



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, September 9th, 2014, at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

MINUTES

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1. **Call to Order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min.)
 - Meeting called to order at 7:11 p.m.
 - Quorum present – Bill Koontz (Chair), Bill Duckett (Secretary), Bill Scheduling (Treasurer), Michael Millman, Brad Wilhite, Valerie Davidson, Melissa Stoller, Michelle Krupkin, Ken Alpern, Yvette Molinaro, and Robin Doyno
2. **Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of August 2014 Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)
 - Amended to show Yvette Molinaro was present
 - Motion by Bill Scheduling to approve. 2nd by Brad Whilite. Motion as amended carries with 10 Ayes and 1 abstentions (John Kuchta)
4. **Public Comment & Announcements**--for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
 - Rob Kadota: Santa's Sleigh
 - Albert Olsen: Historic 62 has started the abatement procedures, the first step in remodeling
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
 - Len: Councilmember Bonin is starting a newsletter and would like for us to forward events to Len to be included. Friday, September 19th at MV Rec Center talking to Mar Vista Seniors about scams.
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
 - Jason: Adding some activities like golf, foodies, etc.
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Field Deputy (Jeffrey Ebenstein,
jeffrey.ebenstein@lacity.org)
 - Jesus Orozco: New sound ordinance for better quality of life. 5 steps to disaster preparedness. Metro fares set to rise in next few weeks. Low income people can apply for low fares. Jeff is on medical leave. Joseph will be the field deputy in Jeffrey's absence. Contact: joejdg92@gmail.com.
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - No report
 - e. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin
scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov
 - f. CA Senate 28 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov
 - Scott:
 - g. CA Assembly 47
 - No report
 - h. CA Assembly 62
 - No report
 - i. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly Katona, Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
 - No report:

- j. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm
Daniel.tamm@lacity.org
-No report:
- 6. **Officers and Liaison** Reports (Action items included with public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker)
 - a. Chair-Bill Koontz
 - i. Update on Ethics Training and compliance on by-laws
-Ethics training last Thursday in Westchester and we are now up to date.
Improvements still needed for treasurer procedures.
 - i. Appoint representative for DWP MOU/LANCC
-Person the Chair wants to appoint not present
 - b. First Vice Chair-Mitchell Rische
-No report
 - c. Second Vice Chair-John Kuchta
-No report
 - d. Secretary-Bill Duckett
 - i. **Farmer's Market Update**
-Will be posting online who will open, close, and staff the table
-Will be sending around another Doodle for signups
 - 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. **APPROVAL** of August Funding Spreadsheet Form
Motion to approve July funding sheet (blank) by Bill Scheduling and 2nd by Yvette Molinaro. Motion passed unanimously.
Motion to approve August funding sheet by Bill Scheduling and 2nd by John Kuchta. Motion carries unanimously.
 - ii. **FUNDING MOTION: EXEC-FIN:** Motion to approve up to \$200 for the Hilltop Neighbors Association Annual Picnic/Potluck on October 11, 2014. The money will be used for the rental of tables/chairs from Abby Rents. Any funds left over will be used to purchase food, paper goods, condiments, and other supplies from Smart & Final or Von's.
Friendly amendment to increase this to \$550 accepted.
Motion by Bill Scheduling. 2nd by Yvette Molinaro. Motion as amended approved unanimously.
 - iii. **FUNDING MOTION: EXEC-FIN:** Motion to approve up to \$300 for Westdale Homeowners Association Block Party on October 12, 2014. The money will be used for food, beverage, and paper goods.
Motion by Bill Scheduling. 2nd by John Kuchta. Motion approved unanimously.
 - iv. **FUNDING MOTION: EXEC-FIN:** Motion to approve up to \$300 for shirts for MVCC Board members.
-Bill Koontz would like to have polo shirts. Ken Alpern spoke out against shirts. Mitchell thinks we should make t-shirts. Yvette feels board should buy their own.
Motion by Bill Scheduling to table the discussion. 2nd by John Kuchta. Motion approved unanimously.
 - f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano
-Linda: No report
 - g. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Open
-Still open
 - h. DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon
www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
-Christopher: No report
 - i. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson/Yvette Molinaro

-Albert: 5 weeks to festival! Still have booth space available. Will come to board next month to ask individual board members for help. Len is the honoree this year.

j. City Budget: John Kuchta

-John: No report

k. Recode LA: Sharon Commins

Three committees working on this project. Next meeting in 3 weeks at city hall, but must call ahead for parking.

