

**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2010**  
**MINUTES**

7:07 P.M.

*CALL TO ORDER*

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

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

The January 12, 2010 minutes were approved.

*PUBLIC COMMENT (I)*

Annette Mercer with Venice High Robotics Club thanked MVCC for funding the program and they demonstrated the robot. The club presented a card to the Board.

Amanda with Relay for Life announced the program. There will be a Feb. 18 kick-off at Mark Twain Middle School.

Larry Green, parent/coach at the park, commented on the potential of losing the park coordinator to layoffs.

Joe Risuro asked who will coordinate the sports programs if the positions are cut.

A stakeholder named Jerry commented on the sports program and asked where the money goes that is paid by parents.

*ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS*

Mar Vista Recreation Center coordinator Liz Narvaez reported that there are 48 teams at the park. Staffing issues are difficult.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Deanna Stevenson, West Area Project Coordinator, praised the Board for working with the community and announced her early retirement. The Board expressed gratitude for her service to MVCC.

CD 5 Paul Koretz represented by Eric Weiser commented on the budget crisis.

*OFFICERS AND LIAISON REPORTS*

Chair: Albert Olson reported that the new web site is up and running. He also reported that the MVCC booth sponsored LA County nurses to dispense H1N1 vaccines to great success. There will be additional clinics at Mar Vista Elementary School.

First Vice-Chair: Sharon Commins commented on the City Council meeting today and reported that NC funding issues were moved to committee.

Second Vice-Chair: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: McKinnon reported that MVCC is about \$20,000 over-allocated if the rollover funds are swept.

Director for Animal Welfare: Lola McKnight reported that the City Council may cut the department. Animal Services is looking for a GM. She reported on the successful Animal Welfare forum. She reported that LA killed 20,000 animals in 2009. She requested more support from the community council.

DWP MOU: No report.

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Liaison: No report.

LANCC Delegate Report: No report.

Mayor's Budget Planning: No further report.

*OLD BUSINESS*

None.

*COMMITTEE REPORTS*

Executive & Finance:

**ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC will establish an account at GoDaddy, or some similar entity, to register any and all domain names used by the Mar Vista Community Council. These domain names include MarVistaGreenGardenShowcase.com, [marvista.org](http://marvista.org), [marvistacc.org](http://marvistacc.org), and any additional names to be determined by the Board in the future.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC Executive and Finance Committee recommends that the MVCC Board suspend all new funding allocations until the Los Angeles City Council reaches a final decision on status of Neighborhood Council**

**rollover funds. Those who came to speak on funding motions on tonight's agenda will be heard if they choose to comment, but no vote will be taken on funding motions.**

Albert Olson commented on the status of outstanding allocations and the current over-allocation of funds if rollover funds are swept. John commented that it makes sense to freeze the funds and asked about the likelihood that some funds will be voluntarily returned. Alex Thompson commented that the newsletters could be suspended due to the expense. Bill Koontz asked about the funding motions on the agenda tonight. Rob Kadota expressed his opposition to the motion. He suggested voting on the funding motions on the agenda tonight, but then suspend the implementation of them.

**Motion passed. 6 for, 3 opposed** (Kate Anderson, Bill Koontz, Rob Kadota).

Community Outreach Committee:

Rob Kadota commented that they he hopes to move forward with the election newsletter because it is our best outreach tool. Funding motion: to allocate \$250 for the purchase of get out the vote banners and lawn signs. Funding motion: to allocate \$1,000 to purchase a 1/2 page ad in the Argonaut Newspaper.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: All funding motions are tabled. Motion passed.**

Education, Arts & Culture:

Kate Anderson reported that the committee is working on a follow-up to the education summit. It is being planned for the end of May and they hope to have space for neighborhood schools to exhibit.

Election & Bylaws Committee:

Bob Fitzpatrick solicited candidates for the election.

Green Committee:

**Administrative Motion: The Mar Vista Community Council, through its Green Committee, will host a Green/Clean Power event in September 2010 in support of 100% Clean Energy by 2018. Motion passed.**

Historic Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee: Sharon Commins reported that they are working on filing to be a 501(c)3.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee: No report.

Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

**POLICY MOTION: Regarding Cell Towers/Electronic Communications: MVCC strongly insists the City enact a comprehensive new ordinance with clear and consistent standards and procedures regulating all wireless telecommunications facilities in the City, authorizing regulation of aesthetics and providing protection to communities and residential neighborhoods to the full extent of the law.**

There was a comment that there is no proven link between health and cell towers, but that there are aesthetic issues. He spoke against restricting cell towers.

Sharon Commins commented that the motion is not about health issues.

Rob Kadota suggested a friendly amendment to strike 'with the City Attorney's guidance and consistent with his recommendations.' Accepted.

**Motion passed. 1 abstention** (Bill Scheduling).

**POLICY MOTION: Regarding 'AGF' or above ground facilities: For aesthetic reasons, the MVCC requests change to Los Angeles Municipal Code Sec. 62.03.2. to have equipment boxes underground within the boundaries of the Mar Vista Community Council.** Bill Scheduling asked which boxes this refers to. There was discussion of the boxes on the telephone poles.

Rob Kadota offered a friendly amendment to add 'For aesthetic reasons.' Accepted.

Ken Alpern commented on the concern of graffiti, as well as safety reasons.

Albert Olson commented on the added expense to move these underground.

Kate Anderson expressed that the community is concerned about aesthetics, but there is no one who seems to be an expert on this motion and plans to abstain.

Bill Scheduling moved to send the motion to T&I committee. Motion withdrawn.

**Motion to table. Motion passed. 1 opposed** (Christopher McKinnon)

Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee:

**ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council supports and approves of the adoption of the public stairway from Inglewood Blvd to Granville Ave by Girl Scout Troop 8395, led by Christine Denari. Troop 8395 has agreed to provide maintenance and upkeep through June 2011, with the support of the MVCC ROSE Committee, whose chair has placed trash and recycling containers at the stairs.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion to table funding motions. Tabled.**

Funding Motion: The MVCC approves the Community Improvement Grant submitted by Lisa Cahill to replace 2 trees and provide maintenance of other trees on Palms Blvd between Sepulveda Blvd & Overland Ave. The motion is to fund 2 trees at a total cost of up to \$750 for the upcoming volunteer maintenance event. 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.

Funding Motion: The MVCC approves the Community Improvement Grant submitted by Stacey Louria to support planting of 19 trees on Pacific Ave between Grand View and Centinela. The motion is to pay up to \$2200 for concrete cutting, materials & supplies in support of the project, with volunteers and addition support coming from Tree People. 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.

Funding Motion: The MVCC approves allocating up to \$5,000 for costs to be incurred for the 2010 Mar Vista Community Fall Festival, including but not limited to advance Recreation & Parks permit fees, plus possible rental costs for a stage, canopies, tables and chairs. The planned date for the Fall Festival is Saturday, October 16th and the tentative, suggested theme is Health & Fitness. This funding motion must meet all City of LA DONE-Empower LA funding guidelines and must be paid by the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2011.

**Motion to open public comment. Motion passed.**

Stacey Louria commented on her efforts to help the neighborhood on Pacific Ave. She asked for help getting a speaker for the event. Bill Rosendahl was suggested.

Safety and Security Committee:

Rob Kadota announced that the Block Captain Notebook will be launched this Sunday.

Santa Monica Airport Committee:

Bill Koontz reported on the meeting. They are working on several letters. Feb. 22 Santa Monica Airport Commission is holding an airport workshop.

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee:

Ken Alpern reported on the Expo Line approval by the Expo Board.

Web Development Committee: No report.

Bill Scheduling commented on some of the names of committees are too long in the menus and should be shortened.

**ZONE REPORTS**

Zone 1: Ken Alpern commented that there will be a WVHA Annual Meeting on March 18.

Zone 2: Bill Koontz reported on Richland Ave Kinder Round-up. He announced the Valentine's dinner at St. Andrews on Friday.

Zone 3: Kate Anderson reported on planning the Hilltop annual meeting. She commented on the successful movie night and perhaps partner with MVCC. Westdale Homeowners had a packed meeting.

Zone 4: No report.

Zone 5: Christopher McKinnon reported that there are 5 new businesses that may be opening in/near the zone. He announced the southmarvista.org web site.

Zone 6: No report.

*NEW BUSINESS:* None.

*GRIEVANCES:* None.

**FUTURE AGENDA**

Bill Scheduling commented that committees are still listed in alphabetical order.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

United Methodist Church will host a training on the NC system.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on Feb. 9, 2010.