



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, September 8th, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA
90066

MINUTES

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)
Meeting called to order at 7:04 P.M.
Quorum present: Bill Koontz (chair), Bill Scheduling (treasurer), Mitchell Rishe (1st vice chair), John Kuchta (2nd vice chair), Sherri Akers, Robin Doyno, Michelle Krupkin, Michael Millman, Brad Wilhite, Ken Alpern
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of August 11, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1 min per speaker)
Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Robin Doyno. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
Chris Crosman – Opposes cell phone tower
Wayne Burklund – Supports cell phone tower and dispelled “myths”
Sarah Auerswald – Thinks that board has treated church unfairly
John Jones – Opposes cell phone tower
Fran Rossi – Wants lights at soccer field until 8:15 to support organized sports
Mike Melon – Opposes cell phone tower; church has been rented out to detriment of community
Kate Wafer – Opposes cell phone tower; not consistent with R1 zone
Dave Gautreaux – Opposes cell phone tower
Rich Wafer – Opposes cell phone tower; inconsistent with R1 zone
Marny Maslon – Opposes cell phone tower; will impact property values
David Powell – Opposes cell phone tower; concerned about health
Rick Page – Opposes cell phone tower; concerned about property values
George Nazzal – Opposes cell phone tower; tower will look into his children’s rooms
Cathy Coon – Opposes cell phone tower; church is not neighborly
Kathy Winkelman – Opposes cell phone tower; concerned about health affects
Therese Lee – Opposes cell phone tower; very upset
Tracy Bear – Opposes cell phone tower; wants to know what the alternatives are
Connie Collin – Opposes cell phone tower; first she heard of it was today
Motion for 5 minute recess by Bill Scheduling; 2nd by Michelle Krupkin. Motion carried unanimously.
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
 - Curb and gutter project (North Oval) moving forward
 - Bill Koontz asked about sober living ad hoc committee renewal; will likely be renewed
 - Michelle Krupkin asked about traffic monitoring in Culver City
 - i. Presentation: Traffic Box Painting Initiative - Daniel Osztreicher (Daniel.Osztreicher@LACity.Org, 310-575-8461) (5 min)

- Spoke about bringing art to Great Streets Initiative
- b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Lizka Mendoza, Director
 - Fall sports schedule starting this weekend, flag football September 26
 - Halloween festival Saturday, Oct. 31, 1-5p.m., in partnership with Palms Recreation Center
 - Approved for new soccer field within next 1-2 years, pending funding
 - 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. Congressman – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.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
6. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
- a. Chair-Bill Koontz
 - i. Committee assignments (possible motions to follow)
 - ii. Copyland process

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 - b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe

Spoke to PLUM Committee August meeting; discussion about sober-living facilities.
 - 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 2014-15 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 August Monthly Expense Report (MER)

Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Sherri Akers. Motion carries unanimously.
 - ii **FUNDING MOTION: neighborhood purpose grant** (submitted by Aging in Place Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves a neighborhood purpose grant of \$1500 to Westchester Playa Village for a multifaceted outreach to the Mar Vista community.

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

Discussion:

 - Carol Kitabayashi – Executive Director of Westchester Playa Village, a nonprofit, grassroots organization to help older adults age in place: goal is to expand into the Mar Vista
 - Marilyn Zweifach – Supports Neighborhood Purpose Grand; thinks the “Village” model is a wonderful model.
 - Rachel Caraviello – Has worked with WPV, thinks they do wonderful work.
 - Abigel Benitez – Is a geriatric social worker and volunteers for WPV; they provide a wonderful service.
 - Lori Gilder – Supports expansion of WPV into Mar Vista.

Board Comment:

- Robin Doyno – has volunteered for WPV and supports it
- Michelle Krupkin – asked for budgeting; where money goes. Per Ms. Kitabayashi: copy printing, hosting educational events for Village model
- Sherri Akers - Noted that Ms. Kitabayshi has volunteered at Green Tent
- Ken Alpern – supports but wants to make sure organization is sustainable
- Brad Wilhite – Asked about total membership and membership within Mar Vista
- Bill Scheduling – Thinks we can't approve because WPV is not located in Mar Vista
- Bill Koontz – Disagreed with Bill S. They are already here, and we have supported organizations that may provide support for non-Mar Vistans (i.e., Toys for Tots)

Motion carried: 9 ayes, 1 abstention (Bill Scheduling)

- iii. **FUNDING MOTION: Hilltop annual picnic** (submitted by Outreach Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves an amount not to exceed \$500 for food at the Hilltop Neighbors Annual Picnic to be held at North Venice Little League field on September 12, 2015, 4 to 7 P.M. and the Newsletter.

