



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, April 12th, 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 7:11 P.M.
Quorum present: Bill Koontz, Mitchell Rishe, John Kuchta, Melissa Stoller, Bill Scheduling, Yvette Molinaro, Robin Doyno, Sherri Akers, Ken Alpern, Brad Wilhite,, Michelle Krupkin, Valerie Davidson
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of March 8th, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
Motion to approve by Sherri Akers, 2nd by Melissa Stoller. Motion carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays ,3 abstentions (Michelle Krupkin, Valerie Davidson, Yvette Molinaro).
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
Sarah Auerswald: Mega Garage Sale sponsored by a local realtor, MV Chamber of Commerce, Learning Zone
Sharon Cummins: Should appoint a 3rd co-chair to Homeless Committee, particularly on Globe who's impacted.
Sarah Auerswald: Candidate orientation for all of West region on Wednesday, April 20, at Iman Center, 7:00 P.M.
Sherri Akers: May 12, 9:30 a.m.: Senior Fraud Awareness Forum; Sherri is being honored. Stop Senior Scam troupe is performing at Mar Vista Recreation Center Friday, April 15.
Jennie Simonson (Bicycle Coalition): Bike to Work Day is May 19.
5. **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
Come to Celebration of Life memorial for Bill Rosendahl on Saturday, April 16, 2:00-6:00. Tons of food. Still need 34 volunteers.
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Tracie Field, Director tracie.field@lacity.org
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway joejdg92@gmail.com
 - 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
Representative is now head of taxation committee. More funding per capita stays in Northern California but center of population is in LA.
Head of Los Angeles caucus – deals with situations where LA gets short end of stick
Michelle Krupkin: Penny Lane Development? No info.
 - 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 Karly Katona, Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
 - k. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm Daniel.tamm@lacity.org

- I. Joel Jacinto, Department of Public Works
6. **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.
Motion to take 6.b-g on consent by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Sherri Akers. Motion carried: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Michelle Krupkin).
Moved to approve consent calendar by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Valerie Davidson. Motion carried unanimously.
- a. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: EACC Co-chair**
MVCC approves the appointment of Elias Segali as co-chair of the Education, Arts and Culture Committee, replacing co-chair Brad Wilhite.
Motion to hold over by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Melissa Stoller. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Ad-hoc Homeless Issues Committee name change**
MVCC approves changing the name of the ad-hoc Homeless Issues Committee to ad-hoc Homeless Solutions Committee.
Michelle Krupkin: Negative reaction to use of word “Solutions” because of the Holocaust.
Robin Doyno: Understands Michelle’s reaction and will discuss other names with the committee.
- c. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Ad-hoc Homeless Solutions Committee mission**
MVCC approves the following mission statement for the Ad-Hoc Homeless Solutions Committee:
The Mar Vista Community Council’s Homeless Solutions Committee seeks to protect the community from the impacts of homelessness by working with homeless individuals who wish to receive social services; which will hopefully lead to permanent housing and a future for them off the streets.
We will advocate, educate, reach out to, work with, and find and implement viable solutions to better the lives of our homeless neighbors while working with stakeholders to address their community concerns.
- d. **POLICY MOTION: Support for Credit for Caring Act** (submitted by Aging in Place Committee)
Whereas by 2030, 20% of our community will be 65 or older; and
Whereas 1 in 3 will have dementia or Alzheimer’s – almost 2/3 of them women; and
Whereas Medicare does not cover any of the essential services needed to care for those with dementia, forcing family caregivers out of the work force; and
Whereas 25% of Boomers care for an aging parent resulting in an average loss of income of over \$300K, yet when forced to leave the workplace they face further hardship if taking social security early with a reduction of benefits of almost 30%.
The Mar Vista Community Council respectfully urges Congressman Karen Bass to support our senior community by:
- Introducing a proposal that early retirement taken to provide family caregiving be an exception to the reduction for early benefits, as done with disabilities.
 - Supporting the proposal by Congressman David Jolly that will change how the cost of living increase is calculated on social security
 - Supporting the [Credit for Caring Act](#), which provides a tax credit to working family members equal to 30 percent of a caregiver’s expenses greater than \$2,000. The bill aims to reward working taxpayers and encourage continued participation in the workforce while providing care to a loved one. It was introduced by Rep. Linda Sánchez, D-California, who chairs the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and Rep. Tom Reed, R-N.Y.
- e. **POLICY MOTION: VA Master Plan #1** (submitted by WRAC via PLUM Committee)
The Mar Vista Community Council supports the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2015 (Feinstein / S. 2013 and Lieu / H.R. 3484), to place permanent supportive housing, and parking for dwelling in vehicles, on the Department of Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Campus in West Los Angeles.
- f. **POLICY MOTION: VA Master Plan #2** (submitted by WRAC via PLUM Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the draft master plan for the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles campus.

