



# Mar Vista Community Council



**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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, John Kuchta, Melissa Stoller, Bill Scheduling, Robin Doyno, Sherri Akers, Ken Alpern, Michael Millman, Michelle Krupkin
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)  
Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Stoller. Minutes approved: 6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (John Kuchta).
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair).  
Andrew Adams, National & Federal: running for Democratic Central Committee, the governing board for the Democratic Party, for Assembly District 54. Wants to make sure it's making smart decisions when endorsing, and has reps that look & talk like us and represent our community. Website is <http://www.andrewfadams.com>  
Lenore French: The next Art Walk is June 2.  
Christopher McKinnon: Times spreading a rumor that drug-resistant bacteria are growing Hyperion recycled water.
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](mailto:Len.Nguyen@lacity.org)  
Bill Rosendahl is doing better, more alert.  
Will present 10 additional art box designs at Great Streets ad-hoc; funding glitch fixed.  
City Council approved hiring a Petroleum Administrator; moving forward with fracking moratorium and wants to bring in someone fully focus.  
Sherri Akers: Will this person also take responsibility of methane leak inventory?  
Len: hopefully we'll be able to use the person's expertise for this.  
Bill Koontz: Is there a way to bring in someone who isn't an ex-lobbyist?  
Len: open to someone with expertise but not someone working for an oil company.
  - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Tracie Field, Director [tracie.field@lacity.org](mailto:tracie.field@lacity.org)
  - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway [joejdg92@gmail.com](mailto:joejdg92@gmail.com)
    - Expo Phase 2 opening May 20.
    - Brought motion to support homeless strategy plan, emphasizing homeless seniors.
    - With Mike Bonin & Mike O'Farrell, helping restore honors to vets dismissed under don't ask/don't tell.  
Robin Doyno: Does Councilman support homeless plan section 6.B which addresses temporary shelter sites?  
Joseph: Not familiar with this.

- Job fair in Baldwin Hills on Saturday, March 12.
  - Temple Isaiah's annual Purim carnival is Sunday, March 13.
  - Trying to get parking guards for Clover Elementary; in 2011, was told it wasn't feasible; -asking them to take another look
  - April 6, 6-9 P.M., mansionization forum at the Iman Foundation, 3376 Motor Ave.
  - Development questions:
    - Michael Millman: Palms & Sepulveda (NW corner) developers want 300 unit mixed use development, park, restaurants, grocery store; in initial planning stage
    - Ken Alpren: Sepulveda & National: Big Lots development? Area needs upgrading, approved stoplight for left turns. Need discussion.
- d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
- e. US 37 – Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian [maral@mail.house.gov](mailto:maral@mail.house.gov)
- f. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin [scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov)
- g. US 33 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Joey Apodaca [joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov](mailto: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](mailto:Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov)
- k. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm [Daniel.tamm@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.tamm@lacity.org)
- Art Walk: mayor formed partnership with Department of Public Affairs.
  - Thrilled about Expo Line opening; mayor spent time in DC getting funding.
  - Mayor advocated for raising minimum wage which is taking effect July 1. To ensure a smooth transition, is launching extensive public education initiative on how to best educate constituencies.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 infomercials encouraging people to run for Neighborhood Council; one oriented to youth, 1 in Spanish
  - Mayor ran on reforming DWP; measures are coming up on November ballot. Progress: billing system fixed; call wait time slashed, new leadership. Principles for next phase.
  - Melissa Stoller: Recent firing of AQMD & Coastal Commission heads impacts Los Angeles; what actions can/will mayor take? Daniel: Will find out; this is definitely LA issue.
  - Question regarding Safe Parking areas for homeless residents: if City Council means forward, that will be included in homeless initiative.
- l. 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.
- a. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Ad-hoc Homeless Issues Committee Co-chair**  
MVCC approves the appointment of Susan Klos as co-chair of the ad-hoc Homeless Issues Committee.  
*Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Scheduling. Motion unanimously approved.*
- b. **POLICY MOTION: Small Lot Subdivision For The Barrington Corridor North Of The Intersection Of Federal And Indianapolis Avenues** (submitted by PLUM Committee)  
The MVCC values the unique history, character and residential scale of the Westdale neighborhood. The existing two story apartment buildings and single-family homes along Barrington Avenue were designed to blend with the surrounding neighborhood. We support the desires of the owners in the fourteen houses that are zoned R-3 to be able to live along-side developments that are appropriate in scale. Our first preference is that these fourteen properties remain single-family homes. However if any of these properties are to be developed for other uses, the MVCC supports the small lot subdivision model over the larger apartment building model. The reasons included reduced density, better conforming to neighborhood character, and ownership model. We support in concept the plan proposed for 3277 Barrington Avenue with the following conforming stipulations as agreed to by the developer:

