

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066
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MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Welcome – Chair** (1 min.)
2. **Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of Minutes** (public comment permitted) (2 min)
Bill Koontz moves minutes be approved. Motion carries unanimously
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each)
Linda Jones spoke on the potholes on Venice Blvd. Sunday, April 28th, 2013 @ 11 a.m. on the corner of Grandview and Venice Blvd. to join protest.
5. **Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 1 min. each)
 - a. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
session has begun.
Extravaganza well attended (500 gift bags and 5000 eggs).
Kate Anderson asked the status of replacing the turf on the soccer fields. Superintendent of maintenance walked the field with Jason and emergency repair is being discussed and field will probably not have to be shut down. Staff and LA Parks Foundation raising money to replace the turf, which will be a huge expense (around \$40,000).
Stakeholders are raising money to put acoustical tiles in the gym. Testing shows the noise level is too high in gym.
 - b. CD 11 - Bill Rosendahl, rep. by Len Nguyen Len.Nguyen@lacity.org , Field Deputy
Spoke on martin Cadillac scoping and Casden.
Casden willing to do a 10% reduction in commercial and residential. Community wants about 30%.
Videos planned for Green Garden Showcase. People need to get out and protest.
The RV overnight parking signs are up.
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep. by David Giron David.Giron@lacity.org , Field Deputy
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - e. CA Senate 28 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles 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 Super.– Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly Katona Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov,
 - i. Mayor of Los Angeles – Antonio Villaraigosa, rep. by
6. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker)
 - a. **Chair**-Sharon Commins
Sandra C. has resigned as one of the chairs of volunteer program and Sheri Akers has resigned as one of chairs of Green Committee.
 - b. **First Vice Chair**-Bill Koontz
 - c. **Second Vice Chair**-Yvette Molinaro
 - d. **Secretary**-Bill Duckett
Continue to plead with board to sign up to staff the Farmer's Market Mar Vista Community Council table.
 - e. **Treasurer**-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2012-13 or they will expire.
 - i. **MOTION: APPROVAL** of MARCH 2013 US Bank Card Statement
Bill Scheduling moves to accept as presented. Motion carries unanimously.
 - ii. **MOTION: Mid FY Budget Adjustment:** Present MVCC balance, and adjustment in budget line items if needed

Presented by Bill Scheduling

- iii. **FUNDING MOTION: EDUCATION ARTS CULTURE: NPG PROPOSALS [proposed budgets are listed as Attachment A]**
1. Clover: \$500 sustainable schoolyard;
Amy Lawrence presented the motion. Melissa Stoller wants to stipulate 80% California Native and 20% drought tolerant. Bill Scheduling suggested 50/50. All friendly amendments withdrawn, but board encourages Clover project to be 50% California Native. Bill Koontz calls the question. Motion Carries unanimously.
 2. Walgrove: \$2,000 PS Arts personnel funding;
Claire Carey spoke on behalf of Walgrove's funding proposal. Christopher McKinnon suggests we get reports back from all of the funding proposals to physically demonstrate to stakeholders how their money is getting spent. A friendly amendment is accepted to request feedback from this and other projects in a timely manner after completion and the use of the Mar Vista Community Council logo on promotions for the project. Bill Koontz calls the question. Motion carries unanimously.
 3. 826LA: \$2,000 picnic tables for outdoor study space
Carolyn Gan speaks on behalf of the funding request. Motion carries unanimously.
- iv. **FUNDING MOTIONS: ROSE COMMITTEE: Motion to fund the following Mar Vista Recreation Center Improvements/Enhancements:**
1. \$550 for the purchase of a new basketball backboard to replace the damaged one;
Jason Kitahara presents the funding motion. Christopher McKinnon suggests that we be recognized by something permanent on anything we fund. Motion carries unanimously.
 2. \$400 for storage shelving for Mar Vista Recreation Center;
John Kitahara presents the funding motion. Christopher McKinnon asks if there is not shelving somewhere in the city. Jason Kitahara assures him that they are always on the lookout. Bill Koontz has some shelving that, though it will not work for this particular need, is available to be given away if the park needs it. Motion carries unanimously.
 3. \$4000 for various repairs to the Mar Vista Hockey rink-- work on preparing specific estimates of the actual costs of the various items involved to be done by the Rec Center;
**{Motion to take #4 first. Motion carries unanimously.}
Tom Ponton presents the funding request. According to Tom, the actual cost is about \$8000, but this request is for items believed to be in the scope of what MVCC can accommodate at this time. Mitchell Rishe is concerned that rink needs to be resurfaced. Tom indicates that cost is not reasonable at this point. Mitchell is also concerned with the multi-use, especially uses that tear up the rink. The original grant was for a multi-purpose rink.**

