



Mar Vista Community Council



Election and Bylaws Committee
Mar Vista Library Community Room
12006 Venice Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066
Thursday October 12, 2017
5:30pm-7:0pm
AGENDA

1. Introductions - WELCOME!
2. Public Comment
3. Old Business
 - a. Status of Bylaws Approval Process/Empower LA – Approved July 2017.
 - b. Continued discussion of revisions to MVCC Standing Rules (suggest tabling to next meeting)
4. New Business (possible motions)
 - a. Consideration of Public Comment Card revisions per September 12, 2017 MVCC BOD Mtg – Policy Motion K – Public Comment Form submitted by stakeholder petition*
 - b. Review and use of current definition of stakeholder
 - c. MVCC BOD 2nd Reading and Adoption of Bylaw Changes approved by DONE (July 2017)
 - d. Discussion and possible process recommendations re:
 - i. Filling of At Large Director vacancy (Sarah A.)
 - ii. Discussion of process of filling vacant Officer seats
 1. First Vice Chair -> assumes position of Chair; 2nd Vice Chair assumes position of 1st Vice Chair, Hold an election for 2nd Vice Chair and when should that election be held
 2. First Vice Chair assumes temporary position of Chair... once all seats are filled conduct another Election of Officers – Bylaws however state election of officers is an annual process.
 3. Which of these or other options has the most support of the MVCC BOD?
 - e. Discussion and possible recommendation re: Failed motions being brought back to the board for consideration, Motions of Reconsideration and new motions that conflict with previous MVCC motions.
 - f. Do the goals and objectives of the MVCC Bylaws provide any guidance or instruction on how we might approach the issues associated with the Great Streets Venice Lane Reductions?
 - i. The goals and objectives of the MVCC shall be as follows: A. To offer a forum to permit MVCC stakeholders to collaborate and deliberate on matters of interest to the community; B. To be an advocate for the MVCC area to government and private agencies

on issues for which there is broad community agreement; C. To facilitate the delivery of City services to neighborhoods by helping to identify community needs and involving relevant City staff in achieving integrated problem-solving techniques; D. To develop a system of ongoing communication with stakeholders regarding current and upcoming projects, issues and events; E. To encourage stakeholder participation in MVCC activities; and F. To interact with other neighborhood councils on issues of mutual concern and participate in citywide neighborhood conventions.

- g. Rosenberg's Rules of Order and Roberts Rules of Order – how can MVCC utilize them to facilitate decisions and discussions and avoid them from being used to stifle or block public participation yet also conduct business in an orderly and respectful manner.
 - i. Develop a training presentation and materials for both stakeholder and board of director use that simplifies and empowers participants to the use of parliamentary procedures.
- h. What can MVCC do to make sure both the board and public understand and appreciate the deliberative public debate and democratic process while respecting both majority and minority points of view?
- i. What is the role of the Chair and Secretary?
 - i. What information is deemed critical and essential in a set of meeting minutes, how quickly are draft minutes to be posted and what details ought be left of minutes?
- j. Given the recent turnover of board members and new appointments should the Chair and BOD reconsider committee chair appointments?

5. WRAC is hosting a Monday evening discussion later in October about NCs and Parliamentary procedures. Unfortunately, It now appears this will be happening after our October MVCC BOD

6. Future agenda items

- a. Revisions to MVCC Standing Rules

7. Public Comment

8. Adjournment

9. * Addendum

K. Policy Motion: Public Comment form (submitted by Stakeholder petition)

WHEREAS, the mission of the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) is to provide a forum for discussion of issues that affect the quality of life of MVCC Stakeholders, to facilitate stakeholder input and feedback and to serve as advocates for Mar Vista stakeholders with officials of the City of Los Angeles and other governmental and non-governmental entities, and,

WHEREAS, many Mar Vista stakeholders in attendance at the July 11, 2017 Board of Directors meeting felt the MVCC was not fulfilling their mission to accurately collect stakeholder input and feedback as well as serve as advocates for Mar Vista stakeholders with officials of the City of Los Angeles, and,

WHEREAS, many Mar Vista stakeholders were expecting to be asked for their opinions on the motions in front of the Board of Directors at the July 11th meeting prior to the Board casting their own vote, and,

WHEREAS, many Mar Vista stakeholders felt the Public Comment form provided at the July 11th meeting did not accurately capture the demographics of the people giving Public Comment, in particular the number of people who were not Mar Vista stakeholders, and/or people who were representing non-profit groups receiving grants from LADOT Vision Zero,

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council moves to update its Public Comment form to better capture Mar Vista stakeholder input and feedback by including the following:

- 1) An entry to record a stakeholder's opinion on a particular agenda item in lieu of speaking, as well as the following statement: All in-lieu opinions will be tallied and announced before the Board vote on this item;
- 2) An entry to record a speaker's affiliation: Mar Vista stakeholder, City employee, lobbyist, business organization, neighborhood association, etc.;
- 3) A check box for speakers to indicate if they are a paid speaker and instructions to provide their client's information on the back of the form, as well as the following advisory: If you are receiving compensation to make this appearance, the City of Los Angeles' Municipal Lobby Ordinance (LAMC Section 48.01 et. seq., as amended) may require you to register and report your lobbying activity. For more information, contact the City Ethics Commission at (213) 978-1960 or <http://www.lacity.org/ethics>.

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