

**Mar Vista Community Council  
Education, Arts, and Culture Committee**

Tuesday – January 22, 2013 – 7:00 pm  
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium  
11430 Woodbine Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90066

*Draft Minutes*

1. **Introduction** – Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **Approval of minutes** – Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.
3. **Public Comment** – Patricia Richmond from Friends of the Mar Vista Library asked that there be more interaction between MVCC and the Library. She indicated that she would like Mar Vista Library events to be included on the MVCC website calendar and has had trouble getting this done in the past. In particular, the Friends of Mar Vista Library meet on the 4th Thursday of every month and occasionally host book sales. Albert advised Patricia to send requests directly to Sharon, and if that does not work, to contact him or Amy. Sarah Auerswald also recommended that Patricia connect with Steve Wallace at South MV and indicated that she posts events on her blog – Mar Vista Mom. Sara Roos indicated that MVNA could also publicize library meetings.
4. **Motion to recognize Jackie Bonilla**– Ms. Bonilla, a teacher at Clover Elementary, was recently the recipient of the Milken Educator Award, an honor given to 40 teachers nationwide this year. The committee voted to recommend that the MVCC Board recognize Ms. Bonilla’s achievements.
5. **Discussion of proposed combination of Grand View and McBride** – The committee discussed the upcoming merger of Grand View Boulevard Elementary School and the James McBride Special Education Center. Sarah Auerswald and Principal Ortiz of Grand View discussed how this merger is expected to impact students and other stakeholders in Mar Vista. They indicated that the combined school would have one principal and one administrative staff. There is concern that the merger will result in fewer resources, including Nurse time, than are currently available to each school. Not all students at McBride will be joining Grand View. Sarah recommended that the MVCC approve a policy motion expressing its concern about students at both schools and recommending that students be prioritized in funding and other decisions. Sarah will bring a recommended motion to the committee for its February meeting.
6. **Funding Requests**
  - a. **Walgrove** – Walgrove submitted a request for funds for its PS Arts program in August. Amy handed out copies of the proposal. The committee is still considering the proposal.
  - b. **826LA** – 826LA is a nonprofit organization that promotes writing skills among school-aged children. It has recently moved into a location within Mar Vista and has been working with some schools in Mar Vista. It would like to submit a proposal for funding to renovate its back patio area to create an environment where students can work

- outside. This might entail purchasing tables or benches, plants, shade, etc. Albert notified 826LA that the city was unlikely to provide funding for any permanent improvements to their property. 826LA will develop a more detailed proposal and submit it before the February meeting.
- c. Clover** – Clover submitted a proposal requesting funding for its sustainable schoolyard project, which will proceed in three phases: (1) a physical model of the neighborhood, (2) an edible garden, and (3) a demonstration garden. Clover will be partnering with Cal Poly, which has pledged \$500 for the next 5 years to renew the project. Clover is requesting a matching grant from MVCC of \$500 to realize the third phase of the project. The committee will consider the proposal at its February meeting.
  - d. Palms** – Sara Roos indicated that Palms would be submitting a funding proposal by the February meeting and also thanked the committee for providing funds for the Camp Palms summer program in 2012.
- 7. Candidate Forum for LAUSD District 4 Board Member** – Amy provided a handout regarding the Candidate Forum being presented by United Way on January 24, 2013, for candidates for the LAUSD District 4 Board Member seat.
  - 8. Public Comment** – There was no additional public comment.
  - 9. Future agenda items** – (1) update on Grand View / McBride merger, (2) MVCC motion regarding Grand View / McBride merger, (3) funding proposals.
  - 10. Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.