

Mar Vista Community Council
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, March 8, at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066
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Agenda

The audience is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the Agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the public comment period. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Mar Vista Community Council meetings will follow Rosenberg's Rules of Order, the latest edition. For more information, please visit the MVCC web site.

Call to Order and Welcome – Albert Olson, Chair (2 min.)
Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance – Bill Scheduling
Approval of Minutes (public comment permitted) (2 min)
Public Comment & Announcements

Presentation of Resolution of Commendation to Mohammad Blorfroshan

Special Presentation: LADWP Recycled Water Program Presentation
Presented by Jim Yannotta, LADWP Assistant Director of Water Resources

Elected Officials and City Department Reports

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

DWP – Victoria Cross, DWP Neighborhood Council Liaison Victoria.Cross@WATER.LADWP.com

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 David.Giron@lacity.org , Field Deputy

US 36 – Kate Anderson, Deputy Chief-of-Staff

CA Senate 28 – Ted Lieu

CA Assembly 47 – Holly Mitchell

CA Assembly 53 – Betsy Butler

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

a. Administrative Motion: The MVCC approves the nomination of Maritza Przekop and Chuck Ray as the MVCC delegates to the LANCC.

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

DWP/BOS Recycled Water Advisory Group Christopher McKinnon

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT/MVCC Traffic Committee - Linda Guagliano,

LANCC Delegate Report – Marilyn Marble, Albert Olson

Old Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

Committee reports - Action items included with public comment permitted

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

a. Policy Motion: *MVCC supports the LADWP request for a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) authorization for the City of Los Angeles Water Recycling Program and will submit the following letter of support to U.S. Senators Feinstein and Boxer:*

The Mar Vista Community Council wishes to express support for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) request for a Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) authorization for the City of Los Angeles Water Recycling Program (Program).

The MVCC represents over 50,000 stakeholders in the City of Los Angeles and the board feels it is in their interest to have the LADWP seek secure safe, affordable and a sustainable water supply for the city and its citizens.

The MVCC is also a member of the LADWP's Recycled Water Advisory Group (RWAG). Through the RWAG we are participating in workshops, tours and informational sessions about the Program; providing input on innovative opportunities to use recycled water; and discussing potential challenges in implementation and acceptability. The MVCC supports the beneficial and efficient use of the high-quality, sustainable water that will be provided by the Program.

Los Angeles is far too dependent upon imported water supplies and must develop more local water resources. Expanding recycled water use is a critical step towards securing a reliable water supply for Los Angeles. LADWP's 2008 Water Supply Action Plan (Plan) contains a comprehensive blueprint for creating sustainable sources of water for the future of Los Angeles by expanding water conservation and water recycling. LADWP's recycled water goal is to deliver 50,000 acre-feet per year, a six-fold increase in recycled water supplies and enough water to serve 400,000 people.

Recycled water is a reliable, high-quality, local source of water for irrigation and industrial purposes that is not subject to water conservation restrictions and pricing, and is not vulnerable to shortage conditions like imported water. The MVCC understands that in order for LADWP to reach its water recycling goal, LADWP will spend up to \$1 billion on its Program. The Program includes expansion of the City's purple pipe infrastructure to expand the use of recycled water for industrial and irrigation purposes. It also includes the development and implementation of a Groundwater Replenishment project, which will utilize advanced treated, purified recycled water to recharge the San Fernando Groundwater Basin. Federal support for LADWP's Program will be critical to its success and to promoting the use and expansion of a reliable, cost-effective resource that benefits City residents and businesses alike.

The MVCC wholeheartedly supports LADWP's water recycling efforts and respectfully requests your support of a WRDA authorization for the LADWP's Water Recycling Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

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

a. Funding Motion (community improvement grant): *The MVCC allocates up to \$2044.97 to help create the Beethoven Elementary Learning Garden, a sustainable natural learning environment for students, teachers and parents. This funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year which it is passed by June 30, 2011.*

b. Funding Motion (community improvement grant): *The MVCC allocates up to \$1000 to purchase books for the Mar Vista Elementary library for student and teacher use. This funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year which it is passed by June 30, 2011.*

c. Policy Motion: *The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) supports Grand View Blvd. Elementary and the efforts of its community of students, parents, teachers and staff to ensure that children in Mar Vista enjoy full access to their home school.*

MVCC recognizes that a Charter school co-location at Grand View Elementary school campus would undermine the significant progress of the school in the past two years by denying the current students continued access to critical and successful programs.

