

# Mar Vista Community Council

## Special Board of Directors Meeting

**-MEETING MINUTES-**

March 11, 2008 at 6:00 – 6:45PM

**(MVCC QUARTERLY STAKEHOLDER STARTS AT 7PM)**

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

**[www.marvista.org](http://www.marvista.org)**

### **AGENDA**

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

Board members present included Ken Alpern, Stephen Boskin, Sharon Commins, Bob Fitzpatrick, Colin Hatton, JD Gaydowski, Rob Kadota, Keith Lambert, Albert Olson, Bill Scheduling, and Curt Steindler. **Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by Rob Kadota.**

**Pledge of Allegiance** - Bill Scheduling

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

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

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

**Election & Bylaws Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick, Chair (15 min)

Isaias Cantu, City Clerk's Office spoke about his understanding of our bylaws, answered questions and commented on the upcoming elections of NCs in the West Planning Area. Barry Stone also discussed DONE's role in the upcoming elections

***Motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed the following changes to the MVCC Bylaws***

1. **Second Reading and Vote 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.)

SEE ATTACHMENT A FOR ADDITIONAL CHANGES/DETAILS

**Green Committee** – Laura Bodensteiner (2 min)

***Motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed to adopt the following Policy Motion.***

Policy Motion - Mar Vista Community Council supports the observance of Earth Hour, March 29, 2008 at 8:00pm. On this day everyone is asked to turn off their lights for one hour between 8 and 9pm.

[www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)

**Grievance Panel** – Laura Bodensteiner, Secretary (5 min.)

Presentation and discussion of Grievance Panel's recommendation to MVCC Board of Directors. Possible motion/response to recommendation(s).

***Motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed to adopt the recommendations of the MVCC Grievance Panel.***

The MVCC Grievance Panel recommends that, in the next issue of the Mar Vista Community News, in the area reserved for Zone 1 news, a paragraph appear, beginning:

"To clarify the following statement, which appeared in the August 2007 issue of this Newsletter: "Many residents have recently been receiving confusing petitions from the Palms Neighborhood Council to move Zone 1 out of the MVCC and into the Palms NC," the document referred to as a "petition" was intended by Mr. Garrigues, on behalf of the Palms Neighborhood Council, to be only a survey of residents to find out whether a majority would prefer to belong to the Palms Neighborhood Council."

Respectfully submitted, Roseann Herman, Audrey O'Donnell, Bill Koontz

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

**Adjournment** (6:45 PM)

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The audience is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the Agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the public comment period. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Mar Vista Community Council meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. For more information, please visit the MVCC web site at [www.marvista.org](http://www.marvista.org).  
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**ATTACHMENT A – CHANGES TO MVCC BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE III - STAKEHOLDERS**

The Mar Vista Community Council shall be composed of, and made available to all stakeholders within the stated boundaries. Stakeholders include individuals who live, work, or own property within the stated boundaries of the Council and those who declare a stake in the Council and affirm a factual basis for it. Only stakeholders 18 years of age or older may vote.

**ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

B. Number of Directors. The Board shall have thirteen (13) Directors, including the five (5) officers described below in Article V. Of the thirteen (13) Directors, one shall be elected "Community" Director, six (6) shall be elected "At-large" Directors and six (6) shall be elected "Zone" Directors.

E. Election of Directors: Election of Directors shall occur every two years and shall be conducted by the City Clerk commencing with the June 2008 election. The election shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the City Clerk and:

1. The "Community" Director shall be elected by stakeholders who live, work, own property within the stated boundaries of the Council ~~or~~ (and) those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm a factual basis for it;
2. The "At-large" Directors shall be elected by stakeholders who live, work, or own property within the stated boundaries of the Council; and
3. The "Zone" Directors shall be elected by stakeholders who live, work, or own property within the respective stated geographic Zone boundaries.

F. Criteria for Candidates. Candidates for Director shall meet the following criteria:

1. Candidates must affirm that they are Stakeholders of the Mar Vista Community Council in accordance with Election Procedures approved by the City Clerk as follows:
  - a. The "Community" Director candidates must be a Stakeholder who lives, works, or owns property within the stated boundaries of the Council and those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm a factual basis for it;
  - b. The "At-large" Director candidates must be a Stakeholder who lives, works, or owns property within the stated boundaries of the Council;
  - c. The "Zone" Director candidates must be a Stakeholder who lives, works, or owns property within the respective stated Geographic Zone boundaries.