

# Mar Vista Community Council

## Board of Directors Meeting

February 12, 2008 at 7:00 PM

Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium  
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

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### AGENDA

**Call to Order and Welcome** – Rob Kadota, Chair (2 min.)

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Bill Scheduling

**Approval of Minutes** (public comment permitted (2 min)

**Public Comment & Announcements** - (limit: 2 minutes per speaker)

**Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 2 min. each)

**DONE** – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Barry Stone, Project Coordinator

**Mar Vista Recreation Center** – Director, Laura Island

**CD 5** – Councilman Weiss – represented by Katherine Hennigan, Field Deputy

**CD 11** - Councilman Rosendahl – represented by Len Nguyen, Field Deputy

**US 36** – Congresswoman Jane Harman, represented by Jessica Duboff, Field Representative (North District)

**CA Senate 28** – CA Senator Jenny Oropeza’s Office represented by Primitivo Castro, Field Deputy

**CA Assembly 47** – Assemblymember Karen Bass represented by Estee Sepulveda

**CA Assembly 53** – CA Assemblymember Ted Lieu represented by Stephanie Molen

**2<sup>nd</sup> District LA County Board of Supervisor** Yvonne B. Burke represented by Karly Katona

**Mayor of LA** – Antonio Villaraigosa represented by Stephen Cheung, Westside Area Representative

**Officers and Liaison Reports**

**Chair**, Rob Kadota (2 min.)

1. Distribution of NC Self Assessment Forms (Board Members and Stakeholders)
2. MVCC Master Budget Worksheet to be distributed and discussed at meeting.
3. Charnock Rd School Wonder of Reading Event

**First Vice Chair**, Bob Fitzpatrick (2 min.)

**Second Vice Chair**, Albert Olson (2 min.)

**Secretary**, Laura Bodensteiner (2 min)

**Treasurer**, Curt Steindler (2 min.)

**LANCC Delegate Report** – Rob Kadota/Albert Olson/J.D. Gaydowski (2 min)

**Neighborhood Council Review Commission** (912), Tom Ponton (2 min)

**Mayor’s Budget Planning** – Curt Steindler,

**Director for Animal Awareness** – Lola McKnight (2 min.)

1. City of LA Spay and Neuter Ordinance
2. West LA Animal Shelter Open House, Saturday, February 23, 2008 12- 4 pm @ 11361 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025 (near Best Buy). [www.lacity.org/ANI/wla\\_carecenter\\_wishlist.htm](http://www.lacity.org/ANI/wla_carecenter_wishlist.htm)
3. Animal Welfare Committee meeting

**DWP MOU** – JD Gaydowski

**Committee reports** - Action items included with public comment permitted

B) **Executive & Finance Committee**, Chair (5 min.)

1. Spending motion to close out project expenditures related to the MVCC Board motion on August 9th, 2005 allotting \$5,000 for Mar Vista Park Soccer Field bicycle racks, boulders, and related costs, with a balance of \$1,364.26 remaining unspent, and approve spending \$1,500 on fencing and netting materials for the park’s hockey rink (as part of the Community Day of Service project.)

2. Administrative Motion: Grant permission by the MVCC Board of Directors for a 2<sup>nd</sup> MVCC charge card (US Bank Card) be issued to MVCC Chair, Rob Kadota as stipulated in City of LA DONE Info. Bulletin 2008-01.
  3. Request for Treasurer to submit outstanding quarterly reconciliations. (Q1, Q2,Q3)
  4. Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting, March 11,2008 – (Albert, 2 min)
  5. Newsletter article submission deadline Friday, Feb. 22 2008 – Distribution date early March 1-8.
  6. Community Service Day rescheduled to Saturday March 15, 2008
- B) **Community Outreach Committee** – Stephen Boskin (5 min)
1. Administrative motion: The MVCC Treasurer should consider using paid bookkeeping support to get up to date.
  2. Spending motion was made to support neighborhood newsletters to the amount of \$6,000 (same as last year)
  3. Analysis of past Outreach Committee budget items with a view to deciding whether to retain or drop them. This analysis has been sent to board members for review.
- C) **Education, Arts and Culture** – Curt Steindler, Chair (5 min)
- D) **Election & Bylaws Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick, Chair (15 min)
1. First Reading of Proposed Bylaw Changes:
    - 1) Article III - Stakeholders: Adopt the current "Stakeholders" definition to include the addition of: " And also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm the factual basis for it."
    - 2) Article IV - Board of Directors: Change Par. E to read: "Election of the Directors. Election of the seven (7) "At-Large" Directors and election of the six (6) "Zone Directors", shall occur every two (2) years and the elections will be conducted by the City of Los Angeles and comply with all the requirements of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment."
    - 3) Article IV - Board of Directors: Delete the balance of Paragraph E and Paragraph G (Election Schedule of the Board of Directors.)
  2. Clean Money Initiative – Bob F (5 min)
  3. Election Procedures – Rob Kadota
  4. Standing Rules and Procedures – Albert O.
- E) **Green Committee** – Laura Bodensteiner (2 min)
- F) **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Tom Ponton (2 min)
- G) **Safety and Security Committee** report – Bill Koontz (2 min)
- H) **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Albert Olson, Chair ( 5 min)
1. See Santa Monica Airport Committee Motions and Report attachment A
- I) **SMC Bundy Campus Ad Hoc Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick (2min)
- J) **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report** - (William Scheduling, and Albert Olson Co-Chairs 15 min.)
1. See T & I Committee Motions and Report attachment B
  2. Neighborhood Traffic Management Sub Committee – Bill Pope (2 min)
  3. Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Sub Committee - Linda Guagliano, MVCC Liaison (2 min.)
- K) **Urban Planning Committee report** – Ken Alpern and Steve Wallace, (5 min.)
1. Possible Policy Motion: Against Proliferation of Large Electronic Digital Billboards (Curt Steindler 2 min.)
  2. Cell Phone Tower Installations – Report/Update

