



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
 Tuesday, June 14th, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.
 Mar Vista Recreation Center Gymnasium
 11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA
 90066

MINUTES

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)
 Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M.
 Quorum present (pre-installation): Bill Koontz, Mitchell Rische, Melissa Stoller, Bill Scheduling, Robin Doyno, Sherri Akers, Brad Wilhite,, Michelle Krupkin, Valerie Davidson, Michael Millman, Yvette Molinaro,
 Quorum present (Post-installation): Rob Kadota, Joseph Galloway, Melissa Stoller, Robin Doyno, Sherri Akers, Michelle Krupkin, Greg Tedesco, Holly Tilson, Susan Klos, Paola Cervantes
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of May 10th, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
 Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Valerie Davidson. Motion carried: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Yvette Molinaro).
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
 Debbie Rochlin: Thank you for donation to MVNA block party.
 Bill Scheduling: Brown Act still in effect. No MVCC property can remain in your house; must be stored.
 Motion by Bill Scheduling to move LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison report up on agenda (see 9.f), 2nd by Michelle Krupkin. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Financial Report and Funding Motions**
 - a. Report on current financial status
 Robin Doyno: Have approximately \$2400 that didn't plan on.
 Bill Koontz: Funding moving from DONE to City Clerk. Account moving from Union Bank to Wells Fargo.
 - b. **APPROVAL** of May Monthly Expense Report (MER)
 Motion to approve by Robin Doyno, 2nd by Melissa Stoller.
 Discussion:
 Melissa Stoller: The remaining balance (\$6246.38) shown on Page 2 is our bank account balance as of the end of May. It includes prior fiscal year funds that we cannot spend.
 Valerie Davidson: Have we received thank you's from schools? Bill Koontz: They might not have installed/used items yet.
 Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. **FUNDING MOTION: Display Supplies** (Director's motion submitted by Melissa Stoller)
 MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$445 for the purchase of supplies to be used for creating display materials for the MVCC Outreach and Green Tents at the Mar Vista Farmers' Market as well as other events in which MVCC participates.

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3	HP564XL High Capacity Ink Cartridges (3 colors + photo black)	\$275
1	HP564 XL High Capacity Ink Cartridges (3 Pack Black)	\$90
3	Staples Photo Plus Paper, 8 1/2" x 11", Gloss, 50/Pack	\$80

Motion to approve by Melissa Stoller, 2nd by .Mitchell Rische.

Motion carried unanimously.

- d. **FUNDING MOTION: Homeless Solutions Pamphlet** (director's motion submitted by ~~Homeless Solutions Committee~~ Robin Doyno)

MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$600 for printing of a Homeless Solutions Resource Guide.

Correction: Pamphlet was discussed and supported at committee meeting but, because funding motion was not agendized, it could not be voted on.

Motion to approve by Robin Doyno, 2nd by Bill Scheduling. Motion carried: 10 ayes, 1 nays, 0 abstentions

Discussion:

Michael Millman: Wants to know if vetted by DONE and Homeless Committee. How will it be distributed? Why doesn't City pay for it, instead of us spending our precious money?

Bill Koontz: Motion was discussed (positive response) but not agendized as a motion.

Robin Doyno: LAPD and some Mar Vista residents would like to have it to distribute.

Melissa: Would rather see money spent on something that will benefit our community, rather than going to General Fund or to Congress of Neighborhood Councils. Front page should be changed to make MVCC more prominent; as it is currently formatted, it looks like an LAPD publication.

Motion carried: 10 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions

- e. **FUNDING MOTION: Fire Station 62/CD11 Improvement Fund**

MVCC allocates up to \$2000 to the FS62/CD11 Improvement Fund as reimbursement for services such as inspections and drawings already rendered and paid for by CD11.

Motion to approve by Robin Doyno, 2nd by Bill Scheduling.

Discussion:

Bill Koontz: CD11 has already spent a lot of money on this. Still trying to work out how/if we can do this. It's a way of banking money. Len Nguyen is working on it.

?: Is the soil polluted with oil, requiring a clean-up.

Tom Ponton: Who will own it? Bill Koontz: Still TBD, but everyone at the table agrees it should be a community center.

