



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

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1. **Call to Order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min.)
 - Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.
 - Quorum present – Sharon Commins (Chair), Bill Koontz (1st Vice Chair), Yvette Milinaro (2nd Vice Chair), Bill Duckett (Secretary), Bill Scheduling (Treasurer), Valerie Davidson, Melisa Stoller, John Kuchta, Michelle Krupkin, and Ken Alpern
2. **Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of February 2014 and March 2014 Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)
 - Motion by Bill Koontz to approve Feb 2014 minutes (adding Kate Anderson). Motion carries unanimously.**
 - Motion by Bill Koontz to approve March 2014 minutes (adding Kate Anderson). Motion carries unanimously.**
4. **Special Presentation: LADWP RWAG and Groundwater Replenishment** (5 min)
 - Jennifer presented the Consensus Statement and asked that we let them know what aver might cause the motion not to pass. Chris spoke on the one water program. This is a state driven program to study water conservation alternatives for the city of LA. Workshop to come. Can sign up to be a statkeholder.
5. **Public Comment & Announcements**--for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
 - Southern California Gas: Ray V-Electronically upgrading the billing system with new "Advanced Meters." This electronic device will attach to the regular meter. Meter readers will be eliminated as all readings will now be available online to SCG and to property owners. Stakeholders will be warned in advance of the change-out. No need for anyone to come into homes. Battery has 20+ year lifetime. Customer started paying for this a year ago (about \$1.80 per customer) and this cost will go away at the end of 5 years. From this point on (after 5 years) the savings will be passed on to customers. There will be a flag for customer if unusual usage occurs. Service for pilot lights, etc. will not change.
 - a. **Special Presentation: American Cancer Society Relay for Life** (5 min)
 - Mark spoke as a promoter who is afflicted by cancer. Event will affect you for life. He introduced Ashley. Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz sponsor this event. Bill Rosendahl spearheading the event. Trying to grow the event and feel confident this will happen.
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
 - Len: Thank you to Mar Vista for the clean-up turnout. Work on Scattergood from OP and Venice is just about finished. Work will begin north of this and south of this. Trenches and pipe first then a return to lay the cable. There is a revised schedule. Link will be emailed to Secretary. Signs (no stopping any time) will be installed soon (within next week) under the 405 on Venice Blvd. Other encampment issues are being persued. The sinkhole near Barrington and National has been reported and Len will follow through.
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
 - Jason: Elizabeth has been promoted. Two new recreation coordinators have been appointed. Monica present. Spring camp begins April 14. Extravaganza April 19th.
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Field Deputy Jeffrey Ebenstein, jeffrey.ebenstein@lacity.org
 - Jeffrey: No report
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - e. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov
 - Scott Malsin: No report
 - f. CA Senate 28 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov
 - Robert: No report
 - g. CA Assembly 47
 - h. CA Assembly 62
 - i. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly Katona, Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
 - Karly: No report
 - j. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm Daniel.tamm@lacity.org

-Daniel: No report

7. **Election & Bylaws Committee: ELECTIONS 2014 UPDATE 'VoteMarVista2014'**

- a. Empower Elections: Alisa Smith, Region 11 IEA

-Sharon: Committee chair for this election since all other board members

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

- a. Chair-Sharon Commins

-Sharon: No report

- b. First Vice Chair-Bill Koontz

-Bill K.: vote

- c. Second Vice Chair-Yvette Molinaro

-Yvette: No report

- d. Secretary-Bill Duckett

-Bill D.:

- e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2013-14 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>

Motion to move this to the top of the Officer and Liaison report moved by Bill Koontz.

Motion passed unanimously.

- i. **APPROVAL** of March 2014 US Bank statement

Motion by Michelle Krupkin. Motion approved unanimously.

- ii. **APPROVAL** of March Funding Spreadsheet Form

Motion by John Kuchta. Motion approved unanimously.

- iii. **FUNDING MOTION: EAC: RICHLAND AVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NPG:**

THERMOPLASTIC BENCHES: \$1535 for the purchase of 6 thermoplastic benches, each to have the new MVCC recognition Plaques affixed.

Kami: All 30 benches are in sad shape. Benches will be blue (school colors are blue and yellow). Suggested that a couple youth come from Richland to lead us in pledge to expose them to the existence of the council.

Motion by Bill Koontz. Motion approved unanimously.

- iv. **FUNDING MOTION: CHAIR:** Motion to increase the number of MVCC plaques ordered from Yeuell to 200 pieces. MVCC order is currently for 100 pieces at \$9.24 each. 200 pieces would be \$7.09 each.

Proof examined by Board members.

Motion by Bill Koontz. Motion approved unanimously.

