



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, August 11th, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA
90066

MINUTES

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)
Meeting called to order at 7:09 P.M.
Quorum present: Bill Koontz (chair), Bill Scheduling (treasurer), John Kuchta (2nd vice chair), Melissa Stoller (secretary), Sherri Akers, Valerie Davidson, Robin Doyno, Michelle Krupkin, Michael Millman, Brad Wilhite, Ken Alpren
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of July 14, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1 min per speaker)
Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by John Kuchta. Motion carried unanimously
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
Stephanie Koehler: Concerned about a community care facility planned for 11957 Victoria (8 bedrooms, 32 beds, protected as community care facility). Wants added to PLUM committee; iis with size, not fact that it's a CCF.
Sharon Commins: City Council has ad hoc CCF committee. Didn't take action on CCF recommendations. Hasn't and won't meet. Stephanie should talk to Mike Bonin.
Ann Porter: member of LA Leadership Team for Move to Amend; working to pass constitutional amendment that corporations are not people. Video on utube: "A question of personhood".
5. **Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 1 min. each unless waived by the Chair)
 - a. CD 11 – CM Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy Len Nguyen Len.Nguyen@lacity.org
 - 65-70 people at Street Vendor meeting tonight.
 - Great Streets & CicLAvia: are making the city more multi-mod. Used CicLAvia to see what Great Streets would be like. Feedback: want safer Venice Blvd, closer to neighborhood instead of dividing.
 - Comments RE: Great Streets plan & lane removal:
 - Michelle Krup, in: Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee meeting August 12; Jesse Holder will present
 - Michael Millman: has MVCC ever passed policy on Venice blvd? No.
 - Sharon Commins: How will city deal with cut-thru traffic that lane removal will create? Was lane removal ever discussed?
 - Valerie Davidson: need another outreach community meeting
 - Michael Millman: need to get it on MVCC's agenda at some point.
 - Melissa Stoller: cover in Fall newsletter;
 - Bill Koontz: survey at Fall Festival
 - Ken Alpren: give flyers to kids
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Lizka Mendoza, Director
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway joejdg92@gmail.com
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - e. US 37 – Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian maral@mail.house.gov

- Would love to table at Fall Festival.
- Airport

Metroplex: Rep. Bass signed on to Maxine Waters letter; advocated for (and got) 90 day comment period. Metroplex is new technology; flight patterns higher, descend at greater angle.

Bill Scheduling: Military-style formation landings; they need approval from Control Tower-- shouldn't be allowed.

Martin Rubin: is Bass going to join Congressional Flight Paths Caucus? Formation approvals are from FAA.

Michael: Millman: position on Iranian treaty? Answer: Rep Bass had private meeting, hasn't yet taken position

- f. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin
scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov
 - g. Congressman – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov
 - h. CA Assembly 47
 - i. CA Assembly 62
 - j. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly Katona,
Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
 - k. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm Daniel.tamm@lacity.org
6. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
- a. Chair-Bill Koontz
 - i. Committee assignments (possible motions to follow)
 - Motion to approve appointment of Robin Doyno as additional co-chair of Education, Arts and Culture Committee.
Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Melissa Stoller. Motion carries: 10 ayes, 1 abstention (Robin Doyno).
 - Possible motion to change Aging in Place co-chairs.
Motion for Aging in Place Committee to be chaired by Sherri Akers, Birgitta Kastenbaum and Tatjana Luethi, 2nd by Michelle Krupkin.
Discussion:
Bill Scheduling would like to have one chair (no co-chairs) with vice-chairs.
Linda Guagliano: co-chair can fill in when one chair is away; Bill Scheduling: that's what vice chairs are for.
Sherri Akers: good way to get people involved.
Motion carries unanimously.
 - ii. Board retreat
Maybe on Saturday, August 15. Will include web training.
 - b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe
 - c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta
Kickoff at Board retreat for feedback on how to improve website. Phrase suggestions as: “As this type of person, I want this result”
 - d. Secretary –Melissa Stoller
Get motions in on time! Include them in an email—don't just send meeting minutes.
 - e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2014-15 or they will expire. All NPG and CIG grants approved by the Mar Vista Community Council are restricted funds according to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment regulations and must be used for the exact purpose approved by the MVCC. All Neighborhood Council Funding reports are available online at <http://done.lacity.org/onlinefunding/ncfunding.aspx>
Bill Scheduling: will not include any motions without paperwork at ExFin Committee meeting; committees that meet same week as ExFin need to plan ahead.
Melissa: objects to cutting off that much in advance of Board meeting.

