



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

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BOD-140211-MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min.)
 - Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
 - Quorum present – Sharon Commins (Chair), Bill Koontz (1st Vice Chair), Yvette Milinaro (2nd Vice Chair), Bill Duckett (Secretary), Bill Scheduling (Treasurer), Mitchell Riche, Melissa Stoller, Michael Millman, John Kuchta, Michelle Kuchta, and Ken Alpern
2. **Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of December 10, 2013 Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)
Motion (Bill Scheduling) to approve minutes. Motion carries unanimously.
4. **Public Comment & Announcements**--for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
 - Michael Millman: presented chocolates to the chair who accepted it on behalf of the board, stakeholders, and guests
 - Melissa Stoller: Wise water expo at Farmer's Market March 16th. Vote tomorrow on the Bee Keeping ordinance.
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
-Len: Plan to modernize LAFD technology. Action tomorrow (Feb 12th) on Beekeeping. Much needed Scattergood infrastructure improvement is underway (hours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Scattergood expected to be completed by March 25th. People Street is coming to Mar Vista promoting parklettes in open spaces (done by grant), Monday, February 24th from 6-8p.m. Mar Vista Library Community Room.
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
- Jason: Setting up for 200 people for City Budget 101. Hosting LAPD Lead Officer Summit March 12th starting at 6:30 p.m. Baseball field improvement is underway (natural turf reconditioned and reseeded) and would like to keep temp fence up as long as possible. Lighting is wrapping up and it is wireless and programmable. Dept. of Rec and Parks has partnered with Red Cross and working with them on disaster relief plans. Could look into a cargo container here in Mar Vista.
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Field Deputy Jeffrey Ebenstein, jeffrey.ebenstein@lacity.org
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - e. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas
Scott Malsin: Office is just getting up and running and Scott is newly appointed. Scott will contact the board members with his contact information.
 - f. CA Senate 28 – 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
Daniel Tamm: Mayor appointed Marci Edwards (long history and association with DWP) as head of DWP and looking forward to reform. City Budget 101 at the Mar Vista Recreation Center on February 26th. Mayor Garcetti and Deputy Mayor Cole will be present with Bonin and Koretz.
6. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker)
 - a. Chair-Sharon Commins
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 - b. First Vice Chair-Bill Koontz
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 - c. Second Vice Chair-Yvette Molinaro
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 - d. Secretary-Bill Duckett
-Critical we have Board members to staff the booth as Sharon will not be able to staff it most of the time as in the past. 1st Sunday is Historic 62 and looks like 3rd will be Santa Monica Airport, so need to cover the remainder.

e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2013-14 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. **FUNDING MOTION: APPROVAL of JANUARY 2014 US Bank Card Statement:** Waived-No P card expenses were incurred during this billing cycle

No expenses. No approval necessary.

ii. **FUNDING MOTION: APPROVAL of JANUARY 2014 Monthly Reconciliation Form Motion (Melissa Stoller) carries unanimously.**

iii. **FUNDING MOTION: ELECTION 2014 BUDGET:** Reallocate \$1300 into the existing \$5700 Election Budget to increase funding to \$7,000 in order to fully fund the following election specific items:

Newsletter layout:	\$375
Pac Rim newsletter 8 pg:	\$4000
CBS Adv. Dist:	\$1700
Printing of materials:	\$300
Banners:	\$125
Election tent tables chairs	\$500

TOTAL \$7000

Motion (Bill Koontz, 2nd Bill Scheduling) to move \$1400 from outreach to increase the election budget to \$7,100 carries unanimously.

iv. **FUNDING MOTION: SPRING ELECTION/GGS NEWSLETTER:** LAYOUT OF CAMERA READY COPY: Tickled Plum: Not to exceed \$375: 15 hours at \$25 per hour

Motion carries unanimously.

v. **FUNDING MOTION: SPRING ELECTION/GGS NEWSLETTER: PACIFIC RIM: PRINTING:** \$4000

-Melissa suggested we order 500 fewer this year

Motion carries unanimously.

vi. **FUNDING MOTION: SPRING ELECTION/GGS NEWSLETTER: CBS ADV. DISTRIBUTORS:** DISTRIBUTION: \$1700

Motion carries unanimously.

vii. **FUNDING MOTION: MVNA AD:** \$120

Motion carries unanimously.

viii. **FUNDING MOTION: PLAQUES: SEE APPENDIX A**

Motion to accept proposal #1 of Amendment (Bill Scheduling) carries with 11 ayes and 1 abstention (John Kuchta).

f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano

-Linda: No Report

g. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Bill Koontz

-DWP MOU: No Report

-LANCC: No Report

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

-Christopher: Meeting next week. Water in the news (either too much or too little). Cleaning up wells is on the agenda.

i. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson/Yvette Molinaro

-Albert: No Report

j. City Budget: John Kuchta

-John: No Report

7. **Zone Director Reports**--may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; Public comment permitted)

Zone 1 – Ken Alpern: WBHA came out with motion similar to ours opposing JMB.

