

**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 7:00 PM**  
**Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium**  
**11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066**  
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**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome – Chair** (1 min.)
- 2. Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
- 3. Approval of Minutes** (public comment permitted) (2 min)
- 4. Public Comment & Announcements** for items not on the agenda (max1 min each)
- 5. Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 1 min. each)
  - a. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
  - b. CD 11 - Bill Rosendahl, rep. by Len Nguyen [Len.Nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:Len.Nguyen@lacity.org) , Field Deputy
  - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep. by David Giron [David.Giron@lacity.org](mailto:David.Giron@lacity.org) , Field Deputy
  - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
  - e. CA Senate 28 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles [Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov)
  - f. CA Assembly 47 – Holly Mitchell
  - g. CA Assembly 62 – Steven Bradford
  - h. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Super.– Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly Katona [Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov),
  - i. Mayor of Los Angeles – Antonio Villaraigosa, rep. by
- 6. Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker)
  - a. **Chair**-Sharon Commins
  - b. **First Vice Chair**-Bill Koontz
  - c. **Second Vice Chair**-Yvette Molinaro
  - d. **Secretary**-Bill Duckett
  - e. **Treasurer**-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2012-13 or they will expire.
    - i. **MOTION: APPROVAL** of MARCH 2013 US Bank Card Statement
    - ii. **MOTION: Mid FY Budget Adjustment:** Present MVCC balance, and adjustment in budget line items if needed
    - iii. **FUNDING MOTION: EDUCATION ARTS CULTURE: NPG PROPOSALS [proposed budgets are listed as Attachment A]**
      1. Clover: \$500 sustainable schoolyard;
      2. Walgrove: \$2,000 PS Arts personnel funding;
      3. 826LA:\$2,000 picnic tables for outdoor study space
    - iv. **FUNDING MOTIONS: ROSE COMMITTEE: Motion to fund the following Mar Vista Recreation Center Improvements/Enhancements:**
      1. \$550 for the purchase of a new basketball backboard to replace the damaged one;
      2. \$400 for storage shelving for Mar Vista Recreation Center;
      3. \$4000 for various repairs to the Mar Vista Hockey rink-- work on preparing specific estimates of the actual costs of the various items involved to be done by the Rec Center;
      4. \$1,000 to cover the licensing fees for 4 movies needed for "Movie Night Out" events at the park. Each movie fee is \$250
    - v. **FUNDING MOTION: 2013 FALL FESTIVAL BANNERS:** Motion to fund up to \$2,000 for 8-10 large banners [majority will be re-useable] depending on price break.
    - vi. **FUNDING MOTION: SPRING MVCC NEWSLETTER: INVOICES FINAL AMOUNTS:** MVCC approves funding of \$1610, distribution to CBS Advertising Distributors and \$3811.74 for printing services to Pacific Rim Printers
    - vii. **FUNDING MOTIONS: SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE:**
      1. Motion to fund up to \$1,000 for Map Your Neighborhood and block captain materials. The materials must have MVCC's name and logo featured.
      2. Motion to fund up to \$1,000 for outreach project to print Neighborhood Watch signs and window stickers. The signs and stickers must have MVCC's name/logo, and MVCC

will work in conjunction with the watches to determine the placement of the signs, and if need be, get approval from the Bureau of Street Services to post them.

- viii. **FUNDING MOTION: N WESTDALE:** Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$250 for ad in the N Westdale Newsletter.
  - ix. **FUNDING MOTION: N WESTDALE BLOCK PARTY:** Motion to approve funding in the amount of \$200 for supplies: hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, ketchup, mustard, utensils, and the like for the N Westdale Block party to be held May 18, 2013, from noon to 3
  - f. **Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison** - Linda Guagliano
  - g. **DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison**-Bill Koontz
  - h. **DWP Recycled Water Liaison**-Christopher McKinnon
  - i. **Fall Festival Liaison**-Albert Olson
7. **Committee reports - Action items included** (public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker) ; *items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment*
- a. **Executive & Finance Committee**-Sharon Commins, Chair
    - i. **POLICY MOTION: EMPOWERLA: VIA LANCC: CF 11-1912-S1 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND CF 11-1020-S1 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL/ DONE FUNDING**

Whereas the City is asking the Neighborhood Councils to postpone their elections due to budget issues, and Whereas the City is asking each neighborhood council to pay for their next elections, approximately \$7300.00 per council, and Whereas the City continues to violate Charter Section 911 by cutting neighborhood council funds, sweeping annual excess funds, and failing to fund Neighborhood Councils in a secure account one year in advance, Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council moves:

