



**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Tuesday, OCTOBER 8, 2013, at 7:00 PM**  
**Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium**  
**11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066**

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**BOD-131008-AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min.)
2. **Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of September, 2013 Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)
4. **Public Comment & Announcements**--for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
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](mailto:Len.Nguyen@lacity.org)
  - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
  - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep. by ?
  - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
  - e. CA Senate 28 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles [Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov)
  - f. CA Assembly 47 – Holly Mitchell
  - g. CA Assembly 62 – Steven Bradford
  - h. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly Katona, [Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov)
  - i. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm [Daniel.tamm@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.tamm@lacity.org)
6. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker)
  - a. Chair-Sharon Commins
    - i. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION:** appointment of Lorraine Wells, Co-Chair Outreach Committee
    - ii. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION:** approve two MVCC budget day representatives for the Neighborhood Council Budget Day event on Saturday, October 26, 2013, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at City Hall, 200 N. Spring St.
  - b. First Vice Chair-Bill Koontz
    - i. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION:** to issue MVCC Letter of support for Sharon Commins' application to the ReCodeLA Citizens Advisory Committee
  - c. Second Vice Chair-Yvette Molinaro
  - d. Secretary-Bill Duckett
  - e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2013-14 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.
    - i. **FUNDING MOTION:** APPROVAL of SEPTEMBER 2013 US Bank Card Statement
    - ii. **FUNDING MOTION:** APPROVAL of SEPTEMBER 2013 Monthly Reconciliation Form
    - iii. **FUNDING MOTION:** APPROVAL of Pacific Rim Printers invoice \$3933.24 for 25,000 copies b/w MVCC Fall 2013 newsletter
    - iv. **FUNDING MOTION:** APPROVAL of CBS Advertising Distribution invoice \$1610.00 for distribution of MVCC Fall 2013 newsletter
    - v. **FUNDING MOTION: DIRECTOR'S REQUEST:** Michael Millman: Outreach for October Plum Meeting: \$300.OO for flyers and signs. Proposed copy to be reviewed at meeting. Time Sensitive.
  - f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano
  - g. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Bill Koontz
  - h. DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon
  - i. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson/Yvette Molinaro
7. **Zone Director Reports**--may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; Public comment permitted)
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**--Sharon Commins, Chair
  - b. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee**--Steve Wallace & Michael Millman, Co-Chairs
  - a. **POLICY MOTION: Support Citywide Proposed Zoning Code Amendment, Section 17.06 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code: Case: CPC-2013-2450-CA - ENV-2013-2451-CE**
    - i. The MVCC Board supports the proposed ordinance amending Section 17.06 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to allow building permits for small lot subdivisions to be obtained prior to the recordation of the final

map when a covenant and agreement is filed. We urge the City Planning Commission and the City Council to support and approve the proposed amendment.

- c. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, & Jeanne Kuntz, Co-Chairs
  - i. **POLICY MOTION: RATEPAYER ADVOCATE ACCOUNT FOR EXTERNALITIES:** see Attachment A:
  - ii. **POLICY MOTION: BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN/RATEPAYER ADVOCATE:** see Attachment B
- d. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Koontz & Yvette Molinaro, Co-Chairs
  - i. **POLICY MOTION: AIRPORT TO PARK:** Whereas, Over the past several years, the MVCC has been in support of California State and local efforts aimed at addressing the critical impacts of air pollution from SMO aircraft operations upon neighboring Mar Vista residents, and

Whereas, MVCC believes that the replacement of SMO with a great park including lots of open space would not only solve the public health concerns that exist today, but would offer very much needed open space to the west-side Los Angeles and Santa Monica area,

Therefor be it resolved that if the Santa Monica Airport is closed in totality the MVCC supports the "Airport to Park" effort and urges the City of Santa Monica, the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, California State, and Federal legislatures as well as all appropriate Federal agencies and administrations to work toward this end. Approved unanimously in committee

- e. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs
- f. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs
- g. **Election & Bylaws Committee**-- Bill Scheduling, Chair
- h. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Amy Lawrence and Albert Olson, Co-Chair
- i. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
- j. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
- k. **Ad Hoc Website Team**-John Kuchta, Chair
- l. **Community Outreach Committee** – John Kuchta, 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

