



**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013, at 7:00 PM**  
**Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium**  
**11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066**

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**BOD-130910-MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min.)

**-Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.**

**-Quorum present – Sharon Commins (Chair), Bill Koontz (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), Yvette Milinaro (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair) [left at 8:40 p.m.], Bill Duckett (Secretary), Bill Scheduling (Treasurer), Michael Millman, Mitchell Riche, Melissa Stoller, John Kuchta, Kate Anderson, Valerie Davidson, Ken Alpern, and Michelle Krupkin**

2. **Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)

**-Before the pledge a moment of silence was observed for the victims of 9/11**

3. **Approval of August, 2013 Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)

**Motion Carries with one abstention (John Kuchta)**

4. **Public Comment & Announcements**--for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)

**-Robin Doyno announced a movement to form a neighborhood association in zone 6**

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)

**-Medical Marijuana: The 45 day window to comply has hit. Len has asked that this be elevated. They have two permits but not enough permits for what they are doing. The owner has been motivated by some recent articles about properties being seized. Everyone has been alerted.**

**-The triathlon needs to be widely explained due to the closure of Venice Blvd.**

**-The motion has been approved regarding parking restrictions on Bundy between Palms and the airport.**

b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director

**-Liz Narvez gave report:**

**Many sports leagues forming  
Basketball and tennis courts being repaved**

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

**Reminder**

**-Use committee system and jump on issues quickly**

b. First Vice Chair-Bill Koontz

**-Everyone up to date on ethics and funding training**

c. Second Vice Chair-Yvette Molinaro

d. Secretary-Bill Duckett

**-Farmer's Market staffing needs everyone's attention**

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 AUGUST 2013 US Bank Card Statement**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

ii. **FUNDING MOTION: APPROVAL of AUGUST 2013 Monthly Reconciliation Form**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

iii. **FUNDING MOTION: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: MAR VISTA COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL**

**ALLOCATION:** The MVCC approves an increase in the funding for the 2013 Mar Vista

Community Fall Festival approved budget from the \$2500 originally allocated for FY 2013-14 to \$3000

**-Yvette spoke on the motion as member of committee**

**-Amendment to specify that the extra funds will be used for permits and booths. All vendors must have an update W9 and BTRC.**

**Motion as amended approved unanimously.**

- iv. **FUNDING MOTION: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: MVCC FALL NEWSLETTER:** The MVCC approves funding for printing plus distribution of the Fall 2013 MVCC Newsletter not to exceed \$5500 total

**Motion carried unanimously**

- v. **FUNDING MOTION: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: MVCC FALL NEWSLETTER:** Motion to hire Laura Bodensteiner, original designer of the MVCC newsletter, at an hourly rate of \$25/hour not to exceed \$500 [20 hours] to refresh the newsletter's masthead, which is 10 years old, and lay out the copy, including revisions and proofs. NOTE: A newsletter layout takes between 10-15 hours depending on length (4 or 8 pages). Estimate for masthead's re-fresh with 1-2 revisions is 2-3 hours. Ms Bodensteiner has an up to date BTRC.

**Motion approved unanimously**

- vi. **FUNDING MOTION: OUTREACH COMMITTEE: NWNA AD:** The MVCC approves funding of \$300 for an ad in the North Westdale Neighborhood Association newsletter.

**Motion carried with two abstentions (John Kuchta and Melissa Stoller)**

- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano

**-Victoria and Grandview stop sign has still not been prioritized prompting a letter from Linda asking LADOT to prioritize public safety. Today Linda received a letter from the engineer that the problem is being addressed.**

- g. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Bill Koontz

**-DWP MOU: Owens Lake settlement has been reached on a few of the issues. We pay \$60 million a year. Debate still rages regarding which FIT ordinance is best. Dr. Pickle has been inundated with requests to speak prompting him to propose regional meetings.**

**-LANCC: Bill made another pitch for some coordinated effort to tear up streets less frequently by combining projects that involve tearing up streets.**