Valerie Davidson feels fees collected should be used for this kind of maintenance, but these fees just don't stretch that far. She also asked what would be the most important items. Tom's answer was scoreboard, striping, and goal nets in that order.

Tom claimed that this is a bare-bones budget.

A friendly amendment by Bill Koontz to raise this funding request to \$4500 is accepted.

Motion carries. 9 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention (Valerie Davidson)
 4. \$1,000 to cover the licensing fees for 4 movies needed for "Movie Night Out" events at the park. Each movie fee is \$250 or to rent equipment needed.
Sharon read some of the emails that questioned duplication of licensing, but licensing cannot be shared. Outdoor licensing is also different and preferable. Motion carries unanimously.

v. **FUNDING MOTION: 2013 FALL FESTIVAL BANNERS:** Motion to fund up to ~~\$2,000~~ **\$1500** for 8-10 large banners [majority will be re-useable] depending on price break.
Albert Olson presents the funding request.
Friendly amendment made by Bill Scheduling to change the amount to \$1500 is accepted.
Motion carries unanimously.

vi. **FUNDING MOTION: SPRING MVCC NEWSLETTER: INVOICES FINAL AMOUNTS:** MVCC approves funding of \$1610, distribution to CBS Advertising Distributors and \$3811.74 for printing services to Pacific Rim Printers
Motion carries unanimously.

vii. **FUNDING MOTIONS: SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE:**

1. Motion to fund up to \$1,000 for Map Your Neighborhood and block captain materials. The materials must have MVCC's name and logo featured.
Bill Koontz presents the funding request with a display of materials. Explained that the LAPD did not use all of the funds we gave them and used it for a banner. These flyers and materials would be printed by MVCC and distributed.
Bill Scheduling calls the question. Motion carries unanimously.

2. Motion to fund up to \$1,000 for outreach project to print Neighborhood Watch signs and window stickers. The signs and stickers must have MVCC's name/logo, and MVCC will work in conjunction with the watches to determine the placement of the signs, and if need be, get approval from the Bureau of Street Services to post them.
Christopher McKinnon asks if we ever received a report back on the last signs funded by the MVCC. The board concurs and would like a report back. Melissa Stoller would like to know where the signs were placed and asks how they get distributed. Bill Koontz explains that we don't have control over this. Valerie Davidson requests signs at Rose and Palms, Rose and Morningside, Rose and Walgrove, and Walgrove and Palms.
Motion carries unanimously.

viii. **FUNDING MOTION: N WESTDALE:** Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$250 for ad in the N Westdale Newsletter.
Bill Koontz moves to take viii. and ix. together.
Motion carries unanimously.

ix. **FUNDING MOTION: N WESTDALE BLOCK PARTY:** Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$200 for supplies: hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, ketchup, mustard, utensils, and the like for the N Westdale Block party to be held May 18, 2013, from noon to 3
Friendly amendment made by Bill Koontz to have a MVCC Board table set up at each event is accepted.
Motion carries unanimously.