- g. **POLICY MOTION: Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance** (submitted by WRAC via PLUM Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council supports amending the Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance such that all Small Lot Subdivision projects shall comply with the land's underlying zone, including setbacks, and further amending to prohibit cantilevered construction over required open space, including driveways and required setbacks.

7. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)

- a. Chair-Bill Koontz

MVCC funds are frozen (see Attachment A). Downtown hasn't returned calls, answered questions about MERs.

Bill Scheduling: Letter doesn't say what process is to get unfrozen. Will drive them downtown tomorrow.

Bill Koontz: A few months ago, you didn't know where \$11,000 was.

Bill Scheduling: Will be happy to resign after he drives MERs downtown. Will send letter of resignation. He needs to sign MER paperwork now.

Bill Koontz: Will have special meeting next week. Melissa has required training to be Treasurer; need candidate for Secretary.

Ken Alpern: Doesn't blame anyone for feeling upset or angry, but doesn't think two months of being angry helps anyone. Thinks this will make things worse. Shouldn't treat Bill Scheduling this way after years and years of service. Ultimately, Ken blames the City.

- b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe
c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta
d. Secretary –Melissa Stoller

- e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2015-16 or they will expire. All NPG and CIG grants approved by the Mar Vista Community Council are restricted funds according to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment regulations and must be used for the exact purpose approved by the MVCC. All Neighborhood Council Funding reports are available online at <http://done.lacity.org/onlinefunding/ncfunding.aspx>.

- i. Report on current financial status

Bill Scheduling: We have \$13,018.02 in Bank.

Sharon Commins: Someone should go downtown & talk to them.

Bill Scheduling: Can run forms downtown tomorrow, will make appointment.

Bill Koontz: Should also scan signed version & email.

Sarah Auerswald: Cares how much money there is because we have an election to run, and have request for funding.

Elliot Hanna: Agrees with Ken. First thing to ask when something goes awry, is what is the process problem. Need to address from that standpoint.

Sherri Akers: Was asked to use her credit card for Eco Car Expo. Sent three emails with receipt to Bill Scheduling and didn't get response. Then Bill paid the printer as per the MER. Sherri will contact printer and ask if can credit her credit card.

Melissa Stoller: MER budget amounts are incorrect—doesn't show amounts as revised a couple of month's ago. And it books prior fiscal year expenses against this year's budget, which will result in our showing that we've spent more than the \$42,000 allotted this year.

Bill Scheduling: If we overspend account, no big deal—just comes out of next year. \$42,000 is just a number.

- ii. **APPROVAL** of March Monthly Expense Report (MER)

Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Ken Alpern.

Discussion

MER shows \$32,363.04 that we've spent.

Bill Koontz: Not filing in all the info—outstanding checks or other outstanding commitments.

Bill Koontz: Friendly amendment to add \$5 bank service charge (due to balance falling below \$1000); Bill Scheduling accepts.

Bill Scheduling: MER doesn't need to balance to Bank Statement; can't balance.

