



Mar Vista Community Council



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Gymnasium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

AGENDA

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)
Meeting called to order at 7.03 P.M.
Quorum present: Susan Klos, Robin Doyno, Rob Kadota, Sarah Auerswald, Holly Tilson, Greg Tedesco, Melissa Stoller, Damien Newton, Paola Cervantes
Late Arrivals: Ken Alpern (7:42 P.M.), Michelle Krupkin (7:50 p.m.),
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of January 10th, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker) <http://marvistacc.org/files/161213-BOD-draftMINUTES.pdf>.
Motion to approve by Sarah Auerswald, 2nd by. Motion carried unanimously. Robin absent
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
CD11 Candidate Robin Rudisill
Sarah Auerswald: Preliminary amounts from Federal government to Los Angeles \$502.5M, recurring grants \$250-300M
5. **Community Memorial Observations**
6. **Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 1 min. each unless waived by the Chair)
 - a. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Director tracie.field@lacity.org
 - b. [CD 5](#) – Councilmember Paul Koretz, rep by joseph.galloway@lacity.org
 - c. [CD 11](#) – Councilmember Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy Len.Nguyen@lacity.org
Revised law against vehicular dwelling has taken effect. Doesn't impact existing signs. Pushing for enforcement. Can't tow if someone's in vehicle. Yellow: can sleep in car during day; not allowed to live there
Motion to optimize LAPD officer deployment by hiring civilians to fill jobs that require sworn officers, freeing them up to patrol.
Mid-block crossings on Venice in work.
 - d. [LA City Board of Public Works](#) - Liaison to CD 2, 5, 11, Commissioner joel.jacinto@lacity.org
 - e. [Mayor of Los Angeles](#) – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel.tamm@lacity.org
 - f. [2nd Dist. L. A. County Board of Supervisors](#) - Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov
 - g. [CA Assembly 54](#) - Assembly Member Sebastian Ridley-Thomas rep not assigned.
 - h. [CA Assembly 62](#) - Assembly Member Autumn Burke, rep by District Director Robert.Pullen-Miles@asm.ca.gov
 - i. [US 33](#)– Ted Lieu, rep. by joey.apodaca@mail.house.gov
 - j.– [US 37](#) - Karen Bass, rep by District Director Maral V. Karaccusian maral@mail.house.gov
 - k. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE), rep by jasmine.elbarbary@lacity.org
7. **Presentation:** CyclAvia Rachel Burke (15 minutes)

Sunday, March 26; is 20th CicLAvia event. Funded by Metro. Culver City awarded the grant; CicLAvia & LA city also put in money. Will flyer cars so they know can't park on route. Route is 6 miles, 4 hubs – Mar Vista is largest hub. Asking people to get off bikes at Centinela & walk to hub. Will reach out to Atmosphere Café (not in pedestrian zone). Trying to rent Bowler parking\ lot; expensive. Cars can go south on Grand View then east on Venice.

Rob Kadota: Bike Mar Vista (renamed from Bicycle Committee) at Farmers' Market every Sunday in March. Wants to get glider bikes to use for bike safety classes at Kids Place. Negotiating with Bike Valet to bring back mechanic. Wants to put up signs on Venice: "Inflate your tires. Stop here."

Sarah Auerswald: will look for sponsors to pay for Bowler lot.

Cars can go S on Grand View then East on Venice.

8. **Liaison Reports** (Public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)

a. [Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee](#): Linda Guagliano
lindaguag@netzero.net

b. [DWP MOU](#): Chuck Ray

The bimonthly meeting of the NC-DWP MOU Committee was held on Saturday, February 4th. Three topics were discussed:

1. Renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Neighborhood Councils and the DWP. Current MOU expires in April; negotiating for a 3rd MOU.

The following request was made to update the Neighborhood Council's application for the MOU:

"Neighborhood Councils should send all notices and the names of their DWP MOU Representatives to the head of the NC Outreach team, Stephanie Spicer (213-367-1314, stephanie.spicer@ladwp.com) with a copy to Tony Wilkinson (lawilkinson@acm.org) and Jack Humphreyville (JackH@targetmediapartners.com)"

2. Report by the Office of Public Accountability (Dr. Pickle) on a study of DWP labor costs. Most of the data is suspect due to sources (utilities). Most employees classified as low level are in top quartile of pay for similar jobs. Mid-range in 2nd-3rd quartile. Upper mgmt. in 4th quartile.
3. Update on DWP's water infrastructure and current issues. 90% of LA water comes from outside area. 10% local ground water, needs treatment. SoCal reservoirs about 60% full, so still need to conserve water.

c. [LANCC](#): Joseph Galloway

d. [One Water LA](#): Christopher McKinnon

e. [WRAC](#): Rob Kadota/Joseph Galloway

f. WRAC LUPC: Sharon Commins

g. [City Budget Advocates](#): Holly Tilson, Joseph Galloway

h. [Recode LA](#): Sharon Commins

i. [Animal Services](#): Tom Ponton

j. [Fall Festival](#): Albert Olson

Theme: Mar Vista Celebrates 90.

k. [Friends of Historic FS 62](#): Albert Olson

l. Mar Vista Celebrates 90: Open

m. [Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce](#): Sarah Auerswald

Monthly coffee time Thursday, February 16, 9:00 A.M. Speaker is goal-setting expert.