- That the design and materials conform to the character of the existing neighborhood structures.
- That the existing setback (green space) along Barrington Avenue be preserved.
- That the first structure facing Barrington Avenue has a lower profile ( $\leq 34' 6''$  railing height) than the structures set further back on the lot resulting in less massing as viewed from the street. (NOTE: the railing is 42" in height by code).
- That the height the remaining structures from ground to the railing height to be  $\leq 36'6''$ .
- That the development adheres to a 9'1", 10'1", 9'1" ceiling height model.
- That the roof decks be stepped back from the outside perimeter to retain privacy for the neighbors and utilize the frosted glass laminate to ensure privacy and a light and pleasing roofline.
- That landscaping is designed to enhance the appearance and includes trees and hedges along the structures facing the alley to mitigate the view of the building from the single-family homes adjacent to the alley.
- That every effort be made to reduce the height (massing) of the structure. Possible considerations would include eliminating the rooftop stairwell enclosures resulting in the screened upper level stairs and handrails being the highest building element on the project. This request is an effort to find common ground with the developer and neighborhood on the project's overall height and is based on the understanding this will allow the developer to continue to provide each of their buyer's a roof deck with no change in the deck's finish floor railing height elevation, currently shown as  $< 34'6''$  and its' code required 42" tall frosted glass laminate guard rail.

The MVCC appreciates the time spent and willingness of the developer to adjust plans in a manner that helps to mitigate the concerns of the community and we support this model as the only acceptable approach to the other properties on the street.

Motion to approve by Michael Millman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alpern.

#### Discussion

Michael Millman: should approve, lots of hard work reaching best deal possible; vetted several times in PLUM and other meetings.

Barbara Algaze: speaking for Tom Knaechtel: traffic will be unbearable, minimum of 168 additional car trips, 56 additional cars parking on streets. School safety risk. 3 units can be rented out by owner. Units are out of proportion to neighborhood. Developer fraudulently represented intentions to purchase—why trust promises now.

John Evans: Entire project conducted in deception. Westdale HOA bullied by “by-rights” development.

Lori Gilder: Grew up in neighborhood. When bought home behind the development was vaguely aware of R3 zoning; we should have changed zoning. Also angry with developer—threatened with apartment, then brought down a few feet; let neighbors know, if you don't support Small Lot Subdivision plan, you'll have 45-50 ft. building.

Marilyn Smart, home just north of development: doesn't support.

David Altemis (speaking for Jerry Hornoff): See Attachment A.

Lou Roth, 3270 Stoner Ave: Doesn't support, Council has been punked. doesn't understand why builder is not required to conform to neighborhood.

Aaron Belliston, project rep: Held numerous meetings with council, presented at March, 2015, PLUM meeting. Provided mitigations where possible. Seeking support for small lot model for lots on Barrington; thinks can hold up this model for the other 14 lots. Conformed with community as best possible; height & density voluntarily reduced. Goal is to get community support, not because we need it. Attempting to get additional crosswalk.

John Kutcha: Property has been R3 forever. It's difficult to oppose development based on “I don't want it there.” We do need to increase housing/density. Is a renter, very aware of traffic problems. Opposing all developments seems like a battle already lost. Can't preserve community forever; communities need to grow. Should think about how people who live in these units will be integrated into our community.

Sherri Akers: Needs to agree with points that John made. Loves Small Lot Subdivision aesthetically, but it excludes our growing senior population and families with young children. Concern about marketability over time.