- iv. **FUNDING MOTION: Westdale annual block party** (submitted by Outreach Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves an amount not to exceed \$300 for food, beverages and paper goods at the Westdale Homeowners Association annual block.

Approved on Consent

- v. **FUNDING MOTION: MVCC shirts** (submitted by ExFin Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves an amount not to exceed \$500 for shirts for board members and committee chairs.

Approved on Consent

- vi. **FUNDING MOTION: MVCC business cards** (submitted by ExFin Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves an amount not to exceed \$500 for updated business cards for board members and committee chairs.

Motion to approve by, 2nd by.

Motion carries unanimously.

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

Get agenda items to Linda by Saturday.

- g. DWP MOU Liaison: Myra Boime

Motion to Raise Rates. Want ratepayer advocate to be able to review.

- h. LANCC Liaison: Open (Bill Koontz reporting)

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

- j. Fall Festival Liaison: Albert Olson

Sherri Akers – Appealed to Board for “Heroes”

- k. City Budget: John Kuchta

- l. Recode LA: Sharon Commins

Meets downtown (City Hall), 6-8 p.m., September 30

- m. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald

Next meeting September 17, 9 A.M. at Coffee Connection.

November 28 – Make it Mar Vista event

Status Kuo is expanding

School of Rock, opening in October

Bill Koontz – Suggested adding outreach to agenda

- n. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: Sherri Akers

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.

Motion by Mitchell Rishe to advance 8.c. to top of New Business agenda; 2nd by Sheri Akers. Motion carries unanimously.

- a. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Revised By-laws** (second reading)

The Mar Vista Community Council approves the By-laws as revised and approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment on September 1, 2015.

Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Sheri Akers.

Motion carries: unanimously.

- b. **POLICY MOTION: MVCC Recommendations for Transit Neighborhood Plans** (submitted by T&I Committee);

The Mar Vista Community Council makes the following recommendations for Transit Neighborhood Plans that allow for increased mobility, enhanced transit access and usage, and for adjacent neighborhood protection:

- a) Focus scale-appropriate new housing around transit stations. There shall be no "upzoning" of adjacent low-density residential areas in order to protect community character and to reduce congestion.
- b) Workforce housing should be among the highest of priorities, and the City shall enact Inclusionary Ordinances for Affordable Housing of at least 10%.
- c) Limit transit zones to 1/4 mile around rail/transit stations and limit the definition of commercial zones only to those streets that line the corridors.
- d) Transit-Oriented Developments (TODs) and corridor projects shall have appropriate transitional height and step-backs to reduce impact on adjacent residential. "Buffer zones" may also be indicated and necessary to preserve residential/neighborhood character.
- e) Restricted parking permits shall be required of TOD developers to fund in perpetuity, in order to prevent residents of projects from parking cars and impacting adjacent residential neighborhoods.
- f) Most TOD projects will be mixed-use and contain office/retail space to maintain a job base in Los Angeles.
- g) Redefine, enforce and update parking, mobility, and transit-dependent requirements to include the needs of seniors; construct or rebuild housing implementing Universal Design standards suitable for seniors; create housing that will establish quality car-free living for those physically unable to use automobiles.
- h) Landscape using California native plants and designs that address water capture and protect the watershed.
- i) Work with UCLA, USC, Santa Monica College and all other Westside, Mid-City and Downtown universities to create affordable (and potentially subsidized) Student Housing projects.

Motion to approve by Ken Alpern, 2nd by Sheri Akers. Motion to waive reading carried unanimously.

Board Comment

Sheri Akers – this was a great collaborative process.

Motion carries unanimously.

- c. **POLICY MOTION: 11900 W Washington Place** (submitted by PLUM Committee)

Motion to approve, without prejudice to the immediate neighbors or others, the proposed small lot sub division at 11900 W Washington Place, case no. AA-2015-2263-PMLA. However the Mar Vista Community Council strongly encourages: (1) that the Zoning Administrator allow for gates at the front and rear of the property driveway; (2) that the developer work with the neighbor to the south with regards to a noise buffer, which could include plants and trees such as a Portacarpus-style plant on the southern neighbor's side of the property if the Planning Department and Zoning Administrator does not allow sufficient space for a plant buffer on the developer's side of the property; (3) for the developer to consider a reduction in the height on the south side roof deck as the current height would allow for no privacy for any home on that block; and (4) to consider a grey water system for the development.

