



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, December 10, 2013, at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

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BOD-131210-Minutes

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min.)
 - Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - Quorum present – Sharon Commins (Chair), Bill Koontz (1st Vice Chair), Yvette Milinaro (2nd Vice Chair), Bill Duckett (Secretary), Bill Scheduling (Treasurer), John Kuchta, Ken Alpern, Valerie Davidson, Mitchell Riche, and Michelle Krupkin
2. **Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of November 12, 2013 Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)
Motion to approve minutes carries unanimously
4. **Public Comment & Announcements**--for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
 - **DONE has approved our bylaw changes except Article XIII which is under review. Bill Scheduling would like the board to look this over and give email input.**
 - **Bill Scheduling would also like to hear from us on the three proposed ideas for the artwork for the plates that will be placed on items for which this council has approved funds.**
5. **Special Presentation [5 min]** Neighborhood Legislature Reform Act (NLRA) neighborhood legislature initiative <http://neighborhoodlegislature.com/>
Scott Crawford-In favor of cutting state into much smaller legislative districts. Assembly would be one for every 5,000 and Senate one for every 10,000.
6. **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: Late November the judge issued a court order and a temporary injunction and restraining order against the Medical Marijuana Dispensary. Signs on Centinela seem to have made a difference. Suggests we read Bonin/Garcetti OP-ED.
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
- Jason: Lighting improvement project moving right along. Tennis court and skate rink within the next couple weeks. The remainder in January. Gym will be getting new LED lighting.
 - 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
 - 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
7. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker)
 - a. Chair-Sharon Commins
-Attended Mar Vista Business Association meeting this morning and MVCC ad is nice as is the directory.
 - b. First Vice Chair-Bill Koontz
-No Report
 - c. Second Vice Chair-Yvette Molinaro
-No Report
 - d. Secretary-Bill Duckett

-Farmer's Market Doodle invitation for first three months of 2014 has been sent. Please visit it.

- 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. Neighborhood Council Funding reports are available online at <http://done.lacity.org/onlinefunding/ncfunding.aspx>
- i. **FUNDING MOTION:** APPROVAL of NOVEMBER 2013 US Bank Card Statement
Motion approved unanimously.
 - ii. **FUNDING MOTION:** APPROVAL of NOVEMBER 2013 Monthly Reconciliation Form
Motion approved unanimously.
 - iii. **FUNDING MOTION: T&I/PLUM: LIBRARY/POST OFFICE ALLEY REPAVING: INGLEWOOD TO CENTINELA:** Whereas, the MVCC Board of Directors has prioritized the reconstruction and repair of the alley south of, and parallel to, Venice Blvd. between Inglewood and Centinela as the most important public works project within the MVCC, and Whereas, the CD11 office has received a bid for \$42,000 to perform this public works project, Therefore, the MVCC Board of Directors authorizes an initial budgeting of \$5000: ~~\$2500~~ ~~\$2400~~ from budget category 300 Community Improvement Grants and ~~\$2500~~ ~~\$2600~~ from budget category 400 Neighborhood Purposes Grants (with the possibility of further budgetary assignments) to be assigned to a fund held by the non-profit 501(c)3 corporation of the Venice Blvd. Streetscape Association, to which public and private donations would be encouraged for the greater community to donate to this effort, and The MVCC Board of Directors commits to working with the CD11 office and all governmental and private sources to reach the full \$42,000 necessary to achieve this overdue public works project to serve the needs of the greater Mar Vista community." Passed in committee 4 aye; 0 nay; one recused
Friendly amendment (see above) approved. Bill Koontz concerned with from where the remainder of the money will come to justify tying up this money. Ken Alpern suggest we see this going nowhere (say in six months) we could put the money back into play. Sharon Commins explains that a 501(c)3 would have to return the money if not used for the express purpose but worries that the money would be returned to LA instead to MVCC. Len will make it clear that we have committed money to this.
Motion carries unanimously.
- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano
-Linda: Backlog of painting of lines, signs etc. which have been approved getting installed. Some particular types of projects that haven't been considered for the last couple years are beginning to surface again.
- g. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Bill Koontz
-DWP MOU: 5 year integrated power source plan was presented and discussed. Water plans were also discussed. City wants "the one water plan" that would include stakeholder buy-in. Some board members visited Orange County water treatment facility and looking at something like this for LA. Rate increases discussed in January will probably be divided up into 4 year smaller increments. Sharon Commins was mentioned in regard to Recode LA. Collecting outstanding debts seems to be a major problem (into millions). City absorbs a great deal of the cost of ambulances. City parking system revamp was discussed which would include uniform parking fees city-wide.
-LANCC: Discussed the new financial system which goes into effect on December 12th.
- h. DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
-Christopher: Shepherding groundwater replenishment project (full year to implement). Much discussion about the increase in rates.
- i. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson/Yvette Molinaro
-Meeting December 11th and hopes to have all the figures in.
- j. City Budget: John Kuchta
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8. **Zone Director Reports**--may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; Public comment permitted)

Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson: Accident at Rose and Walgrove (seems to be a monthly thing). Complaints of air quality issues created by planes taking off at SM airport.

Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin: No update on MMD in this zone. Small power outage experienced December 9th. Three way stop needed on Inglewood and McLaughlin. Pedestrian was hit and seriously injured in this intersection. For the seventh year in a row, Chris and Pat McKinnon graciously hosted the Mar Vista Santa Stop on North Park Ave. on December 3rd.

It was a festive occasion, complete with hot cocoa, coffee, cookies and treats and a visit from the LAPD Pacific Division Santa Sleigh.

Zone 4 – Michael Millman: Not present

Zone 3 – Kate Anderson: Not present

Zone 2 – Bill Koontz: Tonight Santa’s Sleigh stopped in Zone 2. December 11th the new Senior Lead Officer will be at the North Hills Neighborhood Association meeting @ St Andrews.

Zone 1 – Ken Alpern: Request for signs for parking around the schools. No obvious place to bring this up (T&I?).

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

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

–It’s the holidays

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

–No report

c. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee**-Steve Wallace & Michael Millman, Co-Chairs

i. **POLICY MOTION: CUP RENEWAL: 3455 OVERLAND AVE:** Motion to support the renewal of an existing Conditional Use Permit for beer and wine in conjunction with a restaurant and a Zone Variance to permit 10 of the 13 required parking spaces to be provided off-site by lease in lieu of by covenant for restaurant n/naka, an existing Japanese restaurant at 3455 Overland. Initial application for this CUP was approved by MVCC two years ago. Approved unanimously in committee

1. Dining at this restaurant is by reservation only [no walk ins]. The renewal contains no new or different requests from the original proposal approved by the MVCC

Motion carries unanimously.

d. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Mitchell Riche, Co-Chair

–Would like to link up with PLUM for joint committee to avoid conflicts with the holidays.

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

i. **POLICY MOTION: BEES: COUNCIL FILE 13-0002-S134** [see City Clerk website

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/> for Council motion]

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the Los Angeles City Council’s resolution supporting HR 2692, “Saving America’s Pollinators Act of 2013.”

This resolution would include ‘bees’ as animals/insects residents can keep along with dogs and cats and outlaw pesticides that contribute to the demise of the bees. Motion carries unanimously.

ii. **POLICY MOTION: GMO: COUNCIL MOTION 13-1374** [see City Clerk website

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/> for Council motion]

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the Los Angeles City Council’s motion directing the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance which would prohibit the sale and growth of patented genetically modified (GM) crops within City limits, and recommends striking the phrase "the sale of any seeds that could potentially be contaminated by other genetically modified organisms (GMO)" from the last paragraph.

Motion carries with 8 ayes, 1 nay, and 1 abstention (Mitchell Riche)

iii. **POLICY MOTION: WATER FOUNTAINS: COUNCIL MOTION** [see City Clerk website

<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/> for Council motion]

Whereas it would greatly support the reuse of water bottles, reduce waste, provide better access to drinking water and have tremendous environmental benefits, the Mar Vista Community Council Motion strongly supports the following motion going before the LA City Council Energy and Environment Committee - Motion by Councilmembers Tom LaBonge and Jose Huizar requesting the LADWP to work with organizations such as WeTap to report back on a comprehensive plan to upgrade, restore, and bring back public water fountains in public spaces in the City. MVCC requests that the fountains accommodate the refill of water bottles

and a process for reporting broken fountains. The Green Committee also requests that the board file a community impact report supporting the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

- iv. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: DIRECTORS REQUEST [MELISSA STOLLER]: 2014 GREEN GARDEN SHOWCASE** [5 min] "Green Garden Showcase slated to be replaced with alternative local Earth Day events" Wording submitted by Melissa Stoller. The Green Committee has not yet considered this item as a motion in committee.

The Green Committee proposes celebrating Earth day on April 26th with a less structured community event focused on sustainability. Ideas include community green volunteering – perhaps at local schools, tree plantings, feathers, and foliage walks, and construction of demonstration gardens. There could also be localized mini garden shows; anyone who wants could open their sustainable garden on their own as well. The Green Committee would organize some activities, be a catalyst and clearinghouse for others and, with MVCC, provide overall organization and publicity. We're open to ideas and would like feedback on this concept.

Green committee is thinking about creating a virtual Green Garden Showcase. They are also looking at continuing some of the peripheral sustainable living projects as small events.

Substitute motion to refer this back to committee.

Motion fails: 1 aye and 9 nays

Substitute motion for Exec and Finance to take this under advisement and to perform public outreach to involve the stakeholders in this conversation before any major changes be made.

Motion moved and seconded.

Motion carries unanimously

- f. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Amy Lawrence and Albert Olson, Co-Chair
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- g. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Koontz & Yvette Molinaro, Co-Chairs
–Eagerly awaiting FAA response to Santa Monica lawsuit.
- h. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs
–This Saturday is the big toy giveaway. Friday they need help wrapping presents (Centinela and Culver).
- i. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
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- j. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
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- k. **Ad Hoc Website Team**-John Kuchta, Chair
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- l. **Community Outreach Committee** – John Kuchta, Chair
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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. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.