

Mar Vista Community Council BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting July 12, 2011 Minutes

7:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The following members of the board were present: Kate Anderson, Laura Bodensteiner, Sharon Commins, Geoffrey Forgione, Bill Koontz, Marilyn Marble, Babak Nahid, Albert Olson, Maritza Przekop, Chuck Ray, and Alex Thompson. **Board of Directors Officer Elections** (conducted by Election & Bylaws Committee members Bob Fitzpatrick, and Evon and Jerry Gottlieb)

Chair: Albert Olson was nominated and elected unanimously.

First Vice Chair: Sharon Commins was nominated and elected unanimously.

Second Vice Chair: Bill Koontz was nominated and elected unanimously.

Secretary: Laura Bodensteiner was nominated and elected unanimously.

Treasurer: Alex Thompson was nominated and elected unanimously.

Councilman Bill Rosendahl swore in the new officers.

Special Presentation: Sustainable Works' Business Greening Program & Green Living Workshop, sponsored by a grant from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

Introduced by **Councilmember Bill Rosendahl**

Susy Bordilido of Sustainable Works presented the program and invited CD11 businesses to apply for the free business greening program.

REPORT TO THE STAKEHOLDERS Committee reports

1) **Community Outreach Committee** – Maritza Przekop, Chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9) **Safety & Security Committee** – Bill Koontz & Rob Kadota, Co-Chairs

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

11) **Zone Director Reports Concluding Remarks**, Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 2011 minutes were approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rose Boulos commented on the problem of mobile homes parked on Palms. She suggested a parking restriction on Palms. She also suggested enclosing MV Park playground.

Brian O'Rourke, Ocean Charter School parent, commented that the school may lose part of their location.

Gary Adler commented about Ocean Charter School. He asked for a fair and transparent process.

PLUM & T & I Committees

POLICY MOTION: Whereas the processes for parking adjustments appropriate to the community detailed in this proposed special district already exist within the zoning code, and

Whereas these existing processes have safeguarded opportunities for public participation, and

Whereas MVCC lies within the jurisdiction of two specific plans,

Therefore the MVCC does NOT support the Modified Parking Requirement District (MPRD) Ordinance CPC-2007-2216-CA ENV-2011-308-ND and would oppose the creation of any MPRD within its boundaries.

John Kuchta asked for explanation/clarification of the motion.

Ken Alpern commented that there is no guarantee that mitigation will occur.

Babak Nahid suggested striking the part about opposing "any" MPRD.

Alex Thompson asked for explanation of MPRD.

Maritza Przekop commented about the problems with the ordinance.

Motion passed. 7 for, 2 abstentions (Babak Nahid, Alex Thompson)

Election & Bylaws Committee

POLICY MOTION: Whereas, on June 10, 2011, the California Citizens' Redistricting Commission (CCRC) released its preliminary proposed statewide redistricting maps for State Senate, State Assembly, and Congressional Districts;

Whereas, while the MVCC applauds the CRRC's decision to keep the MVCC entirely in a single Congressional district, the CRRC's proposed State Senate and State Assembly districts appear to sever the area encompassed by the MVCC and apportion those severed areas into different representative districts;

Whereas, the CRRC is charged first and foremost with respecting the geographical integrity of any local neighborhood or community;

Whereas, by establishing the Neighborhood Council system nearly a decade ago, the City of Los Angeles has declared and designated certain communities of interest and those communities, having chartered a neighborhood council, have operated as communities of interest within their borders;

Therefore, the MVCC opposes the splitting of any neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles into different representative districts and specifically calls upon the CRRC to respect the geographical integrity of the boundaries of the MVCC by not splitting any portion of the MVCC into different State Senate and State Assembly districts.

Alex Thompson commented that it may not be mathematically feasible to not split up neighborhood councils.

Laura Bodensteiner asked if NCs are currently self-contained within state districts and commented that MVCC is currently split

between City Council districts which is arguably more important.

Babak Nahid asked if there may be other significant criteria to consider.

Linda Guagliano commented that the redistricting committee is not going to issue a second draft.

Motion passed unanimously.

T & I Committee

POLICY MOTION: Whereas the DWP has conducted a series of public meetings to inform the public about their plans for rate increases in each of the next three years beginning on November 1, 2011, and

Whereas, the Chair of the City Council Energy and the Environment (E&E) Committee has announced her determination to not permit any new rate increases until the Ratepayer Advocate, overwhelmingly approved by the voters at the last municipal election, is selected and has an opportunity to provide an objective evaluation of the proposed rate increases,

Therefore the Mar Vista Community Council commends the DWP for the transparent process taken to inform the public about their forthcoming rate requests and supports the Chair of the City Council's E&E Committee in her determination to not approve any new rate increases until there is an objective evaluation by the Ratepayers Advocate in the DWP Office of Public Accountability.

Ken Alpern thanked Chuck Ray for his work.

Motion passed unanimously.

Executive and Finance Committee

FUNDING MOTION: The MVCC approves the allocation of up to \$200 to assist in the funding of the Annual Keeshan Drive Group Block Party, which takes place on August 13, 2011. 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 will expire. In addition, the MVCC requests that MVCC sponsorship is prominently displayed for outreach purposes.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC Board approves the submitted June statement for the US Bank MVCC

Purchase Card.

Alex Thompson explained each line item.

Carole Kealoha thanked the MVCC for the purchase of books.

Motion passed unanimously.

Election & Bylaws Committee

POLICY MOTION: New Section II.9 of the Standing Rules An item shall be placed on the agenda of any MVCC committee upon the request of a Director. In addition, an item may be placed on the agenda of a MVCC committee meeting by a petition signed by not less than five (5) stakeholders. Such a petition shall be submitted to the Chair of the committee at least five (5) calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Geoffrey Forgione explained the motion.

A stakeholder commented on using a percentage of interested parties. He suggested adding to the web site how to place an item on an agenda. Ken Alpern commented on the openness of MVCC's committees and asked about the timing of this motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

T & I Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The name of the "Bi-Monthly CD11/LADOT/LAPD/MVCC Committee" on the MVCC web site shall be changed to "Mar Vista Bi-Monthly LADOT CD11 LAPD Traffic Committee."

Chuck Ray explained that the motion is to clarify that the committee is not a committee of the MVCC.

Babak Nahid asked about the use of "bimonthly" in the name.

Albert Olson commented that the committee is often referred to as the "bi-monthly traffic committee."

A stakeholder commented about the committee not being public.

Motion passed unanimously.

Executive and Finance Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC approves the selection of Diana Rodgers to be the official honoree of the 2011 Annual Mar Vista Community Fall Festival. Additionally, the MVCC recommends that a commendation be presented to the Mar Vista Farmers' Market as part of the presentation ceremony at the Fall Festival.

Motion passed unanimously.

Green Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC will partner with the Los Angeles Costume Swap and Green Halloween event in October, 2011.

Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GRIEVANCES: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on Aug. 2, 2011.