- i. **APPROVAL** of July Monthly Expense Report (MER)
 Motion by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by John Kutcha. Motion passed unanimously.
- ii. **FUNDING MOTION:** MVCC approves payment of \$12 to North Westdale Neighborhood Association as reimbursement for a bounced check.
 Motion by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by John Kutcha. Motion passed unanimously.
- iii. **FUNDING MOTION: ink cartridges** (submitted by Green Committee)
 The Mar Vista Community Council approves the expenditure of up to \$300 for the purchase of ink cartridges (2 HP 564XL Color/Photo Black Combo packs; 1 HP 564XL Black 3-pack) to be used for printing display materials.
 Motion by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Sherri Akers. Motion passed unanimously.
- iv. **FUNDING MOTION: Save Our Watershed printing** (submitted by Green Committee)
 The Mar Vista Community Council approves the expenditure of up to \$400 for the printing of flyers or door hangers for Mar Vista Save Our Watershed.
 Motion by Bill Schedin, 2nd by Robin Doyno. Motion passed unanimously.
 Note: If get logo, need paperwork so MVCC owns.
- v. **FUNDING MOTION: Great Streets Challenge Grant Support** (submitted by T&I Committee)
 Whereas, the Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce requests support from the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors for the Make It Mar Vista Small Business Saturday Community Event taking place on Saturday, November 28th, 2015, and
 Whereas, the Mar Vista Chamber, along with several partner organizations, is honored to have been awarded one of the first-ever Great Streets Challenge Grants, and the Chamber feels a natural partnership with the MVCC as we work together to help realize the full potential of the Venice Blvd Great Street in Mar Vista, and
 Whereas, there will be many aspects of the Make It Mar Vista event, and we are asking for this Board of Directors' support specifically for the Protected Bike Lane Pop-Up along Venice Blvd from Grand View to Wasatch, and
 Whereas, this temporary switch of the Bike Lane and the Parking Lane along this stretch of the Great Street will require coordination with City and CalTrans officials and engineers, and will also require funding for (temporary) lane markers, barricades and signage, construction of planter boxes for use as lane barriers.
 Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council will authorize a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$1000.00 to help make this project a reality, with the understanding that this amount will not fund this project in full, and that the Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce is also reaching out to other sources for contributions.
 Motion by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Ken Alpren.
 Sarah Auerswald: will be first test of what Great Streets will look/feel like. May require a lane closing.
 Michelle Krupkin: extends support.
 Melissa Stoller: at end, will have planter boxes to beautify street.
 Motion carries unanimously. (John Kutcha absent)
- vi. **FUNDING MOTION: NWNA Ad** (director's motion submitted by Bill Koontz)
 The Mar Vista Community Council approves the expenditure of \$300 for ads in six editions of this year's North Westdale Neighborhood Association Newsletter.
 Motion by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Brad Wilhite.
 Marty Rubin: discount from usual \$450.
 Motion carries unanimously.
- vii. **FUNDING MOTION: NWNA Fall Block Party/Talent Show** (director's motion submitted by Bill Koontz)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves the expenditure of \$300 for North Westdale Neighborhood Association's Fall Block Party/Talent Show to be held Friday, September 18, 4-7:30 P.M. The funding will be earmarked to pay for the use of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church's Parking lot to hold the event and be paid to the church.

Motion by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Brad Wilhite.

Marty: Worked beautifully last year; contact Marty if want to get involved.

Motion carries unanimously.

- viii. **FUNDING MOTION: BOD agenda printing** (director's motion submitted by Bill Scheduling)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves reimbursing Bill Koontz up to ~~\$130~~ \$400 for printing of BOD meeting agendas.

Motion by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Brad Wilhite.