Motion to approve by Mitchell Rishe, 2nd by Bill Scheduling.

Discussion:

- Applicant: Have started to work through proposed design modifications.

Board Comment

- Mitchell Rishe and Sheri Akers spoke in support.

Motion carries: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Michelle Krupkin, and Robin Doyno).

d. **POLICY MOTION: Maintaining Stability In Residential Zones And Neighborhood Conservation Under The Los Angeles General Plan Framework Element** (submitted by PLUM Committee)

Whereas, with regard to building densities, The Mar Vista Community Council affirms and upholds its single family and multifamily residential zones as key components of The Framework Element of the Los Angeles General Plan as stated in Chapter 3 - Land Use Goals, Objectives And Policies Issue Two: Uses, Density, And Character (<http://planning.lacity.org/cwd/framwk/chapters/03/03.htm>); and

Whereas, the Department of City Planning Website states: "The Citywide General Plan Framework is based on a directed growth strategy which targets residential and commercial growth along boulevards, corridors and clustered development around high activity centers and around transit opportunities";

Now therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council recognizes the vital correlation between the transportation, parking, sewage, water and other infrastructure needed for densities consistent with the General Plan Framework's residential zones, and supports the General Plan Framework's directed growth strategies, which appropriately place growth along major corridors and adjacent to true transit-oriented development.

Background: The Framework Element recognizes the importance of existing single-family residential neighborhoods and the need to conserve them. Traditionally, they have formed the fabric that has distinguished the City from other urban areas. Even with substantial growth, the single-family dwelling is still considered to be a major objective of most income and ethnic groups. These areas also afford added opportunities to take advantage of the variety of lifestyles such as water-oriented, rural/agricultural and equestrian-keeping special use neighborhoods.

AND

It is the intent of the Framework Element to maintain existing stable multi-family residential neighborhoods. In those stable neighborhoods characterized by a mix of densities and dwelling types, permitted densities may be reduced to levels consistent with the character of the entire area in order to minimize impacts on infrastructure, services, and/or maintain or enhance the residents' quality of life. The loss of potential units in these locations can be offset by the provision of new housing opportunities in mixed-use districts, centers, and boulevards. The determination of the locations in which such modifications may occur would normally occur as amendments to the community plans or other initiatives as provided for by the Los Angeles Municipal Code. The Framework Element establishes guidelines to achieve higher quality multi-family dwellings, such as design character, amenity, and open space.

Motion to approve by Ken Alpern, 2nd by Mitchell Rishe. Motion to waive reading carried unanimously.

Discussion:

- Michael Ernstoff – Asked about laws regarding sober living facilities
- Michael Millman – Opposed because it relates to another statute (General Framework)
- Ken Alpern – Spoke in support of motion
- Mitchell Rishe – Spoke in support; yes it is wonkish, but sometimes it needs to be
- Sheri Akers – This was great collaboration

Motion carries unanimously.

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

Rumor is that Nordstrom is leaving Westside Pavilion; Target is coming in.

- b. Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite
Block Party - Sep. 18, 4-7 p.m. at St. Andrews Church
 - c. Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling
Hilltop Block Party – Sept. 12, 4-7
HERO Saturday morning at North Venice Little League park
 - d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman
Encampments along Palms; people upset with sober living facilities; people upset with Bowling Alley; people don't like Great Streets and reduction of lane.
 - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
Wants to know who put in counting mechanism at Washington Place in Culver City.
 - f. Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson
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
T&I may bring forth motion to ensure that Olympics infrastructure doesn't take away from ordinary street services.
 - e. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs; Michael Millman, Vice-Chair
Sober living will not be a quick fix; cell phone tower will be on agenda next month.
 - f. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite, Robin Doyno & Sara Roos, Co-Chairs
 - g. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson & Martin Rubin, Co-Chairs
 - h. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair
Per Bill Scheduling – living in cars is a safety issue with respect to illegal dumping of human waste.
 - i. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
Will be painting; looking for a gathering toward the beginning of the year.
 - j. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs
 - k. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Scheduling, chair
Bill Scheduling - will rewrite standing rules.
 - l. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair
The lane closure is an experiment; if it doesn't work, it won't go forward.
 - m. **Aging in Place Ad Hoc**- Sherri Akers & Robin Doyno, Co-Chairs
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 ?? p.m.
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