



# Mar Vista Community Council



## AGENDA & MINUTES

### POSy Committee (Parks and Open Space Colloquy)

<http://www.marvista.org/recreation-open-space.php>

Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 2:00pm

Mar Vista Park, outside most-NW-erly picnic table available (just south of the parking lot on Woodbine)  
11430 Woodbine Avenue | Mar Vista, CA 90066

#### 1. **Introductions** ~ Welcome!

*Meeting convened at 2:07pm; Scott Silverman, Sara Roos, Adriana De La Cruz, Kathryn Wheeler*

#### 2. **Minutes** – approval of 11/30/18 minutes (draft is posted on the website)

**Approved** (Scott/Kathryn) **4/0/0** without objection

#### 3. **Public Comment**

~ none

#### 4. **Old Business** –

##### I. Update on Board motions

- A. Coyote Trap-release passed by BOD at 12/11/18 and CIS sent

*Hannah Levien (CD11) has indicated the council member is in agreement with this position.*

- B. Clean Energy bill passed by MVCC April 2019 BOD – review wording; CIS needs filing. **Possible vote** on additional component to this issue regarding rebuilding gas-powered plant.

*Transportation/Infrastructure Cmte discussed this resolution at length after a presentation by Philip Ganchev et al., including much word-smithing at that meeting; and there was some subsequently at the BOD. However as-passed, the resolution does not present MVCC's position logically as it enables consideration of just one of the contentious policies and fuel types. As well it addresses a closed City council matter, the additional council file should be written to. All agreed there is no intention of stepping on another committee's toes, simply presenting MVCC's position in the most credible and effective light. Kathryn will present this motion at the next T/I meeting requesting that Cmte's agreement, for joint revision at the May 14, 2019 MVCC BOD meeting.*

**Motion** (Adriana/Kathryn) **approved 4/0/0**: MVCC's POSe SubCommittee recommends the following revision to the Transportation/Infrastructure Committee, of the motion passed at their March, 2019 meeting and subsequently approved at MVCC's April BOD meeting. The following wording is to be presented for T/I's approval:

"The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) resolves to call on Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles City Council, and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) to study a scenario of 100% clean electricity by 2030 that excludes use of coal, methane, bio-mass, bio-gas, new nuclear facilities, and unbundled renewable energy credits. The MVCC calls for such a scenario to be included in all future annual Power Integrated Resource Plans.

The MVCC resolves to express this position via three community impact statements submitted to (1) LADWP, (2) CF 16-0243 [Research Partnership / 100 Percent Energy Portfolio / Department of Water and Power] and (3) CF 18-0247 [2018 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) / Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) / Renewable Portfolio Standard]."

##### II. MV Park

- A. Fall Festival – report on finances, update on next year's efforts by Julie Miller

*Discussion of the FF's role at the intersection of the Park, City, community event, MVCC. Political realities of fees, costs, liabilities, interdepartment municipal issues, revenues and donations, system-wide fairness, etc. Julie Miller has indicated interest in renewing the event this year, with a better appreciation of constraints and capacities. She will conduct meetings separate from MVCC as the event cannot be conducted by MVCC, though MVCC can be an event sponsor.*

- B. Old director, [Caroline Lammers](#), has moved to another location.

1. New park director is Jose Aviles, 310-398-5982 ([jose.aviles@lacity.org](mailto:jose.aviles@lacity.org))

*Much discussion of the history of MVCC's ROSE/POSe Cmte, PAB (Park Advisory Board) and the interaction of community, MVCC and the MV Park. Much agreement about our mission to be helpful to the park director, and the community recognizing the political circumstances all agencies operate within. Hope is to support and boost the Park Director (new Director is Jose Aviles) within his municipal department reflecting the community's esteem for this position and his role in our community. It is incumbent upon us all to indicate 'up-the-chain' when a job is being well done. Ms. Lammers has raised the MV Park's profile and will be missed!*

*An open question remains how POSe can best help. There are concerns (for example) that the Parks' success with its afterschool sports programs encourages use of the facility as a babysitting service rather than interactive community venue. Perhaps a program for simultaneously boosting the park's needs while kids are engaged could be of use or provide a forum for better "park etiquette"?*

*Scott will followup Sara's introductions with Mr. Aviles today and Kathryn and Adriana will in the succeeding days; just to say hello and welcome.*

2. Contact should be made!

III. Inventory of Open Space in MV/Community Plan update (see agenda items 5.II, 5.IV below)

*See below*

- IV. Any other Old Business of concern.

*~ none*

## 5. New Business

- I. Los Angeles River (WRAC motion). <http://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Resolution-LUPC-LARiver-3.2019.pdf>

**Resolved:** MVCC requests all agencies (city, county, state, federal) study all options to reduce the impact and taxpayer cost of a 100-year flood. This includes County input in U.S. Army Corps control of the channel, removing sediment build-up, reducing hardscape (parking lots, building footprints) and expanding open space, increasing the size of spreading grounds and adding drywells to infiltrate stormwater into aquifers, adding swales to small medians and yards, strengthening dams and levees, and evaluating land use and zoning designations within the proximity of the river, which may result in downzoning. Note that spreading grounds and ponds/lakes behind dams can double as recreational areas.

