

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2009
MINUTES

8:00 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, Bill Koontz, Christopher McKinnon, Marilyn Marble, Albert Olson and Bill Scheduling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 13, 2009 minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT (I)

Noel Weiss commented on SB1818.

Greg Flewin presented the Survey LA project, a survey of all the historic buildings in Los Angeles. Survey will start in April and he requested information about buildings.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mar Vista Recreation Center: Director Laura Island reported that there will be no snow festival this year. Winter activities will continue as planned.

CD 5 Bill Rosendahl, represented by Len Nguyen reported that MVCC now has the plans for FS 62. He reported that the City Council will be considering the medical marijuana issue in Public Safety committee.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, represented by Jennifer Badger, thanked the community for their support of the Town Hall meeting tonight. She discussed the Police chief nominee Charlie Beck. Mayor's Budget Survey will come out later in November.

OFFICERS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Chair: Albert Olson reported that MVCC is 100% compliant with ethics training.

First Vice-Chair: No report.

Second Vice-Chair: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Christopher McKinnon presented a revised budget with rollover funds

Administrative Motion: to pass revised 2009-2010 budget with up-to-date rollover funds included.

Albert Olson asked how this budget is different from the previous one passed. Christopher McKinnon responded that there is an additional 304 Miscellaneous category for the additional rollover funds.

Motion passed.

Director for Animal Welfare: No report.

DWP MOU: Chuck Ray reported on the Oct. 17 meeting to elect officers. Next meeting on Nov. 21 will be an opportunity for NCs to review the DWP budget.

LADOT MOU: No report.

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Liaison: Linda Guagliano announced the next meeting on Thursday, Nov 12.

LANCC Delegate Report: No report.

Mayor's Budget Planning: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive & Finance:

Administrative Motion: The MVCC shall send the following announcement to the general MVCC email stakeholder list:

“The City of Los Angeles Elections Division, in conjunction with the Mar Vista Community Council, will hold elections for all 13 seats on the MVCC Board of Directors on Sunday, April 11, 2010 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Candidate Filing Period will commence on Monday January 11, 2010 and close on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. The seats to be elected are a Community Director, six (6) At- Large Directors, and six (6) Zone Directors. Please email info@marvista.org for additional information.”

Motion passed

Funding Motion: The MVCC shall allocate up to \$300.00 for the purchase of two banners to be used to publicize the 2010 MVCC election.

Christopher McKinnon commented on visual blight.

Motion passed, 1 opposed.

Community Outreach Committee:

Funding Motion: The MVCC allocates \$350 for South Mar Vista NA for their fall 2009 newsletter as part of the \$6000 2009-2010 funding motion for Neighborhood association newsletters.

Motion passed.

Funding Motion: The MVCC allocates \$250 for North Westdale Neighborhood Association for publishing three monthly newsletters as part of the \$6000 2009-2010 funding motion for neighborhood association newsletters.

Motion passed

Funding Motion: Amendment to Lapd Explorers motion. substitute \$600 part of expenditure \$2723.50 motion 05-0910 for LAPD Explorers and add \$308.18 of the remaining \$1065.06 of the original \$5000 motions 02-0910 and 21-0809 allocation for a total of \$908.18 for 70 T- shirts for LAPD Explorers.

Motion passed, 2 abstentions.

Education, Arts & Culture:

Funding Motion: to approve a Community Improvement Grant application up to \$700 for the Grand View Elementary’s Learning Garden. This motion was approved by the EAC Committee in its Nov. 8 meeting.

Marilyn Marble commented positively on the project.

Motion passed. Unanimous.

Election & Bylaws Committee:

Bob Fitzpatrick reported that revisions from DONE were received the day before the meeting so the motion will be held until next meeting.

Administrative Motion: To approve the Election Procedures formulated by the City Clerk’s office. Motion tabled.

