

Mar Vista Community Council
Executive and Budget Committee
3547 Federal Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90066
7:00 pm, February 1, 2010

Agenda

1. Introductions and Public Comment

2. Approval of Minutes from last month's meeting

3. Treasurer's Report (possible motions)

a. Discussion of letter from BHKim regarding reconciliation statements for fiscal year 2008 and last quarter of 2007. MVCC will lose all access to its funds if these statements are not provided by March 1, 2010.

4. Committee Administrative Items (possible motions)

- a. Discussion of Agenda for February 9th Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. Election Update

Outreach Committee is spearheading pre-Election events and publicity.

5. Upcoming Quarterly Newsletter

6. Stakeholder Meetings

7. Old Business (possible motions)

- a. Website development update and moving forward to completion.
 - 1. Discussion of how MVCC will administer and maintain the new website
- b. **Funding Motion:** The MVCC allocates up to \$1,000 for the purchase of additional sound amplification equipment (Rob Kadota)
- c. **Funding Motion:** The MVCC allocates up to \$100.00 for supplies and equipment for MVCC farmers market booth.

8. New Business (possible motions)

- a. Discussion of site for Executive Committee meetings (Chris McKinnon)
- b. Discussion and update on City Budget issues
- c. Discussion of allocation to start account at GoDaddy to register domain names, such as MarVistaGreen GardenShowcase.com, and possibly marvista.org.

d. Discussion of organization issues at DONE, with consideration of the following motion:
"The Neighborhood Councils provide grass roots democracy at the highest level. We, as neighborhood leaders, understand of the dire necessity to substantially reduce funding to City departments and the unfortunate call to reduce staff.

With that knowledge, we urge you (the Mayor, City Council members to realize that this is a golden opportunity to demand a mandatory organizational chart for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, which requires an active field staff with the ability to support and service existing NC's and "grow" new ones, per the City Charter.

A 45-50% reduction of the Department may be necessary, but the department needs to be directed to use it's resources to insure the functioning of the 90 unpaid volunteer NC's with training and development..

The department, based on the two City Controller's audits should not be left in charge of the NC Funding program. That effort must be spun out to another department, or resourced out to a private entity, with support from the NC's.

In addition, NC funding must be sufficiently sustained to continue the important and un paid work we do to buffer the City by conducting research and background on neighborhood concerns, serving as eyes and ears of the Mayor and Council offices. Without the NC's with a supporting department organized to

help us, much more time, energy and money will need to be spend by other City departments, vastly increasing workloads. It is short sighted and myopic to allow the NC's to falter."

9. Public Comment

10. Adjournment