Melissa: why can't it be part of budget without motion each time; Bill K will look into

Motion carries – 10 ayes, 1 abstention (Bill Koontz).

- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison: Linda Guagliano
North Westdale: 3-way stop at Stoner facing Gateway & Radio completed. 2-way stop at Wasatch & Westminster is now all-way. Stop signs on Francis Ave installed between Pacific & Washington
Next meeting is September 16; agenda closes Sept 12.
- g. DWP MOU Liaison: Myra Boime
DWP claims it has cleaned up faulty billing system. Benchmarking coming out soon.
Rates are going up 5% per year for next 5 years to fund new/replaced infrastructure. Tier 1 water going down, other tiers going up.
Reconfigured pensions for future employees, city will kick in less.
- h. LANCC Liaison: Open (Bill Koontz reporting)
Voted on motion to allocate additional \$5000 with no restrictions (Empower wants to designate for elections).
Motion to ask city controller to followup on cell phone overcharges.
Free websites pitch for NC that don't have
New video for NC candidates, must watch.
- i. DWP Recycled Water Liaison: Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
- j. Fall Festival Liaison: Albert Olson
Theme: Heroes Among Us. Want lots of nominees; submit names with statement of why (75 words) at MarVistaFestival@marvista.org and include a photo if possible. Will select Festival honoree from the submissions. No art show—instead, there'll be posters of the heroes.
- k. City Budget: John Kuchta
- l. Recode LA: Sharon Commins
September meeting: Downtown Plan
October meeting: baseline mansionization
- m. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald
Received a Great Streets Challenge grant (only 8 granted); need to get crowd funding, suggested amount is \$11.28 (would need 900 donations at this amount).
CicLAvia: great feedback about neighborhood from attendees.
Michael Krupkin: how is Chamber getting along with Bowlero. Sarah: Great! Having mixer there, bowling tournament with Culver City, 5:00-7:00 P.M. on August 26
- n. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: Sherri Akers
8. **New Business** - Action items, which may include motions to refer items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable (public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker unless waived by the Chair); items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment.
Motion to wave reading by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Ken Alpren. Motion carries unanimously.
- a. **POLICY MOTION: Preserving City Trees** (submitted by Green Committee)
The many mature trees that line Mar Vista's streets provide shade, beauty and habitat, making our sidewalks more inviting and pedestrian friendly. They decrease pollution and

heat, while increasing our property values. But many are struggling during the current drought, and may be further threatened by sidewalk construction and repair. Ensuring the health of our existing trees and increasing the number of trees that provide urban shade canopies is crucial to our wellbeing.

The Mar Vista Community Council therefore supports the following motions brought by Councilmembers Paul Koretz and Jose Huizer:

- Health of Trees in Los Angeles/Urban Forest Management Plan (Council File #15-0467—see Attachment A)
- Accommodation of Trees in Sidewalk Repair and Construction (Council File #15-0467-S1 — see Attachment B)

These motions mandate a study of the health of our city's trees and development of an urban forestry management plan to protect our existing trees and increase our shade tree canopy, and specifically address preservation of as many trees as possible when repairing sidewalks.

With regard to sidewalk repairs, we especially support engineering strategies such as enlarging sidewalk cutouts and tree wells, meandering sidewalks that curve around existing trees, sidewalk ramping, underground root guards that deter sidewalk lift, permeable sidewalk materials, reverse parkways, curb bump-outs and the removal of portions of lifted sidewalk to allow for a larger tree well where replacement of concrete is not necessary for access.

Motion to approve by Melissa Stoller, 2nd by Michelle Krupkin

Discussion: Ken Alpren & Michael Millman: shouldn't allow Ficus trees; City has already said won't use anymore.

Motion carries unanimously.

- b. **POLICY MOTION TO OPPOSE AB 57: Limiting Local Government Authority Over Cell Towers** (submitted by T&I Committee)

Whereas cell towers have been an issue within the community, therefore the MVCC supports the City of Los Angeles resolution CF 15-0002-S62 (see Attachment C) opposing AB 57 (http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_0051-0100/ab_57_bill_20150406_amended_asm_v97.htm) which proposes to remove substantial local control over wireless facilities, and further commends Councilmembers Mike Bonin, Mitch O'Farrell and Paul Koretz for their support on this matter.