- h. DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon

- i. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson

**-Yvette Molinaro pitched for more silent auction items.**

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

**Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson: usual traffic issues on Beethoven, airport noise, and potholes**

**Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin: Trash can has been secured for bus stop in front of post office.**

**Zone 4 – Michael Millman: On January 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Mar Vista Neighborhood Association annual meeting at which many dignitaries come to speak. Still investigating approach to financing to address median problems.**

**Zone 3 – Kate Anderson: Stakeholders concerned about campers, speeding, helicopter noise, etc.**

**Hilltop picnic was good. Westdale block party Oct. 6.**

**Zone 2 – Bill Koontz: Big airport meeting Wednesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at St Andrew's Church and many are flying in to give update on Airport issue.**

**Zone 1 – Ken Alpern: Neighborhood planning a festival. Overland Ave. improvement project being proposed.**

8. **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**-Sharon Commins, Chair

- i. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: MVCC EMPOWER PARKING PASSES:** Approve the Chair and First Vice Chair as the designated parking pass holders for official MVCC business conducted at City Hall

**Motion approved unanimously.**

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

- i. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: BUREAU OF STREET SERVICES 'NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BLITZ' SMALL ASPHALT REPAIRS PROGRAM: PRIORITY LIST:** See attachment A. Calendared for September 30, 2013. There will be a second date in the future as well.

**-The list once approved will be scouted.**

**-We will maintain this list after it has been prioritized as there will be a second date.**

**-Sharon will accept other items for the list but the deadline is noon on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

-Sharon suggests we leave it to street repair to group these in a way that makes the most sense.

-John would like those we consider the most desperate areas to be at the top of the list.

-Val would like to see this on a map.

**Motion carries with one Nay and one abstention (Val Davidson)**

- ii. **DISCUSSION: PROPOSED DWP STAKEHOLDER MEETING:** to be calendared in early to mid-November pending availability of guest speakers. Topics to include: the new 4 year IBEW contract/work rules; FIT [feed in tariff]100 cost-benefit; and the massive Bay Area Delta Conservation Plan tunnels project.

-James Brennan (Open Neighborhoods): Suggests that many of the facts presented to NCs are not factual. Urges council to provide equal time to all sides.

-Brenna Norten: Many opposed to Bay Area Delta Conversation Plan. She would like to present at the proposed stakeholder meeting to present a 10 minute PowerPoint.

-Melissa Stoller asked for the issues raised in the Green Committee Ratepayer Advocate motions to be represented at the Stakeholder meeting and was told they would be.

-Good feeling about having a stakeholder meeting.

- iii. **POLICY MOTION: DWP CONTRACT:** The MVCC supports the following recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for their upcoming and/or ongoing LADWP contract negotiations:
1. The MVCC supports ongoing reform in LADWP policy to reduce the overall bonus/overtime amount that LADWP employees are currently receiving.
  2. The MVCC supports a termination of the clause requiring increases in LADWP employee pay when outside private contractors are called in to perform necessary water/power infrastructure maintenance, installation, customer service or construction.
  3. The MVCC opposes any LADWP labor action (such as a strike) that would threaten the construction, maintenance or operation of any water/power City infrastructure.
  4. The MVCC supports full disclosure of City Budget impacts relative to the proposed contract.

**Motion approved with one abstention (John Kuchta).**

- iv. **POLICY MOTION: ALLEY REPAVING:** The MVCC prioritizes the ~~repaving and repair~~ of the alleyway adjacent to Venice Blvd., and between Inglewood and Centinela, as the most urgent public works project for the CD11 office and MVCC to partner on for the mutual benefit of MVCC stakeholders, and requests that the CD11 office provide both a timeline and potential budget for this project to occur within the 2013-2014 budgetary year.