9. **Officer Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)

a. Chair - Rob Kadota

Venice Great Street mid-block crossing had ground breaking.

b. First Vice Chair – Sarah Auerswald

New website is live. Board members can update their profiles.

c. Second Vice Chair – Joseph Galloway

- d. Secretary – Melissa Stoller
 - Put meetings/events on calendar so they will be included in weekly eblast. You needn't wait until you have an agenda
- e. Treasurer – Holly Tilson
 - i. Report on current financial status
 - Still have a lot of money to spend. Asked committees to turn in must-have & wish list.
 - City has deposited additional \$5000.
 - 1. November bank statement
 - 2. Pending/approved expenditures
 - ii. **APPROVAL** of January Monthly Expense Report (MER)
 - Motion to approve by Melissa Stoller, 2nd by Sarah Auerswald. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10. **Committee Reports** - (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
 - a. **Homeless Solutions Ad Hoc Committee** – Robin Doyno & Susan Klos, Co-chairs, Joe Cuanan, Vice-chair
 - Monthly meeting is Wednesday, February 15. Scarf project and new parking regulations.
 - b. **Website Ad Hoc Committee** – Sarah Auerswald, Chair
 - c. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** – Damien Newton, Chair; Michael Millman & Latrice Williams, Vice-chairs
 - Next meeting will discuss development at Gateway & Sawtelle.
 - d. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern, Chair; Michelle Krupkin, Vice-chair
 - Wants aggressive approach about enhanced bus shelters. Getting out list of sidewalks; Needs to know who send to, how get out.
 - Will lead March 1 pothole repair.
 - e. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-chairs
 - f. **Committee on Public Safety** – Bill Koontz, Chair; Elliot Hanna, Vice-chair
 - g. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald, Chair; Joseph Galloway, Vice-chair
 - We'll post anything you send.
 - h. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-chairs
 - Eco Car Expo postponed.
 - i. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin & Greg Tedesco, Co-chairs
 - Next meeting March 8.
 - j. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Robin Doyno & Paola Cervantes, Co- chairs; Lenore French, Vice-chairs
 - MVCC co-sponsored Education Forum.
 - k. **Airport Committee** – Holly Tilson & Martin Rubin, Co-chairs
 - Protest rally at SM Airport. Mike Bonin attended. Santa Monica signed consent decree to postpone closing airport another 12 years; ending up in courts. Jet Suite X hasn't been given permit (didn't submit proper paperwork), says is starting anyway; changing from 30 to 15 seat planes due to runway shortening.
 - l. **Elections and By-laws Committee** - Rob Kadota, Chair; Holly Tilson, Vice-chair
 - Revising bylaws: change rules of order to Rosenberg, clarification of length of service/number of terms. Likely to suggest a Zone 7; would take one at-large seat away. Need to look at Zone 6 population.
 - m. **Bicycle Committee** - Mitchell Rische, Chair
 - n. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-chairs
 - o. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-chairs

11. **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
Hearing cars have had to wait 10 or more minutes to cross Expo Tracks; Len Nguyen had to wait 30 minutes. CD5 candidate forum.
 - b. Zone 2 – Damien Newton
 - c. Zone 3 – Melissa Stoller
 - d. Zone 4 – Greg Tedesco
Trying to interest neighbors in speed trailer in Rob’s driveway (needs fixing)
 - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
Vehicles being keyed and egged on Washington. Vehicle thefts from locked parking.
 - f. Zone 6 – Holly Tilson
Traffic. West Mar Vista Residents Association coordinating appeal for 12444 Venice Blvd. Started Go Fund Me site; developer put up site that looked similar. Next meeting is February 23, 6:30 pm at PenMar Park.
12. **New Business** - Action items, 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.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Directors may request removal of any item from the consent calendar. MVCC approves Items 12.a-j on consent.

Requests to remove from consent calendar: Items j, k & m.

Motion to approve Items 12.a-j on consent by Robin, 2nd by Holly. Motion carried unanimously.

