

**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 13, 2009**  
**MINUTES**

7:00 P.M.

*CALL TO ORDER*

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

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

The September 8, 2009 minutes were approved.

*PUBLIC COMMENT (I)*

Frank Pyeatt commented on people placing Blue recycle bins out on the morning of pickup to alleviate undesirable picking through the bins.

A stakeholder commented on people lurking in the neighborhood.

*ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS*

**Los Angeles Department of Water and Power:** Jeff Childers presented the Scattergood Olympic Line 1 project. He said it is a redundant line to Line 2 and will increase reliability of power. April 2010 – mid-year 2012. To contact [adrene.briones@ladwp.com](mailto:adrene.briones@ladwp.com) 213-367-4710 fax [www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp](http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp004156.jsp) for the document. Meeting on Oct 22 in Westchester, and on Oct. 27 7pm at SMC Bundy Campus Room 123. Public comment period has been extended to Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Bill Pope asked several questions about the chosen route. He asked for maps and what is the true magnitude of the line. He asked for the effects of the line on humans.

Barry Weber, resident of Inglewood Blvd., commented on the health issues.

Chuck Ray requested that questions be sent to the provided email.

Bill Scheduling asked if this is an existing right-of-way.

Marilyn Marble commented on the lack of public notification.

**Mar Vista Recreation Center:** Director Laura Island reported on the success of the Fall Festival. Halloween festival will be held on Oct. 31 4-8pm. Security lighting will be upgraded. The park will host the Park Commission meeting on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. Albert Olson presented a certificate of appreciation to Laura Island and also thanked Sandy Ray for her tireless commitment.

**CD 5 Paul Koretz,** represented by Jay Greenstein said he tracks transportation projects for the councilman. He addressed the project at 3115 Sepulveda. He commented on the Expo light rail and concerns about grade crossings (Overland, Westwood and Sepulveda at grade recommendations). Ken Alpern requested a CD 5 – CD 11 task force to deal with issues of joint interest.

**Special Guest: Los Angeles City Controller Wendy Greuel**

Wendy Greuel discussed the controller's role with NCs. They are undertaking an audit of DONE. She described what the controller does. There are 3 divisions ~ auditing, financial reporting (cash flow, reserve fund), and demand audit/payment of vendors and paying employees.

Ken Alpern asked about closed door discussions of tax payer money.

Sharon Commins asked about putting city expenditures online in a searchable database to increase public vigilance.

Wendy Greuel addressed the LADOT traffic count methodology.

*OFFICERS AND LIAISON REPORTS*

Chair: Albert Olson gave an update of Neighborhood Council Ethics Training: Completion of the Online Ethics Training Course is required of all Neighborhood Council Governing Board members. All 13 MVCC board members have completed the training.

First Vice-Chair: No report.

Second Vice-Chair: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Christopher McKinnon reported \$105,879 on Oct. 1. \$12,200 spent to date. \$40,000 is allocated.

Director for Animal Welfare: No report.

DWP MOU: Chuck Ray meeting Saturday to elect officers.

LADOT MOU: No report.

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Liaison: Linda Guagliano reported on Sept. 9 meeting. Next meeting on Nov 12.

LANCC Delegate Report: No report.

Mayor's Budget Planning: Sharon Commins commented on the state of the budget.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive & Finance:

**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.*

Kate Anderson commented on the tremendous success of the festival.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**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.)*

Albert Olson reported that office space has been offered to MVCC at Bill Rosendahl's West LA office, but it has not been finalized yet. Motion was tabled.

**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.*

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Update of new website development: Not ready to be presented.

Community Outreach Committee:

**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.*

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Funding Motion:** *The MVCC allocates up to \$1,500 to purchase additional reusable grocery bags to be used as promotional giveaways 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.*

Ken Alpern asked if pens would be purchased again.

Rob Kadota asked that the executive committee approve the final bag.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Education, Arts & Culture:

Kate reported that the committee will have a MVFM presence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Funding Motion:** *The MVCC allocates up to \$300 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.*

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Election & Bylaws Committee:

**Administrative Motion:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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."

**Passed unanimously.**

Green Committee:

**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.

Sherri Akers explained the program and introduced Susy Borlido from Sustainable Works.

Bill Scheduling asked about the donation for the Santa Monica course.

Rob Kadota asked about the length of the series. Susy responded that it will fund one 6-week program.

Babak Nahid asked if there are other entities that offer a similar program for free.

Stephen Boskin asked about the length of time of each session. Susy responded that each session is about 1.5 hours.

Albert Olson commented on the project.

Kate Olson commented on the success of the Green committee's past endeavors.

Rob Kadota commented on the meeting space.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**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.

Chuck Ray commented that the Green committee, GoSolar MV and T&I collaborated on the motion.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Albert Olson announced that MVCC received a Peer award at the NC Empowerment Congress.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee:

**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 is for up to \$500 to fund the fix and 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.

Bill Pope commented on the motion.

Rob Kadota amended up to \$500, accepted.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Old Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee: There is a suggestion to rename the committee to Historic Fire Station.

Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

**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.*  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**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.*  
Rob Kadota asked if the current issue be given to the public library once the committee is done with it.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee:

Jerry Hornoff reported that the fencing at the hockey rink has gone up.

Safety and Security Committee:

Update on Pacific Graffiti Solutions work in Mar Vista: Bill Koontz reported 2,101 calls in Mar Vista and 110,000 sqft of graffiti was removed in the first 6 months of the year.

Linda Guagliano commented on non-painting removals.

**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.*

Kate Anderson asked what the \$1,000 will be used for, and Rob commented on what was purchased in previous years.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Presentation: Shakeout video presentation Tabled.

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

Santa Monica Airport Committee:

Bill Koontz reported on a discussion at the meeting of the placement of a sound meter.

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee:

**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 previously existed.*

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Web Development Committee:

Covered under executive committee report.

#### **ZONE REPORTS**

Zone 1: Babak Nahid reported on a successful Fall Festival.

Zone 2: Bill Koontz announced NWN's mega garage sale on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>

Zone 3: Kate Anderson reported that the Westdale block party was successful. Hilltop news of house break-in. Mar Vista Elementary Big Boo on Oct. 24.

Zone 4: Stephen Boskin solicited comments about the Santa Sleigh program.

Zone 5: Christopher McKinnon reported that a 4-story development on Marcasel is going forward.

Zone 6: Marilyn Marble is looking to organize a Neighborhood Watch.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Administrative Motion:** *Whereas, neighborhood councils and grassroots organizations usually require 2-3 months to deliberate, create motions and letters of input on City policies, and*

*Whereas, the City provides only 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 to the Draft LA Bike Master Plan to be extended to January 4th to provide at least 90 days for study.*

Alex commented on the motivation for the plan. The plan is 6 months overdue, to replace the existing plan.

Ken Alpern commented on this making the city pedestrian and bike friendly.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

#### GRIEVANCES

Albert Olson reported that the outstanding grievance from Rick Selan is being held back by the grievant himself.

#### FUTURE AGENDA

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on October 29, 2009.