



# Mar Vista Community Council



Green Committee  
Sunday, September 25, 2016 - 9:30 A.M.

## Grand View Market

12210 Venice Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90066

## Draft Minutes

**Attendees – Sherri Akers, Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz, Christi Wilhelmi, Christopher McKinnon, Steve Fox, Susan Klos, Ravi Sankaran**

1. Called to order – 9:34
2. Motion to approve August minutes - approved with 2 abstentions (had not attended)
3. Public comment
  - Jeannie – Marcia Hanscom (Ballona Institute) interested in launching “Nature Lover Parties” – looking for hosts.
  - Sherri – overview of Cool Blocks presentation at Congress of Neighborhoods. Mirrors Sustainable Works green living workshop series that we did in Mar Vista. Watch pilot program.
  - Melissa – Ca Friendly Landscape planning classes coming up – 3 on Westside. Selva International will be a guest soon at Green Tent on same topic.
  - Melissa – October standing meeting date won’t work – Sherri, Jeanne and Melissa all out of town. Nov and Dec will conflict with holidays. Committee rescheduled meetings for 11/6 and 12/11
  - Sherri – announcement about the death of Susan Keirn. Group would like to plant a memorial tree in her honor. She was a treasured behind the scenes committee member who was a tremendous supporter of all we do.
  - Steve Fox – Temple Isaiah screening 11/6 – Years of Living Dangerously – find info here - [http://templeisaiah.com/iIIFE\\_SocialJustice.php](http://templeisaiah.com/iIIFE_SocialJustice.php)
  - Christopher – proposal that we move the meeting due to volume of TV at Grand View Market. Committee decided to move to Venice Grind patio for 11/6 meeting.
4. Reports/discussion
  - Green Tent
    - Fully booked through November – looking for Dec guests
  - Gray Water Workshop
    - Will get update from Rob. May not have been well attended.
  - Fall Festival table
    - Sherri, Jeanne and Melissa will be out of town. Susan Klos will volunteer at the MVCC table and promote the Green Committee. Melissa will do a bulletin board with outreach to recruit new committee members.
  - Apartment recycling – No update – remove from future agendas
  - Outreach to address more community-specific sustainability issues – ongoing. Remove from future agendas
  - Dept. of Sanitation bin recycling/top replacement - Jeanne will get info so we can do outreach.
  - Environmental organization resource list
    - First draft submitted by Ravi. Will distribute to committee for feedback and suggestions. Melissa suggested we format it as a trifold as the Homeless Solutions Committee did. Easily downloaded and printed for handout at events.
    - Discussion about including advocacy and policy organizations - does it violate the bylaws?

- List should include a few words of what the organization does
- Add focus to local services

- **Environmental Organizations and Resources**

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- Advocacy and Public Policy Organizations
- California / Los Angeles
- Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) Resource List: [ncsa.nationbuilder.com/resources](http://ncsa.nationbuilder.com/resources)
- California Interfaith Power and Light (CIPL): [www.interfaithpower.org](http://www.interfaithpower.org)
- Climate Resolve (Jonathan Parfrey's Group): [www.climateresolve.org](http://www.climateresolve.org)
- California League of Conservation Voters: [www.ecovote.org](http://www.ecovote.org)
- Pando Populus: [www.pandopopulus.org](http://www.pandopopulus.org)

- National / Global

- 350.org: [www.350.org](http://www.350.org)
- Citizens Climate Lobby: [www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org)
- Climate Reality (Al Gore's Group): [www.climate realityproject.org](http://www.climate realityproject.org)
- Food and Water Watch: [www.foodandwaterwatch.org](http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org)
- Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC): [www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org)
- Sierra Club: [www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org)
- Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS): [www.ucsusa.org](http://www.ucsusa.org)
- Greenpeace: [www.greenpeace.org](http://www.greenpeace.org)

- Local How-To and Volunteer Resources

- LA Community Garden Council: [lagardencouncil.org/](http://lagardencouncil.org/)
- LA California-Friendly Landscaping: [www.ladwp.cafriendlylandscaping.com/](http://www.ladwp.cafriendlylandscaping.com/)
- LADWP City Plants: [cityplants.org](http://cityplants.org)
- LADWP Water Conservation rebates: [www.ladwp.com/WaterConservation](http://www.ladwp.com/WaterConservation)
- GRID Alternatives Greater LA Region (solar for low-income households): [www.gridalternatives.org/gla](http://www.gridalternatives.org/gla)
- LA Conservation Corps: [lacorps.org/](http://lacorps.org/)
- Tree People: [www.treepeople.org](http://www.treepeople.org)

- New committee member recruitment – no update – continued outreach
- Eco Car Expo date
  - Date agreed 4/30/17 as selected by Diana and Mar Vista Farmers Market
  - Put funding motion on next agenda – need lawn signs, flyers and banners
  - Emphasize new models – Steve will show the Chevy Spark, Robin his new Fiat, Sherri hopes to have the Prius Prime plugin, try to get a Chevy Bolt, Sarah can recruit Ford options and perhaps a presentation of alternate mobility strategies.

5. Old business

- a. Local Oil/Gas Inspection Motion was passed as Amended by the BOD

**Whereas**, the natural gas storage facility for SoCalGas - Sempra Energy in Playa del Rey area is the oldest repurposed oil wells in the entire Gas Company system, and

**Whereas**, the immediate and regional vicinity of the Playa Del Rey natural gas storage facility is at significant

environmental risk should any negligence and/or mishaps in monitoring or storage of the natural gas occur, as recently occurred in the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility,

**Therefore**, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) requests that:

1. If there are recent safety inspection and tests for methane and other gas leaks in the air above and surrounding these storage facilities, we request that they be made available to the MVCC and the general public, and
2. The safety inspection tests be easily searchable online, simple to read, chartable and interpreted for the lay person to see and understand the baseline, and any increases and decreases, of methane levels over time.
3. Searchable online access to the status of safety valves for effective shut down on all storage facilities be available to the general public.
4. If no recent safety inspections or ongoing tests for methane and other gas leaks have been made, that they be scheduled as soon as possible, and that the results be released to the MVCC, the City of Los Angeles, and the general public in the manner described above.
5. These safety inspections be frequent and air quality tests be monitored and completed and made public daily, or as frequently and as expeditiously as possible.
6. Air Quality Notifications be available online and a method be made available for Playa del Rey and surrounding area stakeholders to sign up and be notified of Reportable Releases, as they are now being done for the neighbors of the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility.

b. EV Chargers in Multi-Family Dwelling Units was passed by BOD

6. New business - none

7. Public comment

- Christopher – coyote issues, Westchester/Playa meeting

- Jeanne – confirm next meeting moved to Venice Grind patio

8. Adjourned 10:27

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