 - a. **FUNDING MOTION: MVCC Domain Names** (Director motion submitted by Sarah Auerswald)
In order to assume ownership of the domain names MarVista.org and MarVistaCC.org and launch the new website, MVCC agrees to pay \$120 to past Director and Treasurer Bill Scheduling to cover the cost of the domain renewals for the past few years in which he bore the cost personally.
Approved on consent.
 - b. **FUNDING MOTION: Website data entry** (Director motion submitted by Sarah Auerswald)
MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$500 to hire someone to do data entry to add past policy, funding and administrative motions from the old websites to the new one.
Approved on consent.
 - c. **FUNDING MOTION: ExFin Meeting Room Rental** (Director motion submitted by Holly Tilson)
MVCC agrees to pay Westside Vineyard Church \$25 for room rental for the January ExFin Meeting and approves the monthly expenditure of \$25 a month for ExFin Meeting room rental.
Approved on consent.
 - d. **FUNDING MOTION: MVCC Giveaway Items** (submitted by Community Outreach Committee)
MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$1000 to design and create giveaway items to help boost our email list and outreach.
Approved on consent.
 - e. **FUNDING MOTION: MDU Outreach Items** (submitted by Community Outreach Committee)
MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$1000 to design and create outreach materials for multi-family dwelling units.
Approved on consent.
 - f. **FUNDING MOTION: Mar Vista Meetup Event** (submitted by Community Outreach Committee)

MVCC approves a budget of \$1500, to include materials, advertising, room rental and refreshments, for a Mar Vista Meetup event on a date to be determined by the full committee.

Approved on consent.

- g. **FUNDING MOTION: Safe Cycling Classes** (Director motion submitted by Rob Kadota)

MVCC approve the expenditure of up to \$500 for Safe Cycling Classes materials and promotion.

Approved on consent.

- h. **FUNDING MOTION: Neighborhood Purpose Grants to Schools** (Submitted by Education, Arts & Culture Committee)

Where as MVCC has a budget of \$2,500 for NPGs; and

Where as this will provide an opportunity for the youth of the Mar Vista to engage in community building experiences;

The MVCC Education, Arts & Culture Committee will ask Mar Vista public schools via e-flyer to submit applications of proposals, created by their students, with a focus on: Public Safety, such as intolerance, sexual harassment/assault, bullying (emphasizing healthy relationships), etc., or Community Bridge Building, such as youth/seniors, immigration issues, LGBTQ issues, cultural diversity, inclusion, homelessness, etc. Proposals will be submitted no later than March 6 with a suggested budget range between \$100-\$800. Each school may submit multiple applications. E-flyer will include a link to the criteria to meet NPG requirements.

Approved on consent.

- i. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Meetup Group** (submitted by Community Outreach Committee)

MVCC, following all procedures in the MVCC Standing Rules, will start a Meetup Group and use it to announce our meetings and events.

Approved on consent.

- j. **POLICY MOTION: Chipotle Conditional Use Permit** (submitted by Planning & Land Use Management Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the Conditional Use Permit application for new Chipotle restaurant to sell beer and wine *and other alcohol* to customers for on-site consumption at 11711 National Boulevard.

Motion to approve by Damien, 2nd by Sarah Auerswald. Permit doesn't limit to wine and beer. Robin abstained.

Brett Engstrom (representing Chipotle): Hours of operation 9am-11pm (actually 11:00 am opening now). No bar, no open shots, everything pre-packaged. Company promotes use of bicycles. Looking to hire from neighborhood.

- k. **POLICY MOTION: Request for Change of Venue Letter** (submitted by Planning & Land Use Management Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council strongly supports the "Request for change of venue, 12444 Venice Boulevard — Planning Department No. DIR-2016-304-DB-SPR – HEARING OF APPEAL, CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 23, 2017, 8:30A AT CITY HALL" to a location in Mar Vista as requested by the Mar Vista Residents Association in their letter (see Attachment A) to Mr. Vince Bertoni, Director of Planning, dated February 5, 2017. The MVCC also requests this change of venue and time to allow full participation of our stakeholders.

A copy of our letter support will be sent to Bertoni, Council Member Mike Bonin (Attn.: Len Nguyen, Ezra Gale), Mayor Eric Garcetti, Board of Directors, West Mar Vista Residents Association, and the Los Angeles City Planning Commission.

Motion to approve by Damien Newton, 2nd by HollyTillson. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

Howard Wiesberg. Supports motion. Owns apartment. buildings that are 500 ft. away (12415, 12421 Pacific). Parking is already non-existent. AB 744 – only need ½ parking space; allows cities to do parking survey: how many cars do units usually need. Taking away local control from our communities.