Motion to approve by Ken Alpren, 2nd by Michelle Krupkin.

Sharon Commins: Westside Regional Alliance motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

- c. **POLICY MOTION TO OPPOSE AB 744: Limiting Local Government Authority Over Parking For SB 1818 Density Bonus Projects** (submitted by T&I Committee)

Whereas AB 744 (http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB744) removes local control of parking requirements for certain types of SB 1818 projects, the MVCC recommends the City of Los Angeles oppose AB 744 and therefore requests Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz introduce a resolution opposing AB 744.

Motion to approve by Michelle Krupkin, 2nd by Ken Alpren.

Sharon Commins: Westside Regional Alliance motion. If applicant agrees to build certain % affordable housing, will knock off some of parking requirements. This is already covered by very generous local ordinance.

Motion carries unanimously.

- d. **POLICY MOTION TO OPPOSE AB 1373: Exempting 40 Square Blocks Of Downtown La From The California Outdoor Advertising Act** (submitted by T&I Committee)

Whereas AB 1373 (http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/asm/ab_1351-1400/ab_1373_bill_20150227_introduced.htm) seeks to exempt 40 square blocks of downtown Los Angeles from the California Outdoor Advertising Act, MVCC recommends the City of Los Angeles oppose AB 1373 and requests Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz introduce a resolution opposing AB 1373.

Motion to approve by Michelle Krupkin, 2nd by Ken Alpren.

Sharon: Westside Regional Alliance motion.

Michelle Krupkin: Could set precedent.

Michael Millman: until see evidence that digital signs are bad for health, represent blight, if community can profit from digital signs for good things, will support. them

Marty Rubin: strongly supports motion.

Motion carries. Vote: 9 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstain.

e. **POLICY MOTION: MVCC Community Impact Statement to the L.A. City Council RE: LA City Mobility Plan 2035** (submitted by T&I Committee)

Whereas, the LA City Mobility Plan 2035 is going to the full LA City Council PLUM and Transportation Committees in September, AND

Whereas, the LA City Mobility Plan 2035 impacts the Mar Vista area and the Mar Vista Community Council, AND

Whereas, WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils) recommends a vote of no-confidence

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council will submit the following Community Impact statement to the LA City Council by August 27:

The Mar Vista Community Council opposes, but recommends working with those drafting, the City of Los Angeles Mobility Plan 2035 in that it:

- 1) Does not ensure emergency response time when approving/allowing for new development
- 2) Establishes insufficient infrastructure (water, sewage, electricity, roads, multimodal commuter infrastructure, and parking
- 3) Creates significant negative impacts on public health, safety and welfare
- 4) 4) Does not sufficiently encourage telecommuting and staggered commuting hours
- 5) Does not require sufficient traffic studies for all projects, and use a correct L.A.-based traffic generation ratio
- 6) Does not ensure sufficient and appropriate transportation and mitigation fees from residential and commercial developers.

Motion to approve by Ken Alpren, no 2nd. Can't bring motion forward.

City Council already passed. Sherri Akers: suggests friendlier tone.

f. **POLICY MOTION: Maintaining Stability In Residential Zones And Neighborhood Conservation Under The Los Angeles General Plan Framework Element** (submitted by T&I Committee)

With regard to building densities, The Mar Vista Community Council affirms and upholds its single family and multifamily residential zones as key components of The Framework Element of the Los Angeles General Plan as stated in Chapter 3 - Land Use Goals, Objectives And Policies Issue Two: Uses, Density, And Character (<http://planning.lacity.org/cwd/framwk/chapters/03/03.htm>):

And,

~~The Mar Vista Community Council recognizes the vital correlation between the transportation, parking, sewage, water and other infrastructure that has been built for densities consistent with those residential zones, and not for the more dense multifamily and mixed-use zoning now being built and being promoted for construction within those residential zones.~~

Whereas, the Department of City Planning Website states: "The Citywide General Plan Framework is based on a directed growth strategy which targets residential and commercial growth along boulevards, corridors and clustered development around high activity centers and around transit opportunities",

