



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, June 9th, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA
90066

REVISED AGENDA

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of May 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
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
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Lizka Mendoza, Director
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway joejdg92@gmail.com
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - e. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov
 - f. Congressman – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov
 - 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
 - j. 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. Update on Code of Conduct with possible motion
 - ii. Board retreat
 - iii. Election of board officers
 - b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe
 - c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta
 - d. Secretary –Melissa Stoller
 - e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 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 May Monthly Expense Report (MER)
 - ii. **APPROVAL** of MVCC Budget Worksheet for 2015–2016 fiscal year (see Attachment A)
 - iii. **APPROVAL** of MVCC 2014-2015 Budget Cleanup (Director’s motion by Bill Scheduling)

Whereas the MVCC 2014-2015 Fiscal Year budget allocates monies for projects that have not materialized, therefore let it be resolved to

- Reduce the Outreach budget item and move up to \$6000 to NPG
 - Reduce the Outreach budget item and move up to \$1000 to Operations, with the combined movement to to exceed \$9000
 - Close the Election budget item and move up to \$500 to operations
 - Close the CIG budget item and move up to \$5900 to NPG and up to \$5900 to outreach, with the combined movement not to exceed \$5900
 - Close the MVCC Account by appropriating any remaining funds as follows:
 - \$2000 from NPG budget to Richland for books,
 - \$1000 from Operations budget to Farmers' Market for tent rental
 - Allocate any additional funds, not to exceed \$6000, to other last minute NPG Funding Requests submitted with completed Funding Request Forms and approved by the Board at its June meeting
 - Remainder not to exceed \$5000 to 2015 Congress of Neighborhoods/Budget Advocates
- iv. **FUNDING MOTION:** MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$33 for RIMU, web hosting.
- v. **FUNDING MOTION:** MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$259 for StorQuest.
- vi. **FUNDING MOTION:** MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$350 for Tickled Plum for graphic layout of the newsletter.
- vii. **FUNDING MOTION:** MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$1725 for CBS Adv. for distribution of the newsletter.
- viii. **FUNDING MOTION:** Reimburse Up to Speed for Mar Vista Neighborhood Association event planning services, not to exceed \$300.
- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison: Linda Guagliano
- g. DWP MOU Liaison: Myra Boime
- h. LANCC Liaison: Open
- i. DWP Recycled Water Liaison: Christopher McKinnon 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
- n. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: Sherri Akers
7. **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:** Amendment to Standing Rules (Submitted by ExFin Committee)
- All Mar Vista Community Council communications and web postings to the general public or the full MVCC Stakeholder list must be approved by at least three directors of the MVCC Board. All such communications shall be from the Board of Directors, and not any one individual. ~~The only exceptions to this rule are the posting of agendas, minutes, and E-calendars.~~ *There are two exceptions to this rule:*
- a. *The posting of agendas, minutes, and E-calendars;*
 - b. *Communications sent by the Chair, the Secretary or the Chair's designee, not to exceed one communication per calendar week.*
- b. **POLICY MOTION: Utilizing Recycled Water from Hyperion Treatment Plant** (submitted by Green Committee)
- The Mar Vista Community Council supports the motion presented by Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz (Attachment A: Council File 14-00078-S5) directing the Department of Sanitation report on possibilities to utilize recycled water from Hyperion Treatment Plant as a local and regional resource.

The Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in the San Fernando Valley furnishes reclaimed water to many users. The Hyperion Plant treats the water to a high standard and then pumps it into Santa Monica Bay. In this time of long-term drought, when some are talking about desalinization, this is inexplicable.

- c. **POLICY MOTION: Graywater Systems/Recycle Water** (submitted by Green Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the motion presented by Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Krekorian (Attachment B: Council File 15-0458-S1) to encourage the installation of more graywater systems by eliminating the permit fees for simple systems and also instructs the Department of Water and Power to determine what other hurdles or issues could be streamlined to further encourage people to recycle water at their homes with graywater systems. We recommend that the motion be amended to include the development of an education and outreach component.

- d. **POLICY MOTION: Protecting Biodiversity City Practices/Working Group** (submitted by Green Committee)

MVCC supports the motion presented by Councilmember Paul Koretz (Attachment C: Council File 15-0499) which:

- Directs the Chief Legislative Analyst's office, in partnership with the Mayor's Sustainability Team, to convene a working group with relevant City departments to report back on their current and future strategies and matrices for protecting biodiversity in all City practices;
- Mandates the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to report back with recommendations for strategies to protect and improve biodiversity in the City and on the feasibility of implementing the City Biodiversity Index;
- Directs the TAC to develop and implement best practice strategies for community engagement and outreach on biodiversity including implementation of equity-minded citizen science projects that serve the full range of City neighborhoods.

The City of Los Angeles is recognized as one of 35 global biodiversity hot spots—and the only one within the continental United States. The Mar Vista Community Council recognizes the importance of protecting this biodiversity and the educational, scientific and quality of life benefits that derive from access to natural landscapes that support local biodiversity.