That the City issues NO DELAYS in the 2014 neighborhood council elections  
That The City fully fund the Neighborhood Councils' 2014 elections  
That the City imposes no further cuts to the Neighborhood Councils annual budgets and increases the funding to \$50,000  
That the City cease and desist from any further sweeping of Neighborhood Council funds, in violation of Charter Section 911  
That the Mar Vista Community Council files an immediate letter of complaint against the City for its violations of Charter Section 911. We demand that you cease the alleged violations by fully funding both the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Neighborhood Councils so that they can perform those functions that the community has come to rely upon.
  - b. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee**-Steve Wallace & Michael Millman, Co-Chairs
    - i. **POLICY MOTION – MARTIN CADILLAC PROJECT [TIME SENSITIVE-scoping comments due April 19, 2013]:** The Project is out-of-scale and out-of-character with the current Community Plan and will cause excessive cumulative negative impact on the health, safety, traffic and infrastructure of West Los Angeles and the neighboring communities like Mar Vista. We request that prior to the City Planning Commission, Planning Department or their Advisory Agencies issuing any approvals or recommendation of approvals regarding the Martin Project (and its proposed Tract Map adjustments and zoning variances) that the Planning Department reconsider the proposed Project's impacts to the surrounding West Los Angeles and Mar Vista area and adjacent communities in relation to CEQA; Community Redevelopment Agency guidelines; and the Community Plan for the area.
    - ii. **POLICY MOTION: SIGNS:** The Mar Vista Community Council requests that The City of Los Angeles enforce Municipal Code 28.04 regarding the posting of signs: 28.04 - No person shall paint, mark or write on, or post or otherwise affix, any hand -bill or sign to or upon any sidewalk, crosswalk, curb, curbstone, street lamp post, hydrant, tree, shrub, tree stake or guard, railroad trestle, electric light or power or telephone or telegraph or trolley wire pole, or wire appurtenant thereof or upon any fixture of the fire alarm or police telegraph system or upon any lighting system, public bridge, drinking fountain, life buoy, life preserver, life boat, or other lifesaving equipment, street sign or traffic sign. (b) Nothing in this section contained shall apply to the installation of terrazzo sidewalks or sidewalks of similar construction, sidewalks permanently colored by an admixture in the material of which the same are constructed, and for which the Board of Public Works has granted a written permit.
  - c. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, & Jeanne Kuntz, Co-Chairs
    - i. **POLICY MOTION: OPT OUT OF CAMPAIGN MAIL:** The MVCC Green Committee has been contacted by many community members who are appalled at the avalanche of unwanted campaign mail sent out in this recent election. Using a paper calculator, we estimate that 3,240 trees were used for this campaign alone. Most stakeholders report that this is not their preferred method of communication and these mailers go straight to their recycling bin. With the launching of GREEN LA, Mayor Villaraigosa set the benchmark for turning Los Angeles into one of the greenest big cities in the nation. We believe it is time for our political campaigns to reflect this. We urge the city to provide an 'opt out' mechanism that can be used just like the Do Not Call option for campaign phone calls giving voters a selection: Opt out of campaign mail from anyone other than the actual candidates; opt out of all campaign mail
    - ii. **POLICY MOTION: SUSTAINABLE PRINTING OF CAMPAIGN MATERIALS:** We also propose that campaign qualifications for matching funds require that campaign mail be printed sustainably; using

environmentally friendly inks and printing methods; using at least 50% recycled or FSC Certified paper ; be 100% recyclable

- d. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Koontz & Yvette Molinaro, Co-Chairs
  - e. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs
  - f. **Community Outreach Committee** – Kate Anderson & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs
  - g. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs
  - h. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Amy Lawrence and Albert Olson, Co-Chair
  - i. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
  - j. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
  - k. **Volunteer Program-** Val Davidson, Chairs
  - l. **Ad Hoc Website Team-**John Kuchta, Chair
- 8. **Zone Director Reports** (Possible motions; Public comment permitted)
  - 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** (9:30 PM)

**ATTACHMENT A: NPG BUDGETS**

**1. CLOVER AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB, INC. 11020 CLOVER AVENUE MAR VISTA, CA 90034. PROJECT: SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLYARD**

**Project Budget Outline**

<b>Project Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Portion funded by NC</b>
Phases 1 and 2 (Neighborhood Envisioning and Edible Garden)	\$500	\$0
Phase 3 (Plant materials, soil amendments, low fencing and irrigation)	\$500	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$500</b>

The project will consist of **three phases** or components:

- (1) Neighborhood Envisioning, a physical model of the school's neighborhood, to teach concepts like water conservation, solar energy, and local ecology
- (2) An edible garden that will serve as an outdoor classroom
- (3) A Demonstration Garden.