Bill Scheduling: Highly irregular to have money go back to CD11. Don't think we can pull off.

Valerie Davidson: Is this unusual? Bill Koontz: have done interdepartmental transfers before.

Motion carried: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Bill Scheduling)

- f. **FUNDING MOTION: Allocation of Unspent Funds**

MVCC allocates any funds remaining in its 2015-16 Fiscal Year account, not to exceed \$2000, to the 2016 Congress of Neighborhood Councils.

Motion to approve by Melissa Stoller, 2nd by Bill Scheduling.

Discussion:

Standard – we do this every year. Wonderful event.

Michael Millman: This is the gang that can't shoot straight. If you want to see true incompetence, go to this. Would rather see money go to something in Mar Vista—neighborhood associations, etc.

Bill Koontz: Would rather spend the money in Mar Vista but that isn't on the agenda.

Melissa Stoller: Found it helpful as a new board member, made good contacts, got to interact with other NCs.

Sherri Akers: Was helpful for Green Committee to use it to share best practices, make contacts.

Motion carried: 8 ayes, 3 nays, 0 abstentions

6. **Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 1 min. each unless waived by the Chair)

- a. CD 11 – CM Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy Len Nguyen Len.Nguyen@lacity.org
Report delivered by Mike Bonin.

Speed Humps: Maker of motion. First step is to hire people to work on program. Two sets of speed bumps per Council District this year. Can put conditions on development, can have self-assessment to get more.

Millionaires tax: Mike lobbied in Sacramento. Biggest roadblock is Governor. Mayor has started study on putting fees on developers; hopes to have approved by March of next year. If County allocates money proportionately, everyone city has skin in the game.

- b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Tracie Field, Director tracie.field@lacity.org

Tom Ponton: Off and running on this year's festival (mid-October). Already have forms for booths & donations. Focus on animals this year: rescue groups and so forth. Not advertising this—don't want 100 dogs at the festival.

Mitchell Rishe: Who should Mar Vista Roller Hockey league contact to have tie-in event with Festival?

Tom Ponton: Would like to have tie-in event.

- c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway joejdg92@gmail.com

Paul thanks Mar Vista for inviting him to Festival; sorry that wasn't able to make it.

Budget approved last month. Speed bump program being discussed again, set number per council district. Also includes funding for new tree trimming crew. Graffiti abatement program getting more money. Cool Blocks pilot program: helps designate block captains for sustainability/environmental issues.

Lots of construction vehicles on Venice Blvd., obstructing bike lanes.

RE: homeless encampments under 405 (Venice & National). Will try to get cleaned up June 22.

Valerie Davidson: how high will speed bumps be? What material? Joseph: probably high, will be asphalt.

- d. US 36 – Janice Hahn

- e. US 37 – Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian maral@mail.house.gov

- f. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov

Consider agendizing a resolution in support of Homeless Initiative by July meeting. 47,000 people in LA County are sleeping on street or vehicles—big increase. Polling shows initiative is likely to pass. Would be funded by ½% personal income tax on people earning over \$1million per year and go long way toward addressing issues. State Legislature must pass bill allowing the city to impose the tax in order to implement.

Sherri Akers: Homeless Solutions Forum on June 23 at Loyola Marymont. See <http://eepurl.com/b4i8nv> for more information.

Mitchell Rishe: People living in the park, lighting fires every night for warmth/cooking.

- g. US 33 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Joey Apodaca joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov

- h. CA Assembly 47

- i. CA Assembly 62

- j. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by KarlyKatona, Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov

- k. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm Daniel.tamm@lacity.org

- l. Joel Jacinto, Department of Public Works

7. Installation of New Board/transfer of powers

- a. Swearing in of the New Board: Councilmember Mike Bonin

To old board: Thank you for the time you put in. Hope you stay engaged.

- Bill Koontz: amazing demeanor, that has shaped board
- Mitchell: thank you for all the time you put in on PLUM, even-handed and fair
- John: great job on website.
- Brad: phenomenal work on schools in North Westdale
- Yvette: Farmers' Market and Fall Festival
- Val: SM airport committee
- Bill Scheduling: MVCC wouldn't exist if not for your hard work

- Michael Millman: Passionate advocate for Mar Vista

Presentation of certificates.

