

MVCC Education, Arts and Culture Committee Meeting

Chairs: Kate Anderson and Babak Nahid

Mar Vista Farmers Market, Grand View at Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90066

Sunday, October 4, 2009, 10:30 AM-12 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Present: Kate Anderson, Hank Borenstein, Babak Nahid, Bill Ring

2. Approval of Minutes

Kate thanked Marilyn Marble as EACC secretary and announced that a later meeting all pending minutes will be put to the committee for approval. Babak Nahid agreed to record and distribute the minutes for this meeting.

3. Discussion re: Arts and Culture Festival in Collaboration with Outreach Committee and Mar Vista Recreation in Fall 2009:

Kate announced that the Festival was very successful, highlighting the student art show and PS Arts hands-on arts and crafts activities at the Festival. EACC members expressed enthusiasm for continuing to support the Festival.

4. Discussion and funding motion

MVCC will allocate funds necessary for a banner for the Education, Arts and Culture Committee (similar to the Green Committee) for display at the Mar Vista Farmers Market and other events. Motion passed unanimously.

The committee agreed that a dedicated EACC booth at the Farmers Market every second Sunday would improve outreach to Mar Vista parents and community. Bill Ring volunteered to help present information to parents about key programs, specifically Choices, at the Farmers Market. The committee agreed to continue looking at different ways of leveraging the booth once a month to engage the community about issues that matter to them.

5. Discussion of outreach to schools now that the school year had started, specifically to school principals, PTA presidents and Booster Club presidents in Mar Vista.

Committee agreed about the importance of expanding our contact list of our key stakeholders in Mar Vista. To launch the project:

- Rick Selan volunteered to compile contacts for all Mar Vista and Venice principals
- Bill Ring volunteered to compile contacts for the district's school site council members.
- Hank Boresntein volunteered to compile contacts for Daycare directors in the area.
- Once complete, Babak will add to and organize the contact lists to help increase outreach.

6. Discussion of micro-grants and outreach to schools.

The committee agreed to promote this new opportunity by reaching out to schools, as soon as the above contact list was ready.

7. Discussion of Mark Twain Middle School and recent events and happenings.

Rick Selan expressed concerns about alleged lack of transparency, access, accountability and evaluation at Mark Twain School SAS (school of advanced studies) program. The committee asked the co-chairs to seek more information about the program from its leadership. Babak and Kate agreed to obtain more information and invite the school's engagement in EACC activities. Kate proposed to check with MVCC chair to find the most appropriate way to learn more about the program from its leadership.

8. Discussion of "continuing conversation" from the Education Summit and also discussion of October 6 event

The issue was tabled for future discussion.

9. Future Agenda Items

Ways to engage UCLA School of Education to help provide resources and input about Mar Vista education issues.

Education Summit

10. Adjourned 11:40 AM.