## Zone Director Reports

**Old Business** - Action items (Public comment permitted)

**New Business** - Action items (Public comment permitted)

Spending Motion – Consider increasing Community Day of Service spending to consider new and related projects as a result of the rescheduling of the event to March 15, 2008. example of a related funding request is the following: “no more than \$250 for trees, stakes and materials for the 3/29/08 tree maintenance/planting on Palms Blvd.”

Policy Motion: The MVCC Board supports Councilman Rosendahl's efforts to oppose the sale of City property at the previous site of Fire Station 62

Administrative Motion: The MVCC Board supports formation of an ad hoc committee to combine transportation and urban planning innovations, and which work with local and governmental groups, to establish the planned Metro Rapid Bus on Venice Blvd. that addresses transit, parking, business and beautification efforts on Venice Blvd. between Lincoln Blvd. and the 405 freeway

**Grievances** – Laura Bodensteiner, Secretary

Any grievances received since the last meeting of the MVCC Board of Directors will be presented to the board for their consideration for possible referral to the MVCC Grievance Committee for further review and consideration.

**Future agenda items**

**Public Comment and Announcements (limit: 2 minutes per speaker)**

**Adjournment (9:30 PM)**

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**Santa Monica Airport Committee – Motions and Report to MVCC Board of Directors**

1) Report on recent developments regarding Airport ordinance and meeting in Washington D.C. attended by Charles Oberstar, Henry Waxman, Jane Harman, FAA officials, and Santa Monica city officials concerning this issue.

2) Motion to approve MVCC survey designed to acquire information concerning health and quality-of-life issues in neighborhoods surrounding the Santa Monica Airport.

**Proposed survey regarding neighborhood impacts**

Introduction: The Mar Vista Community Council is collecting information regarding the impact of various aspects of Santa Monica Airport air traffic on the surrounding neighborhoods. The information provided will be used only for the purpose of this survey, but the respondent's address is necessary in order to correlate the various responses to their proximity to the Airport. Only one survey will be recorded for each address.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

1) Propeller Aircraft: Which of the following statements best describes your attitude concerning the noise created by aircraft taking off and landing at the Santa Monica Airport:

- a. \_\_\_ At times, the noise is overwhelming. I can hear nothing else when certain planes are passing overhead or revving their engines just prior to take-off.
- b. \_\_\_ I find the noise extremely intrusive.
- c. \_\_\_ I find the noise to be a nuisance,.
- d. \_\_\_ I do not notice any such noise.
- e. \_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_

2) Approximately how many times a day do you notice this noise? \_\_\_\_\_

3) Jet Aircraft: Which of the following statements best describes your attitude concerning the noise created by aircraft taking off and landing at the Santa Monica Airport:

- a. \_\_\_ At times, the noise is overwhelming. I can hear nothing else when certain planes are passing overhead or revving their engines just prior to take-off.
- b. \_\_\_ I find the noise extremely intrusive.
- c. \_\_\_ I find the noise to be a nuisance.
- d. \_\_\_ I do not notice any such noise.
- e. \_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_

4) Approximately how many times a day do you notice this noise? \_\_\_\_\_

5) Which of the following statements best describes your attitude concerning fumes that seem to be related to jet fuel emissions created by aircraft taking off and landing at the Santa Monica Airport:

- a. \_\_\_ At times, the fumes are overwhelming. My family and I cannot be out-doors or have open windows in our house when these fumes are present.
- b. \_\_\_ I have physical reactions to the fumes.
- c. \_\_\_ I find the fumes to be a nuisance.
- d. \_\_\_ I do not smell anything.
- e. \_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_

6) How often do you notice these fumes?

