin, Co-Chairs

a. Funding Motion: *The MVCC allocates up to \$750 to purchase new awnings for MVCC outreach events. 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.*

b. Funding Motion: *The MVCC allocates up to \$1,500 to purchase additional reusable grocery bags to be used as promotional give-aways at MVCC outreach events. 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.*

3) Education, Arts and Culture – Babak Nahid & Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs

a. Funding Motion: *The MVCC allocates funds necessary for a banner for the Education, Arts and Culture Committee (similar to the Green Committee) for display at the Mar Vista Farmers Market and other events. 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.*

4) Election & Bylaws Committee – Bob Fitzpatrick & Marilyn Marble, Co-Chairs

a. Administrative Motion: 2nd reading and motion to approve the following amendments to the MVCC Bylaws:

1. Article 4, Subsection H - item 5 ("conviction of a felony") shall be removed.

2. Article 4, Subsection H - The following clause will be added to the end of Subsection H: "The Council will consult with its legal counsel, the Office of the City Attorney, throughout this removal process."

3. Article 6, Subsection D - The second sentence of this Subsection will be changed to read: "Agenda and notice of such meeting shall be publicly posted at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting date."

5) Green Committee – Laura Bodensteiner & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs

a. Funding Motion: *Community Improvement Grant allocation of \$2,000 to fund a pilot program of a 6 week green living workshop put on by Sustainable Works in Mar Vista that will be free to program participants with no limit on the number of attendees. 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.*

b. Policy Motion: *The Mar Vista Community Council calls on the LA DWP to:*

1. 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, where public funds are used, buildings shall be put out for open competitive bidding with a minimum of 30% of workforce used coming from the local community.

2. 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.

3. Make the necessary changes to shorten the current four to six month approval process for homeowners to install their own solar systems.

4. Make a reasonable accommodation to third party leasing organizations and feed and tariff entities that install solar systems at homes, apartments, condos and businesses.

5. Provide simple and transparent processes for communities and community groups to work with the United States Post Office, the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Unified School District to identify solar sites, schedule assessments and fund installations.

6) Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee – Bill Pope, Chair

a. Funding Motion: *The Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee recommends that the MVCC Board authorize Bill Pope to secure, via component upgrade or display board replacement, a "Violator Alert Display Mode" upgrade for the MVCC Speed Trailer. If a Violator Alert Display Mode can be added to the existing display board by replacing components, the costs will be approximately \$40 USD plus shipping and handling. If the entire display board must be replaced, the cost will be \$350 USD plus shipping and handling. 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.*

7) Old FS #62 Ad Hoc Committee – Sharon Commins & Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs

8) PLUM Committee – Sharon Commins & Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs

a. Policy Motion: *The Mar Vista Community Council hereby requests the Department of Building and Safety enforce the law and close all medical marijuana shops which have already been denied hardship exemptions. The MVCC further requests prosecution of scofflaw shops continuing to operate in defiance of the law.*

b. Funding Motion: *The Mar Vista Community Council PLUM Committee recommends the funding of an MVCC one year subscription to The Planning Report journal at the not for profit rate of \$100.00 per year. Motion to meet all EmpowerLA funding guidelines and will expire at the end of fiscal year 2010.*

9) Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee – Tom Ponton & Jerry Hornof, Co-Chairs

10) Safety and Security Committee report – Bill Koontz & Rob Kadota, Co-Chairs

a. Update on Pacific Graffiti Solutions work in Mar Vista

b. Funding Motion: *To Support LAPD Pacific Area Winter Wonderland and Santa Sleigh Stops in Mar Vista for \$1,000 and \$250 for additional set design and decorations. 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.*

c. Presentation: Shakeout video presentation

c. Funding Motion: *To Support a Shake Out/After Shock program \$250.00*

11) Santa Monica Airport Committee – Bill Scheduling & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs

12) Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report - Ken Alpern & Chuck Ray, Co-Chairs

a. **Administrative Motion:** The T&I Committee recommends that MVCC Board send the following letter to Santa Monica College, LADOT and CD11:

The Mar Vista Community Council wishes to thank:

1. *Santa Monica College for moving the driveway of its Bundy Campus northward to allow room for separating the left turn pocket for entry into the Bundy Campus from that used for turns on to Stanwood,*

2. *The Los Angeles Department of Transportation for installing a traffic signal at Santa Monica College Bundy Campus's new driveway and for converting the dual left turn lane into two separate left turn pockets, and*

3. *Councilman Bill Rosendahl, CD11 Chief Council Norman Kula, and Mar Vista Deputy Len Nguyen for facilitating the above changes.*

These changes alleviate the dangerous, potentially accident-causing conditions that existed before.

13) Web Development Update – Babak Nahid , Chair

Zone Director Reports

New Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

Administrative Motion: *Whereas, neighborhood councils and grassroots organization usually require 2-3 months to deliberate and create motions and letters of input on City policies, and Whereas, the City only provides 42 days for consideration and input to the draft LA Bike Master Plan, thereby severely limiting neighborhood council participation, The Mar Vista Community Council therefore requests that the deadline for input be extended to January 4th to provide at least 90 days to critique and provide input to the Draft LA Bike Master Plan.*

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

Adjournment (9:30 PM)

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