Zone 2 – Bill Koontz: Tuesday, February 18th, Karen Bass will be speaking at St Andrews at 7p.m. Neighborhood Watch meeting this Saturday, February 16th (Bill will send a blast).

Zone 3 – Kate Anderson: No Report

Zone 4 – Michael Millman: June 22nd, Mar Vista annual block party.

Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin: Dealing with electronic street signs from Culver. Cherry on Top is open.

Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson: No Report

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 take all items except item b. on consent passed unanimously

a. **Executive & Finance Committee**-Sharon Commins, Chair

- i. **POLICY MOTION: EXFIN: MAR VISTA FARMERS MARKET:** Whereas, the Mar Vista Farmers Market was established on August 6, 2006, and has operated continuously for the past 7 1/2 years on Grand View Blvd just south of Venice Blvd and Pacific Avenue extending east and west at the intersection of Grand View Blvd. The market management has obtained all required street closure permits and adheres to all State, City and Local regulations and ordinances to host a safe, enjoyable, and successful outdoor Sunday market.

Whereas, the Mar Vista Farmers Market has become Mar Vista's centrally located weekly town square where families, friends and neighbors gather to socialize and support local farmers, food vendors, artisans and performers. For residents of Mar Vista, del Rey, Palms, Venice, Westchester, West L.A., Culver City, Santa Monica and beyond, the Mar Vista Farmers Market is a much anticipated weekly social outing and shopping extravaganza. The market is synonymous with Mar Vista and attracts countless Los Angelenos and others to our community.

Now therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council supports the perpetual operation of the market at its current location, in both a safe and productive manner. To that end, the Mar Vista Community Council supports the current street closures on Grand View Blvd and Pacific Avenue, and encourages Council District 11 representatives and the market management to work cooperatively with neighboring businesses to insure the continued success of the market and the business district as a whole, as well as the safety of all market booth operators and market patrons.

Consent

b. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, & Jeanne Kuntz, Co-Chairs

- i. **POLICY MOTION: RAIL TO RIVER:** The MVCC supports the Rail-to-River project proposed to the Metro board by Supervisors Mark Ridley Thomas and Gloria Molina which would transform an 8.3 mile unused railway to a greenbelt with walkways and bike lanes. The trail would begin at the future site of a Crenshaw-to-LAX light rail station in Inglewood and end just north of Washington Blvd near the LA River. The MVCC urges the project to be planted with California Native Plants to support our pollinator wildlife and to optimize storm water capture techniques to help mitigate our water crisis.

Ken Alpern expressed concern that this either eliminates this as a viable route or he worries that this beautification may have to be torn out later. John Kuchta echoes the same concern.

Substitute Motion (Bill Scheduling) to refer this back to Green Committee and to T&I carries unanimously.

c. **GGG 2014 AD HOC COMMITTEE**- Shelley Wiseman & Christy Wilhelmi, Co-Chairs

- i. **REPORT:** 2014 GGS Tour Organizing Progress
- First garden up on the blog.

d. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Mitchell Rische, Co-Chairs

- i. **POLICY MOTION: SPECIAL PARKING REVENUE FUND REVENUES:** The Mar Vista Community Council maintains that the City of Los Angeles has been diverting the SPRF (Special Parking Revenue Fund) revenues to the General Budgetary Fund, and demands that it end this practice.
1. The Mar Vista Community Council asks that the City Council and Mayor of Los Angeles redirect all previously diverted revenue of the SPRF, and all present and future SPRF revenue towards the purposes for which the revenue was and is intended.
 2. The Mar Vista Community Council asks that City Council and Mayor of Los Angeles direct all past, present and future SPRF funds to be directed towards the communities from which they were collected.

Consent

- ii. **POLICY MOTION: EXPO LINE AND VENICE RAPID BUS PARKING LOT ESTABLISHMENT:** The Mar Vista Community Council maintains that there is insufficient parking and overall access to the Exposition Light Rail Line, and to the connecting Venice Blvd. Bus Lines. The Mar Vista Community Council maintain that the "Exposition Boulevard/I-10

Freeway" and "Venice Boulevard to the Beach" were the two transportation corridors to be mitigated by the Expo Line, and that there is no Westside Metrolink/Park and Ride equivalent for Westsiders to access.

