



Minutes of the
Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 8, 2018

at Mar Vista Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine St., Mar Vista, CA 90066

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1. Call To Order And Welcome – Chair

Chair Rob Kadota introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Nine of the 11 Board Members were present: Paola Cervantes (2nd Vice-Chair), Robin Doyno, Aaron Elster, Elliot Hanna (1st Vice-Chair), Rob Kadota (Chair), Susan Klos, Damien Newton, Sara Roos (Secretary) and Holly Tilson (Treasurer). Kenneth Alpern and Michelle Krupkin arrived later. All Board Members were eligible to vote due to having current Ethics Training and Funding Training. New Board Members Mary Hruska and Nanxi Liu were appointed to the Board during below Item #5. C. The MVCC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was seven (see the Bylaws at <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlta=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. Eleven of the 13 Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Two Board Seats were vacant. Also attended: approximately 35 Stakeholders and Guests.

3. Community Memorial Observations

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #4.*] Mr. Newton announced that Fred [DN (Damien)/RK/EH CLARIFY: ___] ___ passed away.

Board Member Kenneth Alpern arrived at this time (7:02), making 10 Board Members present (the MVCC quorum was seven).

4. Public Comment & Announcements - for items not on the agenda

Lenore French, Director, Green Communications Initiative, announced the next quarterly Mar Vista Art Walk will be June 7th, 6-10 p.m. on Venice Blvd. between Inglewood and Beethoven. A new community art gallery opened at 12804 Venice Blvd. just east of Beethoven, Thursdays-Saturdays noon-6:00 and Sundays noon-5:00.

Board Member Michelle Krupkin arrived at this time (7:04), making 11 Board Members present (the MVCC quorum was seven).

Also, there is free music every Friday night at the Grandview Market on Venice Blvd. between Centinela and Grandview. Property owner Howard Weisberg wanted to know the procedure following MVCC motions, letters sent, responses conveyed, etc. He is interested particularly in the parking study. Stakeholder Karin Ingeverson was concerned about “polystyrene products littering the streets . . . taking 500 years to biodegrade”; she asked for a support letter.

5. Board Administration

A. Ex Parte^S Communication & Conflict of Interest⁺ Declarations.

Alpern: transportation and land use issues; Newton: Zoning Director emails; Krupkin: Zoning and At Large Director position-related emails with Stakeholders; Tilson: Board Members and Stakeholders regarding the Agenda; Cervantes: Board Members and Stakeholders regarding the Zoning Director position, and a potential conflict of interest regarding [**PC CLARIFY:** ___] ___; Doyno: [**RD (Robin) CLARIFY:** ___] ___; and Klos: Zoning Director position-related emails.

B. Approval of April 17th, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.

MOTION (by Ms. Tilson, seconded by Ms. Klos): The Mar Vista Community Council approves the Minutes of its April 17, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

DISCUSSION: There was a request for increased printed copy text visibility.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

C. Appointment of Board Directors

i. Candidates for Zone 3 Director

a. Christen Hebrard

Mr. Kadota reported that Ms. Hebrard withdrew her name from consideration.

b. Mary Hruska

During Public Comment, Bill Pope endorsed Ms. Hruska. A long-time resident, she introduced herself and described her goals.

MOTION to NOMINATE (by Mr. Kadota, seconded by Mr. Alpern): The Mar Vista Community Council nominates Mary Hruska as its Zone 3 Director.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

New Board Member Mary Hruska was Seated at this time, making 12 Board Members present (the MVCC quorum is seven).

ii. Candidates for At-Large Director

a. Selena Inouye

Ms. Inouye introduced herself and described her background. She is “100% a volunteer” with Restore Venice Boulevard and “one of [her] passions is

outreach.” She will consult with the City Attorney about possible conflicts of interest.

b. Nanxi Liu

Homeowner Ms. Liu introduced herself and described her background, experience and “passion for community service,” including the Outreach Committee. She would like to establish a “speaker series,” make website improvements and plant trees. She had attended Neighborhood Watch meetings.

c. Zeina Mehdi

Mr. Kadota reported that Ms. Mehdi withdrew her name from consideration.

MOTION to NOMINATE (by Mr. Kadota, seconded by Ms. Cervantes): The Mar Vista Community Council nominates Nanxi Liu as an At-Large Director.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with seven in favor; five opposed.

