



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, March 10th, 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 7:10 P.M.
Quorum present: Bill Koontz (chair), Bill Scheduling (treasurer), John Kutcha (2nd vice chair), Melissa Stoller (secretary), Sherri Akers, Ken Alpern, Valerie Davidson, Robin Doyno, Michelle Krupkin, Michael Millman, Yvette Molinaro, Brad Wilhite
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of February 2015 Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)
 - Motion to approve as amended by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Brad Wilhite. Motion carried with 9 ayes, 1 abstention (Yvette Molinaro)
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
 - Rob Kadota, chair, Safety & Security committee:
 - Introduced Jeremy Pollack; he plans to develop a safety director for each MVCC Zone.
 - Senior Lead Summit on March 24 at Manchester Recruitment Center
 - Bob Gould, WLA Chamber of Commerce (westlachamber.org):
 - WLA Chamber is reaching out to all NCs in area, doing survey on important issues to pass along result to government
 - Free mixers 3rd Thursday of every month; Governor Dukakis is March guest
 - Breakfast 1st Wednesday of each month
 - Sara Auerswald: notice on library that alley paving is April 11-12 (*see 5.a., CD 11 report*)
 - Robin Doyno: bike safety information available on back table; free membership in West Mar Vista Neighborhood Association
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
 - Alley paving: 2 phases over weekends; looking at doing Friday-Saturday near the Farmers' Market (April 10-11); 2nd date not yet scheduled
 - Hike with Mike on March 28, 9:00 A.M. – noon in Temescal Canyon (http://www.11thdistrict.com/hike_with_mike_mar28).
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Lizka Mendoza, Director
 - Winter programs completed; Mar Vista has 5 teams in All Star Tournament next week; 463 enrolled in youth soccer; Flashlight Egg Hunt March 28, 6:30 P.M.; Spring Eggstravaganza, April 4
 - Soccer Field redo is top on priority list—should have some movement within year; Lizka will make sure new surface doesn't raise health concerns
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway joejdg92@gmail.com
 - RVs on Sepulveda: Transportation Committee meeting on March 11; will soon put up signs for No RV Parking; looking for longer term solution
 - Brad Whilit: lots of RVs in neighborhood

- Will get list of allowed RV parking places to give to RVs
- ACE Program (Administrative Citation Enforcement): alternative method of enforcement for minor violations (such as noise) of LA Municipal Code; police & animal services can cite with fine
- 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 KarlyKatona, Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
- j. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm Daniel.tamm@lacity.org
- k. Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment – rep by Tom Soong
 - April 3rd: Code of Conduct deadline
 - May 3rd: bylaw amendments deadline
 - West area Ethics & Funding training: Thursday, March 26, at WLA Municipal Building
 - Civic University: partnership between Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at Cal State LA and the Office of Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti; program will be conducted over course of three evenings (April 2nd, 8th & 16th, 6–9 P.M.) downtown; would like 1 male, 1 female from each NC to attend.
 - Online voting: don't have to do, but NCs have the option for 2016 NC elections; using Every Vote Counts—supposed to be very secure
 - Congress of Neighborhoods is September 26

6. Presentations

- a. The Hub on Venice – Spencer Gross (3 min)
 - Presentation cancelled
- b. Big Blue Bus – Tim McCormack (15 min)
 - EXPO Integration Plan (more information at <http://bigbluebus.com>)
 - Want to be very aggressive, maximize use of stations
 - Public Hearing March 24; going to with final plan in June, have done lots of community outreach, held Marina Del Rey rationalization meeting
 - Goals: denser grid of North-South service; remove service duplication; improve speed and reliability; increase service on major ridership corridors; inclusion of last mile service to all regional destinations
 - Plan has new/changed routes, enhanced rapid corridors; Metro line from Valley will go to EXPO Sepulveda station
 - Problem: EXPO stations don't provide for drop off/pick up
 - Soft boundaries with Culver City Municipal Bus and LA MTA; coordinating routes; regional funding for all three agencies; Santa Monica City Council is governing body for Big Blue Bus
 - Bus Stop installation August–December, 2015
 - EXPO line will run later than bus; looking at Uber-type app for a few routes
 - Jay Greenstein (Chief Field and Transportation Deputy for Council Member Paul Koretz): held lots of meetings with EXPO & Big Blue Bus; Sepulveda Station will be major connection point

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

- a. Chair-Bill Koontz
 - i. Appointment of Sherri Akers as Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance Liaison
 - Motion to approve by Bill Koontz, 2nd by Ken Apern; motion carried unanimously
 - ii. Appointment of Myra Boime as DWP MOU Liaison
 - Motion to approve by Bill Koontz, 2nd by Valerie Davidson, motion carried unanimously
 - Note to Secretary: Need to send new board roster downtown