- e. **POLICY MOTION: Approval of 7-Eleven (12403 W. Venice Blvd.) Conditional Use Permit Application** (submitted by PLUM Committee)

MVCC approves as presented the application (Case No. ZA 2009-3132-CUB-CU-PA1) for a conditional use permit to allow the continued sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption only, in conjunction with an existing 7-Eleven convenience market; hours of operation: 24 hours daily with alcohol sales from 6am - 2am daily.

- f. **POLICY MOTION: Approval of Rustic Kitchen (3523 S. Centinela Ave.) Conditional Use Permit Application** (submitted by PLUM Committee)

MVCC approves as presented the application (Case No. ZA-2015-1818-CUB) to obtain a conditional use permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine beverages for consumption on and off premises, in conjunction with a new gourmet market and cafe that provides catering.

- g. **POLICY MOTION: Staples boycott** (submitted by Director Robin Doyno)

Be it resolved that because of the Staples' (stationary stores) policies that are part of the plan to privatize the U.S. Post Office the MVCC shall not patronize Staples. Whenever possible, those serving the MVCC shall choose other vendors.

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. **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
 - e. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs; Michael Millman, Vice-Chair
 - f. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite & Sara Roos, Co-Chairs
 - 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
 - k. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Scheduling, chair
 - l. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair
 - m. **Aging in Place Ad Hoc**- Sherri Akers & Robin Doyno, Co-Chairs
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**

* *In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at <http://www.marvista.org> or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact secretary@marvista.org.*

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Attachment A

Neighborhood Council Name
 Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
 APPROVED on 6/9/2015 (Committee approval on June 1, 2015)

Funds		
Total Annual Allocation	\$	37,000.00

Budget

Code	Category	%	Total
100 Operations			
AUD	Audio and Visual Services		
EDU	Training and Board Retreat		
FAC	Facilities Related and Space Rental		5,000
MIS	Miscellaneous Expense		
OFF	Office Equipment and Supplies		1,000
POS	Postage		
TAC	Temporary Staff		
TRL	Translation and Transcription		
	Sub Total	16.22%	\$ 6,000
200 Outreach			
ADV	Advertising		3,000
EVE	Event Expense / Food & Refreshments		3,000
MEE	Meeting Expense		1,000
NEW	Newsletter Expense		8,500
WEB	Website Maintenance/Enhancement/Creation		
	Sub Total	41.89%	\$ 15,500
300 Community Improvement			
CIP	Community Improvement Project		5,000
	Fall Festival		
	Green Garden Showcase		
	Sub Total	13.51%	\$ 5,000
400 Neighborhood Purpose Grants			
GRT	Neighborhood Purpose Grant		6,000
	Sub Total	16.22%	\$ 6,000
500 Elections			
ELE	Election Outreach Expense		4,500
	Sub Total	12.16%	\$ 4,500
Grand Total		\$	37,000

Budget Narrative:

Projected Monthly Operational Expenses	Monthly Amount*
Vendor - Item/Service Description	
1 RIMU -- Web hosting	\$ 100.00
2 StorQuest -- storage	\$ 300.00
3	
4	
5	
Total Monthly Operational Expenses	\$ 400.00

Attachment B

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

MOTION

California is facing the worst drought in its history. On April 1, 2015, the snowpack statewide was only 5 percent of normal, the lowest in recorded history. This extreme situation is expected to potentially worsen through the remainder of this year and into 2016. The snowmelt from the Sierra Nevada Mountains is the supply source for the State Water Project (SWP) and the Los Angeles Aqueduct. These two aqueducts, along with the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA), currently make up nearly 90 percent of the City of Los Angeles' water supply.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) owns and operates the CRA and has contractual rights to SWP supplies. The City's purchases of water from MWD through these two aqueduct systems makes up 75 percent of the City's supply. They Mayor has directed the City to reduce its dependence on purchased imported water from MWD by 50 percent by 2025.

In order to reduce the City's reliance on purchased imported water and improve water supply reliability, the City is working to increase its local water supplies. One local water supply resource is recycled water. Recycled water is a safe, reliable, and drought-proof source of water.

Every day, the City treats over 340 million gallons of wastewater at its four wastewater treatment plants. The Hyperion Treatment Plant, the City's largest wastewater treatment facility, treats close to 280 million gallons per day alone. The large majority of this water is then discharged into the Pacific Ocean.

The treated wastewater from the Hyperion Treatment Plant is a very valuable resource and has the potential to offset potable demands within the City as well as the adjacent region.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation be directed to work with the Department of Water and Power and report back on current projects, plans, and future possibilities to utilize recycled water from the Hyperion Treatment Plant as both a local and regional resource.

PRESENTED BY:


PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District


MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY:




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Attachment C

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

MOTION

With the State of California in the midst of a historic drought and water suppliers proposing to cut water deliveries to cities by 15%, any and every program the City of Los Angeles can undertake to help residents conserve water will have tremendous environmental and economic benefits for our City.