- b. Election of New Board Officers: Bill Koontz
 - i. Chair

Nominations: Rob Kadota, nominated by Robin Doyno
Vote: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
 - ii. 1st Vice Chair

Nominations: Sarah Auerswald, nominated by Melissa Stoller
Vote: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
 - iii. 2nd Vice Chair

Nominations: Joseph Galloway, nominated by Rob Kadota
Vote: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
 - iv. Secretary

Nominations: Melissa Stoller, nominated by Rob Kadota
Vote: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
 - v. Treasurer

Nominations: Greg Tedesco nominated by Rob Kadota
Gret tentatively accepts (financial advisor, might have conflict of interest)
Vote: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Greg Tedesco)
8. **New Business** - Action items, which may include motions to refer items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable(public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker unless waived by the Chair); items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment.
9. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
 - a. Chair

Secretary will contact for business card information.
Will look at standing times for committee meetings, may need to change some of them. Will also look at appointments for liaisons.
 - b. 1st Vice Chair
 - c. 2nd Vice Chair
 - d. Secretary

Agendas must be posted and eblasted at least 72 hours before a meeting. BOD Agenda Process: Board and committee chairs receive an email request for agenda items the day after the ExFin meeting; agenda is closed the Friday before the BOD meeting.
 - e. Treasurer
 - f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison: Linda Guagliano lindaguag@netzero.net
Next meeting is July 20; agenda closes July 16.
Bill Koontz: Would Linda Guagliano be point person for speed bumps if they are allowed again?
Linda: doesn't know, not yet approved.
 - g. DWP MOU Liaison: Myra Boime
 - h. LANCC Liaison: Open (Bill Koontz reporting)
 - i. DWP Recycled Water Liaison: Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
Becoming part of One Water LA, which has a wider scope. Now would be a perfect time to replace Christopher as liaison. Resigning, can reappoint.
 - j. Fall Festival Liaison: Albert Olson
 - k. City Budget: John Kuchta
 - l. Recode LA: Sharon Commins
 - m. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald <http://marvistachamber.com/>
 - n. Animal Services Liaison: Steve Boskin
10. **Committee Reports** - (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)

- a. **Homeless Solutions Ad Hoc Committee** – Robin Doyno, Chair
 - b. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs
Report by Sherri Akers.
Meeting June 21, focus on Outreach budget.
 - c. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-Chairs
Report by Sherri Akers.
Has a speaker program. Next meeting is Thursday, June 16; Molly Davies, Vice President of Wise and Healthy Aging, will speak on their [Elder Abuse Prevention and Ombudsman Services](#).
 - d. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs
Report by Melissa Stoller.
Committee runs the Green Tent, does sustainability/environment outreach.
 - e. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair
Relinquishment of Venice Blvd will occur soon.
 - f. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs
Report by Michelle Krupkin.
See Item 15, Future Agenda Items, for motions to be considered at the next Board of Directors meeting.
 - g. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs; Michael Millman, Vice-Chair
Report by Michael Millman.
On Victoria & Grand View, high probability that property owner will try to do lot split into 3 lots. Michael will make sure we get mitigation. On agenda for next PLUM meeting on Tuesday, June 21.
 - h. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite, Robin Doyno & Sara Roos, Co-Chairs
Report by Robin Doyno.
Meets 3rd Monday of every month. High priority item: more community involvement with utility boxes painting.
 - i. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson & Martin Rubin, Co-Chairs
Report by Martin Rubin.
Issue is at critical stage. Interests of Mar Vista need strong representation; we need to formulate strong position to represent our interests. Santa Monica would throw us under the bus in a heartbeat. Have committed to putting name in as Zone 2 Director.
On Saturday, June 18, 11am-2pm, the City of Santa Monica will hold the first public planning workshop for the upcoming expansion of Airport Park. See <http://airport2park.org/come-help-design-santa-monicas-newest-park-airport/> for more information.
 - j. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair
 - k. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
 - l. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
 - m. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Koontz, chair
Moratorium on changing by-laws is over. Perhaps should incorporate some of the Standing Rules.
11. **Zone Director Reports** – (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
- a. Zone 1
 - b. Zone 2
 - c. Zone 3
Received complaint about sidewalks (and lack of sidewalk in some sections) on Palms between Grand View and Meier.
 - d. Zone 4
Big issue is lot on Victoria. Sidewalks in front of St. Bedes and along Centinela in poor condition.
 - e. Zone 5
Paving of oval proceeding very slowly. Art Walk went very well. Discussions about permit parking.

f. Zone 6

Issues: shots fired in one of the alleys, explosion of graffiti, lot splitting & larger houses.