f. **Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano**
Study still going on for stop sign at Beethoven St. and Marco Pl.
Next Meeting May 18th. Get requests in.

g. **DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Bill Koontz**
Dr. Angstrom spoke on Owens Lake litigation still going on.
Sign-up LA is a group advocating digital signs. LANCC voted not to support this group.

h. **DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon**
April 25th is next meeting but Christopher will not be able to report until June meeting.

i. **Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson**

7. **Committee reports - Action items included** (public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker) ; *items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment*

a. **Executive & Finance Committee-Sharon Commins, Chair**

i. **POLICY MOTION: EMPOWERLA: VIA LANCC: CF 11-1912-S1 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND CF 11-1020-S1 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL/ DONE FUNDING**
Whereas the City is asking the Neighborhood Councils to postpone their elections due to budget issues, and Whereas the City is asking each neighborhood council to pay for their next elections, approximately \$7300.00 per council, and Whereas the City continues to violate

Charter Section 911 by cutting neighborhood council funds, sweeping annual excess funds, and failing to fund Neighborhood Councils in a secure account one year in advance, Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council moves:

That the City issues NO DELAYS in the 2014 neighborhood council elections

That The City fully fund the Neighborhood Councils' 2014 elections

That the City imposes no further cuts to the Neighborhood Councils annual budgets and increases restores the funding to \$50,000

That the City cease and desist from any further **annual** sweeping of Neighborhood Council funds, in violation of Charter Section 911

That the Mar Vista Community Council files an immediate letter of complaint against the City for its violations of Charter Section 911. We demand that you cease the alleged violations by fully funding both the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Neighborhood Councils so that they can perform those functions that the community has come to rely upon.

Friendly amendments (see above) made by Bill Scheduling accepted.

Michael Milman proposed we put this over until next month. Accepted.

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

- i. **POLICY MOTION – MARTIN CADILLAC PROJECT [TIME SENSITIVE-scoping comments due April 19, 2013]:** The Project is out-of-scale and out-of-character with the current Community Plan and will cause excessive cumulative negative impact on the health, safety, traffic and infrastructure of West Los Angeles and the neighboring communities like Mar Vista. We request that prior to the City Planning Commission, Planning Department or their Advisory Agencies issuing any approvals or recommendation of approvals regarding the Martin Project (and its proposed Tract Map adjustments and zoning variances) that the Planning Department reconsider the proposed Project's impacts to the surrounding West Los Angeles and Mar Vista area and adjacent communities in relation to CEQA; Community Redevelopment Agency guidelines; and the Community Plan for the area.

The MVCC is outraged that the traffic consultant's proposed intersections study, presented at the scoping meeting held April 3, 2013 for the Martin Cadillac project, essentially stopped at the 10 freeway.

The traffic study completed by an independent consultant on the now defunct Bundy Village project demonstrated unmistakably that traffic impacts of major development projects on the Olympic corridor in West Los Angeles do extend south beyond the 10 to include Mar Vista neighborhoods.

The MVCC therefore stresses any proposed project traffic study prepared for Case Number ENV 2012-3063-EIR, the Martin Cadillac project located at 12101 W. Olympic Blvd., West Los Angeles cannot be deemed adequate or complete under CEQA unless it includes the following intersections:

Bundy/Centinela @ Gateway/OP Bl; Pearl; National; Venice; Washington Pl; Palms
McLaughlin/Barrington @ National; Palms; Venice
National @ Sawtelle; Sepulveda
Pico @ Sawtelle; Sepulveda
Palms @ Sepulveda
Sepulveda @ Venice

MVCC notes the study should additionally include the impacts of Expo trains on delays to the traffic flow at the Barrington grade level Expo crossing.

MVCC further maintains the DEIR cannot be adequate or complete under CEQA unless the cumulative regional impacts upon traffic and infrastructure [electricity, water, sewerage, parks, schools, police, fire and other public services] of existing and proposed projects along the Pico and Olympic corridors—including existing and proposed development projects in Western Santa Monica and Beverly Hills—are studied and evaluated.