- a. \_\_\_ Many times per day
- b. \_\_\_ Daily
- c. \_\_\_ A few times per week
- d. \_\_\_ Never
- e. \_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_

7) Have you had any experience with objects outside your residence being covered with any type of residue, or any layer of very fine particles or soot?

- a. \_\_\_ Yes
- b. \_\_\_ No
- c. \_\_\_ Comments \_\_\_\_\_

8) Please comment on any other health, safety, or quality-of-life concerns.

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## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Motions and Report to MVCC Board of Directors – Feb. 12, 2008**

1) 12402 Washington Place, Culver City. – 42,000 SF Office building – Traffic Impacts and safety issues, with consideration of the following motion. This motion was unanimously approved.

Whereas egress from the office building planned at 12402 Washington Place is only 96 feet south of northbound S. Centinela Avenue's approach to the Washington Place, and

Whereas, during commute periods, by the time southbound Centinela Avenue traffic has cleared the egress point after a stop signal on Centinela at Washington Place, the queue of waiting northbound Centinela Avenue traffic has already backed up to a point south of the egress point, and

Whereas, during commute periods, traffic exiting the office building and attempting to turn left onto northbound Centinela Avenue will most often will not be able to enter the northbound Centinela Avenue flow or waiting queue by the time southbound Centinela traffic is released at Washington Place and will therefore block that southbound Centinela Avenue flow, further increasing congestion on this already over-capacity highway, and

Whereas traffic exiting the planned office building would need to cross two southbound Centinela Avenue lanes to turn left onto northbound Centinela thereby increasing the likelihood of accidents, especially with eastbound Washington Place traffic turning southbound around the blind corner to be created by the planned office building only 100 feet from its egress point, and

Whereas traffic congestion increases on southbound Centinela Avenue will increase the propensity for commuters to divert from Centinela Avenue and cut through Mar Vista Community Council residential neighborhood streets,

The Mar Vista Community Council therefore requests the City of Culver City to restrict egress from the office building planned for 12402 Washington Place to right-turns only.

2) LADOT is conducting a re-evaluation of Preferred Parking Districts with the intent of allowing businesses on commercial corridors to use parking spaces on residential side streets as parking areas for customers and workers. The committee unanimously approved the following motion:

Whereas the Mar Vista Community Council recognizes the need to protect residential neighborhoods from the encroachment of commercial corridor spillover parking onto residential streets, and

Whereas the MVCC recognizes the need to support local businesses, and strongly supports creation of sufficient parking structures along commercial corridor streets to handle all parking needs for those corridors,

The Mar Vista Community Council Board Therefore strongly affirms the necessity of the current Preferential Parking Districts program to protect residential streets located in close proximity to commercial corridors from encroachment by nonresident traffic and parking. The MVCC believes that allowing and/or encouraging such encroachment would be a violation of both the Los Angeles General Plan's "Street Designation and Usages" sections and the "Neighborhood Protection Plans" sections of our Community Plans.

3) Discussion of Pico/Olympic Pilot Project traffic flow proposals. The following motion was unanimously approved:

The Mar Vista Community Council urges LADOT to reconsider its Pico-Olympic Pilot Project. Specifically we urge LADOT and the Los Angeles City Council to bypass Phase 1 (the addition of "peak period lanes" which are created by removing on-street parking) of its Pico/Olympic traffic flow plan, and implement only Phase 2 (directional signal operation to increase traffic flow). The MVCC believes that additional on-street parking restrictions for these, or any other arterial streets, must not be implemented until sufficient off-street parking structures have been created.

Furthermore, The MVCC wishes to express its opposition to any current or future City plan or proposal that would push curb-side parking from commercial districts on major or secondary highways into residential neighborhoods in attempts to create more transportation capacity on the existing major and secondary highways.

4) Discussion of future traffic issues on Venice Blvd.

Are there possible plans in the works to restrict parking similar to the current proposals for Pico and Olympic? Will future Rapid Transit improvements to the Venice Blvd. corridor affect on-street parking?

Should MVCC request that CD11 and/or LADOT start studying ways to alleviate parking on Venice Blvd through creation of new parking structures?

These issues were discussed by the committee, and it was agreed that the T & I committee, at its next meeting, would form a working group to come up with ideas for dealing with these issues. It was agreed that involving members of the UP committee would also be valuable.