7. **Zone Director Reports**--may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; Public comment permitted)

Zone 1 – Ken Alpern: Emails will be going out about closures on Westwood and Overland, expo line, and repaving. Marie Wallace just passed away. She was instrumental in getting MVCC started.

Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite: Fall block party coming up on September 12th Mega garage sale October 25th.

Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling: Hilltop Family Picnic October 11th 3-6 pm at Little League Field.

Zone 4 – Michael Millman: No report

Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin: New restaurant called Status Kuo. The Korean Church was recently tented.

Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson: Concerned with Lincoln Place as residents move in. Concerns with Santa Monica ballot measures.

8. **Committee Reports & Consent Calendar** - 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

-No Report

b. **GGG 2015 AD HOC COMMITTEE**- Shelley Wiseman & Christy Wilhelmi, Co-Chairs

-No meeting

c. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs

-No report

d. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, & Jeanne Kuntz, Co-Chairs

-No Report

e. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs

-No Report

f. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee**-Steve Wallace & Michael Millman, Co-Chairs

i. **MOTION:** The Whole Foods Market at Barrington and National will be applying for a conditional use approval to permit an instructional wine tasting protocol. It is approved by the PLUM Committee, without prejudice to any neighbors being given the opportunity at the board meeting to evaluate and contest the approval.

-Opportunity to have a sample of a wine or beer product. The area for this will be controlled for

Motion made by Michael Millman and 2nd by John Kuchta. Motion carries unanimously.

ii. **MOTION:** Be it resolved that the Triangle Center parking lot on Meier Street in Mar Vista that accommodates the 99 Cent Store be approved for a conditional use permit, and without prejudice to neighbors thereafter challenging or otherwise contesting the approval at the MVCC board meeting, September 2014

-John Henning, lawyer for owners of property affected by this parking lot. It appears the lot is illegal. People are sleeping in the lot. Trash blows everywhere from the lot. Contends the council has power as the council listens to the recommendations of the MVCC. The permit as presented is bare bones that does not comply with any of the normal standards for permits and CUPs. The Leslies are financially harmed by the parking lot. Suggests some changes to the parking lot that would diminish the financial harm done to the Leslies.

-Kristen Lonner: Speaking on behalf of 99 cent store. Propose a landscaping buffer to satisfy the neighborhood. Feel a wall would be an attractive nuisance for homeless. Other security measures are also being taken to address the issues.

-Elizabeth Leslie: Long history in Mar Vista. Gave a history of the 99 cent store property. Problem began in the 90s with vagrancy.

-Bob Leslie: 99 cent store has been a nightmare. Read a letter from a neighbor who concurs. Trash and lights are an annoyance.

-Marta Mackavoy: Nothing to say.

-Jack Mackavoy: Nothing to say.

-Michael King: An architect who has been working for 20 years with the Leslies. 20 foot hedge proposed will do nothing for the problem. This would set a bad precedent. Conditions need to be enforceable and reasonable. Should the store even have a liquor license? Also these requests of the board: 1.) require that their proposed CUP require the LID Low Impact Development requirements for parking lots including permeable paving; 2.) require that their proposed CUP require walls surrounding the parking lot; and 3.) require their proposed CUP require the parking lot meet the City Guidelines K for parking lots including walls and landscaping.

-Peter Lee: Read a letter from a tenant. Likes the house but does not like the nuisance brought about by the 99 cent store.

-Petra Schafer: Read a tenant letter. Fears for health and safety.

-Rosemary Corcoran: 99 cent store customer who doesn't want the store to close. Supports the continued use of the store.

-Carl Schafer: Has property in the neighborhood and wishes to move back, but cannot with the blight created by the parking lot. Supports bringing the parking lot up to acceptable standards.

