



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Aging in Place Committee

Thursday, October 16th, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Venice Grind

Bill Duckett-Chair, Sherri Akers-Vice-Chair

MINUTES

- I. Call to order
 - Called to order @ 6:02 p.m.
 - In attendance: Bill Duckett (Chair), Sherri Akers (Vice-Chair), Abigail Benitez, Bill Koontz, Robin Doyno, Tatjana Luethi, Christy Leis, and Sharon Commins
- II. Public comment
 - Sherri Akers discussed Portland who has put AIG in place
 - Councilman Bonin passed on some contacts to Sherri
 - Some resources will be represented at MVCC Fall Festival
 - Sherrie spoke on the pet rescue.
- III. Motion to approve September minutes
 - Motion by Bill Koontz and 2nd by Bill Duckett. Motion carries with 8 ayes and 1 abstention (Bill Koontz)
- IV. Old Business -
 - a. Feedback from BOD on committee mission statement
 - Approved by BOD and appeared on the website the next day.
 - b. Outcome on joint policy motion of PLUM and T&I Committees on Community Impact Statement to include consideration for aging in place.
 - Discussion focused on process, i.e. how do we find out about issues in time to meet deadlines for EIRs
 - c. BOD vote on proposed motion asking Mayor Eric Garcetti to sign the Milken Institute Best Cities for Successful Aging Pledge.
 - Because Mayor Garcetti had signed the pledge before the motion before the board, Bill Duckett offered a substitute motion thanking the Mayor and offering MVCC's full support for carrying out the pledge.
 - d. Update on Mar Vista Fall Festival participation
 - There will be a rep from the department of aging
- V. New Business

- a. Does the committee want to offer recommendations or collaborate with the MVCC Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee?
- Bill K gave synopsis of great streets. Mayor stated this will be a 5 year project.
 - AIP should advocate for wider sidewalks
 - Important that everything exist on this stretch for those aging in place
 - Sharon Commins warned to be wary of contractors looking for access to Great Street projects
 - AIP should have a liason to attend Great Streets meetings
- b. Discussion re: proposal by Michael Millman, Chair of MVCC PLUM Committee – “We need to focus on a plan wherein our seniors can live in their Own Homes. Social Security may not provide sufficient money to retain their homes – insurance, maintenance, and taxes may be too much for our neighbors. The code should allow them to rent a room or some other arrangement to keep their homes. We should allow our seniors to have extra rental unit on the property to permit them extra money so they can stay in their home or permit a caregiver to live on the premise. Granny Flats should be considered.
- Granny Flats and roommates are already legal, co pretty much a done deal
- c. Follow up discussion on AIP committee's process: what kinds of baseline research will be done to establish direction for the committee? Can we identify numbers in terms of MVCC's seniors' range of goals and objectives to get that foundation for committee direction. Were members able to visit the senior housing on Grand View and report back?
- Tatjana went to Grandveiw Palms but was not able to talk to residents. She would like to organize a collaboration via GoToMeeting with Janice, Christy, and Janice to formalize a survey of seniors. Suggestion was made for how to get this out to seniors by identifying then using grad students setting up thesis projects.
 - Sherri will begin to build a document of resources to post on the AIP webpage.

VI. Public comment

- Bill asked everyone to keep a finger on the pulse of the smoke detector giveaway by the fire department. Committee jumped on this. Sherri will get more info and strategize getting them into the hands of seniors. Robin Doyno offered to help install them.
- AIP supports an effort by neighborhood watch programs and block captain programs to identify seniors in their perspective neighborhoods.
- Christy brought up the idea of an intergeneration program for seniors aging in place. Examples would be college students renting rooms from seniors at a

reduced rent in exchange for some care and programs for seniors to read to primary grade students. She also suggested a space for seniors to connect with students of all ages. Of particular is a vacant space near Mark Twain Middle School.

-Sherri discussed an article following the death of a senior offering suggestions for what can be done with all the 'stuff' that has been collected over a lifetime.

-Sherri mentioned a workshop on driving w/seniors on October 22nd.

-Suggestions were made for a joint tent at the Farmer's Market highlighting aging in place and the possibility of a quarterly stakeholders meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. by Bill Duckett and 2nd by Sherri Akers.

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