



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, May 12th, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA
90066

AGENDA

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of April 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)
4. **Approval of April 2015 Stakeholder Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)
5. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
6. **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
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway joejdg92@gmail.com
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - e. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov
 - f. Congressman – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov
 - g. CA Assembly 47
 - h. CA Assembly 62
 - i. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by KarlyKatona, Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
 - j. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm Daniel.tamm@lacity.org
7. **Presentations**
 - a. **Education Awards** (Sara Roos, 10 min)
 - b. **Green Corners** (Michael Mansour, 5 min)
8. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker)
 - a. Chair-Bill Koontz
 - i. Update on Code of Conduct
 - ii. Committee Assignment Motion: Remove Steve Wallace as PLUM Committee co-chair and appoint Mitchell Rishe as chair.
 - b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe
 - c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta
 - d. Secretary –Melissa Stoller
 - 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>
 - i. **FUNDING MOTION:** Approval of May Monthly Expense Report (MER).

- ii. **FUNDING MOTION:** Reimburse Bill Koontz \$98.34 for refreshments purchased for the Mayor's Resilience by Design forum.
 - iii. **FUNDING MOTION:** Reimburse CBS Distribution for up to 6 newsletters per year, not to exceed \$3500 per issue. This is an annual funding request.
 - iv. **FUNDING MOTION:** Reimburse Pacific Rim Printers for up to 6 newsletters per year, not to exceed \$4500 per issue. This is an annual funding request.
 - v. **FUNDING MOTION:** Reimburse Tickled Plum for newsletter artwork for up to 6 newsletters per year, not to exceed \$500 per issue. This is an annual funding request.
 - vi. **FUNDING MOTION:** Reimburse Debbie Rochlin for Mar Vista Neighborhood Association block party supplies, not to exceed \$300.
 - vii. **FUNDING MOTION:** Reimburse Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce for ads and printing of their newsletter, not to exceed \$1000.
 - viii. **FUNDING MOTION:** Reimburse North Westdale Neighborhood Association for talent show, not to exceed \$500, pending submission of paperwork.
 - ix. **REIMBURSEMENT MOTION:** Great Streets printing
Mar Vista Community Council approves reimbursing Michelle Krupkin \$31.17 for the photocopying of materials for a MVCC Great Streets survey authorized at the 11/12/2014 Board of Directors meeting.
 - f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano
 - g. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Open
 - h. DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
 - i. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson/Yvette Molinaro
 - j. City Budget: John Kuchta
 - k. Recode LA: Sharon Commins
 - l. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald
 - j. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: Sherri Akers
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
 - b. Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite
 - c. Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling
 - d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman
 - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
 - f. Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson
10. **Committee Reports** - Action items included, 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
- a. **Executive & Finance Committee** - Bill Koontz, Chair
 - b. **GGs 2015 AD HOC Committee** - Shelley Wiseman, Chair
 - c. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
 - d. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs
 - i. **Policy motion: MVCC Methane Resolution**
WHEREAS, Los Angeles has one of the most substantial greenhouse gas footprints in the world. NASA has found that we also have one of the worst methane footprints around: 61% higher than previous estimates, which is a serious problem since methane is even more effective at trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide; and
WHEREAS, Los Angeles is suffering on the front lines of global warming. the City is into year four of the worst drought in recorded history, which scientists are now saying has been exacerbated by climate change, and, as of the March, 2015, Metropolitan Water District board meeting the Sierra Nevada snowpack has

nearly vanished and the State and the City are likely headed for serious water rationing; and

WHEREAS, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory has launched their Megacities Carbon Project to measure multi-year emission trends of carbon dioxide, methane and carbon monoxide attributed to Los Angeles and other megacities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, by the adoption of this Resolution, THE MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HEREBY SUPPORTS Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz's motion calling on our City departments to come up with a specific and detailed plan to address our methane problem.

THE MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL ALSO URGES the City Council of Los Angeles to take a global leadership role as we inventory our methane leaks, eliminate them where appropriate and capture methane where possible to create a renewable energy source.

ii. **Policy Motion: Animal product greenhouse gas**

WHEREAS the livestock industry has an enormous greenhouse gas footprint and approximately 51% of global greenhouse gas emissions can be attributed to raising livestock and their natural byproducts, including an inordinate amount of methane; and

WHEREAS A recent study at Oxford University found that if we cut our meat intake by half, we can cut our carbon footprint by more than 35%; stick to sustainably raised fish and we can cut it by nearer to 50%; go vegan and the difference can be 60%; and

WHEREAS, these numbers inspired our country's foremost nutrition advisory panel, the U.S. Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, to take a stand and recommend that Americans eat more plant-based foods and fewer animal-based foods; and

WHEREAS, we could reduce greenhouse gas emissions significantly by reducing the consumption of animal products which would also have enormous benefits in water use reduction as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Mar Vista Community Council hereby urges the City of Los Angeles to embark on a public service education campaign to educate residents on the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the consumption of animal food products and utilize Mar Vista to develop the program and pilot the campaign.

iii. **Policy motion: Resolution opposing Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery crude by rail operation**

The proposed Phillips 66 oil train offloading facility in San Luis Obispo County would bring nearly 3 million gallons of toxic crude oil per day into California. These mile-and-a-half long oil trains carry oil in unsafe tank cars through communities and over precious watersheds.

