



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, November 12, 2013, at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

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BOD-131112-AGENDA

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min.)
 - Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.
 - Quorum present – Sharon Commins (Chair), Bill Koontz (1st Vice Chair), Yvette Milinaro (2nd Vice Chair), Bill Duckett (Secretary), Bill Scheduling (Treasurer) (left at 8:08 p.m.), Michael Millman, John Kuchta, Kate Anderson (left at about 7:45), Ken Alpern, Valerie Davidson, Mitchell Riche, and Michelle Krupkin
2. **Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of October 8, 2013 and October 15, 2013 Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)
Motion carries unanimously
4. **Public Comment & Announcements**--for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
 - Sarah Auerswald: **Business association directory. Holiday party (marvistabusinessassociation.com for details)**
 - Michael Millman: **Thanks to the community and board for the overwhelming showing and success of the special meeting regarding the Medical Marijuana Dispensary.**
 - Robin Doyl: **90 participants for the new westside neighborhood association.**
 - Christopher Armenta: **candidate for Assembly District 54...former mayor of Culver City...supports airport to park.**
5. **Election of Officers: Election & Bylaws Committee**
 - a. **Election of 2013-2014 MVCC BOD Officers**
 - Bill Koontz nominated Sharon Commins for Chair. Bill Scheduling nominated Bill Koontz who declined. Sharon Commins elected unanimously.'
 - Yvette Molinaro nominated Bill Koontz for 1st Vice-Chair who was elected unanimously.
 - Bill Koontz nominated Yvette Molinaro for 2nd Vice-Chair who was elected unanimously.
 - Bill Koontz nominated Bill Scheduling for Treasurer who was elected unanimously.
 - Sharon Commins nominated Bill Duckett for Secretary who was elected unanimously.
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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: **Announced that the signs are up on Bundy for oversized vehicles. Quote has been gotten for the alleyway behind the Library Inglewood to Centinela (\$42,000). Tuesday, November 19th 3-5 p.m. at LAX Bob Hope USO meal for troops.**
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
 - December 7th is winter show, **How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2 performances). Winger camp, 3 weeks of camp Dec 3rd to Jan 10th. Community meeting on 11/21, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.**
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - e. CA Senate 28 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov
 - f. CA Assembly 47
 - g. CA Assembly 62
 - h. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly Katona, Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
 - i. 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
 - No report
 - b. First Vice Chair-Bill Koontz
 - LAPD Winter Wonderland, December 14th ...free toys and food.
 - c. Second Vice Chair-Yvette Molinaro
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 - d. Secretary-Bill Duckett

-Farmer's Market volunteers have increased. Pass any ideas for special presenters to Sharon.

- 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.
- i. **FUNDING MOTION:** APPROVAL of OCTOBER 2013 US Bank Card Statement
Motion carries unanimously.
 - ii. **FUNDING MOTION:** APPROVAL of OCTOBER 2013 Monthly Reconciliation Form
Motion carries unanimously.
 - iii. **FUNDING MOTION:** FALL 2013 NEWSLETTER: APPROVAL of Laura Bodensteiner/Tickled Plum invoice in the amount of \$400.00 for MVCC Fall 2013 newsletter layout and refresh of masthead.
Motion carries unanimously.
 - iv. **FUNDING MOTION:** OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Motion to approve the purchase of an ad in the new Mar Vista Business Association Directory for \$300.00. The ad shall contain the MVCC Logo, PO Box, and website address
Directory lifetime 1 year and will live into perpetuity on the website as a PDF.
Motion carries unanimously.
 - v. **FUNDING MOTION:** SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE: LAPD WINTER WONDERLAND: Motion to approve \$1,000 for the purchase of toys in support of LAPD's annual community outreach program to targeted communities within and surrounding Mar Vista. All toys shall have a sticker affixed identifying the MVCC for outreach
Motion carries unanimously.
 - vi. **FUNDING MOTION:** BILL SCHEDING, TREASURER: MVCC RECOGNITION, BANNERS/PLAQUES FOLLOWUP: approve funding of the design and artwork development for the Plaques not to exceed \$300 with the following text and logos:
 1. [MVCC LOGO] Mar Vista Community Council [LA City LOGO]
"This project was provided with funding support from the Mar Vista Community Council and the City of Los Angeles."
Motion to approve the language, get a mockup, and no money will be spent until we approve the mockup. Motion carries unanimously.
- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano
-Linda: Next meeting November 20th. September 18th was mostly LADOT and many old business items because LADOT had not got around to investigating them. Agenda closes the 16th. Waiting on street services to get around to putting the sign on Grand View. All paperwork is finished.
- g. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Bill Koontz
-DWP MOU: Sick so no report. Will get minutes and post link on website.
-LANCC: Sick so no report. Will get minutes and post link on website.
- h. DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
-Working on draft for groundwater policy.
- i. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson/Yvette Molinaro
-Great success! Beautiful weather and plenty of volunteers! \$4,351 from silent auction which is better than last year.
- j. City Budget: John Kuchta
-Looking better than the past few years but not out of the woods. Ron Galperin doing a good job of providing transparency through a very detailed website. Garcetti's admin is working well with council and agencies. Neighborhood councils were the only negative vibe as they are fed up with things not getting done.
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: Protest of MMD. Suite filed against FAA regarding Santa Monica.

Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin: Issue with medical marijuana dispensary. A case has been filed on them and has been continued to the 14th. This is one of the illegal dispensaries (not the ones grandfathered in). New Asian restaurant on north side of Washington.

