

Mar Vista Community Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting
November 9, 2010
Minutes

7:06 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The following members of the board were present: Laura Bodensteiner, Geoffrey Forgione, Bill Koontz, Marilyn Marble, Babak Nahid, Albert Olson, Maritza Przekop, Chuck Ray, Bill Scheduling, and Alex Thompson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment

Cliff Carr, resident of 12537 Barbara Ave, commented on his neighborhood. He reported a neighbor repairs cars at his house in a residential area. He described the problem of a car repair shop in a residential neighborhood. He requested help from the council. He has had difficulty reaching the police.

Samantha Carr, resident of 12537 Barbara Ave, reported on a neighbor who is renting rooms in the house like a hotel.

Rob Kadota reported on upcoming LAPD events.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CD 5 Paul Koretz, rep. by Field Deputy David Giron, introduced himself.

CD 11 Bill Rosendahl, rep. by Len.Nguyen@lacity.org, Field Deputy reported on the proposed skate park. He investigated alternative sites and it will go to the Park Advisory Board.

CA Assembly 53 Ted Lieu, represented by Jennifer.Zivkovic@asm.ca.gov, Field Deputy reported that Lieu is termed out and will be replaced by Betsy Butler. Had 11 bills signed, including AJR41 to reduce air pollution and noise impacts of Santa Monica Airport; AB1500 will extend HOV privileges to clean energy vehicles; and AB 1503 will prevent ERs from overcharging uninsured and under-insured. Nov. 20 10-12 free fingerprinting event at 420 15th St, Manhattan Beach. Lieu will be running for Jenny Oropeza's seat.

OFFICERS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Chair Albert Olson: No report.

First Vice Chair: No report.

Second Vice Chair: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Alex Thompson reported that he has not received the purchase card yet. He presented a summary of the council's current finances.

Director for Animal Welfare: No report.

DWP MOU: Chuck Ray reported that a request has been made to draft ballot measure wording including 1. change structure of board of commissioners, 2. Create office of public accountability, 3. Allow DWP general manager to be replaced by 2/3 vote of city council.

LADWP Recycled Water Advisory Group: Christopher McKinnon reported that Workshop 5 is next week, update on LADWP water resources, regulatory requirements for recycled water, recycled water master planning. Goal is to come up with a master plan for recycled water in L.A. LA aqueduct provides 43% of water, MWD provides 44%, groundwater 11%, 2% recycled water. He has invited them to present at an upcoming board meeting.

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Committee: Linda Guagliano reported the next meeting is on Nov. 10th at 10 am. She commented that DOT questions are addressed first. Meeting is no longer open to the public. Grand View/Victoria and Inglewood/Victoria stop signs have been installed.

LANCC Delegate Report: Chuck Ray reported that he was asked to speak about the ballot measures. Two motions – appoint 3 people to board of directors of non-profit to establish rate-payer advocate, 2. Ask city council to rescind 9A.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive & Finance Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC approves the submitted October statement for the US Bank MVCC Purchase

Card.

Christopher McKinnon asked about the United Site Services charges and Smart and Final charges.

Motion passed unanimously.

POLICY MOTION: The MVCC strongly objects to the configuration of the new generator installed the week of October 28, 2010 at the Charnock Wells Field Restoration Project. The MVCC believes the size and industrial look of the structure is out of character with the residential neighborhood and out of character with the aesthetic mitigations which were agreed upon through the EIR process as a necessary part of the design of the Project in order to preserve the quality of life of the residents living on the streets adjacent to the Project. The aesthetic mitigations, specifically the block walls and buildings, along with the 17 foot tall fence with vines, were designed to hide the industrial nature of the many structures involved in the Restoration Project, and to block any views of the many industrial structures by nearby residents. The newly installed generator clearly must be covered by these mitigations.

The MVCC also strongly objects to the way in which this structure was added to the project with no notice to the community of the size of the structure, even though representatives of the Restoration Project construction and design team have been meeting regularly with community representatives and Windward School representatives, and have had ample opportunities to notify these representatives.

The MVCC requests that the Construction and Design team for the Project and City of Santa Monica representatives meet with concerned community members to find a way of resolving this issue, and consider solutions agreeable to the community, such as, but not limited to, enclosing the newly installed generator structure within the 17 foot tall fence with covering vines.

The MVCC also requests that the CD11 Office pursue a resolution to this issue.

Albert Olson explained the motion.

John Jones, 40-year resident of Purdue and lives within 500 ft of Charnock Wells, reported that he was told no mitigation was required because the new installation was similar to what had been there previously. He requested significant mitigation for the new installation.

Linda Guagliano asked if this constitutes a violation of the EIR.

Ken Alpern commented that it is ill-will between the City of Santa Monica and Los Angeles.

Christopher McKinnon asked if this is a back-up generator and a "silent" generator.

Marty Rubin asked if this would be acceptable in the City of Santa Monica.

Babak Nahid asked if the solution is "simply" a vegetal fence? Albert responded it is a request to meet with community and possible result in that mitigation. He suggested not specifically mentioning a mitigation in the motion and that the noise issue is not mentioned in the motion.

Albert Olson commented that he would like to limit the motion to the aesthetics, not include the noise factor, because the impetus for replacing the generator was reportedly to lessen the noise.

Geoffrey Forgione asked about the December end date that was mentioned. Albert Olson replied that it is the project completion date.

Motion passed unanimously.

Safety and Security Committee: Bill Koontz

FUNDING MOTION: To purchase sign mounting/posting equipment for Neighborhood watch signs for \$397 plus tax and shipping. (Location and installation of specific signs to be coordinated with LAPD Senior Lead Officers.)

Rob Kadota commented on the equipment.

Babak Nahid asked how many signs this would be for.

Albert Olson asked where this would fit in the budget. It was suggested to submit a Community Improvement Grant.

Motion passed unanimously.

FUNDING MOTION: To allocate up to and not exceeding \$1,000 to the LAPD Winter Wonderland Event. Funds will be used to purchase toys, gift cards and groceries among other things for needy Mar Vista families. The funds may also be used in conjunction with donations from other Neighborhood Councils to help augment the costs associated with Snow making services, tent rentals, free pictures with Santa, hot cocoa among other things.

Rob Kadota commented that this is an opportunity for the council to outreach to lower income stakeholders. A large percentage of the participants are Spanish speakers and apartment dwellers.

Babak Nahid asked how many people participate.

Bill Koontz commented that Del Rey gave \$3,000, other councils are also funding.

Motion passed.

FUNDING MOTION: To allocate up to \$150 for printing and other material costs associated with outreach for the Santa's Sleigh event in Mar Vista.

Rob Kadota explained this would add the schedule to the signs that were created last year.

Motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee

Albert Olson reported that \$4,700 was spent of the \$5,000 allocation. Total budget was \$12,000. He thanked the board and Lorraine Wells for her efforts in the Silent Auction.

Green Committee: Laura Bodensteiner gave an update on the Wise Power Use Expo event and announced the change in upcoming meeting times to the Third Thursday for November and December.

Transportation & Infrastructure: No report

Planning and Land Use Committee: No report

Community Outreach Committee: No report

Education, Arts and Culture: No report.

Election & Bylaws Committee: Meeting this coming Monday.

Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee: No report.

Santa Monica Airport Committee: No report.

Zone Director Reports

Zone 1: Block party may be coming up.

Zone 2: Red Cross Emergency Shelter training on Saturday Nov. 19 9am-3pm.

Zone 3: No report.

Zone 4: No report.

Zone 5: No report.

Zone 6: Marilyn Marble reported that she has adopted the homeless Zone 4 bunny.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on Dec. 5, 2010.