The Mar Vista Community Council therefore strongly urge the City of Los Angeles, Metro and Caltrans (which owns Lincoln and Venice Boulevards) to establish public parking lots, and/or encourage public/private parking endeavors, to facilitate access of those commuting by car, bicycle or other methods to create more parking lots at/near Exposition Line rail stations and highly-utilized Venice Bus Line bus stops.

Consent

- iii. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO CULVER CITY:** for Pedestrian/Transit Improvements on Washington Blvd., with benefits to Mar Vista Community Council residents and other stakeholders. See appendix A

Consent

- iv. **POLICY MOTION: COUNCIL MOTION 13-0869-S1: MODERNIZATION OF BOSS EVENT PERMITTING:** MVCC supports the Bonin-Buscaino motion focusing on modernization of the Bureau of Street Services such as "use of new technology to increase the effectiveness of special event customer service practices, including the acceptance of credit cards, along with a review of the City's "Public Way Reservation System" to enable enhanced permitting integration, coordination, notification and conflict identification of all events that occur in the public right of way". MVCC further encourages inclusion of a method to notify Neighborhood Councils, similar to the ENS system used successfully for planning cases, regarding the granting of said permits for events utilizing the public right of way.

Consent

- e. **Election & Bylaws Committee**-- Bill Scheduling, Chair

i. **ELECTIONS 2014 UPDATE 'VoteMarVista2014'**



EMPOWER QR Code for complete information <http://empowerla.org/west-la/>

Alisa Smith is our election commission rep and spoke about what has changed. Need to stay on top of a call for candidates. We are region 11. Filing begins March 4th and ends on April 3rd.

This item was moved to up on the agenda (immediately following item 5) through a motion made by Bill Scheduling and approved unanimously.

- ii. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION AND FINAL READING: EMPOWER APPROVED MVCC BYLAWS CHANGES:** The changes below have been approved and are to be included in MVCC Bylaws:

1. Article IV, Section 3: removes from this section language related to the bylaws amendment process, now wholly contained in Article XIII
2. Article VI, Section 3: Minor edit to refer to parliamentary authority detailed in Article XII
3. Article X, Section 1: Minor edit to language describing City authority in conducting NC election
4. Article X, Section 6, B: Changes candidates' signature collection requirements from 20 stakeholders in general to 20 stakeholders who are specifically eligible to vote for the candidate (or, more accurately, the seat for which the candidate is running.)
5. Article X, Section 6, C: Specifies that candidates must follow the bylaws, approved election procedures, and MVCC standing rules
6. Article XII: Minor updates regarding the use of Rosenberg's rules of order, and clarification that the board may adopt additional standing rules or policies re: the conduct of meetings.

Motion carries unanimously (2/3 required).

- iii. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: RESPONSE TO CHANGES NOT APPROVED BY EMPOWER: ARTICLE XIII**

1. Article XIII: Amends the board's bylaws approval process. At this time, Article XIII remains under review by The Department pending further clarification from the Mar Vista Community Council: *Amendment of these bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors in attendance. Once approved by the Council, at the first reading, the amendment must be approved, in writing, by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) before it is read the second time, approved by a two-thirds*

(2/3) vote of the Directors in attendance and thus becomes the amended bylaws of the Council. The Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils establishes that "Neighborhood Council bylaw adjustments are deemed approved once the changes to the bylaws are evaluated and filed by the Department". Therefore, the proposed Article XIII language that establishes the MVCC as the final approving authority upon its second reading of the bylaws is not consistent with the Plan for A Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils. We ask that your board review the options below for revising your bylaws amendment process and clarify to us, in the form of a board resolution, which bylaws amendment procedure your Neighborhood Council would like to adopt.

