

Mar Vista Community Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting
September 13, 2011
Minutes

7:07 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The following members of the board were present: Kate Anderson, Laura Bodensteiner, Sharon Commins, Geoffrey Forgione, Bill Koontz, Tara Mulski, Albert Olson, Maritza Przekop, Chuck Ray, Bill Scheduling and Alex Thompson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 2011 minutes were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CA Senate 28 Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov gave an update on the session that recently ended. Several bills are on the governor's desk, including SB 702 dog microchip bill and SB746 tanning prohibition of minors. Oct. 9 is the deadline to sign the bills.

Mar Vista Recreation Center Director Jason Kitahara reported that classes begin next week. Sept 16-17 semifinal, Sept 24 final for talent show. Oct 15 Mar Vista Fall Festival. Harry Potter Halloween event on Oct. 31.

OFFICER AND LIAISON REPORTS

Chair: Albert Olson announced the resignation of board member Laura Bodensteiner.

Laura Bodensteiner commented that she was proud of the work MVCC has done while she was a board member.

Rob Kadota presented Laura Bodensteiner with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her.

Chelsea McFarland thanked Laura for starting the Green Committee.

John Kuchta thanked Laura for her work.

Sherri Akers commented about her work.

Lorraine Wells presented her with a bouquet of flowers and thanked her on behalf of the Mar Vista Farmers' Market.

The MVCC Board expressed thanks for the work Laura has done.

Councilman Bill Rosendahl presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation.

FUNDING MOTION: The MVCC allocates \$250.00 to assist in the funding of the Congress of Neighborhoods, to be held on September 24th, City Hall.

Tara Mulski asked what the money goes toward. All NCs have been asked to contribute for incidentals for the event.

Maritza Przekop asked if NCs are always asked to fund the event. She asked for accounting of the funds. A member of the

Congress of NCs board reported that there would be full accounting of the event.

Tara Mulski asked where the 250 number came from.

Motion passed, 2 abstentions (Chuck Ray, Tara Mulski).

Important Upcoming NC meetings:

1. September 19, 2011: City Clerk's Office Forum Regarding Future of NC Elections 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Westwood Recreation Center. 1350 South Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90025
2. September 24, 2011: Congress of Neighborhoods, 7:45 a.m to 4:00 p.m., CITY HALL - 200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles You can register for the Congress at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NCCongressRegistration>
3. September 27, 2011: WRAC Town Hall Discussing NC Re-Organization Proposals 7:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m., IMAN Cultural Center - Palms - Los Angeles, CA 3376 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90034

First Vice Chair: No report

Second Vice Chair: No report

Secretary: Laura Bodensteiner announced the MVCC newsletter article submission deadline is September 16.

Treasurer: No report

Animal Welfare Agencies and Organizations: No report

DWP MOU: Chuck Ray reported on the Sept. 3 meeting and a proposed temporary rate increase.

DWP/BOS Recycled Water Advisory Group: Christopher McKinnon reported that there has not been a meeting since the previous board meeting. He requested that the NC Congress not serve bottled water.

Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee: Linda Guagliano announced the next meeting on Sept 21. She thanked Laura Bodensteiner for her service to the committee.

LANCC Delegate Report: Chuck Ray reported that there will be a rep from AEG on Oct. 1 to discuss the downtown stadium, now called an event center. City clerk gave a presentation about how to implement the order to have elections in 2012.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive & Finance Committee:

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC Board approves the submitted August statement for the US Bank MVCC Purchase Card.

Motion passed unanimously

FUNDING MOTION: Allocation of up to \$800.00 for purchase of new awnings for MVCC FM booth 3 awnings at 229.99 each from Costco = \$689.97 plus tax of 60.37 = \$750.34

Christopher McKinnon commented that the previous awnings were also purchased from Costco.

Albert Olson reported that one awning is in disrepair to the point of not being safe, and the others are

Roy Persinko asked what size they are and suggested checking OSH.

Alex Thompson asked about using the purchase card

Tara Mulski asked when the previous canopies were purchased. She

Motion passed unanimously.

Ethics Training: Albert Olson reported that one board member has not completed the training and 2 board members have out-dated training.

Geoffrey Forgione commented on the issue of a board member not having ever completed the training and suggested that the issue be taken to the Elections and Bylaws committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: to refer the issue to the election and bylaws committee.

Motion passed unanimously.

WRAC Town Hall on NC Re-Organization Proposals before L.A. City Council: Albert Olson explained the WRAC suggestion that NCs agendaize a "special meeting" for this Town Hall and asked all board members to attend the Town Hall.

Santa Monica Airport Committee

POLICY MOTION: The MVCC approves the following letter (to be sent to Debbie Raphael, EPA) regarding Ted Lieu's request for a formal investigation of the Santa Monica Airport's toxic impacts on the adjacent neighborhoods:

Dear Director Raphael, The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC), an official Neighborhood Council of Los Angeles, extends our full support for Senator Lieu's July 18, 2011 letter of request to you; asking that the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) conduct a formal investigation of the pollutants stemming from aircraft operations at Santa Monica Airport.