- v. **FUNDING MOTION: SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER PRINTING:** Approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$3915.28 for printing of the Spring 2014 Elections/Showcase newsletter by Pacific Rim Printers

Motion by John Kuchta. Motion approved unanimously.

- vi. **FUNDING MOTION: SPRING 2014 NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION:** Approve payment of invoice in the amount of \$1679.00 for distribution of the Spring 2014 Elections/Showcase newsletter by CBS Advertising Distributors

Motion by John Kuchta. Motion approved unanimously.

- vii. **FUNDING MOTION: EXEC: GGS 2014 GARDENERS' RECEPTION APRIL 12, 2014:** Not to exceed \$100 for paper goods, utensils and light refreshments

Motion by John Kuchta. Motion approved unanimously.

- viii. **FUNDING MOTION: EXEC: WEST MAR VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

ADVERTISING: Motion to approve \$300 for the purchase of an ad in the new WestMar Association newsletter, including an MVCC link on their website.

Motion by Bill Koontz. Motion approved unanimously.

- ix. **FUNDING MOTION: EXEC: 2014 NC ELECTIONS REGION 11 ARGONAUT AD:** Motion to approve \$106.25 for Quarter page color [Rate: \$425. gross, \$106.25 net for MVNC portion]. Note: MVCC participated along with Westchester-Playa, Del Rey, and Venice NCs

Motion by Bill Koontz. Motion approved unanimously.

- x. **FUNDING MOTION: EXEC: 2014 ELECTIONS: T SHIRTS FOR VOLUNTEERS:** Motion to approve up to \$350 for the purchase of approx.18-20 volunteer T shirts printed with the MVCC logo and 'election volunteer' on the front as was done for the 2012 elections volunteers.

10-12 were collected after last election so no need to buy as many.

Motion by Bill Koontz. Motion approved unanimously.

- xi. **FUNDING MOTION: GREEN COMMITTEE:** Motion to fund an additional heavy duty easel and 100 sheets of glossy photo paper not to exceed \$160.00
Friendly amendment to increase the amount to \$260 accepted.
Motion by Melissa Stoller. Motion approved unanimously.
- xii. **FUNDING MOTION: ROSE COMMITTEE:** motion to fund up to \$2600 for the repair of the Charnock median. See Attachment A
Tom Ponton: Mar Vista Landkeepers Preservation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) which has been around since 2002, founded to take care of this median. Provides the non-profit status for events like the Fall Festival (as long as the event falls under the guidelines and meets the objectives of the mission statement) and takes a 5% cut which helps to maintain the median. There are not enough funds available to fix all of the problems with the median. They have a plan in place and need \$2600 for the phase 3 of this rejuvenation, specifically the tree trimming and the clearing of grass, weeds, and overgrowth.

Other stakeholders spoke in support.

Charnock Road Median Rejuvenation Project materials distributed.

Yvette Molinaro: worries about the ambitious price tag and questioned Tom to make sure none of the money available includes money being held by MVLP for the Fall Festival. Also concerned that funding may be more complicated than might be thought.

Kate Anderson: This median benefits all of Mar Vista.

John Kuchta: Motioned that this be referred back to Rose Committee until next month when all paperwork can be put in order.
Motion passed with 7 ayes, 3 nays

A neighborhood purpose grant application is needed. Some worry that without the proper paperwork this will be kicked back to the board.

Motion by Ken Alpern and John Kuchta. Motion approved unanimously.

- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano
-Linda: May 21st is next meeting...items for agenda to Linda Saturday before. Request from North Westdale has been postponed for two meetings which shows the backlog. Ocean Park and Bundy now has a bus bench. Worried about pickup and dropoff for Mar Vista Elementary, who has no one to come out and monitor this. LAPD has been notified and will begin to monitor the situation
 - g. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Bill Koontz
-Bill (DWP MOU): Each council received a 1000+ page report. Bill is looking for a volunteer to read it. Marci Edwards said DWP is considering all options for getting us water. Rate payer advocate spoke on One Water issue (not distinguishing between the different water problem and putting them all under one umbrella) which is problematic because of the way the laws are written. We are getting a great deal of water from the Colorado River to make up shortages elsewhere.
-Bill (LANCC): Motion to amend Brown Act for all developers to disclose
 - h. DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
-Christopher: Most of Christopher's report was given by Bill. Asked board to consider a One Water Liason.
 - i. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson/Yvette Molinaro
-Yvette: Donating a screen for the Rec center using the money made from the Fall Festival.
 - j. City Budget: John Kuchta
-John: No report
9. **Zone Director Reports--may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; Public comment permitted)**
Zone 1 – Ken Alpern: WVHA board will miss Sharon. Without the commercial portion of Casden they may not be able to make enough money so the future of the project is in question.