Zone 4 – Michael Millman: No report

Zone 3 – Kate Anderson: No report

Zone 2 – Bill Koontz: Mega garage sale happened two weeks ago. Santa's Sleigh is coming up probably before next meeting.

Encourage people to get acquainted with new senior lead officer for LAPD, Adrian Acosta.

Zone 1 – Ken Alpern: Next few weekends there will be closures due to expo line (Westwood and Overland)

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
–No report
 - b. **Election & Bylaws Committee**-- Bill Scheduling, Chair
 - i. **POLICY MOTION:** Sunday May 18, 2014 elections stipulation sheet
Motion carries unanimously.
 - c. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Amy Lawrence and Albert Olson, Co-Chair
 - i. **POLICY MOTION: SANTA MONICA LIBRARY NON RESIDENT PAYMENT POLICY:** see attachment A
–Nancy Rarlin: **SM library policy un-neighborly when Mar Vista Library doesn't charge them. LA feels so strongly that they refuse to charge also.**
Motion carries unanimously.
 - d. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee**--Steve Wallace & Michael Millman, Co-Chairs
 - i. Report on joint MVCC BOD/PLUM meeting held Oct 15, 2013 regarding the proposed medical marijuana store at 3472 Centinela
–Still a standoff.
 - e. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Mitchell Rische, Co-Chair
 - i. **REPORT:** CD 11 quote for complete repair, reconstruction, and repaving of the alley directly south of Venice between Inglewood and Centinela in the Mar Vista town center area
–MVCC BOD should consider a contribution next meeting. **Talk of using the Farmer's Market non-profit to raise funds.**
 - ii. **POLICY MOTION: LAX INTERMODAL TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION FACILITY:** Resolved, The MVCC supports a Metro rail station on the ~~Crenshaw~~ Crenshaw/LAX Line (that could also serve as an additional station for the Green Line) at the Intermodal ~~Transit~~ Transportation Facility (ITF) proposed for LAX.
–Mr. Omar Polito: **walked the board through LAWA Update...ITF will reduce the traffic at the horseshoe and offer the convenience of baggage check and other amenities**
Motion (as amended) carries unanimously.
 - iii. **POLICY MOTION: DIGITAL BILLBOARDS:** MVCC moves to advise the elected officials that any potential settlement agreement by and between the City of Los Angeles and any and all outdoor media companies with regards to any type of billboards should be vetted for a minimum of 90 days to all neighborhood councils, Alliances and HOA's prior to council taking action.
Motion to take iii., iv., and v. as one on consent.
Motions carried unanimously.
 - iv. **POLICY MOTION: EXPO LINE ACCESS: PARKING:** Whereas the lack of MTA parking in the design for the Expo Line Phase Two Westwood and Sepulveda (Casden) stations will discourage use of the line and increase congestion and parking scarcity in Mar Vista and the Westside. Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Transit Neighborhood Plan being developed by the City of Los Angeles investigate and pursue incentives to develop devoted Expo Line rider parking at these stations.
Motion
 - v. **POLICY MOTION: EXPO LINE ACCESS: BIKES:** Whereas Mar Vista Community Council supports the use of alternative modes of transportation to access the two Mar Vista-adjacent Expo Line Phase Two stations at Westwood and Sepulveda (Casden) to reduce traffic congestion, including the use of bicycles. However, unless there are clearly marked bike lanes along Sepulveda/Sawtelle and Westwood Boulevards, potential users of the Expo Line will either be discouraged from using the Expo Line, or they will place themselves and drivers at risk by biking along unmarked congested thoroughfares. Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Transit Neighborhood Plan being developed by the City of Los Angeles provide for safe, reliable bike lanes to and from the Westwood and Sepulveda (Casden) stations.
Motion
 - f. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Koontz & Yvette Molinaro, Co-Chairs
–Santa Monica suing FAA to determine once and for all who owns the airport.
 - g. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs
–Working on final details of signage motion (neighborhood watch signs).

-Safety Summit this Saturday (16th), Masonic Lodge, Westchester.

- h. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
–No report
- i. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
–No report
- j. **Ad Hoc Website Team**-John Kuchta, Chair
–PO Box will be added to home page
- k. **Community Outreach Committee** – John Kuchta, Chair
–Idea to partner with Business Association to trade advertising in newsletter for businesses who allow the newsletter in their businesses.
- l. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, & Jeanne Kuntz, Co-Chairs
–No Report

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

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15. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

ATTACHMENT A: DRAFT LETTER RE SANTA MONICA LIBRARY NON RESIDENT PAYMENT POLICY

Dear _____:

It has come to our attention that since July 2013, effective as individual library cards expire, nonresidents of Santa Monica must pay a \$25 yearly charge for a Santa Monica library card. We respectfully request that Santa Monica, in line with Los Angeles and most every municipality within the County of Los Angeles, return to its pre-July 2013 policy of allowing nonresidents to obtain Santa Monica library cards without charge.

We appreciate that Santa Monica, like every other local government (including ours), is looking for ways to raise needed revenue. We do not think, however, that moneys should be raised by charging nonresidents for library cards. It makes our libraries less accessible, especially to the poorest segment of our population who may not be able to afford the new charge. Our nation's longstanding tradition of free libraries is based on the principle that public libraries are fundamental to an informed public necessary for democracy. We believe the cherished principles underlying free public libraries should override the financial reasons behind the charge.

In sum, we respectfully request that the City of Santa Monica rescind this new charge and return to its former policy of not charging nonresidents for library cards.

If you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance in this regard, do not hesitate to contact _____.