Green Committee:

Policy Motion: Whereas coal-burning power plants deliver 44% of Los Angeles DWP electricity and yet coal-burning is widely recognized as a major contributor to climate change; whereas significant federal and state funding are available in California to make clean energy solutions such as photovoltaic solar panels affordable for residents and businesses; and whereas 84 Mar Vista residents have signed the petition to repower Mar Vista with 100% clean electricity by 2018; Mar Vista hereby adopts a goal to develop a roadmap and achieve net 100% clean electricity utilization within the Mar Vista community as a whole by 2018.

James Brennan commented on the motion.

Motion passed. Unanimous.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee:

Bill Scheduling reported that the speed trailer was repaired.

Old Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee:

Administrative Motion: Request the MVCC BOD approve a change in committee name from the 'Old FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee' to the 'HISTORIC FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee.'

Motion passed.

Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

Policy Motion: To support ZA-2009-3132-CUB-CU [ENV-2009-3131-EAF]: 7-11, 12403 W. Venice Blvd 90066 CUB-Conditional Use Beverage (Alcohol) CU-Conditional Use for off-site consumption of beer and wine in a 3,357 sq ft 7-Eleven convenience store with 24 hour operation and alcohol sales from 6am to 1am, daily.

Motion passed.

Policy Motion: To CD11 and Zoning Administrator Nick Brown: The MVCC wishes to express its concern on how the Vista Del Mar Church variance was handled, and strongly requests reassurance from the CD11 office and Zoning Administrator Nick Brown that the following can and will be prevented in the future:

- 1) Any sale of this property that could result in the formation of a future rehab or sober living house.
- 2) Any prevention of enforcement that this boarding house will serve only in a temporary function for visiting students.

Noel Weiss commented that the issue is enforcement and need an empowerment clause.

Motion passed.

Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee:

Funding Motion: the MVCC shall allocate up to \$1800.00 to the Hill Top Neighborhood Association, based on the Community Improvement Grant Application submitted by the Hill Top Neighborhood Association for drought-tolerant plants and upgrades to the existing irrigation in 1075 feet of parkway along Grand View Blvd in front of the North Venice Little League Fields. This funding motion must meet all City of LA DONE-Empower LA funding guidelines and be paid in the fiscal year in which it is passed, or it expires June 30, 2010.

Ken Alpern commented positively on the motion.

Chris McKinnon as Hilltop to help fund.

Bill Scheduling commented positively on the motion.

Motion passed.

Safety and Security Committee:

Funding Motion: The MVCC allocates up to \$250.00 for the creation of Block Captain Resource Notebooks. (Cost for 50 notebooks, page protectors, dividers, namebadges, and misc. supplies and printing costs) 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.

Santa Monica Airport Committee:

Bill Koontz reported that the sound meter at the end of the runway is working now.

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee:

Policy Motion: Whereas the Public Works Commission has recommended a draft ordinance amending Subsection (e) of Section 62.104 repealing the "exception" that established the city's liability for repair of Curbs, Driveways and Sidewalks due to tree root damage, The Mar Vista Community Council believes that the city is not exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 Chap. 3 California Code of Regulations Section 15301, Existing Facilities (which includes the repair of existing public structures or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use) and City CEQA Guidelines Article III 1.a.3 (repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters,...). Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Public Works Committee not accept the draft ordinance proposed by the Public Works Commission.

Chuck Ray commented on the double standard.

Motion passed.

Web Development Committee:

No report.

ZONE REPORTS

Zone 1: Ken Alpern reported that the Westside Village Fall Festival was a success and talked about separating the date apart more from the Mar Vista Fall Festival to help attendance.

Zone 2: Bill Koontz reported on Richland's successful Halloween festival and the Mega Garage Sale.

Zone 3: Kate Anderson reported on MV Elementary's successful Halloween festival. Westdale block party was successful She reported 2 break-ins on Inglewood.

Zone 4: No report.

Zone 5: Christopher McKinnon announced the SoMar newsletter comes out today. He announced the North Oval NA progressive dinner and fundraiser.

Zone 6: Marilyn Marble commented on the Neighborhood Watch program.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

GRIEVANCES

None.

FUTURE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Mayans announced the Jan. 16 Soccer Fundraiser opportunity.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on November 29, 2009.