Ken Alpern: Is central figure in Expo Line & Casden development. City is anti-mansionization, but allows something like this that transforms neighborhoods. City claims to be pro-Neighborhood Council and wants participation, but DWP reform has not been elected by NC –must have. City raises minimum wage while treating 1% as royalty above us. This development is within single-family neighborhood–different; if have height this tall, it doesn't add to neighborhood, but transforms. There should be some densification, but not to this degree, with this height; this is transformation. Can only fight with lawsuit.

Michael Millman: Stood with neighborhood to knock down Bundy village; knocked down Casden; stopped Bikini Bar, pot shop; supported granny flats. Conflicted: shouldn't reward bad conduct; no evidence that there was, but there's a certain aroma about that. Threats to build apartments looks like extortion. No guarantee that this will be model for remaining properties. Has respect for Jerry Hornoff; talked to lawyers. Respects fact that developer came to PLUM a year ago. Would like to see a lot of mitigation, but pictures little kids walking across street to Mar Vista school. Trust is very important.

Melissa Stoller: I hate this development: it's ugly and doesn't fit neighborhood; concerned about Airbnb renters in first floor unit. Will hold my nose and vote for it because the alternative could be worse.

Aaron Belliston: Developer has 3 other lots, 2 are side-by-side. Is trying to purchase one sold to apartment developer (making another side-by-side), but no luck so far.

Bill Koontz: Developer has gone to PLUM several times, Mike Bonin has given thumbs up. Lawsuits always fail. We are simply an advisory body–have no power, it's not up to us.

Bill Scheduling: We need to remember Stakeholders we represent.

Motion carried: 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions.

c. **POLICY MOTION: Traffic Study to Address Impending Densification of the Barrington Corridor North of the Intersection of Federal and Indianapolis Avenues** (submitted by PLUM Committee)

A recent trend is underway whereby many as 14 historically single family homes on Barrington, just north of the intersection of Federal and Indianapolis Avenues, are likely to be redeveloped as multifamily homes or apartments due to their underlying R3 zoning designation. The City of Los Angeles is also embarking on the Mobility Plan 2035 to address transportation challenges in Los Angeles. Given that the resulting densification will significantly increase cumulative trips generated in the corridor, the MVCC hereby requests that the 11<sup>th</sup> District Council Office (Councilmember Mike Bonin) coordinate with the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation to conduct an expedited comprehensive traffic circulation study of the Barrington Corridor area to address impacts and develop potential mitigations, including but not limited to:

- Assess the potential for a signal crossing at Navy Avenue across Barrington Avenue to facilitate pedestrian crossings and vehicular turning movements onto Barrington Avenue;
- Assess the impact at ingress and egress of the alleys on Federal and Indianapolis Avenues, just east and west of Barrington, that are likely to provide access for all the additional off-street parking required to serve the developments. Safety issues that need to be addressed include conflicts in turning movements at the alleys so close to the intersection of Barrington Avenue, and the blind curve on Federal Avenue approaching the alley access;
- Assess the impact and effectiveness of the timing of lights and turn signals at the intersections of Barrington & National, Barrington & Federal, and McLaughlin & Palms;
- Assess the impact and effectiveness of a 4-way stop at the intersection of Federal & Barry/Colbert.
- Installation of a continental crosswalk on the East side of the Barrington & Federal intersection;

- Assess the impact of potential cut-through traffic, speeding and safety on the parallel streets, Stoner, Stanwood, Barry, Clover, Colbert and Federal Avenues, and develop proposed mitigations; and
- Assess the potential impacts on the path of travel of students walking or biking to Mar Vista Elementary School and on drop-off and pick-up at Mar Vista Elementary.
- *All existing & new signals be adapted as head-start signals.*

Motion to approve by Michael Millman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alpern.

#### Discussion

Aaron Belliston, developer rep: Motion came out of meetings with Dept. of Transportation. Asking Mike Bonin to request traffic study on expedited basis. Most important thing is to do traffic counts, this will tell DOT what needs to be done.

John Evans, 3221 Barry: We don't know what impact of Expo line will be. Looks like it's starting to back up at Gateway & Barrington. Playa Vista screwed the pooch for north/south traffic.

Friendly amendment: Head start signals—they allow 4 second delay. Amendment accepted.