- iii. Search for LANCC Liaison
 - No one has stepped up; Bill has begged and pleaded
- iv. Follow-up on ethics/funding training, possible motion to follow
- v. **Director's motion RE: City Hall Parking Permits**
 Mar Vista Community Council approves of obtaining City Hall parking permits for the MVCC Chair and Treasurer.
 - Allowed 2 per NC
 - Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by Ken Aprin; motion carried unanimously
- b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe
- c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta
 - Web support vendor list not yet approved
- 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 February MER
 - Motion to approve by Bill Koontz, 2nd by John Kutcha; motion carried unanimously
 - Trying to claw back \$5000 allocated for alley paving; not likely
 - ii. **Funding Motion: Spring GGS Newsletter, creation of Green Garden Showcase map**
 Tickled Plum, not to exceed \$500 (20 hours at \$25 per hour)
 - Motion to table by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by John Kutcha; motion carried unanimously
 - Need Funding Request form
 - i. **Funding Motion: MVCC Speed Trailer battery replacement**
 DEKA model 8A27M, Sealed maintenance free deep cycle battery, not to exceed \$350.00 (see Addendum A).
 - Will first try car battery before purchasing; Bills, John 2nd; requests to use: ask T&I
 - Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2nd by John Kutcha; motion carried unanimously
 - No list of potential placement as yet
 - Information is not shared with DOT so it won't lead to speed limit increase
- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano
 - LADOT states “cars appear to be going faster than they really are”
 - Next meeting is March 18; agenda closes March 14, 1:00 pm
 - Getting complaints about new stop signs at Wade & Venice; will be on agenda
 - Farmers' Market signs still say 4:00 P.M.
 - Valerie: wants to know when they'll work on cut thru traffic
- g. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Open
 - LANCC discussed voting on-line, wants city to reach out to every neighborhood council
- h. DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
 - Reservoirs are down
- i. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson/Yvette Molinaro
 - Held Lessons Learned meeting
 - Trying to get money due; will use to pay permit fees
- j. City Budget: John Kuchta
 - Jay Handel is starting podcast for City Budget Advocates
- k. Recode LA: Sharon Commins

- Recode LA is working on downtown code because that's what's funded; flattening the code, not looking at ordinances. Last meeting dealt with downtown code, what happens to nonconforming uses
 - Meeting on 4th Wed of March will have baseline matonization presentation; City Council has added matonization to the recode process
 - Decision in lawsuit over Hollywood Community Plan blew up all plans; need money to re-do and non is allocated
- I. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald
- Launched membership drive
 - March 19th meeting: SEO for small business, tips on going mobile
 - Bowlero Mar Vista ribbon cutting April 9th
- m. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: Sherri Akers
- Launch event February 21, lots of enthusiasm
 - Emphasis is on outreach to get representation in all council districts
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
- Westside Village Homeowners Association meeting; Paul Koretz plans to put no RV parking signs between National & Pico on Sepulveda
 - Palms Neighborhood Council meeting on March 11: vision for Overland
 - Military Ave. will be shut down week of March 16 for Expo resurfacing
 - SV608, Right to Rest Act: T&I committee should look at
- b. Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite
- All quiet except RVs
- c. Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling
- d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman
- MV Neighborhood Association pot luck is June 7
- e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
- Compiling list for potholes; allowed 3 per zone
 - Playa Vista movie theater is opening
 - Mar Vista Library needs projector, getting quotes to repair or buy
- f. Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson
- Lots of burglaries, suspicious people casing houses;
 - Meeting March 11 at 3212 Maplewood Ave. to form neighborhood watch group; thinking of hiring private security
9. **Committee Reports & Consent Calendar** - Action items included, which may include motions to refer items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable(public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker unless waived by the Chair); items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment
- Motion to approve all item 9 motions on consent by John Kutcha, 2nd by ?; motion carries unanimously
- a. **Executive & Finance Committee** - Bill Koontz, Chair
- b. **GGs 2015 AD HOC Committee** - Shelley Wiseman, Chair
- Green Garden Showcase is Saturday, March 25; 54 gardens; would like all board members to volunteer at Showcase Central
- c. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
- d. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz and Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs
- i. **Motion to ban leaf blowers at City and DWP facilities**
- All leaf blowers—whether powered by gas, electricity or battery—blow a mixture of fine particles into the air, particles that can go deep into the lungs. This mixture includes dust, fecal matter, pesticides, fungi, chemicals, fertilizers,

spores, street dirt which can contain lead and gasoline, and anything else that happens to be in the vicinity of their use. Gas-fueled leaf blowers spew out additional air pollution in the form of unburned fossil fuel; one hour of use can create as much air pollution as a car driven for 100 miles.

