Mar Vista Community Council

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066
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Agenda

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Call to Order and Welcome – Albert Olson, Chair (2 min.)
Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance – Bill Scheding
Approval of Minutes (public comment permitted) (2 min)
Public Comment & Announcements - (limit: 2 minutes per speaker, or longer at the discretion of the Chair)

Tom Gilder: Head of School, Windward School: Presentation of Windward School Strategic Plan and its request for an adjustment to the School's CUP to allow for enrollment increase of 75 students.

Elected Officials and City Department Reports

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
Mar Vista Recreation Center – Elizabeth Narvaez, Acting Director
CD 11 - Bill Rosendahl, rep. by Len.Nguyen@lacity.org , Field Deputy
CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep. by Eric.Weiser@lacity.org , Field Deputy
US 36 – Congresswoman Jane Harman
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. L. A. County Board Super.– Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov,
Mayor of Los Angeles – Antonio Villaraigosa rep. by Jennifer.Badger@lacity.org , Westside Representative

Officers and Liaison Reports

Chair, Albert Olson

1. Reminder: All new Board members must take the online Ethics Training, and all Board members must retake the Training every two years.
2. Motion to appoint Sharon Commins as MVCC Representative to the Mayor's Budget Day meetings.

First Vice Chair, Sharon Commins
Second Vice Chair, Bill Koontz
Secretary, Laura Bodensteiner
Treasurer, Alex Thompson

Director for Animal Welfare – Lola McKnight
DWP MOU – Chuck Ray
Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT/MVCC Traffic Committee - Linda Guagliano,
LANCC Delegate Report – Marilyn Marble, Albert Olson
MVCC E-Calendar – Tara Mulski

Old Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)
Committee reports - Action items included with public comment permitted

1) **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee -** Ken Alpern & Chuck Ray, Co-Chairs

a. Policy Motion: *WHEREAS, it is unlawful to lodge or sleep from time to time or overnight in a parked motor vehicle on a public street or in a public parking lot, or to park any motor vehicle on a public street for a period of 72 hours or longer within the City of Los Angeles, and*

WHEREAS, Recreational Vehicles, Campers, and Cargo Vans have been and continue to be unlawfully utilized for lodging in violation of Los Angeles City Municipal Code Section 85.2,

Therefore, now be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council:

1) Requests that all appropriate Municipal Authorities be urged to engage in the intervention and resolution of this unlawful activity (identified above) which will include the removal of all vehicles unlawfully utilized for lodging, and prosecution of the offenders, and

2) Requests that the Council District 11 office continues to expedite the posting of the oversized vehicle signage, and

3) Requests that the Council District 11 office implements a program as soon as possible which seeks to provide assistance to those displaced by the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance.

b. Policy Motion: *The MVCC requests that the LADOT and Caltrans designate points of contact within their organizations that shall be charged with the duty of informing the public of significant alterations of traffic installations that affect the Mar Vista Community. The community would like to have at least 60 days notice before the construction of new or changed traffic installations so that they can ask questions of and make comments to the designated point of contact.*

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

a. Update on Mar Vista Community Fall Festival

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

a. Policy Motion: ORIGINAL MOTION: Sober Living Housing Regulation: CPC-2009-800-CA; ENV-2009-801-ND 'COMMUNITY CARE FACILITIES' proposed City ordinance, motion to extend public review period

Whereas the operation of illegal group homes is a priority issue not only for the Community of Mar Vista but for many other residential areas throughout the city of Los Angeles and stakeholders have approached the Mar Vista Community Council for help in obtaining stricter regulations and

Whereas the proposed ordinance lacks language establishing an over-concentration distance metric requiring all community care facilities be located 300 feet or more from each other and 2,000 feet or more from schools, and lacks language clearly stating that there will be no public benefit test for any unlicensed home which serves seven (7) or more residents and specifically prohibiting unlicensed facilities serving six (6) or fewer residents in the R1 zone,

Therefore the Mar Vista Community Council hereby requests an extension of the time for public comment for CPC-2009-800-CA; ENV-2009-801-ND 'COMMUNITY CARE FACILITIES' in order to thoroughly review, evaluate, and comment on this proposed Ordinance, and additionally requests a rescheduling of the hearing currently set for October 14, 2010 before the City Planning Commission.

b. Policy Motion: CPC-2010-1572-CA; ENV-2010-1573-ND, aka 'CODE SIMPLIFICATION': proposed amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code to update common findings for conditional uses, adjustments, and other quasi judicial land use approvals. Motion to extend public review period

PROPOSED MOTION: *Whereas the rewriting of the common findings for conditional uses, adjustments, and other quasi judicial land use approvals has far reaching implications for the everyday quality of life in our City, and whereas the public comment period allotted does not allow Neighborhood Councils adequate time to review the seven proposed Core Findings with their stakeholders in order to respond in detail, the Mar Vista Community Council hereby requests an extension of the public comment period for CPC-2010-1572-CA; ENV-2010-1573-ND* 'CORE FINDINGS' *and additionally requests a rescheduling of the hearing currently set for October 14, 2010 before the City Planning Commission*

c. Policy Motion: <u>REWRITE MOTION APPROVED IN AUGUST TO CONFORM TO COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT LIMITS RE: NEGATIVE DECLARATION-NG-10-280-PL: ENV-2010-715</u>, Citywide. **Adoption of Citywide Urban Design Guidelines as an Appendix to the General Plan Framework Element for Multifamily Residential, Mixed-Use, Commercial and Industrial land uses.**