Mark Levy: Hope's that traffic on cut-thru streets considered. Lives on Stoner.

Bill Scheduling: If street does its own speed bump, make sure it's up to spec.

Ken Alpern: Can't do speed bumps; safety issues.

Sarah Auerswald: Speed trailer has worked on her street.

Ken Alpern: Bill Pope said Playa Vista was built on assumption that there would be cut-thru streets; only way we can be sure people don't speed is to have police presence. Developer should pay for studies, not us the taxpayers. City is ultimately to blame: it's pro-Neighborhood Councils, but DWP reform has no rep for taxpayers; anti-mansionization, but allows this; minimum wage but 1% are higher life forms. Oppose the city and you're an elitist, selfish, probably racist NIMBY. We need density at major transit nodes like Sepulveda Blvd., not within single-family residence tracts; small lot subdivisions but not neighborhood transformation. This is 1<sup>st</sup> time Ken has been against a small lot subdivision. If we had Community Plans, this would have been prevented.

Michael Millman: Will be standing firm on next one for developer to conduct traffic study.

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

#### d. **POLICY MOTION: Bay Delta Conservation Plan** (submitted by Green Committee)

Whereas the analysis done by the LADWP Ratepayer Advocate per the MVCC Motion of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (see Attachment A) evaluated this project at a significantly lower cost, it does not accurately reflect the cost to Mar Vista Stakeholders. At the current projected cost of \$67 billion, this will impose an estimated average cost of \$5,000-\$10,000 to each Mar Vista household over the life of the project.

Whereas the tunnels won't deliver any new water to Los Angeles, are estimated to cost between \$25 and \$67 billion (approximately \$1.6 to 10 billion Los Angeles share), and would actually undermine Los Angeles' water security, the creation of thousands of local jobs, and would benefit special interests at the expense of Los Angeles ratepayers. Already MWD has taken from LA taxpayers upwards of 300 million intended for tunnels construction, and Mayor Garcetti appointees have voted in support of these motions.

Whereas the twin tunnels would siphon billions we need to support Mayor Garcetti's goals for a more self-sufficient and reliable water system in LA. Mayor Garcetti's Emergency Drought Directive calls for reducing our dependence on imported water, and increasing local water supply sources such as storm water, replenishing groundwater aquifers, and recycled water. As Garcetti's directive states, imported water is not only exponentially more expensive than local water sources, but is at immediate and long term risk because of impacts from climate change and the drought. As these necessary investments are estimated to be over \$2 billion, ratepayer money should not be wasted on constructing new tunnels that would primarily benefit special interests.

Be it resolved, that the Mar Vista Community Council opposes the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCCP), "Twin Tunnels," or "California Water Fix" and any effort to divert the Sacramento River.

Be it further resolved that we urge Mayor Eric Garcetti to take action to ensure that ratepayers aren't harmed, specifically by directing his appointees at the Metropolitan

Water District (MWD) to vote no on any measure that would spend ratepayer or taxpayer money on the tunnels.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Attachment A: October, 2013, MVCC Policy Motion

Attachment B: Los Angeles Los Angeles Groups Opposed to the Bay Delta Tunnels & California Water Fix

Separate documents:

- DWP Ratepayer Advocate Analysis (separate document)
- Food and Water Watch Analysis of Ratepayer Impact of Bay Delta Conservation Plan (separate document)
- Mayor Eric Garcetti Executive Directive No. 5: Emergency Drought Response- Creating a Water Wise City

Motion to approve by Sherri Ajers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Scheduling.

Discussion:

Conner Everts: Represents environmental water caucus. Cost of tunnels has gone up, amount of water gone down over last 40 years. Santa Monica is planning to be off all imported water by 2017. If we distract from this, we'll lose focus and take resources away. There's no clear path for financing project, major share will fall on ratepayers of Los Angeles. Will take 20-30 years to complete. Santa Monica has ample ground water, but doesn't have LA's recycled water.

Brenna Norton, Food and Water Watch: Boils down to special interests enriching themselves at our expense. Potentially will be largest public works project ever in California. Passed in 1982 as twin tunnels & was then overturned. We don't get a vote. Metropolitan Water District will pass through bond cost (9 billion from LA) on our water bills. MWD sells imported water to Los Angeles and other SoCal cities; business model is failing because cities want local water. Mayor Garcetti plan to reduce imported water by 20% by 2017. Bay Delta Plan would take away money needed to fix LA water supply. We need to fix LA, have safe & secure water supply. Should ask Garcetti to cut off funding for project. Sherri Akers: Attended Resilience by Design. Convinced that we must get off imported water. Wood boxes will collapse in earthquake.

Ken Alpern: When say we won't get any of the water and they say "yes you will," what is response? What are you promoting instead. There are already existing tunnels; two more are intended to suck Sacramento River dry.

Brenna Norton: Garcetti just broke ground on largest groundwater reservoir. Tools are there, but we're not investing in them. Spend the money, but spend it smart.

Motion carried: 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions.

- e. **POLICY MOTION: Special NPG Rule Resolution** (submitted by ExFin Committee)

WHEREAS neighborhoods are composed inherently of stakeholders with interleaved allegiances and agendas; and

WHEREAS managing conflicts of interest is very much the business of any neighborhood council board member; and

WHEREAS all board members sign a code of conduct and attend ethics training; and

WHEREAS Neighborhood Councils are mandated to reflect the diverse interests within their area (Charter Sec. 906(a)(3); Plan Art. II Sec.1); and

WHEREAS MVCC is currently conducting outreach to encourage diverse Stakeholders, *including parents*, to run for seats on their Council; and

WHEREAS parents of school-age children are a significant and important segment of MVCC's district; and

WHEREAS knowing that their membership on the MVCC Board would block any Neighborhood Purpose Grants to their children's schools is a disincentive to run; and

WHEREAS invoking guidance disqualifying NPGs for an individual local school if any Neighborhood Council Board Member has a child at the school is discriminatory and antithetical to the NC charter;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mar Vista Community Council Board requires an opinion from the City Attorney confirming that this guidance is valid.



Motion to approve by Melissa Stoller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Kuchta.

Discussion

Bill Koontz: DONE discovered rule that we can't give money to schools under certain circumstances. NPG form says can give money to school so long as we have a letter from principal on letterhead. Need to ask DONE for clarification, and what is basis for this.

Melissa Stoller: How would DONE know? There's nothing in the process to report/check whether a board member has a child at the school. Board might not even be aware.

Sara Roos: Issue is lack of confidence in board members to manage conflict of interest.

Michael Millman: If someone is elected to board and has conflict of interest, person should recuse themselves.

Bill Koontz will follow up with City Attorney.

Motion carried unanimously.

- f. **POLICY MOTION: Resolution supporting animal rights** (directors' motion submitted by Sherri Akers)

The Mar Vista Community Council supports [Council File 15- 0843](#) (see Attachment C) by Councilmember Paul Koretz and Mitch O'Farrell and urges the City to -

1. INSTRUCT the Department of Animal Services (DAS) and the Housing and Community investment Department (HCID) to solicit input from stakeholders in the Los Angeles rental housing market in regard to approaches that could facilitate the expansion of animal adoptions by tenants in residential rental properties to include.
  - a. Programs to better inform tenants of their rights in regard to animal ownership while taking into consideration the welfare of the animals.
  - b. Concerns, in regard to both financial issues and physical property, that landlords and other tenants may have
2. INSTRUCT the DAS and HCID to review programs and concepts in other cities to determine if their provisions should be considered as a basis for developing approaches applicable in the City of Los Angeles.

98 percent of Denver properties accept cats and 93 percent accept small dogs. Yet 62 percent of Los Angeles rental properties refuse animals completely. This is considered to be a major obstacle to achieving no kill shelters. With a critical shortage of housing in Los Angeles, having to find housing that accepts pets makes it even more challenging. The MVCC applauds and thanks the Councilmembers for taking action on this issue.

Motion to approve by, Sherri Akers 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Scheduling. Michael Millman recusing himself.

Discussion

Sherri Akers: Asking for study, not directing a conclusion.

Motion carried unanimously.