The funds requested here are for the 3rd phase, the **Demonstration Garden**.

The funds will pay for plant materials, soil amendments, low fencing and irrigation.

Phases 1 and 2 are being funded by Cal Poly Pomona. These funds have already been secured.

**About this project** - This goal of this project is to create a sustainable, healthy and visually attractive school environment that enriches the curriculum and promotes community participation. Students will gain a broader understanding of the meaning of sustainability through a series of hands-on learning projects. Some of these will focus on local geography beginning with questions such as "where does our water come from?" while others will examine sustainability through the lens of gardening, urban agriculture, nutrition, fitness and urban design. The interconnection between all of these different sustainable strategies (i.e. growing food requires water and also produces nutritious food) will be emphasized.

The \$500.00 requested from MVCC will be used toward for plant materials, soil amendments and possible low fencing and irrigation. We will use CA Native plants and incorporate the use of native and low-water plants as part of teaching children about our particular climate and eco-system (living in a desert, saving water, CA heritage, etc.). The plant list includes Salvia (native sage), Flax, Stipa Grass, Rosemary, Day Lilies, Buddleia, Echinacea and Lavender.

**2. FRIENDS OF WALGROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 1630 WALGROVE AVENUE MAR VISTA, CA 90066**

**PROJECT: PS ARTS**

**Project Budget Outline**

<b>Project Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Portion funded by NC</b>
PS ARTS Personnel	\$15000	\$2000
Materials	\$7000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>	<b>\$2000</b>

Additional sources of funding for the remainder of the costs associated with this project have already been secured and will be provided by Friends of Walgrove Elementary Booster Club and the Abbot Kinney Festival Association.

This project is expected to be completed at the end of the school year.

**About this project** - Several years ago, P.S. ARTS reduced programming and was not able to continue providing arts education to Walgrove Elementary School. Friends of Walgrove Elementary (FOW) would like to re-engage P.S. ARTS and help support their efforts to provide all kindergarten through 5th grade students attending Walgrove Elementary School with comprehensive, skills-based arts education. P.S. ARTS would provide its Core Theater Model, which is based on current research and best practices in arts education, including Harvard University's Qualities of Quality study (Seidel et al, 2010), and the Studio Thinking (Hetland & Winner et al, 2007) model, offering traditional studio arts instruction that focuses on reinforcing thinking strategies related to success in the 21st Century creative environment.

P.S. ARTS' classes are taught by salaried Teaching Artists (a professional artist with classroom experience) during the regular school day for the full school year of at least 30 weeks. Theater classes feature fun theater games, improvisation and storytelling lessons that encourage self-expression and ensemble work. Students will explore basic theater concepts including focus, choreography, using the body to express emotion, vocal projection and articulation, developing a character and beginning playwriting. Classes will culminate in either an "informance" or open class which parents are encouraged to attend, or a final performance for the school and parents.

### **3. 826LA 12515 VENICE BOULEVARD LOS ANGELES, CA 90066**

#### **PROJECT: OUTDOOR SEATING AREA FOR TUTORING**

##### **Project Budget Outline**

Below are details about the breakdown of costs associated with this program.

<b>Project Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Portion funded by NC</b>
Picnic tables	\$2400	\$2000
Lighting	\$260	\$0
Landscaping	\$420	\$0
Painting	\$1000	\$0
Emergency Exit	\$1000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5480</b>	<b>\$2000</b>

826LA is planning to create an outdoor patio area at its Mar Vista location which will serve as a quiet space for volunteers to work with students.

826LA is a non-profit writing and tutoring center in Mar Vista serving over 1,000 Mar Vista students a year. Its programs offer students opportunities to build language skills and self-esteem by working one-on-one with volunteers. Services include writing support and homework in all subjects, workshops ranging from poetry to filmmaking and songwriting, and English language learning support. Its services are free and open to all students.

No NPG funds will be used to make any capital improvements.

Other sources of funding have already been secured for the other aspects of the project. The project will begin immediately upon receipt of the NPG funds requested.