Friendly amendment to make changes proposed by Sharon Commins (see above) is accepted. Motion carries unanimously.

- ii. **POLICY MOTION: SIGNS:** The Mar Vista Community Council requests that The City of Los Angeles enforce Municipal Code 28.04 regarding the posting of signs: 28.04 - No person shall paint, mark or write on, or post or otherwise affix, any hand -bill or sign to or upon any sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, curbstone, street lamp post, hydrant, tree, shrub, tree stake or guard, railroad trestle, electric light or power or

telephone or telegraph or trolley wire pole, or wire appurtenant thereof or upon any fixture of the fire alarm or police telegraph system or upon any lighting system, public bridge, drinking fountain, life buoy, life preserver, life boat, or other lifesaving equipment, street sign or traffic sign. (b) Nothing in this section contained shall apply to the installation of terrazzo sidewalks or sidewalks of similar construction, sidewalks permanently colored by an admixture in the material of which the same are constructed, and for which the Board of Public Works has granted a written permit.

Bill Scheduling calls the question. Motion carries unanimously.

- c. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, & Jeanne Kuntz, Co-Chairs
 - i. **POLICY MOTION: OPT OUT OF CAMPAIGN MAIL:** The MVCC Green Committee has been contacted by many community members who are appalled at the avalanche of unwanted campaign mail sent out in this recent election. Using a paper calculator, we estimate that 3,240 trees were used for this campaign alone. Most stakeholders report that this is not their preferred method of communication and these mailers go straight to their recycling bin. With the launching of GREEN LA, Mayor Villaraigosa set the benchmark for turning Los Angeles into one of the greenest big cities in the nation. We believe it is time for our political campaigns to reflect this. We urge the city to provide an 'opt out' mechanism that can be used just like the Do Not Call option for campaign phone calls giving voters a selection: Opt out of campaign mail from anyone other than the actual candidates; opt out of all campaign mail
 - ii. **POLICY MOTION: SUSTAINABLE PRINTING OF CAMPAIGN MATERIALS:** We also propose that campaign qualifications for matching funds require that campaign mail be printed sustainably; using environmentally friendly inks and printing methods; using at least 50% recycled or FSC Certified paper ; be 100% recyclable
Melissa agrees to hold both committee meeting motions over until May board meeting.
- d. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Koontz & Yvette Molinaro, Co-Chairs
- e. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs
- f. **Community Outreach Committee** – Kate Anderson & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs
- g. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs
- 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. **Volunteer Program-** Val Davidson, Chairs
- l. **Ad Hoc Website Team-**John Kuchta, Chair

8. Zone Director Reports (Possible motions; Public comment permitted)

- Zone 1-NR
- Zone 2-NR
- Zone 3-NR
- Zone 4-NR
- Zone 5-NR
- Zone 6-NR

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

- 10. **New Business** -(Public comment permitted)
- 11. **Grievances**, if any, received
- 12. **Future agenda items**
- 13. **Adjournment** (9:30 PM)

ATTACHMENT A: NPG BUDGETS

**1. CLOVER AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB, INC. 11020 CLOVER AVENUE MAR VISTA, CA 90034. PROJECT: SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLYARD
Project Budget Outline**

Project Item	Cost	Portion funded by NC
Phases 1 and 2 (Neighborhood Envisioning and Edible Garden)	\$500	\$0

Phase 3 (Plant materials, soil amendments, low fencing and irrigation)	\$500	\$500
Total	\$1000	\$500

The project will consist of **three phases** or components:

- (1) Neighborhood Envisioning, a physical model of the school's neighborhood, to teach concepts like water conservation, solar energy, and local ecology
- (2) An edible garden that will serve as an outdoor classroom
- (3) A Demonstration Garden.