-Gregory Mortimer: Has 3 businesses in the triangle area. He claims the liquor is bought at a nearby liquor store. Since the city changed the parking to no overnight there has been less of a problem.

-Aminta Mortimer: feels that compromise is in order.

-Sharon Commins: wall will do the job, but feels also that it might be an attractive nuisance...spoke on some conditions that are not enforceable.

-Phil Bant: has been in this neighborhood for decades. Spoke on behalf of the landlord of the 99 cent store. He feels that there has been much effort put into keeping the lot clean and they have hired security guards.

-Angela Barba: Supports the continued use of the parking lot for the 99 cent store. Need clean streets and a plan for the homeless everywhere.

-Bess Hochman: Part of the triangle center. Supports the continued use of the parking lot.

-Berry Behrsich: Respect for the Leslies and appreciate their concerns. Feels that the problems can be mitigated.

-Sarah Roos: Feels this should go back to committee and differences can be hammered out.

-Michael Hochman: One of the owners of the property. He feels that there has been much hyperbole but his family goal is to work within the needs of the neighbors.

-Steve Wallace: feels that neighborhood should be careful what they wish for, parking in the neighborhood instead of parking lot.

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-Ken Alpern: Pro-parking and anti-crime. This is not a safe neighborhood. Does not want the business to go away, but also wants the people to be safe.

-Bill Scheduling: competition between two businesses...take it offline and work it out

-Bill Duckett: take it back to committee and hammer out proposed conditions in terms of what is reasonable and enforceable

-John Kuchta: Feels that much of what the property owners have done amounts to bullying. Takes issue with the loss of income of property owners which he feels is overblown. Understands the nuisances but feels that much can be mitigated as long as people remain reasonable. Both parties need to spend some time working out differences.

-Mitchell Rishe: Concerns with how the opposition has presented themselves with bullying and threats. Takes issue with much of the oppositions case.

-Valerie Davidson: Always comes out on the side of public vs. private.

-Michelle Krupkin: Feels that the differences need to be discussed.

-Yvette Molinaro: Disturbed that enough notice and effective notice may not have been given for the PLUM hearing. Agrees to send it back to PLUM for a better and more fair hearing.

-Michael Millman: Feels that sending it back to PLUM will only delay inevitable. Feels that another hearing will just be more of the same lack of concession. Feels it needs to move forward to planning.

-Bill Koontz: the fight is not going to be decided here. We also need to trust the committee chairs.

8 Aye 2 Nay and 1 abstention (Bill Duckett)

Motion made by Michael Millman and 2nd by John Kuchta.

- g. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite, chair Amy Lawrence and Sara Roos, Vice- Chairs
No report

- h. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Duckett, chair Martin Rubin, Vice-Chair

- i. **MOTION-LA Support For SM Ballot Measure LC and Opposition to Measure D:**

WHEREAS the Santa Monica Municipal Airport is bounded on three sides by LA City residents who suffer from air and noise pollution daily and are placed at great risk of having property damage, injury, and loss of life resulting from aircraft accidents; and

WHEREAS Santa Monica ballot Measure D provides for a vote of the people to decide the fate of the Santa Monica City Council, but does not address any of the detrimental issues aforementioned; and

Whereas Santa Monica ballot measure LC does address the aforementioned issues and places the power to decide how the land would be used should the Santa Monica Municipal Airport be closed into the hands of the voters;

MVCC strongly supports Santa Monica City ballot Measure LC and strongly opposes ballot Measure D and be it further resolved that the MVCC urges the City Council of the City of Los Angeles to publicly come out against Santa Monica City ballot Measure D and in favor of Santa Monica City ballot Measure LC.

Friendly amendments accepted

Motion by Bill Duckett, 2nd by Valerie Davidson. Motion approved unanimously.

- 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** – Bill Duckett, Chair John Kuchta, Vice-Chair
i. See above funding motions
l. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Scheduling, chair

9. **Discussion Calendar**

10. **Unfinished Business** - Action items held over from previous meeting (Public comment permitted)

11. **New Business** -(Public comment permitted)

12. **Grievances**, if any, received

None

13. **Future agenda items**

14. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 9:43 by John Kuchta and 2nd by Bill Duckett

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