Zone 2 – Bill Koontz: North Westdale doesn't have an April meeting but will be having elections in May.

Zone 3 – Kate Anderson: Bill Pope has formed a group called HERO.

Zone 4 – Michael Millman: No report

Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin: Shooting at Bikini Bar on March 28th. Both victims not cooperating so the belief is that it is gang related.

Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson: Back gate at airport is a concern. Question about the mess created by wind. Worried about watering system (water sometime runs forever) on the median on Palms from Stewart to Beethoven.

10. **Committee Reports & Consent Calendar** - Action items included, 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

- a. **Executive & Finance Committee**-Sharon Commins, Chair
-Sharon: No report
- b. **GGG 2014 AD HOC COMMITTEE**- Shelley Wiseman & Christy Wilhelmi, Co-Chairs
 - i. **REPORT: 2014 GGS Tour Organizing Progress**
-Shelley:
- c. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
 - i. The MVCC requests that the City of Los Angeles provide adequate maintenance for the Mar Vista Library grounds, and the MVCC shall send a letter to the appropriate city department asking for that.
Motion by consent. Motion approved unanimously.
 - ii. The MVCC requests that the City of Los Angeles provide long overdue tree trimming for the large trees near the Mar Vista Post Office, and the MVCC shall send a letter to the appropriate city department asking for that.
Motion by consent. Motion approved unanimously.
 - iii. The MVCC requests that the US Postal Service provide adequate maintenance for the trees and landscape in the parking lot at the Mar Vista Post Office, and the MVCC shall send a letter to the Post Office asking for that.
Motion by consent. Motion approved unanimously.
- d. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, & Jeanne Kuntz, Co-Chairs
 - i. **POLICY MOTION: RECYCLED WATER ADVISORY GROUP CONSENSUS STATEMENT:**
The Mar Vista Community Council supports the Recycled Water Advisory Group Consensus Statement [see Attachment A], a joint effort of the LADWP, the Bureau of Sanitation, and stakeholders.
Motion by consent. Motion approved unanimously.
- e. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs
-Ken: No report
- f. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee**-Steve Wallace & Michael Millman, Co-Chairs
-Sharon: Big land use issue at end of Grand View being discussed.
- g. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Amy Lawrence and Albert Olson, Co-Chair
-Albert: No report
- h. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Koontz & Yvette Molinaro, Co-Chairs
-Yvette: Meeting on the 17th instead of regularly scheduled meeting.
- i. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs
-Bill: No Report
- j. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
-Rachel: No report
- k. **Ad Hoc Website Team**-John Kuchta, Chair
-John: No report
- l. **Community Outreach Committee** – John Kuchta, Chair
-John: No report

11. **Discussion Calendar**

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

13. **New Business** -(Public comment permitted)

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

15. **Future agenda items**

16. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made at 8:52 p.m. by Bill Kонтz and 2nd by Michelle Krupkin

ATTACHMENT A: Charnock Median Concept Plan and Budget

Phase 1 –Hill Rejuvenation and Repair Phase

- Repair Sprinkler System (Charnock only) \$2,000 (\$975 spent to date)
- Clear weeds, overgrowth, trim trees & shrubs on hill section \$2,400 (\$1,200 spent to date)
- Total costs Phase 1 \$4,400

Phase 2 - Design Phase

- Create conceptual drawing: volunteer
- Investigate costs and get bids for materials and labor: volunteer