The funds requested here are for the 3rd phase, the **Demonstration Garden**.

The funds will pay for plant materials, soil amendments, low fencing and irrigation.

Phases 1 and 2 are being funded by Cal Poly Pomona. These funds have already been secured.

About this project - This goal of this project is to create a sustainable, healthy and visually attractive school environment that enriches the curriculum and promotes community participation. Students will gain a broader understanding of the meaning of sustainability through a series of hands-on learning projects. Some of these will focus on local geography beginning with questions such as "where does our water come from?" while others will examine sustainability through the lens of gardening, urban agriculture, nutrition, fitness and urban design. The interconnection between all of these different sustainable strategies (i.e. growing food requires water and also produces nutritious food) will be emphasized.

The \$500.00 requested from MVCC will be used toward for plant materials, soil amendments and possible low fencing and irrigation. We will use CA Native plants and incorporate the use of native and low-water plants as part of teaching children about our particular climate and eco-system (living in a desert, saving water, CA heritage, etc.). The plant list includes Salvia (native sage), Flax, Stipa Grass, Rosemary, Day Lilies, Buddleia, Echinacea and Lavender.

2. FRIENDS OF WALGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1630 WALGROVE AVENUE MAR VISTA, CA 90066

PROJECT: PS ARTS

Project Budget Outline

Project Item	Cost	Portion funded by NC
PS ARTS Personnel	\$15000	\$2000
Materials	\$7000	\$0
Total	\$22,000	\$2000

Additional sources of funding for the remainder of the costs associated with this project have already been secured and will be provided by Friends of Walgrove Elementary Booster Club and the Abbot Kinney Festival Association. This project is expected to be completed at the end of the school year.

About this project - Several years ago, P.S. ARTS reduced programming and was not able to continue providing arts education to Walgrove Elementary School. Friends of Walgrove Elementary (FOW) would like to re-engage P.S. ARTS and help support their efforts to provide all kindergarten through 5th grade students attending Walgrove Elementary School with comprehensive, skills-based arts education. P.S. ARTS would provide its Core Theater Model, which is based on current research and best practices in arts education, including Harvard University's Qualities of Quality study (Seidel et al, 2010), and the Studio Thinking (Hetland & Winner et al, 2007) model, offering traditional studio arts instruction that focuses on reinforcing thinking strategies related to success in the 21st Century creative environment.

P.S. ARTS' classes are taught by salaried Teaching Artists (a professional artist with classroom experience) during the regular school day for the full school year of at least 30 weeks. Theater classes feature fun theater games, improvisation and storytelling lessons that encourage self-expression and ensemble work. Students will explore basic theater concepts including focus, choreography, using the body to express emotion, vocal projection and articulation, developing a character and beginning playwriting. Classes will culminate in either an "informance" or open class which parents are encouraged to attend, or a final performance for the school and parents.

3. 826LA 12515 VENICE BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CA 90066

PROJECT: OUTDOOR SEATING AREA FOR TUTORING

Project Budget Outline

Below are details about the breakdown of costs associated with this program.

Project Item	Cost	Portion funded by NC
Picnic tables	\$2400	\$2000
Lighting	\$260	\$0
Landscaping	\$420	\$0

Painting	\$1000	\$0
Emergency Exit	\$1000	\$0
Total	\$5480	\$2000

826LA is planning to create an outdoor patio area at its Mar Vista location which will serve as a quiet space for volunteers to work with students.

826LA is a non-profit writing and tutoring center in Mar Vista serving over 1,000 Mar Vista students a year. Its programs offer students opportunities to build language skills and self-esteem by working one-on-one with volunteers. Services include writing support and homework in all subjects, workshops ranging from poetry to filmmaking and songwriting, and English language learning support. Its services are free and open to all students.

No NPG funds will be used to make any capital improvements.

Other sources of funding have already been secured for the other aspects of the project. The project will begin immediately upon receipt of the NPG funds requested.