New Board Member Nanxi Liu was Seated at this time, making 13 Board Members present (the MVCC quorum is seven).

6. Reports (See Attachment C)

A. Elected Officials and City Department Reports

Hannah Levien, Field Deputy for L.A. City District 11 Councilman Mike Bonin (310-575-8461; Hannah.Levien@LACity.org), reported that “13 new trees will be planted” on Venice Blvd., possibly on June 14th; she or Planning Deputy Len Nguyen will advise about it. Community Plan [<https://planning.lacity.org/complan/pdf/plmcp.txt.pdf>] “outreach is starting in July.”

Lianna Mecano, Representative for State 26th District Senator Ben Allen (310-318-6994; <http://sd26.senate.ca.gov>), described recent legislation sponsored by the Senator.

B. Liaison Reports

Linda Guagliano (lindaguag@netzero.net) reported that the next Mar Vista Bi-monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee meeting will be Wednesday, May 16th. Mr. Kadota indicated that more reports will be given at the MVCC June [12th] Board Meeting. Christopher McKinnon described the One Water LA program.

C. Officer Reports

Ms. Tilson reported “on [the] current financial status.”

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Tilson, seconded by Ms. Roos): The Mar Vista Community Council approves its April 2018 Monthly Expenditure Report.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Hannah, seconded by Mr. Elster): The Mar Vista Community Council [**EH/AE/RK CLARIFY: __ WHAT?]** __

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

D. Committee Reports

It was agreed to TABLE this Item.

E. Zone Director Reports

It was agreed to TABLE this Item.

7. Discussion of Policy, Administrative and Funding Motions

A. Unfinished Business - Policy, Administrative and Funding motions previously agendaized and not addressed (See Attachment D).

i. EV Chargers – changes to the city building code to require new parking spaces be EV-charger-ready.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after the Consent Motion at the end of Item #7. A. xi.] It was agreed to replace the phrase “most new” with “greater convertibility of.”

MOTION (by Mr. Newton, seconded by Ms. Roos): The Mar Vista Community Council resolves that:

WHEREAS the AQMD says plug-in cars are essential if clean air standards are to be realized. Plug-ins now make up 5% of new vehicle sales in California, and are increasingly popular in Mar Vista, but adoption is hindered by lack of easy home and workplace charging. And

WHEREAS several California cities have already adopted sensible building code changes to make adding electric vehicle chargers much less expensive.

WHEREAS, for instance, the study in the City of Oakland's Council File 16-0359 says preparing for EV chargers ahead of time adds about \$140 per parking space, and makes later EV charger installation \$500 to \$5000 cheaper.

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council follow the example of these cities, and pass sensible, cost-effective building code changes to require greater convertibility of parking spaces in the city to be ready for future installation of EV chargers.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Elster reported that business customers have complained that there were no charging spaces; however, he believed that \$140 is too much.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Alpern, seconded by Ms. Krupkin): The Mar Vista Community Council [**DN/SR/RK CLARIFY: __ WORDING**] resolves that there should be changes to the City building code to require new parking spaces to be electric vehicle charger-ready.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with seven in favor; two opposed; three abstained ([**RK/EH/PC CONFIRM: __**] the MVCC counts abstentions as neither “yes” votes nor “no” votes). [**Page four, Article Five**

Section three of the Bylaws says “Official Actions Voting: Subject to the presence of a quorum, a majority vote of the Directors present, not including abstentions shall prevail.”].

MOTION to REFER this Item to the Planning and Land Use Management COMMITTEE (by Mr. Hanna, seconded by Ms. Krupkin).

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with nine in favor; one opposed; two abstained.

- ii. Short-Term Rentals – support for CoLA ordinance regulating short-term rentals, with conditions for opposition.

Mr. Newton described Committee considerations.

MOTION (by Mr. Newton, seconded by Ms. Cervantes): The Mar Vista Community Council supports inclusion of any City of Los Angeles Short-Term Rentals Ordinances that include the following:

- Tax funds generated by short-term rentals that go toward paying for enforcement officers to address community safety concerns without placing undue burden on homeowners.
- Earmarking remaining funds for the City’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

The Mar Vista Community Council opposes any ordinance that would:

- Place new burdens on homeowners who simultaneously rent out property on which they live.
- Include a limit on the number of days that can be rented without cause inside a homeowner’s primary property.
- Impose new taxes or fees that only impact short-term rentals.

DISCUSSION: Stakeholders spoke for and against short-term rentals.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Elster): The Mar Vista Community Council [**RK/EH/AE CLARIFY: __ SOMETHING ABOUT**] __ earmarking __

AMENDMENT to the MOTION FAILED for lack of a second.

DISCUSSION: Board Members commented.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION (by Ms. Cervantes, seconded by Mr. Elster): The Mar Vista Community Council [**PC/AE/RK CONFIRM: __ MOTION WORDING.**] will address Item #7. A. xi. b.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- iii. Regulation of Group Homes – CIS supporting LA Council consideration of mitigation opportunities for group homes.

See the below Consent Motion.

- iv. Opposing Development Ordinance SB 827 (Weiner) – objections to the removal of local control in Planning.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #7. A. xi. b.] Mr. Kadota requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item to the June [12th] Board Meeting.

- v. Development at 11700 Charnock Boulevard – supports the application. It was agreed to TABLE this Item to the June [12th] Board Meeting.
- vi. Venice Boulevard Public Records Act Request – supports a stakeholder’s previous public records request for data regarding the Venice Blvd. roadway reconfiguration pilot project.
Ms. Krupkin reported that the Motion was passed by the Great Streets Commission in February.

MOTION (by Ms. Krupkin, seconded by Mr. Alpern): The Mar Vista Community Council supports a Stakeholder’s previous public records request for data regarding the Venice Blvd. public project and resolves that:

WHEREAS the Great Streets - Venice Blvd pilot project was implemented on May 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS Mar Vista and Venice Blvd. stakeholders have voiced ongoing concerns about the planning, implementation and evaluation of said pilot project; and

WHEREAS the Mar Vista Community Council had passed 3 different motions in July, September and October calling for the pilot project data from LADOT, Councilman Bonin's office and the Great Streets Initiative in Mayor Garcetti's office; and

WHEREAS a California Public Records Act request was filed on behalf of the community by a Mar Vista stakeholder on August 8, 2017, requesting pilot project data from LADOT, Councilman Bonin's office and the Great Streets Initiative in Mayor Garcetti's office; and

WHEREAS to date, this request has not been fulfilled by LADOT; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Mar Vista Community Council to facilitate the delivery of City services and City government responses to Mar Vista stakeholders’ requests for assistance and information;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council will submit a letter in support of the stakeholder's August 8, 2017, California Public Records Act request, demanding that LADOT provide for inspection all of the information requested immediately and without further delay.

DISCUSSION: Stakeholder Donna Speckman indicated that legal action is being pursued regarding government taking too long (273 days as of this date) to comply with a Public Records Act (PRA) request. Stakeholders Jason Fineis, Kalani Whittington and another agreed on that and that the data was incorrectly interpreted.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Ms. Roos): The Mar Vista Community Council strikes paragraphs three through six of the above Resolution.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION FAILED for lack of a second.

ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with 11 in favor; zero opposed; one abstained.

MOTION (by Mr. Newton, seconded by Mr. Elster): The Mar Vista Community Council [*PC/AE/RK CONFIRM: __ MOTION WORDING.*] will address Item #7. B.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

vii. Reform and Enhance City Process and Program Efficiencies.
See the below Consent Motion.

viii. Authorization to Submit Community Impact Statements – enables current members of the ExFin Committee to submit community impact statements.

MOTION (by Ms. Roos, seconded by Mr. Newton):

WHEREAS the City Clerk maintains a procedure for Neighborhood Councils to addend Community Impact Statements (CIS) to council files as an official statement adopted by a Neighborhood Council on issues pending before the City Council, its committees, or City commissions.

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council authorizes its ExFin Committee:

Rob Kadota, Chair
Elliot Hanna, 1st Vice Chair
Paolo Cervantes, 2nd Vice Chair
Sara Roos, Secretary
Holly Tilson, Treasurer,

to SUBMIT Community Impact Statements that have been passed by a vote of the full board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in cases where an issue is moving quickly through the legislative process and a promptly issued statement is beneficial, any aforementioned board member is authorized to WRITE and SUBMIT a Community Impact Statement in consultation with the chair, provided that it expresses the position of a motion previously passed by the full board.

By this motion, the Chair and the Secretary are authorized to submit a formal request to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to authorize the board members listed above to submit Community Impact Statements to the City Clerk on behalf of the Mar Vista Community Council.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Kadota, seconded by Mr. Hanna): The Mar Vista Community Council strikes Board Members' names from the Motion.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- ix. Code of Conduct – empowers censure or removal as punishment for violation of the Code of Conduct.

It was agreed to REFER this Item to the Bylaws Committee.

- x. Censure Proposal – censures Michael Millman over a letter to the editor of the Argonaut, dated March 29, 2018.

Mr. Hanna referred to Bylaws Article Eight and said “this is a grievance”; he believed that the Motion would usurp the Bylaws. He made a Point of Order regarding this Agenda Item; Mr. Kadota agreed with Mr. Hanna and ruled this Agenda Item to be Out of Order. Mr. Kadota believed the Bylaws Committee should consider “development of a censure process.”

- xi. Funding Motions

- a. International Festival at Clover ES (NPG) - \$1,000

This Agenda Item was said to have been “voided” because the event was already held.

- b. PESA Teen Court & Tolerance Program (NPG) - \$1,000

Ms. Cervantes explained the program and that “they meet once a month.”

PESA representatives spoke, saying “it is a diversionary program”; teens are judged “by a jury of their peers”; a real judge presides. Mr. Doyno reported that the “Education, Arts and Culture [Committee] had a very deep discussion” about this.

MOTION (by M_. ___, seconded by M_. ___): The Mar Vista Community Council allocates \$1,000 to the PESA Teen Court and Tolerance Program.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Ms. Tilson, seconded by Mr. Hanna): The Mar Vista Community Council will increase the allocation amount to \$2,000.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of the funding level.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- c. Business Cards & Office Expenses - \$400

See the below Consent Motion.

- d. Outreach at MVNA Block Party - \$300

See the below Consent Motion.

[The below Consent Motion was made after Item #7. A. x.]

CONSENT MOTION (by Mr. Newton, seconded by Ms. Cervantes): The Mar Vista Community Council approves the Motions in Agenda Item #s 7. A. iii and vii, and xi. c and d.

CONSENT MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

- B. New Business - Administrative, Funding and Policy motions (See Attachment E)
- i. Fall Festival Leadership – exploratory committee to investigate whether a new Leader can overcome obstacles to stage the Fall Festival this year.
See the below Consent Motion.
 - ii. Enhanced Safety at Oil Drillsites – prescribes denial of a gas burner at Rancho Park Drillsite and proscribes ZA conditions for enhancing public safety surrounding drillsites.
Copies were distributed of “Policy Motion Information.” See the below Consent Motion.
 - iii. Opposing Development Ordinance SB 828 – objections to conditions overriding local planning of zoning capacity.
See the below Consent Motion.
 - iv. Opposing Development Ordinance SB 813 – objects to eliminating FAR consideration for ADUs.
See the below Consent Motion.
 - v. LAMC 85.02 extension – supports updating its associated map and permanently extending the ordinance.
See the below Consent Motion.
 - vi. Westside Mobility’s Livable Boulevards Streetscape Plan – transparency in planning and implementing Westside Mobility’s Livable Boulevards Streetscape Plan.
It was agreed to POSTPONE this Item to the June [12th] Meeting.
 - vii. Zone 2 Continental Crosswalks and Curb Cuts – identification of roadway safety enhancements.
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #7. B. ix.]

MOTION (by Ms. Tilson, seconded by Ms. Krupkin): The Mar Vista Community Council resolves that:

WHEREAS: Cut through traffic is a significant and growing danger in Zone 2 of Mar Vista, aka North Westdale, and in Zone 1, aka Westside Village, and

WHEREAS: Richland Elementary School does not have and ADA Compliant intersection at the corner of Federal and Brookhaven, the most popular intersection for students to access the school on foot, bicycle and automobile, and

WHEREAS, Clover Avenue Elementary School students have a water obstruction at the intersection of Sepulveda and Queensland, and

WHEREAS: Modern designed crosswalks installed by the city known as Continental or Zebra Crosswalks have been shown to reduce vehicle speed and improve pedestrian safety, and

WHEREAS, removal of water obstructions will improve pedestrian safety at Sepulveda and Queensland,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: That the MVCC encourages the city to paint Continental Crosswalks at the intersection of Brookhaven and Federal Avenue, Richland and Federal Avenue, Barrington and Sardis, and Sawtelle and Graham Place.