Mar Vista is part of the flight path loop that student pilots use for practice flights. Approximately half of all the aircraft operations at SMO are practice flights. Aviation gasoline contains lead. Recent studies have shown elevated lead blood levels in children in close proximity to airports. All these facts have the Mar Vista community very concerned.

The MVCC also supports the study of other potential toxic substances that are a result of the jet aircraft operations at SMO. As Senator Lieu points out in his letter to you, scientific studies have shown extremely high levels of ultrafine particles and black carbon in the adjacent downwind Los Angeles community. These spikes in pollution are directly associated with jet idle and jet blast.

We are very grateful to Senator Lieu for his letter of request to you, as we are very much in need of this investigation by our California Environmental Protection Agency's DTSC. Santa Monica Airport is the busiest single-runway general aviation airport in the United States and it has densely populated residential neighborhoods, two parks and a college campus adjacent. In addition there are several schools and daycare centers in the neighborhood. Please accept this opportunity to demonstrate strong leadership and help protect the many thousands of people who find themselves in

harm's way from exposure to toxins produced by SMO's aircraft operations.

Martin Rubin commented on the UCLA monitoring study.

Bill Scheduling commented on his reservations about the last paragraph.

Sharon Commins suggested attaching a map of the locations of the schools.

Motion passed unanimously.

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee

POLICY MOTION: The MVCC: (i) expresses its grave concern over the present effort by the County of Los Angeles to significantly reduce the public parking in Marina Del Rey, and(ii) calls on the California Coastal Commission to delay its consideration of the County's proposed LCP amendment to permit further and meaningful deliberation, analysis and public outreach.

Geoffrey Forgione explained the lengthy motions that were brought to the committee.

Marc Salzberg commented favorably about the resolution. He compared the situation to the Bundy proposal. He commented that this involves 17 projects without adequate parking.

Nancy Marino commented on the number of existing parking spaces (3,138), and the number of spaces that will be eliminated if this proposal passes (2,773). 1,200 is the number of parking spaces that the county will maintain. No public scoping meetings or land use issues brought to the neighboring areas. She urged the board to pass the motion.

Challis Macpherson concurred with the previous speakers.

Hans Etter commented on the traffic study that showed no increase in traffic trips. He commented on the lack of public space and art included in the proposed developments. He asked the board to address the parking situation.

Jon Nahhas commented on the issue of losing public slips. 800 slips are planned to be eliminated, leaving 4,000 slips from 6,000. Public access will be at a minimum.

John Kuchta commented on the mitigation that developers are required to do, but don't. He questioned their ethics.

Maritza asked what this motion will do. Geoffrey Forgione explained that this will give the committee time to study the issue. She also asked about an EIR.

Tara Mulski commented in support of the motion.

Sharon Commins expressed concern about traffic studies that stop short of our borders.

Bill Koontz commented in favor of the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee

FUNDING MOTION: The Historic 62 Committee requests an MVCC community purposes grant of \$175.00 equaling 10% seed money of the \$1,750 cost for converting the old fire station blueprints into AutoCAD format to convey the scope and intent of our restoration of the building clearly for fundraising purposes. The Committee will raise the remaining amount. This funding motion must meet all MVCC (including public recognition for its support) and City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year within which it is passed or it expires on June 30, 2012.

Rachel Swanger reported on the next steps, to convert the architectural drawings into CAD. She commented that she will be contributing personally.

Sharon Commins noted that it typically costs \$6,000-\$7,000 to do this.

Motion passed unanimously.

Election & Bylaws Committee

Geoff Forgione reported that the next meeting will be a full meeting, including ethics training and friendly amendments, as well as NC elections and redistricting.

PLUM Committee

Sharon Commins reported on the sign ordinance and the planned development ordinance. She reported the 600 ft radius to schools from medical marijuana dispensaries.

Safety and Security Committee

Bill Koontz reported that crime is down except in Zone 6.

Education, Arts and Culture:

No report

Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee:

No report

Green Committee:

No report

Outreach Committee

Maritza Przekop reported that they will discuss equitable funding for block parties at the next meeting. She requested pictures of alleys with trash. Kate Anderson gave an update on the volunteer coordinator.

ZONE DIRECTOR REPORTS

Zone 1: No report

Zone 2: Bill Koontz reported that crime is down.

Zone 3: Kate thanked the board for the support for the Hilltop block party. Westdale block party is coming up on Oct. 2.

Zone 4: Tara Mulski reported on concerns about over-size vehicles parking prohibition. LADOT is not honoring the petition and request for signs.

Zone 5: Maritza Przekop reported on a proliferation of trash in alleys in Zone 5.

Zone 6: Sharon Commins commented on the uptick in crime and commented on the increase of trash on Centinela. Working on neighborhood watch and possibly a Neighborhood Association called West Mar.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chuck Ray reported that the Scattergood-Olympic line that was suggested by Neighborhood Councils is being adopted.

GRIEVANCES: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on October 2, 2011.