

Mar Vista Community Council
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**Recreation & Open Space Enhancement
Committee Meeting
Meeting Notes**

Meeting Date & Time: Wednesday, November 4th, 2009 at 7:30 PM

Location: Mar Vista Recreation Center Craft Room, 11430 Woodbine St, L.A. 90066.

1) Call to Order – Tom Ponton called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. Jerry Hornof took notes. Agenda's were passed out to all in attendance. Attendance included: Tom Ponton, Jerry Hornof, Albert Olson, Christopher McKinnon, Nadine Gallegos, Ann Einstein, Laura Island, Sharon Commins, Kate Anderson, Stephen Boskin.

2) Approval of the minutes – minutes from the May 31, 2009 meeting were distributed and approved.

3) Brief Introductions and Public Comment or Announcements pertaining to items not on the agenda – attendees introduced themselves.

4) Discussion and motion pertaining to landscape improvements at the new Fire Station #62 – Christopher McKinnon

Funding motion to allocate up to \$1400 to the North Oval Neighborhood Association for plants and related items to renovate/replant adjacent to the 300' East wall next to New Fire Station #62 on Marcasel Avenue. Discussions have commenced and plants will be purchased and placed only with input and approval of majority of current Fire Captains at FS #62 and neighborhood association. This funding motion must meet all City of LA DONE-Empower LA funding guidelines and be paid in the fiscal year in which it is passed, or it expires June 30, 2010.

After discussion regarding the issues and hurdles surrounding this motion, the motion was withdrawn by Christopher McKinnon.

5) Discussion and funding motion pertaining to irrigation and landscape improvements along the parkway on Grand View in front of North Venice Little League. – Kate Anderson and Nadine Gallegos led the discussion.

Funding motion to allocate up to \$1800 to the Hill Top Neighborhood Association for drought-tolerant plants and upgrades to the existing irrigation in 1075 feet of parkway along Grand View Blvd in front of the North Venice Little League Fields. This funding motion must meet all City of LA DONE-Empower LA funding guidelines and be paid in the fiscal year in which it is passed, or it expires June 30, 2010.

Nadine Gallegos began the discussion by introducing Ann Einstein. Ann has provided 8 years of dedication and effort to improve and maintain the Grand View Blvd parkway. Past funding sources have included Hilltop neighbors, LA City Beautification Grants, and

MVCC. Funding from the North Venice Little League has not been available. Currently the irrigation is manual. This measure would look to improve the irrigation system. The Hilltop neighbors are very supportive of this activity. Discussion included Christopher McKinnon's recommendation to spend money already raised for this project and the need for a listing of proposed plants and a detailed cost accounting. Albert Olson inquired about the likelihood of success especially plant survival. Ann Einstein spoke to the projects ability to now better identify the plants that thrive in this soil, light, and watering environment. Albert also suggested improving the borders to keep the dirt from the sidewalk. The motion was moved by Kate Anderson and seconded by Ann Einstein. The motion passed unanimously.

6) Discussion pertaining to future public use of the open space near North Venice Little League.

There was a discussion regarding this property. There was the recognition that this is private property owned by DWP and leased annually to LA Recreation and Parks and the North Venice Little League. There are many conditions stipulated in the lease including neighboring buffer zones. The discussion recognized that this is private property and not conditioned for public use.

7) Discussion of issues related to Mar Vista Recreation Center

a) Analysis of the 2009 Community Festival and consideration of MVCC involvement next year – Attendees voiced their positive impressions of the 2009 festival. There was also the recognition that the 2010 festival will not be sponsored by LA RAP. This is a LA RAP response to their current budget shortfalls. There is the strong possibility that MVCC will be the 2010 festival sponsor.

b) Consideration of keeping the pool open year round – Councilmember Bill Rosendahl would like to see the MVRC pool open year-round. The attendees identified the need to provide heating and other improvements to make this possible. There is a need to find funding opportunities beyond LA RAP to make this possible.

c) Discussion of the progress of the Park's pilot recycling program – the recycling pilot project a MVRC has been positive. People are using the containers and the containers are being emptied by individuals who routinely collect recyclables at the park. The only issues identified by Tom Ponton included garbage in some of the containers and the need to get the large containers in closer proximity to the park office. To address the garbage there was the suggestion to cut round holes in the covers to better indicate to the users that these are for the recycling of bottle and cans.

d) Storage issues including the new storage container in the SW parking lot – there was a general discussion about the need for storage spacer at MVCC and the concern about the proliferation of large (and unsightly) storage bins. The latest bin is in the SW parking lot. The bin is for the SCORES program. The bin is taking up 3 parking spots. Laura Island indicated that this was a last minute delivery and they needed to place it on a paved surface. There was agreement to try to identify a better location.

e) Other park issues – The only additional discussion was the status of the field fence. Jerry Hornof agreed to revisit this with Mike Schull, Superintendent of Planning and Development Division.

8) Discussion of a regular meeting day, time, and location for future ROSE Committee meetings. – There was an agreement to try to meet on the 3rd Sunday at the MV Farmers Market. This would allow time for proposals to get before the MVCC Board.

9) Agenda item requests for the next meeting. – none proposed

10) Adjournment 9:30pm