Rob: Use 311 mobile app when reporting problems.

g. At-Large Directors

- Robin Doyno: Need to do outreach

- Rob: Would like to have gathering of board (agendized Brown Act meeting open to public) within 30-60 days, find out more about each other.

12. **Discussion Calendar**

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

14. **Grievances**, if any, received

15. **Future agenda items**

a. **POLICY MOTION: MVCC Call for Funding and Initiatives to Further Expedite Repairing our City Sidewalks Near Rail Transit Stations** (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

Whereas, our City Council has agreed to a thirty (30) year plan to replace and repair our City sidewalks, and

Whereas, both the Mar Vista Community Council and other Neighborhood Councils throughout the City find this thirty year plan to be entirely insufficient to meet the needs of Angelenos, and

Whereas, the poor and dangerous condition of our sidewalks particularly affects the health, wellbeing and transit access of City residents,

Therefore Mar Vista Community Council calls for a major budgetary reprioritization in our City Budget, as well as from any new tax/revenue-raising efforts, to establish a new goal of a two-year plan for all sidewalks on major thoroughfares (such as Centinela, Sepulveda, and Westwood Blvds.) within a 1/2 mile radius of all rail transit stations to better meet the true needs of Los Angeles City residents in a timely fashion.

b. **POLICY MOTION: Residents to Access Westwood/Rancho Park, Expo/Sepulveda, Expo/Bundy, and 26th/Bergamot Stations** (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

Whereas, bicycle paths and sharrows are either not approved, and/or not possible, on major thoroughfares to the Westside Expo Rail Line stations, and

Whereas, safe and effective bicycle routes to Westside Expo Rail Line stations are needed for easy and convenient access of Mar Vista and Westside Village residents to the Expo Line,

Therefore MVCC requests that the appropriate departments with the governments of the City 2 and County of Los Angeles promote the availability of maps, apps, and billboards to best publicize the most convenient and safe routes to Westside Expo Line stations

c. **POLICY MOTION: MVCC Call for a Handicap Sidewalk Ramp at the southwest corner of Palms Blvd/Sawtelle Blvd** (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

Whereas there is a need for a Handicap Sidewalk Ramp at the southwest corner of Palms and Sawtelle Blvds,

Therefore MVCC requests that the Department of Public Works expedite the planning, funding, and construction of a Handicap Sidewalk Ramp at the southwest corner of Palms and Sawtelle Blvds.

d. **POLICY MOTION: MVCC Call for Modern Bus Shelters at Intersections of National/Sawtelle, National/Sepulveda, National/Westwood, and Palms/Sepulveda** (submitted by Transportation & Infrastructure Committee)

Whereas, National/Sawtelle, National/Sepulveda, National/Westwood, and Palms/Sepulveda are key bus access points to north/south buses along Sepulveda Blvd. and Westwood Blvd., and

Whereas bus access and ridership are particularly critical to accessing the new Expo Light Rail Line at the Exposition/Sepulveda and Westwood/Rancho Park stations,

Therefore MVCC calls upon the City of Los Angeles, in cooperation with the MVCC, to plan, fund, and construct modern bus shelters, with benches, canopies, USB ports for phone charging, and signage/lighting to identify arrival of north/south buses at National/Sepulveda and Palms/Sepulveda.

e. **2016-17 Budget**

Due in September.

f. **Appointment of Zone 2 Director**

Rob will initiate process.

g. **Committee Assignments**

Will address at next meeting. Need to do outreach about committee chairs.

16. **Public Comment**

Debbie Rochlin: Amazing board!

Bill Koontz: Boy Scout saying: "Leave nature better than the way you found it." Believes has left MVCC better than the way he found it.

17. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:56: P.M.

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