- a. To continue its current practice of twice reading the bylaws amendments PRIOR to submitting the bylaws adjustment application to the Department for evaluation and approval. If the board adopts this option, the Department will adopt language from the previously approved bylaws document as follows: No bylaw amendment shall be voted on until it has been read at two (2) meetings. Amendment of these bylaws requires two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Full Board. Once approved by the MVCC the amendment must be approved in writing by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment before it becomes part of the bylaws of the MVCC.
- b. To eliminate entirely the second reading of the bylaws, in which case the Department would approve bylaws language as follows: Amendment of these bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors in attendance. Once approved by the Council, the amendment must be approved, in writing, by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (Department) and thus becomes the amended bylaws of the Council.
- c. To practice a second reading of the bylaw amendments after having received the written approval of bylaws adjustment from the Department that has no impact on the finalization of the bylaws. If the board chooses to hold a second reading of bylaws amendments subsequent to the Department's approval of those same amendments, the bylaws must state and the board members AND stakeholders must be advised that the board's second reading will neither adjust nor finalize the Neighborhood Council bylaws. If the governing body chooses to make additional changes to the bylaws after approval by the Department, the Neighborhood Council board will initiate a new bylaws amendment process and submit a bylaws adjustment application to the Department for evaluation and approval. If the board chooses this option, the Department will approve bylaws language as follows: Amendment of these bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors in attendance. Once approved by the Council at the first reading, the amendment must be approved, in writing, by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) before it is read the second time, and affirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors in attendance. At the time of the second vote by the board, the bylaws shall have been finalized by the Department as the amended bylaws of the Neighborhood Council and can neither be altered, nor finalized by the board. Therefore, a failure to reach the 2/3 threshold for the 2nd vote will not affect the bylaws as finalized by the Department. As soon as the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment receives clarification from your board regarding its wishes, we will forward to you the complete, finalized set of bylaws.

Motion (Bill Scheduling) to adopt option c. carries unanimously (2/3 required).

- f. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee**-Steve Wallace & Michael Millman, Co-Chairs and
-No report
- g. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Amy Lawrence and Albert Olson, Co-Chair
-No report
- h. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Koontz & Yvette Molinaro, Co-Chairs
-No report
- i. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs
-No report
- j. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
-No report
- k. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
-No report

- l. **Ad Hoc Website Team**-John Kuchta, Chair
-No report
- m. **Community Outreach Committee** – John Kuchta, Chair
-No report

8. Discussion Calendar

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

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

11. **Grievances**, if any, received

12. Future agenda items

13. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

APPENDIX A: PLAQUES QUOTES

1. Advanced Graphic Engraving LLC: Qty 100 - Unit Price: \$20.20 Each
 - a. Material: Brass
 - b. Size: 1.5" x 3.5"
 - c. Thickness: .020"
 - d. Background: Satin Gold Brass
 - e. Imprint Type: Screen Printed
 - f. Imprint Color(s): (7 Colors) Standard Red, White, Black, Blue, Green, and Yellow
 - g. Corners: Round
 - h. Holes: None
 - i. Adhesive: 3M468
2. MyNamePlates.com: Qty 100-Unit Price: \$3.98 each
 - a. 1.5" x 3" (height x width)
 - b. Rectangle
 - c. Epoxy Printed Aluminum, 20 mil
 - d. Rounded
 - e. No Holes in the plates
 - f. Adhesive Backing with liner.

APPENDIX B: DRAFT LETTER TO CULVER CITY

The Mar Vista Community Council, a certified Neighborhood Council in the City of Los Angeles, wishes to express appreciation for the Pedestrian Improvements at Eight (8) Intersections enumerated in City Manager John M. Nachbar's report of January 17, 2014.

MVCC Zones 5 & 6 border Culver City. These improvements will benefit the greater area community, including MVCC stakeholders, through enhanced pedestrian experience as well as greatly increased safety.

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 From the Culver City manager's report:
<http://www.culvercity.org/~media/02D9C0BFEE724A8BB58A4CE055021C25.ashx>

John M. Nachbar, City Manager January 17, 2014
 Pedestrian Improvements at Eight (8) Intersections

The Pedestrian Improvement at Intersection with Bus Stops Project consists of constructing pedestrian safety improvements at the following eight (8) intersections.

The improvements include new ADA curb ramps with truncated domes, high visible crosswalk and pavement markings, accessible pedestrian push buttons, more versatile vehicle video detection and bicycle detection devices, and reconstruction of damaged concrete pavements at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Inglewood Boulevard.

The following intersections on major arterials were selected due to the high number of transit and pedestrian activities at these intersections:

- 1) Sepulveda Boulevard and Washington Boulevard
- 2) Sepulveda Boulevard and Sawtelle Boulevard
- 3) Washington Boulevard and Robertson Boulevard/Higuera Street
- 4) Washington Boulevard and Landmark Avenue
- 5) Washington Boulevard/Washington Place/Zanja Street
- 6) Washington Boulevard and Inglewood Boulevard
- 7) Washington Boulevard and Centinela Avenue
- 8) Washington Boulevard and National Boulevard

This project is anticipated to begin in early February 2014 and to be completed in June 2014.