Vote: 2 ayes, 5 nays, 3 abstentions. MER is not approved.

Bill Koontz: Maybe talk to people downtown, deal with MER at next week's meeting.

iii. **Funding Motion** (submitted by Community Outreach Committee)

MVCC allocates up to \$500 for MVNA Block Party contingent on the availability of funds.

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

Discussion

Sarah Auerswald: When will we know if we have funds?

Bill Scheduling: Doesn't know about the NPGs; doesn't know when we'll know.

Sarah Auerswald: There are constituents who want to know, we should know if there is money available.

Elliot Hanna: Wife made the request for \$500. Doesn't think should appropriate phantom money. Party is June 12.

Bill Koontz: Should put over till next month.

Lenore French: What happened to Art Walk motion? Melissa Stoller: Was withdrawn due to lack of funds.

Ken Alpern: We don't have information from city to go by, they've been horrid at providing it.

Sarah Auerswald: BOD voted on how to spend the money.

Bill Koontz: Is very simple to add the numbers up and know how much we've allocated.

Motion to put over to next month by Melissa Stoller, 2nd by John Kutch. Motion carries unanimously.

f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison: Linda Guagliano lindaguag@netzero.net

Short meeting. Cleared up 3 of the 5 oldest items. Continuing problem at National/Overland on-ramp to I10. Backup prevents people from turning left. They took away one right turn lane years ago, backing traffic up to south side of bridge.

Next meeting is May 18; agenda closes May 12.

Bill Koontz: Problem with cut thru traffic on Stoner. Where on that block would it be best to put speed trailer?

Mitchell Rische: Gravel storage area south of Palms (DWP site?). There's constant dumping & picking up of gravel and surrounding homes getting dust. BillK: Len looking into.

g. DWP MOU Liaison: Myra Boime

h. LANCC Liaison: Open (Bill Koontz reporting)

i. DWP Recycled Water Liaison: Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater

j. Fall Festival Liaison: Albert Olson

In the works—discussing theme.

k. City Budget: John Kuchta

l. Recode LA: Sharon Commins

Event at Iman Center had more attendees than other 3 forums combined.

ICL ordinance is coming up in May or June. Crucial: Neighborhoods will choose where they want their single family neighborhoods.

In the fall, will roll out downtown plan.

We should have a Community Design Overlay for Great Streets.

Ken Alpern: Much of this is political; we're lucky to have Mike Bonin.

m. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald <http://marvistachamber.com/>

Monthly meeting on April 21: discussing best way to use Linked-in.

Mixer on April 25, 5:00-7:00.

Sponsoring Bike to Work Day with Bicycle Coalition—several stands, giving out coffee.
Hulu bikes are coming! We're part of the zone; can leave them tied up to any bike rack.

n. Animal Services Liaison: Steve Boskin

8. **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.

Robin Doyno: Michelle's comments were heard; may come back with another name change. Will also consider including a homeowner on Globe.

concerned Mar Vistans. The second, possibly 10 providers and 16-17 Mar Vistans. Both meetings were excellent; idea sharing, open mindedness, very little "move-them-out attitude," networking between providers as well as between providers and Mar Vistans. Was considerable disruption from one person at 2nd meeting. Topics discussed:

- Lava Mae: a bus-like hygiene station travelling around town providing showers. The idea is working in San Francisco; it's about to happen here.
- Parks and schools for showers.
- Developing a handy resource guide for people on the street to access services.
- Observers for the encampment clean-ups.
- District 11 idea of using Metro Lot on Main Street I Venice for affordable housing.

Actions:

- Actual casework done unofficially by people associated with Committee.
- Attendance at Westside Homeless and Housing Coalition, LA City Council's Homelessness and Poverty Committee, Mark Ridley Thomas' Empowerment on Mental Health Committee.
- Witnessed several "sweeps" beneath our bridges.
- Investigated vigilantism against the homeless. Advised and discussed with Council District 11.
- Met with LAPF Captain Alberca.
- One person housed by way of SHARE program.
- Stephen (10 FWY & Mational) relocated with Michael Millman's help.
- Investigated and supported Safe Park program.