Los Angeles currently bans the use of gas leaf blowers within 500 feet of a residence due to noise—and not air—pollution. Many other cities have enacted leaf blower bans. Like Los Angeles, they have found the bans difficult to enforce. The Mar Vista Community Council requests enactment of a ban on the use of all types of leaf blowers at all City and Department of Water and Power controlled properties. In addition to being enforceable, this ban will

- Reduce noise and air pollution.
- Eliminate a health risk for anyone at or near the property—especially for those performing the landscape maintenance.
- Allow the City and DWP to illustrate best practices and, thus, lead by example.

MVCC further points out that grass clippings and fallen leaves are a source of soil-building organic matter and also help retain moisture, reducing the landscape's watering requirements.

ii. **Motion supporting Green Streets Initiative** (see Addendum B)

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the Green Sustainable Streets Motion (Council File 14-0748) by council members Filipe Fuentes and Mike Bonin requiring all new street projects in the public right of way to incorporate storm water management elements. By adding green street elements, we can remove pollutants from water—and keep them out of the LA River, Ballona Creek and Santa Monica Bay—and capture water for groundwater recharge.

e. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs

i. **Director's request policy motion (has not been passed by T&I Committee) RE: MetroRail station for the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Line (to be forwarded to, if approved by the MVCC Board, to Metro and the offices of Councilmember Mike Bonin and Mayor Eric Garcetti):**

The Mar Vista Community Council supports:

- a) Naming the recently-approved and planned MetroRail station for the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Line at 96th/Aviation as "LAX Transit Center"
- b) Exploring any artistic/station design efforts to include pylons, consistent with the iconic pylons already located at LAX, at the future 96th/Aviation MetroRail station to establish this center as the rail/transit "Gateway to LAX" for commuters, visitors and tourists travelling to/from LAX.
- c) Any efforts to facilitate bus and rail access to the future station at 96th and Aviation, and to facilitate transfer to the future LAX People Mover Line.
- d) Construction of moving sidewalks with sufficient capacity (or sufficient for two passenger lanes on each walkway for both standing and walking pedestrians, on conveniently-designed, properly-located, and covered pedestrian bridges) from People Mover stations to each and every terminal, with a configuration to best encourage usage of the People Mover to access LAX airline terminals
- e) Whenever possible, construction of moving sidewalks whenever possible and with sufficient capacity on conveniently-designed, properly-located, and covered pedestrian bridges) between airline terminals on opposite sides of the Central Terminal Area.
- f) Consistent with Mayor Garcetti's vision of City-wide free wi-fi and commercial development favorable to business and tourism, construction and implementation of more cell-phone and laptop plug-in stations, free wi-fi, and commercial development within LAX, as well as on those regions adjacent to the LAX People Mover and on Century Blvd.
- g) Consideration and, if possible, implementation of ramps at all vertical circulation and connections between levels, in addition to escalators and elevators at the future Metro station at 96th/Aviation and at the LAX People Mover stations

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

- i. **Motion approving planned development at 3351-3361 Overland Ave** (see Addendum C)

WHEREAS, the owner of the property located at 3351-3361 S. Overland Avenue has submitted plans to the City Planning Department (Case No. DIR 2014-4846) to construct 38-unit apartment building including a 32.5% Density Bonus, including 10% Very Low Income Housing Units with 2 on-menu incentives,

NOW THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council recommends that the City approve the plans as submitted to the City, with the request that the developer consult with the Mar Vista Community Council on a landscape plan.

- g. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite, Co-chair Sara Roos, Co-Chair
- h. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson, co-chair Martin Rubin, Co-Chair
- i. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair
- j. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs

- i. **Policy motion RE: Historic Fire Station 62**

Whereas, the Mar Vista Community Council fully supports and affirms the preservation and repurposing of Historic Fire Station 62 [3631 Centinela Avenue, Mar Vista, CA 90066) for public use as a multipurpose community center as witnessed by numerous resolutions and stakeholder polls [see Addendum D]

Whereas, the opportunity for CD 11 to establish a constituent services center onsite is consistent with the goals and objectives for public uses of the property to benefit all stakeholders in Mar Vista

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Mar Vista Community Council offers its full support for including a CD 11 constituent services center as part of the community uses for the site.

- k. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald, Co-Chair, John Kuchta, Co-Chair
- l. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Scheduling, chair
- m. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair
- n. **Aging in Place Ad Hoc**- Sherri Akers, Co-chair, Robin Doyno Co-Chair

- AIP is getting lots of elected's attention; Assemblyman Sebastian Ridley-Thomas is holding a senior seminar, tentatively on May 21
 - Jewish Family Services is collaborating with AIP on a series of classes

10. Discussion Calendar

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

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

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

- 14. **Future agenda items**

- 15. **Public Comment**

- Sherri Akers: Water Wise Expo is March 29 at the Farmers' Market
 - Bill Koontz: "Mar Vista against illegal parking" signs available on the back table are not from MVCC; the RVs are not parked illegally
 - Ken Alpern: Tuesday, April 4th is PLUM and T&I joint meeting

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16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 P.M.

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