WHEREAS, the US and Canadian rail companies are common carriers, meaning they are required to carry whatever product shippers wish to put on the rail lines resulting in a 4,000% increase in crude by rail being carried on the rail lines in the past 3 years,

WHEREAS, this increase in Crude By Rail transportation has resulted in several disasters in the US and Canada (Lac Megantic, Quebec, Casselton, North Dakota, Hammond, Indiana, Aliceville, Alabama, Lynchburg, Virginia as well as four in the last weeks) which have resulted in the loss of human life and billions of dollars of damages to communities and their surrounding environment,

WHEREAS, the people of Los Angeles are concerned with the increase in oil-train traffic through many densely populated areas and the risk it poses to our city of almost four million people due to the Phillips 66 oil train off-loading facility expansion in San Luis Obispo County,

WHEREAS, the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) concludes that the proposed Phillips 66 rail spur would cause significant and unavoidable rail accident hazard risks along the main rail line that could result in oil spills, fires, and explosions near populated areas,

WHEREAS, the transport of crude oil by 100-car 1.4-mile long unit trains to the Santa Maria Refinery would occur on the Union Pacific railroad tracks through the City of Los Angeles from the Port of LA or Colton toward San Luis Obispo County, creating even more diesel pollution in already disproportionately impacted communities,

WHEREAS, our current rail system is designed to connect residents to their destinations throughout Southern California, not to move large quantities of hazardous materials like crude oil,

WHEREAS, an analysis of potential blast zone radii of rail lines carrying toxic and volatile crude from the San Fernando Valley all the way through South LA and the Harbor Area would impact homes, schools, parks, and businesses located adjacent to the tracks,

WHEREAS, the same blast zone map indicates the risk to a significant stretch of the Los Angeles River destined to receive \$1 billion in local, state and federal investment over several years to overhaul much of an 11-mile soft-bottomed stretch of the river between Griffith Park and downtown,

WHEREAS, previous rail car derailment explosions in North America have demonstrated most emergency responders, including those in the City of Los Angeles, do not have sufficient equipment and supplies, such as fire suppression foam, to adequately respond to a catastrophic explosion of a rail car derailment explosion,

WHEREAS, the RDEIR does not evaluate the relative air quality or greenhouse gas emissions for the Los Angeles region,

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council sees impacts to our local and regional community from trans-shipment of tar sands crude through our communities as vital to our interests, taxing emergency responders and harming regional air, land and water quality resources,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mar Vista Community Council asserts the only San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission action that would avoid this public safety risk to Los Angeles County and beyond is denial of the project,

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Mar Vista Community Council requests the City of Los Angeles City Council write a letter of opposition to the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission to deny this project a permit until such time as it can be proven to be safe.

e. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs

i. **Policy motion: Expo Line development**

Whereas, the Expo Transit Neighborhood Plans (TNP) are moving forward, and
Whereas, the Expo/Sepulveda TNP will include the Pico Corridor,
Whereas, the Expo Line has limited passenger capacity because it shares tracks with the Blue Line and runs substantially at-grade,
The Mar Vista Community Council supports reasonable and controlled development consistent with the limited passenger capacity with the Expo Line, as supported by the adjacent neighborhoods.

ii. **Policy motion: Right to Rest Act**

Whereas: There are already laws in place to ensure the rights of all individuals, including the homeless, to perform all legal activities in daily life, and
Whereas: There is considerable risk to public health, mobility, and rights of all citizens if local city laws are not allowed to be enforced with respect to illegal parking, illegal occupancy, and waste dumping,
Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council opposes SB 608 (The Right to Rest Act), which would prohibit the enforcement of any local laws that violate the rights of anyone to move freely, rest, sleep, pray, and be protected in public spaces without discrimination, as well as the right to occupy a legally parked vehicle and the right to share food and eat in public).

iii. **Policy motion: Venice Blvd Alleys**

The Mar Vista Community Council recommends, and will work with, the CD11 office to study and evaluate all alleys affecting the Venice Blvd. commercial corridor, to determine what repairs and renovations are needed to benefit the businesses and resident of that corridor and the greater Mar Vista region.

- f. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs; Michael Millman, Vice-Chair
 - g. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite & Sara Roos, Co-Chairs
 - h. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson & Martin Rubin, Co-Chairs
 - i. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair
 - j. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
 - k. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs
 - l. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Scheduling, chair
 - i. Motion to approve 2016 Election Stipulation Sheet for DONE.
 - ii. Motion to remove Rosenberg’s Rules as the parliamentary authority for MVCC and to return to Robert’s Rules of Order, as revised, as the parliamentary authority for MVCC and present at the MVCC Board Meeting for first reading. (See Proposed By-Laws, Article XII)
 - iii. Motion to change the voting age from 18 to 16. (See Proposed By-Laws, Article X, Section 3)
 - m. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair
 - n. **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. **New Business** (Public comment permitted)
 - a. **Director’s motion** (submitted by Sherri Akers)
The Mar Vista Community Council supports Mayor Garcetti’s SaveTheDrop campaign and wishes to partner on this effort by providing information about water conservation resources and honoring Mar Vista residents who qualify for a SaveTheDrop lawn sign.
 - a. **Director’s motion** (submitted by Robin Doyno)
Be it resolved that because of the Staples’ (stationary stores) policies that are part of the plan to privatize the U.S. Post Office the MVCC shall not patronize Staples. Whenever possible, those serving the MVCC shall choose other vendors.
 - 14. **Grievances**, if any, received
 - 15. **Future agenda items**
 - 16. **Public Comment**
 - 17. **Adjournment**

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