



MVCC Green Committee Meeting

Sunday, October 27, 2013 – 9:30 A.M.

Draft Minutes

Mar Vista Farmers Market

Grand View at Venice Blvd.

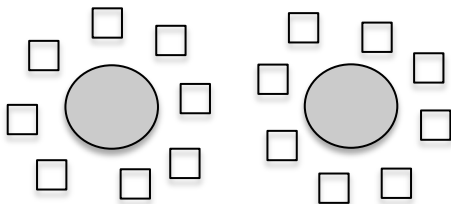
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Co-Chairs – Jeanne Kuntz, Melissa Stoller

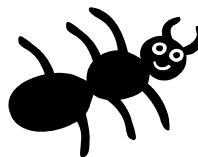
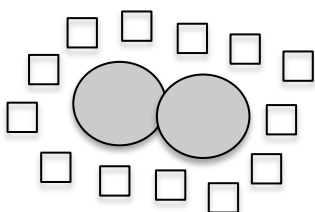
Attendees: JeanneKuntz, Christy Wilhelmi, Sharon Commins, Shelley Wiseman, Christopher McKennon, Sherri Akers, Steve Fox, Susan Klos. Kelley, Carey, and Freya (Grandview Elementary PTA). Laura Mack (Palisades Community Council)

1. Call to order at 9:31 by Jeanne Kuntz.
2. Public comment: Introductions
3. August minutes approved.
4. Reports
 - MVCC Green Tent. Going forward, the second Sunday of each month the space (without the actual green tent) will be given to organizations wishing to exhibit and sell products. On Sunday November 10, David King and Venice High School herb gardeners sold herbs.
 - 2014 Green Garden Showcase. April 26, 2014. Gardens will be open either morning or afternoon. Rally point (Showcase Central) will be at Grandview Elementary School. Kelley and Carey are the contact people at Grandview. Sherri says that Joe Levine wants to be on the tour in 2014 after dropping out for two years.
 - Everybody agreed that the new meeting place for the Green Committee was an improvement—snug up against the west wall of the post office. We used just one round table and it was cozy but we may need to grab two tables for a larger group. There was some discussion about the pros and cons of one versus two tables and the optimal arrangement for two tables. The conclusions of this discussion are illustrated below.

NO



YES



(4. Reports, continued)

- Developing a definition of Mar Vista as a livable community ([refer to the Vision 2021 LA study by UCLA](#)). “Livable community” is somewhat abstract. Sherri urged us to look at [re:code LA](#). The City of LA hired an outside consultant to clean up our zoning codes. We have an opportunity now to look at what makes LA a livable city, to keep it livable, and get a diversity of people involved, including multi generations. An advisory committee is being formed (by whom?). (Note: [Sustainable LA](#) is a separate group.)
- BOD proposal for DWP STAKEHOLDER MEETING to be calendared in early to mid-November pending availability of guest speakers. Topics to include: the new 4 year IBEW contract/work rules; FIT [feed in tariff] 100 cost-benefit; and the massive Bay Area Delta Conservation Plan tunnels project. Sharon confirmed that this meeting has been rescheduled for the second Tuesday in February.

5. Discussion Topics (no pending Green Committee motion).

- Turning Green Tent space over for general Market use one Sunday each month. This was discussed in Item #4.

6. Old business update

- Ratepayer Advocate Account for Externalities Resolution. MVCC Board passed it unanimously. A new position is created in DWP. MVCC is asking the city to include externalities in addition to finances when it evaluates the ratepayer advocate account.
- Bay Delta Conservation Plan/Ratepayer Advocate Resolution. MVCC Board passed it unanimously.
- FIT Motion. This rolls into the February meeting and doesn't need to be on the agenda anymore.

Melissa introduced the following FIT motion at the July MVCC Board meeting. The Board put it over, asked Green Committee to hold joint meeting with Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and said must have presentation of “other side” from Dr. Pickel.

The Mar Vista Community Council applauds the creation of the Feed-in-Tariff program, as authorized by the Los Angeles City Council and DWP Commission, because it

- *Provides clean, local solar energy, thus reducing our reliance on polluting, coal-fired power plants and costly long distance transmission lines.*
- *Generates local, well-paying jobs in the Green Energy sector so important for our city's economy now and in the future.*
- *Encourages private investment and provides \$300 million in federal tax credits for local businesses.*
- *Will, over time, lead to a decrease in the cost of “going solar,” thus increasing its prevalence and lessening the need for incentives.*

MVCC urges LADWP and the city to maintain the FIT energy buy-back prices at a level sufficient to encourage participation in the program and, also, to expand the program from its current 150 megawatts to 600 megawatts.

7. New business. Nov and Dec meetings are combined into one on Sunday Dec 1. That is the Sunday right after Thanksgiving. We will meet in our new location, next to the west wall of the post office, 9:30 AM

8. Public comment.

- Jeanne discussed the art show during fall festival. If we want a stronger presence by the Green Committee next year, we need volunteers. Do we need more green and blue trash bins for recycling? Discussion about the food vendors—they used lots of styrofoam containers and the food was carnival-style without healthy options. Suggestion to get more “green” food. Steve suggests using the vendors that were at the Green Festival LA. Jeanne suggests telling Albert that the Green Committee will subsidize food vendors who use sustainable packaging. **[Otherwise, what action items? Can Green committee have input into what food is served?]**

(8. Public Comment, continued)

- Sherri suggests that committee expands its sphere of interest to include LA County, not just the city. One in ten of LA population are county, not city residents, so county supervisor positions are important. County supervisors are under term limits and go up for reelection in June. Our supervisor is Mark Ridley Thomas. Fracking issue is partly county, partly city. Christopher points out that supervisor meetings are televised.
- Christy recommends book, "The Power of Just Doing Stuff." Follow the transition movement.
- LA city council just approved having gardens in parkways. City is rewriting parkway code. [Ron Finley](#) was cited for his vegetable gardens.
- Steve. Let's celebrate the people who do good things. Paul Koretz has been instrumental in passing parkway motion, restricting use of bull hooks on elephants, and more. MVCC member Andy works for Paul.
- Sherri says let's say thank you publicly on Facebook, etc. for changes made in LA that attract forward-thinking businesses. Aside: Koretz was against rideshare services that don't fit the taxi model. Bonin was for them. Influence of individuals make a difference. [action step? Implications? Are taxi-model services good or bad? If bad, this is to say that Koretz isn't infallible?]
- Jeanne—schools can be influential too, so let's get the word out to families. [action step? about what?]

9. Adjournment at 10:11 AM.