**Friendly amendment to remove the words 'repaving and repair' and substitute with 'complete repair, reconstruction, and repaving' accepted.**

**Motion as amended approved unanimously.**

- c. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee**-Steve Wallace & Michael Millman, Co-Chairs
- i. **POLICY MOTION: SIAM CHAN INC. RESTAURANT BEER & WINE:** 12470 Venice Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90066 ZA 2013-2275CUB – New Application [No previous license onsite]
1. Motion to support the granting of the requested beer and wine application of Siam Chan Inc. a California corporation 12470 Venice Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90066 ZA 2013-2275 CUB without prejudice to the neighbors applying to the MVCC board for reconsideration, and pending notification to the neighborhood. Approved in committee by vote of 8 aye/1 nay/0 abstaining. Minority report presentation required.

**Michael Millman concerned about overflow parking of staff into neighborhood.**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

- ii. **POLICY MOTION: PARKWAYS LANDSCAPING:** See Attachment B. Motion passed 5 aye/4 nay/2 abstentions. Minority report presentation required.
- Robin Doyno (public comment) is in favor of the motion.
- Minority report: Michael Millman is concerned with safety concerns of visibility and the ease of passengers to exit and enter their vehicles.
- Mitchell Riche likes the idea of drought tolerant and edible he wonders what would stop people from planting in parkways in front of other peoples' houses because these are public parkways.
- Ken Alpern wonders if we would be opening a can of worms of unintended consequences.
- Motion to close debate does not pass by 2/3.**
- Motion to refer this back to PLUM for more research and fact-finding withdrawn.**
- Motion carries 5 aye, 4 nay, and 2 abstentions (Bill Duckett and Sharon Commins)**

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

**Garden Showcase is going to be clusters. Considering breaking the day into 2-3hour segments.**

**Presentation by Marsha Hanscom at Melissa's house on September 11th**

e. **Election & Bylaws Committee**-- Bill Scheduling, Chair

**No report**

f. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs

**Met and motions coming.**

g. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Amy Lawrence and Albert Olson, Co-Chair

h. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs

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

j. **Ad Hoc Website Team**-John Kuchta, Chair

**Everything just updated.**

k. **Community Outreach Committee** – John Kuchta, Chair

**Met and would like any funding motion stories for newsletter.**

l. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Koontz & Yvette Molinaro, Co-Chairs

**Bike ride around airport starts at Clover Park at 10 a.m.**

**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**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.**

APPROVED

**ATTACHMENT A: POTHOLE REPAIRS LIST** [gray shading included for readability; NOT priority]

Stakeholder	Repair Request
Dr. Pam Durgin (OASIS Healing Ctr)	Alley between Mar Vista Post Office and Library
Cheryl Ohland	Alley between Grand View and Inglewood Blvd., south of Venice Blvd. between Library and Post Office
Chris McKinnon	Alley behind Mar Vista Library to Post Office, and behind Venice Grind
Kyle Richardson	Alley between Grand View and Inglewood, serves Washington Pl. Oval circle between Venice and Washington Pl.
Jane Fujioka	Alley west of Inglewood and east of Mountain View
Madelaine Kolisnyk	Alley between Wasatch and Centinela, especially behind car wash
Judith Deutsch	Alley behind 3544 Centinela Ave, from Palms Blvd entrance at SE corner of Palms Blvd. and Centinela Ave. to Charnock Rd. exit
Sue Morgan	Alley that runs north/south between Ocean View and Centinela
<a href="mailto:slbgw@ca.rr.com">slbgw@ca.rr.com</a> (3536 S. Centinela)	Alley between Centinela/Palms south to Centinela/Charnock
Robert Kirsner	Alley between McLaughlin and Federal just north of Palms Alley connecting Federal and McLaughlin just north of Palms
Mary Singaus	Alley north of Caswell (between Matteson and Caswell) between Moore and Wade
Stephen P. Schiller	Pothole at intersection of Keeshen Drive and Mitchell Ave.
Karrie Roy	Corner of Mitchell and Keeshen Drive