Phase 3 – Planting and Hardscape Installation

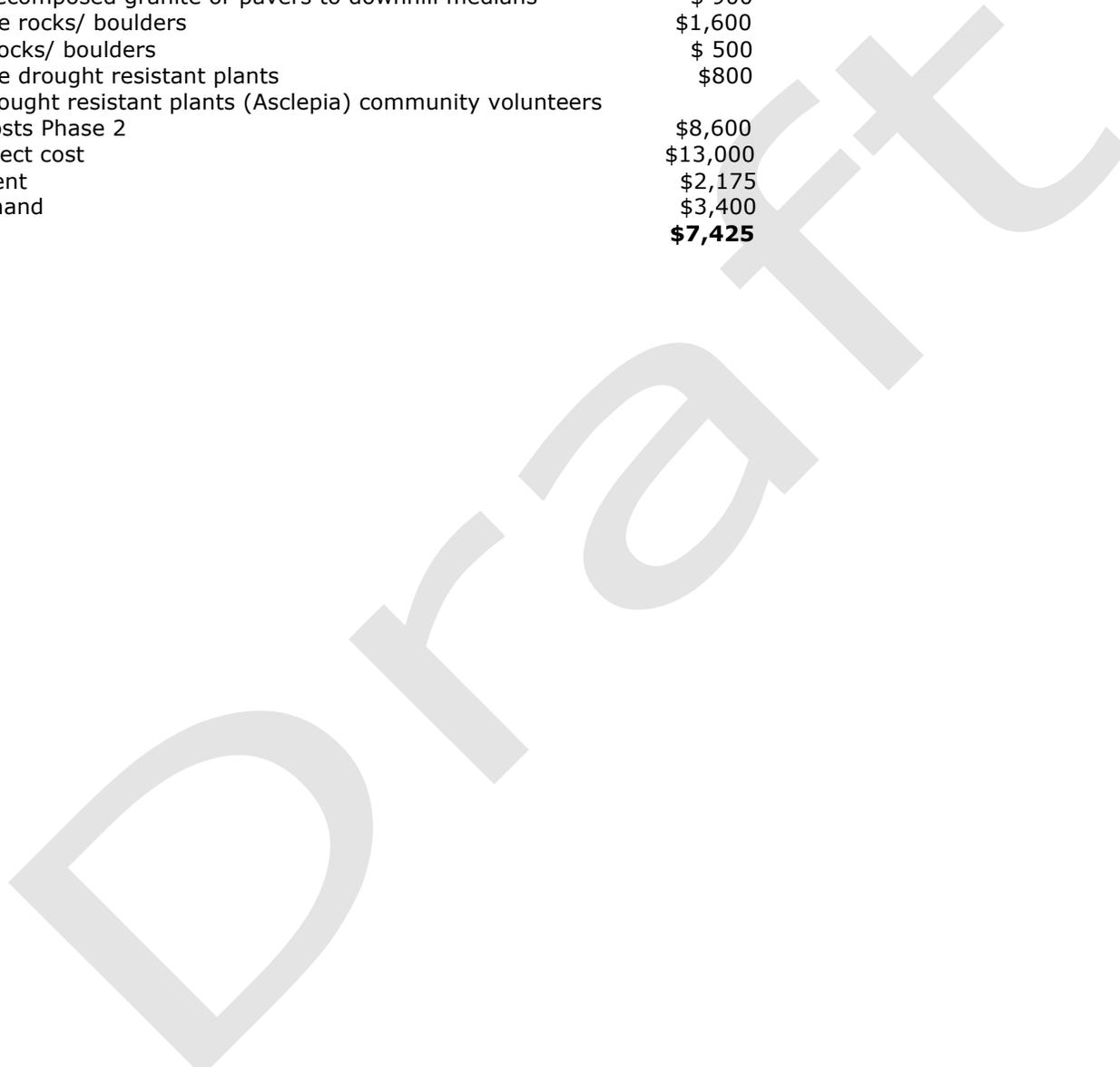
- Trim trees on downhill section of median \$1,200
- Clear grass, weeds, overgrowth from downhill medians \$1,400
- Purchase decomposed granite or pavers \$2,200
- Apply decomposed granite or pavers to downhill medians \$ 900
- Purchase rocks/ boulders \$1,600
- Install rocks/ boulders \$ 500
- Purchase drought resistant plants \$800
- Plant drought resistant plants (Asclepia) community volunteers \$8,600
- Total Costs Phase 2 \$13,000

Total project cost \$13,000

Funds spent \$2,175

Cash on hand \$3,400

Shortfall \$7,425



ATTACHMENT B:

Draft

RECYCLED WATER ADVISORY GROUP
CONSENSUS STATEMENT

Los Angeles and all of Southern California face an increasing shortage of water.

The Recycled Water Advisory Group (RWAG) strongly supports use of purified recycled water to augment the groundwater supply that Los Angeles draws on for its drinking water. Purified recycled water is advanced treated wastewater (sewage) that undergoes microfiltration, reverse osmosis, and ultraviolet and hydrogen peroxide disinfection, resulting in water that meets or exceeds all drinking water standards.

Additionally, RWAG supports continuing other uses of recycled water, including for irrigation, industrial and commercial purposes.

In pursuing the increased use of recycled water, we urge the City of Los Angeles to maintain the highest levels of safety, assure cost-effectiveness, and communicate with the people of Los Angeles in a timely, open and transparent manner. RWAG recommends conducting a rigorous independent financial analysis of the recycled water program, including the impact on rates, subject to on-going review by the Ratepayers Advocate.

After reviewing and contributing to the City's plans for recycling wastewater and considering other successful major water reuse programs, we conclude that, properly implemented, indirect potable reuse of purified recycled water will be a reliable and safe component of the Los Angeles water supply.

RWAG is an independent broad-based affiliation of individuals representing environmental, business, and community groups; Neighborhood Councils; technical organizations; and other interested parties convened by the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power and the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation to address water supply issues of the City of Los Angeles.

1/22/2014 As proposed by RWAG Consensus Statement Working Group