Sharon Cummins: Watch underlying zoning at Parks; need conditional use permit) to change use of space.

Ken: Alpern: synonym for "solutions" is "answers"

Brad Wilhite: Walkway between Ceilhunt & Colby near I10—opening cut in fence

b. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs

Lots of outreach, huge slate of candidates.

Website:

- Can't upgrade for security without breaking the website. Developer used old version of Perl.
- Solution: hire 3rd party consultant with Perl & Drupal experience.
- Should we spend money to make current website secure or save for redesign later? Redesign will take longer than we think. Recommendation: hire a city-approved consultant to handle small number of updates.
- "Website has been compromised" emails –probably phishing. Marvistacc website is still up.

Melissa Stoller: Would crowd-sourcing of website coding (using local volunteers) work if interfaces were defined? John: problem – hired consultant before; intentionally designed so is difficult to manage so they could get maintenance contract. Is built of modules, no cohesion. Need to have positive relationship with consultant vetted by city; will need long-term relationship.

c. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-Chairs

d. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs

- Great 1st Annual Eco Car Expo!
- e. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair
CalTrans still owns Venice Blvd.
 - f. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs
 - g. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs; Michael Millman, Vice-Chair
Poor turnout at meeting on Martin Cadillac. See redesign on their website (<http://www.martinexpotowncenter.com>). Mar Vista's community plan is outdated; need more comprehensive plan.
PLUM meeting April 19 at Windward.
 - h. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite, Robin Doyno & Sara Roos, Co-Chairs
 - i. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson & Martin Rubin, Co-Chairs
Planes cleared off of parcel of land north of dog park; it will be parking lot. Leases canceled; planes moved elsewhere.
 - 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
Close to having a meeting. Mike has some big news.
 - m. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Koontz, chair
Candidate Forum: perhaps at St. Bedes May 16.
9. **Zone Director Reports** – (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
- a. Zone 1 – Ken Alpern
Expo line opening May 20; will be big hoopla.
 - b. Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite
Zone 2 doing transportation survey about. Cut-thru traffic. Will share results.
 - c. Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling
 - d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman
 - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
Status Kuo closed for conversion; will reopen selling liquor
 - f. Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson
Quiet except for loud jets.
10. **Discussion Calendar**
11. **Unfinished Business** - Action items held over from previous meeting (Public comment permitted)
12. **Grievances**, if any, received
13. **Future agenda items**
14. **Public Comment**
John Kutcha: when budget problem came up, every member who voted to approve the MERs shares some responsibility.
15. **Adjournment**
Meeting adjourned at 9:11 P.M.
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Attachment A: Funding Freeze Notice

work with you to pay your ongoing operational expenses in a timely manner please contact the Funding Unit to provide this information to us.

To further assist you in complying with these requirements, the Department will now be appointing temporary staff to assist you in completing these reports. These individuals are fully trained in the Department's funding processes, policies, and requirements. Danielle Sandoval will be contacting your Treasurer, 2nd Signer, and cardholder shortly to help in completing the forms and compiling the supporting documentation.

The Department will be billed by the temporary staffing agency for these services at a rate of \$31.68 per hour, and we will pay these bills from your Neighborhood Council's appropriated funds. We estimate that the length of time to complete one (1) MER (including filling out the form, phone calls, emails, meetings with NC officers) will range from 2-5 hours per MER, assuming all of your supporting documentation, e.g. receipts, invoices, flyers, etc., are available.

We will work quickly to unfreeze your funds once we receive the outstanding Monthly Expenditure Reports. If you have any other questions, please contact the Funding Group at (213) 978-1551 or via email at EmpowerLA.Funding@LACity.org. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grayce".

Grayce Liu
General Manager
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment