



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 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 7:09 P.M.

Quorum present: Bill Koontz, Mitchell Rishe, John Kuchta, Melissa Stoller, Yvette Molinaro, Robin Doyno, Ken Alpern, Michael Millman, Michelle Krupkin, Valerie Davidson

2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)

3. **Approval of December 8th, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)

Motion to put over by Melissa Stoller 2nd by Michelle Krupkin. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)

Sarah Auerswald

Sarah attended elections and outreach training. Core mission of NCs is outreach; getting 200 at an election is not outreach. MVCC needs to spend more than is currently budgeted to increase awareness for potential candidates as well as voters. Need to reach all 23,000 households. Every committee needs to get the word out with everything we do need. Sarah will provide talking points.

Window for declaring candidacy is February 21-April 6.

Lisa DeBlois, Westchester Playa Village

Name changed to Westside Pacific Villages. Now includes entire MVCC area

Using MVCC NPG money to do outreach in Mar Vista. Holding two informational meetings at MV Library for volunteer & member outreach.

- Saturday January 30th 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Wednesday February 3rd 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

John Wax 3227 Barry Ave.

Since some other Barrington R3 properties are in escrow, wants to know if developers must come to MVCC.

Mitchell Rishe: PLUM Committee is very aware of domino effect. Apartment building is by right, they don't need to present or get city planning approval

John: If developers ask for density bonus exemption, does that trigger requirement to present?

Len Nguyen: depends on what types of incentives developer asks for: 9 units with setbacks don't need a hearing; requests for "off-menu" incentives need to meet more difficult findings.

Susan Klos, Grand View Blvd. in Mar Vista

Concerned about the homeless sweep conduction on December 29 on Venice Blvd. under the 405 Fwy.

Belongings that should have been put in storage were discarded and the [LAVAN](#) protocol was not followed. See Attachment A for Susan's full report.

Michael Millman: encourages Susan to go to Homeless Committee and give evidence.

Lenore French

— Thanks MVCC for supporting the Art Walk on December 3rd; it was huge success. Printed 500 maps and schedules (they were key to helping visitors) and ran out. About 1000 people attended.

Trying to institutionalize—first Monday of each quarter. Adding live theater next time.

John Evans, 3271 Barry Ave.

House demolition on Barry removed sidewalk as well. Sidewalk is still not repaired, have a lot of elderly people.

Response: May be temporary—required to remove old sidewalk and replace with new.; perhaps was trying to save money by doing it during house demolition.

Bill Koontz

Dept. of Building & Safety has new app: [LADBSGo](#).

Robin Doyno

Close to 100% on volunteers for homeless count.

Utility box at Venice and Grandview is painted. Can get another 1 or 2 for next art walk. Thanks Mike Bonin.

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

El Nino town hall on Wednesday, Jan 13 at Oakwood Recreation Center

Mike honored Sara Auerswald as Mar Vista 2015 neighborhood hero.

Mike is excited about release of city & council reports on homelessness; give us strategy for moving forward: rapid rehousing, free storage, safe parking

Len has been talking to Susan about the cleanup that occurred Dec. 29. Sanitation claims they abided by rules. LAPD said didn't put limits on how much people could carry away and they were allowed to come back for more. Homeless services outreach was out there a week before (prior to notice of sweep); Mike wants them to come out after the notice is out. Sanitation claims they didn't see medical records or medication. Nothing was taken to lockers.

Mike will send eblast about NC elections.

Valerie Davidson: Appeal of FAA decision to keep Santa Monica Airport open until 2023 will be heard by 9th Circuit Court of Appeals I Pasadena on March 11 at 9:00 A.M.

b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Lizka Mendoza, Director

Just finished winter camp. 36 campers.

A Mar Vista Recreation Center team was one of the winners in the Fall citywide soccer tournament. Will have banner

Getting bids for soccer field redo.

Looking at acoustic paneling for gym; work would need to wait till end of winter season.

Robin Doyno was instrumental in getting speaker system and mikes for winter recital. Thank you.

Bill Koontz: Water in upper corner of gym? Litzka: due to the way AC was done (leaves holes). Need to patch up holes before redo ceiling.

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

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

l. Joel Jacinto, Department of Public Works

6. Presentation by Sara Roos: Role Of Mar Vista's Community Schools In The Quality Of Our Community's Life (15 min)

Zillow shows that Mar Vista community has become very attractive. Our public schools are part of the reason people want to live here. Sara felt that people were surprised last month that schools were requesting/need money. Issue: why doesn't LAUSD provide playground equip? Response: sometimes city departments that should take care of something don't. Schools have a budget, should be doing these things. But this is our

community and when we see something that will improve our community, we should do it. Function as a council is to distribute money as NPG (Neighborhood Purpose Grant) or CIG (Community Improvement Grant). Sara wants to be available for people to ask questions.

EACC has school reps from each of the public schools. Sara makes special outreach to the public schools. Ability of schools to raise money correlates with wealth of student body (# in Free Lunch program – see Attachment B).

Sara was dismayed at not being allowed to speak to this at last meeting. (Bill Koontz: Roberts Rules of Order didn't allow discussion of NPG requests because motion being discussed was about putting NPG motions over). At least 1000 people affected by BOD decision not to address. It is getting too late in year to utilize the money.

Michelle Krupkin: Appreciates the work that was done, but this is an NC election year and the money requested was large portion of our budget.

Melissa Stoller: Mismatch of NC fiscal year and school schedule must be a problem for other NCs as well. Suggests pushing DONE to allow funds to be spent after close of fiscal year

Bill Koontz: MVCC must do elections. Not mandated to give money to schools.

Sarah Auerswald: Should set aside \$15,000 for election.

Michael Millman: Everybody appreciates Sara's efforts, respects her opinions. System with DONE is really the impediment.

Ken Alpern: Is disappointed can't vote on tonight. Thinks DONE will have problems with some of the projects.

Mitchell Rische: Was shocked at hostility of BOD toward Sara last month; need to defer to our education committee and be more respectful to needs of our schools and show more deference to our school's needs.

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

- a. Chair-Bill Koontz
- b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rische
- c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta
- d. Secretary –Melissa Stoller

Noted that the wording of motions submitted for inclusion on the BOD agenda should be exactly the same as the wording of the motion passed by a committee, except should reference MVCC, not the committee (“The Mar Vista Community Council...”).

Reminded members that committees are required to post meeting minutes.

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

Motion to table by Bill Koontz, 2nd by Melissa Stoller.

Discussion

Bill Koontz: MER is missing expenses, including \$4000 for the Fall Festival.

Motion carried unanimously.

- ii **Funding Motion: Mar Vista Eco Car Expo artwork** (director's motion submitted by Melissa Stoller)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves the expenditure of up to \$300 for the creation of publicity artwork for a Mar Vista Eco Car Expo to be held at the Mar Vista Farmers' Market on April 10, 2016.

Motion to approve by Melissa Stoller 2nd by Valerie Davidson.

Discussion:

Melissa: We needed to move ahead on this before the Green Committee meeting in order to get going on publicity. The logo and a flyer are completed. The Green Committee will have follow-on funding requests for printing.

Valerie: Will there be a car that runs on cooking oil?

Melissa: We do not currently have one.

Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison: Linda Guagliano lindaguag@netzero.net
Next meeting is January 20. Agenda closes January 16.
About 12 items left from November meeting.
Request for all-way stop at Stonervand Navy: Study was conducted. Engineering review failed to justify. Review of traffic incidents didn't reveal a problem.
Post Office parking lot, signs are illegal. Boll Koontz reports no right turn is still posted. Linda doesn't have answer, signs were supposed to be removed.
Mitchell Rische: sent email about Palms & Sawtelle.
 - g. DWP MOU Liaison: Myra Boime
Meeting discussed increased water rates. Minimum of \$10 to be connected to grid is fair.
 - h. LANCC Liaison: Open (Bill Koontz reporting)
Didn't meet.
 - i. DWP Recycled Water Liaison: Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
Christopher was unable to attend the BOD meeting. An October 2015 article in Los Angeles Magazine spells out most of what water and Recycled Water means to Los Angeles.
<http://www.lamag.com/longform/the-dry-years-to-come/>
 - j. Fall Festival Liaison: Albert Olson
Made about \$4000, will be put toward acoustic ceiling tiles.
 - k. City Budget: John Kuchta
 - l. Recode LA: Sharon Commins
Meets Jan 27; urban ag &
Recode meets on January 27, 2016, 6-8 P.M. at City Hall. Topics are urban agriculture and San Francisco vs Los Angeles urban economics history
Downtown plan resumes in February, 2016
Appointment of new Director of Planning expected by end of month.
 - m. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald <http://marvistachamber.com/>
Monthly meeting 3rd thurs of month 9am coffee connection. Facebook marketing.
Jan 20 – all westside chambers. Digital economy. Doubletree Hotel, \$60 tickets
Getty House program on Jan 29. Will be there representing Great Streets grant project.
 - n. Animal Services Liaison: Steve Boskin
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.
- NOTE:** the 3277 Barrington small lot subdivision developer is expected to present at the February PLUM, March BOD; it is not on this January agenda.
- a. **POLICY MOTION: LAX flight approaches** (submitted by Santa Monica Airport Committee)
WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) is an official neighborhood organization of the City of Los Angeles;
WHEREAS, beginning no later than October 2015, residents of Mar Vista have observed and experienced significant overhead changes to arrival patterns of commercial passenger airplanes into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX);
WHEREAS these airplanes fly over Mar Vista every 1-2 minutes, beginning before dawn and continuing through the day into the evening, at altitudes lower than they did prior to October 2015, emitting noise at higher levels than they did prior to October 2015;
WHEREAS, residents of the Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, West Los Angeles, Culver City, and other parts of the City of Los Angeles have reported similar observations regarding changes to approach paths to LAX since at least October 2015;
WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is responsible for flight approaches and departures relating to LAX;