*History of this motion's presentation by Atwater NC at WRAC LUPC discussed. The issue is technically as well as politically extremely complex; above suggestion reflects Sara's mis-reading of the motion as presented at SNC. Given complexity, calling for consideration and study and professional recommendations is sensible, but not specifying provisions. The resolution forwarded by WRAC addresses all this very well.*

**Motion** (Kathryn/Scott) **approved 4/0/0** to adopt the wording suggested by WRAC:

*"The Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) requests that the County of Los Angeles coordinate flood protection and mitigation of existing flooding risks in the LA River area, with the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps of Engineers) and the City of Los Angeles and its various departments tasked with city planning, architecture, flood mitigation and street services, among others. We ask that all agencies study options to reduce the impact of flood, the costs of which will largely be borne by tax payers, and that these studies include taking actions such as removing sediment build-up, reducing hardscape (eg. parking lots, building footprints), expanding open spaces and increasing the size of spreading grounds, adding drywall to infiltrate stormwater into aquifers, adding swales to small medians and yards, strengthening dams and levees, and evaluating land use and zoning designations within the proximity of the river (which may result in down-zoning)."*

- II. Rancho Park Drill Site case, May 15, 2019 appeal before WLA APC. **Resolution:** "MVCC supports the appeal. Annual Compliance Inspections by the City are necessary for safety and public confidence." MVCC shall submit a Secondary Submission re: ZA-1958-14560-PA1-1A to the WLA APC"

*DCP delivered its final determination on February 27, 2019 regarding drilling operations at the Rancho Park Golf Course. All conditions from the Zoning Administrator were accepted and in particular it is terrific to note with much gratitude – that (i) the CEB 1200 flare ("emission control device") is in fact gone now from the site, honoring HBOC (the operator's) promise of September 2018. And (ii) as announced on April 11, 2019, HBOC will voluntarily install emissions monitoring at its Rancho Park Drill Site.*

The only remaining issue of concern is that subsequent monitoring be the responsibility of professional regulators, the City of LA, and not the purview of the operating company. This is the singular issue being appealed in May, 2019 before the Area Planning Commission.

Toward this end the POSe Cte **moved** (Kathy/Adriana) and **approved 4/0/0** the above resolution for consideration by the MVCC board on 5/14/19. Sara will prepare an informative for the MVCC board. A letter of MVCC support for the appeal, if approved, shall be prepared with 7 copies for distribution the very next day, at the [APC Appeal on 5/15/19 at 4:30 pm, WLA Parking Enforcement \(Sepulveda/Exposition\)](#) attended by Adriana, Kathryn and Sara.

- III. ID green spaces in each MVCC Zone (Kathryn) – location, each Zones’ need (maintenance, improvements), etc.

*Community Plan including this area’s, map was perused and observed how little green space is present.*

- IV. Parklets (Kathryn) – ¿New city program? – Action plan needed for encouraging more; where, how, when. (Action plan must include parklets, but also engagement of interest in parklettes).

*Considerable discussion on the paucity of green space in Mar Vista, and how to set about addressing this via “Parklets”. These could provide an attractive urban respite, shade, a tree perhaps, a trash can (City collects on its route), a spot to sit and text. Adriana noted experience in Westchester with successful pilots. Kathryn noted “kits” available, predesigned. Scott mentioned maintenance as a concern. Everyone commented on the attraction of attractive spaces for the homeless. These spaces will be of concern to those who argue that limiting rather than providing resources is the best way to discourage vagrancy. Other potential objections (“objection intersectionality”) include utility and experience of dis-use, association with road reconfiguration, etc.*

*Xeroscape, rock garden, cacti, stones and designs that increase visibility in spaces could help. Limits in capacity to sleep or inhabit the space, as opposed to temporarily occupy it (e.g., blocks as chairs, arm rests on furniture, etc).*

*Action plan requires (1) identifying potential locations within MVCC’s footprint that (2) are approved for this purpose by local residents, (3) secure local agreement, approval and support through conversation, consciousness raising, careful planning that addresses local concerns. Subsequent action would require funding and approvals, either via MVCC, City/Council office, private individuals, etc. Permits and construction would need addressing with the City/CD office. But first steps are as above; these latter involve some choices but don’t need addressing immediately. It’s all do-able potentially, but agreement in principle is a necessary prerequisite.*

- V. Any other New Business of concern

## 6. Future Meetings

- I. Strategies for building committee members, engagement. Locale/time suggestions

*Friday, 5/31/19, 2pm MV Park picnic tables (most NW-erly)*

- II. Cmte business needs involvement/engagement

## 7. Future Agenda items

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## 8. Public Comment

## 9. Adjournment (by 4:00pm)

**Moved** (Scott) and approved without objection at 3:46

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