The Mar Vista Community Council recognizes the vital correlation between the transportation, parking, sewage, water and other infrastructure needed for densities consistent with the General Plan Frameworks residential zones, and supports the General Plan Frameworks directed growth strategies which appropriately place growth along major corridors:

The Framework Element recognizes the importance of existing single-family residential neighborhoods and the need to conserve them. Traditionally, they

have formed the fabric that has distinguished the City from other urban areas. Even with substantial growth, the single-family dwelling is still considered to be a major objective of most income and ethnic groups. These areas also afford added opportunities to take advantage of the variety of lifestyles such as water oriented, rural/agricultural and equestrian-keeping special use neighborhoods.

AND:

It is the intent of the Framework Element to maintain existing stable multi-family residential neighborhoods. In those stable neighborhoods characterized by a mix of densities and dwelling types, permitted densities may be reduced to levels consistent with the character of the entire area in order to minimize impacts on infrastructure, services, and/or maintain or enhance the residents' quality of life. The loss of potential units in these locations can be offset by the provision of new housing opportunities in mixed-use districts, centers, and boulevards. The determination of the locations in which such modifications may occur would normally occur as amendments to the community plans or other initiatives as provided for by the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The Framework Element establishes guidelines to achieve higher quality multi-family dwellings, such as design character, amenity, and open space.

Motion to approve motion as amended by Ken Alpern, 2nd by Michelle Krupkin.

Bill Scheduling: motion to send back to committee (PLUM & T&I), 2nd by Melissa Stoller.

Discussion:

 Melissa Stoller: if bring amended motion, should have strike-out.

 Michael: need to focus on single dwelling community; PLUM will rework.

Motion to send to PLUM carries unanimously.

9. **Zone Director Reports** – (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)

a. Zone 1 – Ken Alpern

 Increasing concern about Pico neighborhood plan. Nordstrom is leaving Westside mall.

b. Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite

 Virginia Ernst at meeting with FAA, spoke out about airport issues.

c. Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling

 Reached out to Westdale HOA, no response.

d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman

 Thanks chair of MVCC for leadership to get CCFs on PLUM agenda.

e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin

 CicLAvia was huge success.

 S. Del Rey border: new businesses on Washington

 New development (Greek Restaurant) opposite Wood on SE corner will exit into right turn lane, there will be accidents.

f. Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson

 Concern about airport, more helicopter flyer-overs.

 Walgrove traffic from SM seems to be worse

 Rose & Walgrove: side swipe accident, got into fight, police called

 Wants to get broken sidewalk on Rose fixed – lots of bikes, pedestrians

 Discussion:

 Call 310-458-8692 with time of airport incident (such as formation flyovers), they will get back to you.

 Sidewalk repairs: need to come up with a list for sidewalk repairs

 Pothole repair: send in pothole list to Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin

 Making Ontario Airport successful will help us with LAX – press for airlines to offer attractive flights.

10. **Committee Reports** - (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)

- a. **Executive & Finance Committee** - Bill Koontz, Chair
 - b. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
 - c. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs
 - d. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs
 - e. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs; Michael Millman, Vice-Chair
 - f. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite & Sara Roos, Co-Chairs
 - g. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson & Martin Rubin, Co-Chairs
 - h. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair
Emergency Preparedness Expo at Farmers Market September 27.
 - i. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
Had a meeting. Going to start toxic materials removal. Don't yet have right of access for Friends to make alterations of building.
 - j. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs
Website – needs to be fixed – bring list of fixes needed.
 - k. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Scheduling, chair
 - l. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair
 - m. **Aging in Place Ad Hoc**- Sherri Akers & Robin Doyno, Co-Chairs
11. **Discussion Calendar**
12. **Unfinished Business** - Action items held over from previous meeting (Public comment permitted)
13. **Grievances**, if any, received
Valerie Davidson: is there any limit on number of motions on agenda?
Sharon Commins: should take as many motions as people want to submit, stay here as long as it takes and do our job.
14. **Future agenda items**
15. **Public Comment**
Great things are happening with our Great Street; getting cleaned.
16. **Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 9:34 P.M.

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