WHEREAS, the FAA is in the process of implementing the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen), with the goal of transforming the country's air traffic control system from a ground-based system to a satellite-based system in order to increase efficiency, safety, and predictability to flights throughout the United States; WHEREAS, on October 8, 2015, the FAA concluded a public comment period relating to its implementation of NextGen technology for LAX and other Southern California airports; WHEREAS, representatives of the FAA have not explained the reason for the observed changes to flight approaches into LAX over Mar Vista but have denied that they are associated with NextGen implementation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the MVCC requests and supports efforts by the Los Angeles City Council to request information from the FAA regarding the reason for the observed changes to flight approaches into LAX over Mar Vista.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the MVCC supports flight approaches into LAX over the neighborhoods noted above that would offer a reduction of noise impacts.

Motion to approve by Valerie Davidson, 2nd by Melissa Stoller.

Discussion:

FAA denies that changes are related to NextGen.

Peter Altman: Drafted the motion. FAA has been "less than communicative".

Bill Koontz: Very well written motion, a model of how motions should be written.

Motion carried unanimously (Yvette Molinaro absent).

- b. **POLICY MOTION: Utility Box Beautification** (submitted by Education, Arts and Culture Committee)

MVCC supports incorporating "Cooperative Values" and "Character Counts" campaign of LAUSD to synergize and support the MV box initiative.

Motion to approve by Robin Doyno, 2nd by Ken Alpern.

Motion to send back for clarification by Bill Koontz, 2nd by Melissa Stoller. Motion carried unam

Discussion

Michelle Krupkin: Would like to see Art reflect Mar Vista character.

Melissa Stoller: Need to describe what "Cooperative Values" and "Character Counts" campaigns are and how they would be implemented into the utility box beautification process.

Motion carried unanimously (Yvette Molinaro absent).

- c. **POLICY MOTION: Webster Middle School STEAM magnet** (submitted by Education, Arts and Culture Committee)

MVCC supports establishment of Webster Middle School STEAM (*Science, Technology, Engineering and Arts Magnet*) magnet as championed and requested by principal Peter Benefiel.

Motion to approve by Robin Doyno, 2nd by Ken Alpern.

Friendly amendment by Ken Alpern: state what STEAM stands for.

Motion carried unanimously (Yvette Molinaro absent).

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
- b. Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite
- c. Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling
- d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman

Gets lots of inquiries about encampment under 405 freeway. Neighbors applaud immediate removal and believe encampments are illegal.

There are still lots of RVs parked on Palms. Not getting help from police, Department of Transportation, Mike Bonin's office.

Annual meeting is January 21 at St. Bedes. Annual block party will be June 12.

Possible expansion of Windward School.

- e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin

All quiet. Keeshen being paved.

- f. Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson

Pretty quiet. Rain coming down gutter, 6 feet out into street, blocked at end. Rustic Kitchen opened

10. **Committee Reports** - (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)

- a. **Executive & Finance Committee** - Bill Koontz, Chair
b. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
c. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs
d. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs

Likely November ballot measures:

- Increase sales tax for mass transit: Metro and Santa Monica bus lines don't have enough available buses to connect with Expo line.
- Neighborhood Integrity Initiative: 2 year moratorium on very large developments to get problems worked out.

Michael Mioman: supports workshops where get opinions from all sides.

Sarah Auerswald: do joint with the Chambers.

Ken Alpern: We are already reasonable. Problem is, what do you do when downtown is tone deaf?

- e. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs; Michael Millman, Vice-Chair

Lots of big matters coming up: 3277 Barrington development leading to others; corner at Gateway & Pico (Tacomendo property); Martin Cadillac development is back (10 story residential over 500 units, 7 story office building.); 52 units on Venice by Crimson Holdings; proposed small lot subdivision ordinance amendment; Westside mobility plan EIR. Westside is densifying.

Ken Alpern: need to meet soon, hold joint T&I meeting.

Bowling Alley sign pole approved.

- f. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite, Robin Doyno & Sara Roos, Co-Chairs

Meeting January 25.

- g. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson & Martin Rubin, Co-Chairs
h. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair
i. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
j. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs

Need to do outreach for election, reach all 23000 households. Need to do everything possible. Must demonstrate we've done everything possible.

- k. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Koontz, chair

Will meet and come up with budget and outreach plans

- l. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair

Meeting January 13.

- m. **Agging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-Chairs

- n. **Homeless Issues Committee** – Robin Doyno, Chair

11. **Discussion Calendar**

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

13. **Grievances**, if any, received

14. **Future agenda items**

15. **Public Comment**

16. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9: P.M.

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