- g. **POLICY MOTION: Utility Box Painting** (directors' motion submitted by Robin Doyno)

WHEREAS Mar Vista benefits from beautification projects, and

WHEREAS The Utility Box Painting Projects in other areas of our fair city have enriched, enlivened and civilized the public area, and

WHEREAS the Senior, Artist, and Youth Communities can all share in the creation of The Mar Vista Utility Box Project, and

WHEREAS the Venice Boulevard and Grandview pilot utility box painting enriched the inaugural Mar Vista Art Walk and currently stands as an aesthetic plus to our de facto town square, and

WHEREAS the Los Angeles District Council Office 11 has supported and continues to support the previous iteration as well as the current effort to advance our cultural profile, and

WHEREAS Mar Vista will benefit from the inclusion of the visual history of our community in the Utility Box Painting Project, and

WHEREAS the community will benefit from a juried decision to select 15 to 20 artists to render their submissions on utility boxes by a jury composed of 2 MVCC EACC members, 2 city council staff members and 2 at large community members, and

WHEREAS MVCC EACC shall produce, distribute and post a call for submissions and time line, conduct a selecting jury, post results and execute a letter of understanding, therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the Mar Vista Community Council shall ask Los Angeles District Council Office 11 to embrace and sponsor the above listed project.

Motion to approve by Robin Doynbo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Scheduling.

Motion carried unanimously (Michael Millman absent).

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

a. Chair-Bill Koontz

b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe

c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta

Website: lots going on. Working on back-end stuff, Screen Shot documentation on how to do things.

d. Secretary –Melissa Stoller

Please send me your events for eblast.

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

None.

Motion to approve 7.e.ii-iv on consent by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alpern.

Discussion

Michael Millman: How much is left for rest of year?

Bill Scheduling: Probably maybe about \$500 left for rest of year.

Melissa Stoller: These MERs are incorrect. They book all of the prior year expenses paid this year against our current year budget. The budget is supposed to mean something. What are we going to do when the expenditures exceed our \$42,000 budget? The remaining prior year roll-over amount is incorrect; I'm not comfortable with just spending it on current year expenses—how do we show it in our budget? I don't understand why Bill redid all the MERs on the old form instead of using the correct MERs I did on the new forms that don't book prior year expenses against this year's budget. I don't understand why there isn't a motion to unwind the damage done by the budget motion passed at the last meeting.

Michael Millman: Mar Vista Neighborhood Association counted on getting \$300; disappointed that money wasn't set aside. Wish we could reshuffle some of this and support block parties.

Bill Koontz: Maybe later there'll be some left over money. Important to reach out to people we never reach out to.

Bill Scheduling: Have over-committed to projects.

Motion to approve on consent not carried.

ii. **APPROVAL** of December Monthly Expense Report (MER)

Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alpern.

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstention (Bill Koontz).

iii. **APPROVAL** of January Monthly Expense Report (MER)

Motion to approve 7.e.ii-iv on consent by , 2<sup>nd</sup> by .

Discussion

Motion carried: 6 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstention (Bill Koontz).

iii. **APPROVAL** of February Monthly Expense Report (MER)

Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alpern.

Motion carried: 5 ayes, 2 nays, 1 abstention (Bill Koontz).

iv. **Funding Motion:** PO BOX (submitted by ExFin Committee)



The Mar Vista Community Council approves reimbursing Bill Koontz \$132 for renewal of our PO Box.

Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alpern.

Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Bill Koontz).

- v **Funding Motion: Mar Vista Eco Car Expo publicity** (submitted by Green Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves the allocation of up to \$275 for the printing of Eco Car Expo publicity materials including flyers, banners and signage for the A Frames.

Motion to approve by Melissa Stoller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Koontz.

Friendly amendment by Melissa Stoller:

The Mar Vista Community Council approves the allocation of up to \$700 for the printing of the following Eco Car Expo publicity materials:

• 2'x5' banner	\$35.00
• 75 8 ½" x 11" flyers	\$44.00
• 25 8 ½" x 11" 2-up flyers	\$24.00
• 12 20"x24" (for a-frames) @ 11.75 each	<u>\$141.00</u>
Sub-total	\$244.00
Estimated tax	<u>23.79</u>
Total	267.79

Discussion

Michael Millman: Copyland would match price. Bait & switch from other printer.