Contemplated Policy Motion rewrite: *The Mar Vista Community Council wishes to express serious concern regarding lead time for Department of City Planning outreach, review, discussion, and public comment cycles when drafting major policy documents such as the proposed Citywide Design Guidelines, Core Findings, and Community Care Facilities Ordinance. All background research, including precise text of proposed changes and how they fit into the General Plan Framework Element, should be posted online early in the process for transparency and full public participation. The disclosure of ordinance text immediately prior to the City Planning Commission hearing thwarts adequate public input into the preparation of these proposals and prevents full discussion and vetting by Neighborhood Councils within their 60 day meeting cycle.*

d. Policy Motion: *The MVCC opposes the renewal of alcohol license # 402592 at 12017 Venice blvd known as the Venice Bikini Bar and also known as El Zacatecas.*

The MVCC further requests the Council District 11 office write the California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control prior to the application renewal hearing to request this permit not be renewed.

The MVCC further requests the Council District 11 ask LAPD to submit police reports on activities at 12017 Venice Blvd to said California Department of Alcohol Beverage Control.

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

a. Funding Motion: *to allocate up to $300 to fund the Wise Power Use Expo to cover event expenses that the Green Committee cannot get donated. 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, 2011.*

5) Executive & Finance Committee – Albert Olson, Chair

a. Administrative Motion: The MVCC approves the submitted September statement for the US Bank MVCC Purchase Card (statement to be provided, see attachment)

b. Policy Motion: *Whereas the city of LA faces an unparalleled budget crisis, and*

Whereas escalating public pension and retirement benefits are estimated to surpass 36% of the City General Fund by the year 2015-2016,

Therefore the MVCC strongly urges the LACC to place a ballot measure to reform the existing fire and police pension system before the voters in March 2011 Municipal elections.

c. Policy Motion: *Although the MVCC has chosen not to take a position on ZONE VARIANCE CASE NO. ZA 2009-3395(ZV) ZONE VARIANCE CEQA NO. ENV 2009-3396-CE at 3544 Centinela Avenue, 90066, the Mar Vista Community Council strongly supports the maintenance of Ordinance 164475 and the Q conditions which established height and density limits along Centinela Avenue between Palms and Venice Boulevards.*

6) Community Outreach Committee – Maritza Przekop, Chair

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

8) Election & Bylaws Committee – Bob Fitzpatrick & Geoff Forgione, Co- Chairs

9) Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee – Sharon Commins & Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs

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

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

Zone Director Reports

New Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

Grievances – Secretary

Future agenda items

Adjournment (9:30 PM)

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Appendix

Item 1
REDRAFTED PROPOSED MOTION proposing alternate language for PLUM Committee Policy Motion 'a': *Whereas the operation of illegal group homes is a priority issue not only for the Community of Mar Vista but for many other residential areas throughout the city of Los Angeles and stakeholders have approached the Mar Vista Community Council for help in obtaining stricter regulations*

Therefore the Mar Vista Community Council requests additional language be inserted into proposed ordinance CPC-2009-800-CA; ENV-2009-801-ND 'COMMUNITY CARE FACILITIES' to:

1. Clearly establish an over-concentration distance metric requiring all community care facilities be located 300 feet or more from each other and 2,000 feet or more from schools and other sensitive uses; and
2. Specifically stating that there will be no public benefit test for any unlicensed home which serves seven (7) or more residents and/or specifically prohibiting unlicensed facilities serving six (6) or fewer residents in the R1 zone and
3. No "grand-fathering" in for existing community care facilities that are currently in existence but operating unlicensed or illegally licensed, and
4. Public hearings shall be required before City may make a determination relative to the "Public Benefits" test, and
5. Correctional or Penal Institutions, including group homes, shall be entirely prohibited from locating in residential zones – meaning that there is no chance for these operators to use the CUP process.

Item 2
REDRAFTED PROPOSED MOTION proposing alternate language for PLUM Committee Policy Motion 'b': *Whereas the rewriting of the common core findings for conditional uses, adjustments, and other quasi judicial land use approvals contemplated in* ***CPC-2010-1572-CA; ENV-2010-1573-ND, 'CODE SIMPLIFICATION'*** *has far reaching implications for the everyday quality of life in our City,*

Therefore the Mar Vista Community Council recommends:
Core Finding 1 is rewritten to read, *"That the project will enhance the environment in the surrounding neighborhood and will not result in an over concentration of such uses in the immediate vicinity and that the conditions imposed upon the project are necessary to protect the public health, convenience, safety and welfare"*

Core Finding 5 is rewritten to read: "*That the project provides for an arrangement of uses, buildings, structures, open spaces and other private and public improvements that are compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and that the site for the proposed use is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the proposed use and all of the yards, setbacks, walls, fences, landscaping and other features required to adjust the use to the existing or future uses permitted in the neighborhood"*

Core Finding 6 is rewritten to read*, "That the project will not create an adverse impact on street access or circulation in the surrounding neighborhood; and that public access to the proposed use shall be adequate; and that there are adequate provisions for water, sanitation, and public utilities and services to ensure that the proposed use would not be detrimental to public health and safety"*