Holly Tilson: Would like to explore using MVCC money to help fund traffic/parking survey.

Motion carried unanimously.

l. POLICY MOTION: Atmosphere Cafe, 12034 Venice Blvd., case No. ZA-2016-3511-CUB; ENV-2016-3512-CE (submitted by Planning & Land Use Management Committee)

WHEREAS: The hours of operation for Atmosphere Cafe have changed since the Board Meeting where we supported the Atmosphere Cafe 's application for

WHEREAS: The change in hours would not have impacted our endorsement of their Conditional Use Permit as it allows them service at breakfast

The Mar Vista Community Council reaffirms its support for the CPUC permit by Atmosphere Cafe and urges the city to expedite approval of this permit so that Atmosphere can begin evening service before the holiday season.

A copy of this resolution will be sent to all appropriate city agencies, including but not limited to, the Mayor's Office of Great Streets, the Department of City Planning, and the Office of Councilmember Mike Bonin as well as the applicant.

Approved on consent.

m. POLICY MOTION: Venice High School swimming pool (submitted by Education, Arts & Culture Committee)

Where as the VHS pool has the support of the community at large, and

Where as the pool is deteriorating but there are no plans currently to close it, and

Where as the VHS pool is a SHARED RESOURCE between LAUSD and CoLA. The pool's future should be incorporated in the planning process of the school's renovation, but that project is constrained by dedicated funds.

The Mar Vista Community Council leadership votes to respectfully ask District 11, Recs and Parks, and LAUSD to immediately share a plan concerning the issues of renovation, title of Venice pool, agreements, and estimates for repairs of the VHS pool.

Motion to approve by Sarah Auerswald, 2nd by Michelle Krupkin.

Introduction:

Motion came from many stakeholders in surrounding area because this is one of few indoor pools in area; pool often breaks down. At meetings wasn't straight answer as to who's taking ownership of pool (LAUSD or Parks).

Discussion:

Debby Diner Harris: Have been talks from LAUSD & Parks & Rec. Might be some funding. Making progress, but no solutions.

Ken Alpren: LAUSD and City of LA are separate entitles, but same taxpayers. Hopes they will work together.

Holly Tilson: Venice High development team says pool not in their scope; supposed to look at schools and see what needs are—weren't told to exclude pool. Parks & Rec says has the money to pay 50%, LAUSD non-responsive.

Greg Tedesco: Wants to see budget breakdown so can understand where the money's going.

Sarah Auerswald: Doesn't have budget because soliciting feedback from community.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Grievances, if any, received

13. Future agenda items

14. Public Comment

Holly Tilson: look into parking survey or anything that MVCC can help fund. Need to see if allowed to fund.

Damien Newton: Amazed at level of advocacy of BOD, impressed by level of activity.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 P.M.

- * **PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** – The public is requested to fill out a “Speaker Card” to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.
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- * **PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS** – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website, <http://www.marvista.org>, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, contact secretary@marvista.org.
- * **RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS** - For information on MVCC’s process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the MVCC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website, <http://www.marvista.org>.

ADDENDUM A: Proposed development at 12333 Venice Blvd. 08/09/17 Policy Motion

West Mar Vista Residents Association

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February 5, 2017

Mr. Vince Bertoni
Director of Planning
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles CA 90012

Re: Request for change of venue, 12444 Venice Boulevard— Planning Department No. DIR-2016-304-DB-SPR – HEARING OF APPEAL, CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 23, 2017, 8:30A AT CITY HALL

Dear Mr. Bertoni:

The West Mar Vista Residents Association is a community-benefit organization whose members reside and/or own property in our neighborhood, mostly within the attendance boundaries of Mark Twain Middle School. Many live near the proposed development and adjacent to the 5-story 12575 project that you approved in 2016 from the same developer.

On behalf of the association, we would respectfully request your assistance in holding the March 23 hearing in Mar Vista or at the WLA CD11 office after 6PM to allow residents to effectively participate in the process. Providing residents with the opportunity to express their views to your department will allow for a fuller and more comprehensive public record of the community's opinions. This is important as the project may set an important new standard for any new buildings in Area 46 and beyond. Your own Letter of Determination stated we could expect similar or larger buildings in Mar Vista in the future. It is therefore critical that the community have full opportunity to inform you of its views on this matter.

Please contact me if you have any questions. We look forward to your response. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Saeed Ali
President

Copy:

Council Member Mike Bonin (Attn.: Len Nguyen, Ezra Gale)
Mayor Eric Garcetti
Board of Directors, West Mar Vista Residents Association
Members, Planning and Land Use Management Committee, Mar Vista Community (Neighborhood) Council

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