Rich Hirschhoff	Potholes in the north side of the crosswalk at Sawtelle and Venice Blvds., on the north side of Venice Blvd. (from Sawtelle repaving)
Debbie Rochlin	Road is gouged just above the crosswalk a few feet north of Venice Blvd. from when Sawtelle Blvd. was repaved, visible from the NE corner of Sawtelle/Venice
Mary Ann Long	Intersection of Barrington and Gateway has "mega potholes", having resurfaced up to the intersection on every side, but not through the intersection. Patches come off quickly and cars bounce across the intersection.
Kim Kabbash	North Park, between East and Inglewood East Blvd., especially between Venice and Washington Blvd.
Nadine Moroto	East Blvd., numerous potholes on 3800 block from Venice Blvd. to intersection of with North Park and with Pacific Ave.
Nadine Moroto	Numerous potholes on North Park Ave., intersection with Marcasel
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Paul White	Plastic bottle popping out of the pavement in front of 4127 Marcasel Ave., deposited by the paving crew
Nancy Karlin	Sidewalk in front of old fire station 62 on Centinela
Thomas Liggett	Grand View, SW corner with Stanwood on Mar Vista hill, earlier resurfacing job was done poorly, with surface buckled up
Roseann Herman	Pothole east of Grand View/Charnock intersection
Rich Hirschhoff	Charnock Road, one house west of Purdue Ave., on the south side of the street, where tree roots have pushed up the pavement.
<a href="mailto:GLENCOVE@aol.com">GLENCOVE@aol.com</a> (3537 Barry)	Depressions left after resurfacing on Barry between Charnock and Westminster
Joe Seto	Dangerous bulge on Charnock between Purdue and Butler, painted in yellow to warn drivers
Nancy Howell	Tree roots have grown across the street between 12600 and 12607 Rose Avenue, creating an unmarked speed bump and causing accidents and injury
Gerald D. Hunnicutt	Repairs on Lawyer from Grand View to Inglewood
Nancy Johnson	Pothole at east side of corner of Stewart/Stanwood Place
Elaine B. Coleman	Pothole at corner of Coolidge and Stanwood
Michael Endler	Pothole at Kingsland and Colbert
Reed Rudy	Pothole at the NW corner of Woodbine and S. Barrington Ave.
Mary Singaus	Sidewalk is seriously uplifted at 12707 Caswell Ave. Stump removal in the area between the sidewalk and street west of 12773 Caswell Ave. at Moore, north toward the alley
Janet Brown	Intersection of Queensland and Veteran
Ken Alpern	Clover just west of Bentley, near the Vons shopping center
Paul Merifield	3411 Wade Street
<a href="mailto:Barry428@aol.com">Barry428@aol.com</a>	South-bound Sepulveda just south of Exposition

## **ATTACHMENT B: POLICY MOTION: PLUM: Parkway Landscaping**

The Mar Vista Community Council strongly supports the transition of parkways from traditional turf to low water and/or edible. The current permitting system creates an unnecessary bureaucracy in its attempt to micromanage parkways and, because it is seen as capriciously enforced, encourages a disdain for government regulation. The ability to plant edibles in low income areas with limited access to fresh produce without the need to obtain expensive permits, is especially important.

Given that the vast majority of "nontraditional" parkway plantings are unpermitted, and that gardens are living, changing things (summer tomatoes give way to winter greens) and not permanent structures, the MVCC recommends that the Department of Public Works and the Los Angeles City Council

1. Eliminate the requirement to obtain one or more permits for "nontraditional" (i.e., non turf) parkways.
2. Establish clear guidelines for parkway landscaping that, without specifying allowed plants and materials, ensure that parkway landscaping
  - Provides sufficient and safe access between curb and sidewalk;
  - Does not block visibility at corners or driveways;
  - Does not block visibility of fire hydrants;
  - Allows access to public utilities, such as meters and utility poles, located on the parkway;
  - Does not, through lack of maintenance or choice of plant or hardscape materials, create a hazard for pedestrians, motorists, or parked cars;
  - Is predominately low profile and does not include plants that fully block sight line between sidewalk and curb;
  - If it has an irrigation system, does not spray water on the sidewalk or into the street.
3. Establish an enforcement mechanism that provides warnings and guidance before issuing tickets.
4. Encourage parkways that are primarily low water or edible.

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