13. **Future agenda items**

14. **Adjournment**

#### **ATTACHMENT A**

##### **RATEPAYER ADVOCATE ACCOUNT FOR EXTERNALITIES**

*WHEREAS, the Office of Public Accountability (OPA) is a Los Angeles City department established by voter-approved Charter Amendment I (adopted March 8, 2011) in order to shed greater light on the DWP's operations and finances and to serve as an independent watchdog, charged with analyzing proposed increases in water and power rates on a timely and continuous basis; and*  
*WHEREAS, the term "environmental externalities" refers to the economic concept of uncompensated environmental effects of production and consumption that affect consumer utility and enterprise cost outside the market mechanism; and*  
*WHEREAS, "natural capital" has been defined as "the finite stock of natural assets (air, water and land) from which goods and services flow to benefit society and the economy. It is made up of ecosystems (providing renewable resources and services), and non-renewable deposits of fossil fuels and minerals;" and*  
*WHEREAS, without including the costs of negative externalities to natural capital in accounting for the production of energy and water, costs of production tend to be misreported; and*  
*WHEREAS, some proposals may have positive externalities, such as the creation of local jobs as with building a local water supply and with the Feed In Tariff; and*  
*WHEREAS, a 2013 report by TruCost, "Natural Capital at Risk: The Top 100 Externalities of Business" (NCR), estimates that the global top 100 environmental externalities are costing the global economy some \$4.7 trillion a year in terms of the economic costs of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, loss of natural resources, loss of nature-based services such as carbon storage by forests, climate change and air pollution-related health costs; and*  
*WHEREAS, also according to NCR, coal power, natural gas power and several other high-impact business sectors face an economic loss when accounting for damages to natural capital; and*  
*WHEREAS, the Community of Mar Vista considers accounting for natural capital in financial decisions an essential part of being a sustainable community;*  
*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by adoption of this resolution, the Mar Vista Community Council respectfully requests that the Ratepayer Advocate include in all analyses of power and water rates a complete accounting of the positive and negative externalities to natural capital of the various available power and water options facing the City, so that the ratepayers of Los Angeles may have a more complete picture by which to base their support and opposition to DWP proposals.*

#### **ATTACHMENT B**

##### **BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN/RATEPAYER ADVOCATE**

*WHEREAS, the Office of Public Accountability (OPA) is a Los Angeles City department established by voter-approved Charter Amendment I (adopted March 8, 2011) in order to shed greater light on the Department of Water & Power's (DWP) operations and finances and to serve as an independent watchdog, charged with analyzing proposed increases in water and power rates on a timely and continuous basis; and*

*WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta), the hub of California's water supply, is facing major challenges, including aging levees, seismic instability, increased urbanization, ecosystem degradation, a lack of fresh water, and a reduced and inconsistent annual snowpack and potential sea-level rise and flooding resulting from the climate crisis; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles purchases, on average, 50% of its water supply from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD); 90% of the City's MWD water is from the Delta via the State Water Project (SWP); and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) includes building at a cost of tens of billions of dollars, two 35-mile tunnels to divert a portion of the Sacramento River in a stated attempt to achieve a reliable water supply for California and a healthy Delta ecosystem. The City's ratepayers would be expected to contribute substantially to pay for the BDCP; and*

*WHEREAS, the DWP has previously announced a policy of purchasing less imported water and pursuing lower cost options of increasing the City's local water supply -- its Urban Water Management Plan includes taking the local water supply from 10% to 37% by 2035. These options include greater conservation, wastewater recycling, stormwater capture, grey water systems, new building and fixture standards, aquifer cleanup and infrastructure repair and maintenance. As the production of "local water" by the City will benefit the entire state, the costs should not fall exclusively upon the Los Angeles ratepayers; and*

*WHEREAS, in early August, 2013, the Brown Administration released a draft statewide economic report of costs and benefits of the BDCP. The Public Draft Plan of the BDCP is scheduled to be released in October. As of August 25, 2013, the City's Ratepayer Advocate has not yet released a report detailing the BDCP's impact upon the City's ratepayers;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by adoption of this resolution, the Mar Vista Community Council respectfully requests that the Ratepayer Advocate provide an independent, peer-reviewed, cost-benefit analysis of the impact of the BDCP to Mar Vista ratepayers, including an analysis of the externalities – environmental or otherwise, including the expansion of the local job market when building a local water supply – involved in the BDCP, contrast these costs per acre foot with other sources of water, including efficiency-demand management, recycled water, stormwater capture and desalination; and publicly submit this analysis to the Mar Vista Community Council, the other Neighborhood Councils and the Los Angeles City Council for their consideration and comment before the BDCP moves forward.*