THEREFORE, LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED: That the MVCC encourages the city to install curb cuts at the intersection of Federal and Brookhaven Avenues.

THEREFORE, LET IT ALSO BE RESOLVED: That the MVCC encourages the City to remove the standing water obstacles at Sepulveda and Queensland.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Newton explained the Motion. Ms. Hruska said “anything we can do to make it safer” at schools.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

viii. Classification of Director Absence – redefine premature meeting departure as absence from the meeting.

It was agreed to POSTPONE this Item to the June [12th] Meeting.

ix. Funding Motions

a. Farmer’s Market Annual Rental Fee – up to \$1,200

See the below Consent Motion.

b. Storage Locker Upgrade - < \$500/mo.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #7. B. ix. c.]

MOTION (by Ms. Tilson, seconded by Ms. Krupkin): The Mar Vista Community Council will allocate up to \$500 to upgrade the storage locker, to be used exclusively for MVCC property.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion of the locker’s uses and what to store.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with seven in favor; one opposed; three abstained.

c. Replacement Plexiglass for Posting Display Case - < \$200

Ms. Tilson explained that the case was broken.

MOTION (by Ms. Tilson, seconded by Ms. Krupkin): The Mar Vista Community Council will allocate \$200 to purchase replacement Plexiglass for the posting display case.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

Board Member Susan Klos left by this time, making 10 Board Members present (the MVCC quorum was seven).

[RK/PC/SR CLARIFY: AT THIS TIME A MOTION WAS MADE TO, APPARENTLY, MOVE AN AGENDA ITEM UP (ADDRESS IT SOONER); IT'S NOT CLEAR WHAT ITEM WAS BEING REFERRED TO) MOTION (by Mr. Kadota, seconded by Ms. Cervantes): The Mar Vista Community Council **[RK/PC/SR CONFIRM: __ MOTION WORDING.]** will address Item #__

MOTION FAILED by a hand vote with four in favor; seven opposed; one abstained.

d. Office Supply Reimbursement, Treasurer - < \$140
See the below Consent Motion.

e. Office Supply Reimbursement, Secretary - < \$70
See the below Consent Motion.

f. Updated Promo Trash Bags To-Go - < \$750
See the below Consent Motion.

g. Updated Promo Mugs - < \$450
[This Agenda Item was addressed after the below Consent Motion.]

MOTION (by Mr. Newton, seconded by Ms. Cervantes): The Mar Vista Community Council will allocate \$500 to purchase updated promotional mugs.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

h. Updated Promo Post-it Notes - < \$1,600
See the below Consent Motion.

i. Updated Promo Safe-Driving Lawn Signs - < \$2,800
See the below Consent Motion.

j. Updated Promo Seat Cushions - < \$790
See the below Consent Motion.

k. MVCC Sponsorship Banner - < \$500
See the below Consent Motion.

- I. Contingency Promo Safety Keychain - < \$400
See the below Consent Motion.

CONSENT MOTION (by Mr. Alpern, seconded by Mr. Hanna): The Mar Vista Community Council approves the Motions in Agenda Item #s 7. B. i, ii, iii, iv and v; and ix. a, d, e, f, h, i, j, k and l.

CONSENT MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION (by Ms. Cervantes, seconded by Mr. Elster): The Mar Vista Community Council [**PC/AE/RK CONFIRM: __ MOTION WORDING.**] will address Item #7. B. ix. g.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

8. **Grievances**, if any received
No Grievances were received.

9. **Future Agenda Items**
No future Agenda Items were requested at this time.

10. **Public Comment**
Mr. Newton and Mr. Alpern announced that they will not be able to attend the June [12th] Board Meeting.

11. **Adjournment**

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Kadota, seconded by Ms. Krupkin).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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