Graywater is untreated wastewater from showers, laundry machines, and bathtubs which has not come into contact with toilet waste. It does not include wastewater from kitchen sinks, photo lab sinks, dishwashers, or laundry water from soiled diapers. There are a variety of types of graywater systems, ranging from "clothes washer" systems (which do not require permits), to "simple" systems (which discharge up to 250 gallons per day and require permits), to "complex" systems (which discharge more than 250-gallons per day) and "treatment" systems (which are not currently allowed in Los Angeles).

Graywater reuse is legal in Los Angeles for subsurface irrigation systems at low-rise residential homes, provided that the system recycling the graywater follows the 2010 California Plumbing Code, Chapter 16A Part 1. Permits for graywater systems are issued by the City of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), though further approval may be needed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. The average cost of a permit is \$507, which includes up to two inspections and plancheck (\$396 for plancheck and \$111 for permit).

LADWP has the responsibility to protect the public water system from contamination caused by the backflow of contaminants or pollutants through the water service connection. The protection of the City's water supply is governed under LADWP Rule 16-D and enforced by LADWP or by LADBS, acting as its authorized representative.

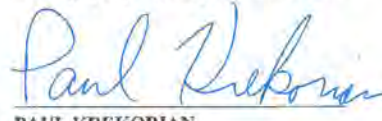
Though the Department of Water and Power offers an exceptional amount of information and resources for residents considering graywater systems on its website, only 13 permits were issued by LADBS in the past year. The City would benefit from more homeowners installing graywater systems and should do everything possible to encourage broader use of the water-saving installation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, with the cooperation and assistance of the Department of Building and Safety and the Department of Water and Power, prepare and present an ordinance amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code to eliminate any fees associated with the installation of approved "simple" gray water systems (as defined by LADWP) by homeowners in Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Water and Power conduct a review of both completed graywater system applications and applications that were started but not finished, and to report to the Council regarding what hurdles or other issues could be streamlined to further encourage people to recycle water at their homes with graywater systems.

PRESENTED BY:


MIKE BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District


PAUL KERKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:





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Attachment D

MOTION

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

The City of Los Angeles lies within the California Floristic Province, which is globally recognized as one of thirty-five biodiversity hotspots on the planet and the only hotspot in the Continental United States. The City is home to a number of threatened and rare species and provides habitat for a wide range of native vegetation and wildlife.

The survival and well-being of the City's residents depends directly on ecosystem services, including food production, oxygen generation, water purification, topsoil creation, biodegradation, and waste removal. These and many other services are built directly from an integrated community of natural biodiversity.

Access to natural landscapes which support local biodiversity contributes to quality of life, educational opportunities, restorative recreational activities, economic growth, and City character. Biodiverse landscapes provide benefits to residents such as increased productivity, fewer sick days, greater sense of place and community, and a shared sense of history.

Unfortunately, opportunities to access biodiversity are not equitably distributed across the City's neighborhoods. Underserved communities, in addition to disproportionately bearing the burden of environmental pollution, also lack opportunities to connect with nature and biodiversity. Additionally, inner-city biodiversity is often not studied, entire wildlife communities are ignored and human communities remain unengaged in the work.

The City does not currently have a cross-cutting, equitable, and integrated program to protect, manage, restore and enhance the unique biodiversity within the larger urban ecosystem in the City and region. Recognizing this, Mayor Garcetti's Sustainable City pLAN of 2015 specifically calls for development of a "no-net-loss" biodiversity strategy.

The City Biodiversity Index (also known as the Singapore Index) has been developed by international experts in urban biodiversity planning and management under the Convention on Biological Diversity and provides a self-assessment tool for cities. It is a voluntary, transparent, and objective framework to document and enumerate a city's existing native biodiversity and the ecosystem services such as climate regulation provided by that biodiversity. The Index also provides frameworks for setting conservation targets and developing biodiversity management and education programs.

The City, recognizing the importance of native biodiversity for its intrinsic, educational, scientific, and socio-ecological values, should commit to implementing the City Biodiversity Index.


The City should also develop habitat-based geospatial strategies for incorporating the conservation and equity of biodiversity in specific plans, development permitting, connectivity, planning, urban forestry, and the design and maintenance of parks and streets.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Legislative Analyst's office, in partnership with the Mayor's Sustainability Team, be directed to convene a working group of City departments, including LA Sanitation, the Planning Department, the Bureau of Street Services and its Urban Forestry Division, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Port of Los Angeles, the Department of Water and Power, the Zoo and other relevant departments, to report back on their current and future strategies and matrices for protecting biodiversity in all City practices.

I FURTHER MOVE that LA Sanitation with the assistance of the Planning Department, the Bureau of Street Services (Urban Forestry Division), the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Port of Los Angeles, the Zoo and other relevant departments, be directed to convene a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comprised of local universities, NGOs, and relevant governmental agencies including the LA County Natural History Museum, to report back with recommendations for strategies to protect and improve biodiversity in the City and on the feasibility of implementing the City Biodiversity Index.

I FURTHER MOVE that the TAC should develop and implement best practice strategies for community engagement and outreach on biodiversity including implementation of equity-minded citizen science projects that serve the full range of City neighborhoods.

PRESENTED BY:


PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:





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