Copyland people are from Mar Vista

Sherri Akers: We've used the printer before.

Motion carried: 7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions.

- v **Funding Motion: Mark Twain CIP to NPG reallocation** (Directors motion submitted by Bill Scheduling)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves funding the Mark Twain MS Community Improvement Program grant approved at the February 16, 2016, Board of Directors meeting as a Neighborhood Purpose Grant.

Motion to approve by Bill Koontz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Scheduling.

Discussion

Bill Scheduling: Budget can be moved around.

Melissa Stoller: Reason for motion is that NPG paperwork already done.

Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison: Linda Guagliano [lindaguag@netzero.net](mailto:lindaguag@netzero.net)
- g. DWP MOU Liaison: Myra Boime
- h. LANCC Liaison: Open (Bill Koontz reporting)
- i. DWP Recycled Water Liaison: Christopher McKinnon [www.ladwp.com/recycledwater](http://www.ladwp.com/recycledwater)
- 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/>  
March 17 meeting, talking about sales.  
Outreach: please do your part at committee meetings, neighborhood meetings, wherever you go: ask people to run for MVCC board.
- n. Animal Services Liaison: Steve Boskin
8. **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
- b. Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite

- c. Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling
  - d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman
  - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
  - f. Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson
9. **Committee Reports** - (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
- a. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
  - b. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs
  - c. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs
  - d. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs; Michael Millman, Vice-Chair
  - e. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite, Robin Doyno & Sara Roos, Co-Chairs
  - f. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson & Martin Rubin, Co-Chairs
  - g. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair
  - h. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
  - i. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs
  - j. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Koontz, chair
  - k. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair
  - l. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-Chairs
  - m. **Homeless Issues Committee** – Robin Doyno, Chair
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**
15. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

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**Attachment A: Jerry Hornoff Statement re: Barrington Development Motion (6.b)**

I am sorry I cannot attend and thank David for presenting this on my behalf.

As you know we have had a series of meeting over the last few months with the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC), Councilmember Mike Bonin's office, Westdale Homeowners, and the developer of the property at 3277 Barrington Avenue. Although the preferred outcome would be to retain single family homes on the R3 (multi-family) zoned section of Barrington Avenue (between National Boulevard and the Indianapolis /Federal Avenue intersection) the reality is that at least four properties and perhaps other in the future have been sold to parties interested in multi-family development.

By right in an R3 zone a developer can construct a 45' apartment building housing 9-12 units depending on the design and lot size. There is also a California State Bill (SB1818) that allows for a height increase to 54' (12-15 units) along with an allowed parking space reduction (1 space per unit) if the developer will set aside a small number of units (2-3) as low income. In the first case (45' apartment) there is no variance or hearings required. In the case of SB1818 there is review but in other similar situations the developer has prevailed in spite of Los Angeles City opposition. Based upon research and consultation, my opinion is that our ability to stop a 45' apartment building structure is not possible. Our pressure might be able to slowdown the timeline by a few months but the structure would be built. I have similar concerns regarding an SB1818 project. Unfortunately, individual projects of this size do not result in either a safety or traffic consideration by the Los Angeles City planning or traffic office.

In this reality, the approach taken has been to work with the developer. In the case of 3277 Barrington Avenue the developer has been available and engaged with the MVCC and the Westdale Homeowners Association. They have proposed a small lot subdivision model. At the 3277 Barrington Avenue location this would result in a division into four lots, one unit per lot, and each unit individually owned. Each unit would have two parking spaces. The project would retain the parkway setback. The project will have a maximum height of 42', the stairway enclosure height, and a predominant height of 36'6", well below the 45' by right option. The developer has used windows and a frosted glass deck railing to reduce the impact. They have reduced and setback the rooftop decks to provide more privacy for the units and the neighbors. They have landscaping to also reduce the impact. This is not an ideal solution but I believe it represents a workable outcome. Looking at future development along Barrington Avenue, rather than 9-15 rental units in a 45-54' apartment building per lot we are favoring 4-5 individually owned small lot homes per lot. This would result in significantly reduced densification and provide ownership. It would establish a multi-family development model we can encourage other developers to follow.

I therefore strongly recommend that you support this motion.