The MVCC recognizes that in the past two years Grand View has demonstrated continued growth in their Dual Language Spanish Immersion Program, dramatically raised its API scores, and enhanced its enrichment and intervention programs thanks to its careful allocation of scarce resources including classroom space.

Further, based on current enrollment numbers, Grandview has demonstrated the need to have the use of all of their available rooms to both maintain and expand its programs next year by an extra 2nd Grade classroom, followed by an additional three rooms over the next three years as those students progress onto 5th Grade.

Therefore the Mar Vista Community Council does not support the Charter School co-location on Grand View Blvd. Elementary school.

d. Policy Motion: *The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) supports Mar Vista Elementary School and the efforts of its community of students, parents, teachers and staff to ensure that children in Mar Vista enjoy full access to their home school.*

MVCC recognizes that a Charter school co-location at Mar Vista Elementary School would undermine the significant educational foundation that the school has built over the years by denying the current students continued access to critical and successful programs such as the Star Program and the Art Studio.

The MVCC recognizes that Mar Vista Elementary School has been recognized as a "model school" by Superintendent Ramon Cortines and that the school's ability to provide that level of education would be threatened by co-location with a charter school.

Further, the classrooms that were identified will not be available classroom space next year.

Therefore the Mar Vista Community Council does not support the Charter School co-location on Mar Vista Elementary School.

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

a. First Reading: Amendments to MVCC Bylaws mandated by DONE to conform all NC bylaws to DONE Table of Contents template.

4) Community Outreach Committee – Maritza Przekop, Chair

a. Funding Motion (community improvement grant): *Move to recommend approval of a Community Improvement Grant for Mar Vista Wise Connections not to exceed \$1,530.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Dollars) for printing and mailing of 1,500 programs for a community outreach program in Mar Vista. The funding motion must meet the City of Los Angeles funding guidelines and be funded and paid during the current fiscal year which it is passed or it expires on June 30, 2011. In addition, the MVCC Outreach committee requests that 100 copies of the invitation flyer be provided prior to the event to the MVCC for distribution at the MVCC Farmers' Market booth prior to the event and that MVCC be given recognition for its support.*

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

a. Policy Motion: *The MVCC supports the Palms NC application to DONE requesting the orphan area on the map submitted to DONE by Palms NC be included within the Palms NC boundaries*

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

a. Funding Motion: *MVCC will allocate up to \$1000.00 to promote and encourage water safety (basic swimming) skills according to funding guidelines and stipulations of Mar Vista Community Council and the City of LA's funding procedures.*

• *Program would help subsidize and publicize basic swim lessons for youth and adults at local public pools in the Mar Vista Community like Mar Vista Rec Ctr and Venice HS*

• *Pool. <http://www.laparks.org/dos/aquatic/pdf/poolPrg/venice.pdf>*

Swim lessons (8 lessons – 4 weeks, Tues/Thurs) at Venice Swimming Pool is \$50 for Adults, \$40 for Youth. Current Spring schedule is Session #4: [April 4-April 29](#), Session #5: [May 2-May 27](#).

Program would encourage enrollment into “Adaptive, Water Confidence, Beginner and Adv. Beginner” swim programs only.

Water Confidence (Level 1) – Introduction to water safety and water acclimation. Buoyancy in water and basic skills will be taught. Kicking, breathing, and alternate arm action techniques are introduced as well as entering and exiting pool on own.

Beginner (Level 2) – Continue to learn basic skills including combined arm and leg action on front and back. Front and back floats and glides. Introduction to swimming in the deep end.

Advanced Beginner (Level 3) – Front Crawl & Elementary Backstroke. Dolphin and Scissor kicks. Treading water and introduction to diving into pool

Adaptive – A class specifically for persons with disabilities, has a smaller participant to teacher ratio

7) Executive & Finance Committee – Albert Olson, Chair

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

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

a. Funding Motion: *The MVCC Board approves the expenditure of up to \$100 for refreshments for the Jogging Trail Dedication & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, March 18th at 2:00 PM at the Mar Vista Recreation Center.*

+10) Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee – Sharon Commins & Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs

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

Zone Director Reports

New Business - (Public comment permitted)

Grievances – Secretary

Future agenda items

Adjournment (9:30 PM)

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