



Mar Vista Community Council



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Gymnasium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

MINUTES

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)

Meeting called to order at 6.58 P.M.

Quorum present: Susan Klos, Sherri Akers, Robin Doyno, Rob Kadota, Sarah Auerswald, Holly Tilson and Greg Tedesco.

Late Arrivals: Melissa Stoller (7:02 P.M.), Damien Newton (7:08 P.M.), Michelle Krupkin (7:14 P.M.), Ken Alpern (7:33 P.M.),

2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)

3. **Approval of November 1st, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker) <http://www.marvista.org/files/1611-01-draftBOD-MINUTES.pdf>.

Motion to approve by Sherri Akers, 2nd by Holly Tilson. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 2 abstentions (Sherri Akers & Greg Tedesco); Melissa Stoller, Damien Newton, Michelle Krupkin & Ken Aporns absent.

4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)

Kevin Brockway: Lives on a local street where there's a locked alley. Recently the lock was changed and he can't access his garage. Looking for assistance on finding out who controls the locks. Some neighbors in attendance know who might be in charge, and Len Nguyen took his information to assist from the City side.

Lorena Alvarado: Huge tree on Butler Ave has pushed up sidewalk; an elderly resident has tripped and fallen. Other neighbors have also had problems with trees. Lorena's called them in; city says has lots all records.

Mark Herd (candidate for City Council): Homeless: shelters closed 6 months a year, people kicked out at 5 A.M. Four years on Westwood Neighborhood Council. Fighter.

Zuma Dog: Political activist, candidate for Mayor. Against making illegal street vending legal.

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

Donation drive until end of week.

Last week council approved changes to baseline mansionization ordinance: R1 limited to 45% regardless of lot size, prioritized garages.

Issue in oval area: intersection of East & South Park – vacate part of parkway, increasing size of lot from 7000 sq ft to 17000 sq ft. Owner agreed to condition prohibiting lot split. Lingering concern about house size.

Two Preferential parking (permit only) districts approved: Zanja & Tivoli. One on Tabor (Zone 1) will likely get approved. Clearing out backlog, then will clear out overnight parking limit requests.

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. **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
 - Two committees:
 - Official (liaison) committee: MOU just reapproved, mainly one way communication down from DWP.
 - Aadvocacy committee: anyone can join.
 - Rate Payer Advocate goes to both meetings and has authority to ask for info from DWP. Issues:
 - Ballot measure RRR defeated, would have funded office of accountability
 - Producing Equity Measures: City Charter says focus on providing water at low price. Retirement fund has shortfall of 2.5 Billion.
 - c. [LANCC](#): Joseph Galloway
 - d. [One Water LA](#): Christopher McKinnon
Meeting today, discussed draft policy ideas.
 - 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
Discussion about Fall Festival turns 90
 - k. [Friends of Historic FS 62](#): Albert Olson
 - l. Mar Vista Celebrates 90: Open
 - m. [Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce](#): Sarah Auerswald
Newest restaurant: The Mar Vista – starting dinner service this week.
8. **Officer Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
- a. Chair - Rob Kadota
 - b. First Vice Chair – Sarah Auerswald
 - c. Second Vice Chair – Joseph Galloway
 - d. Secretary – Melissa Stoller
 - e. Treasurer – Holly Tilson
 - i. Report on current financial status
 - November bank statement
 - ii. **APPROVAL** of November Monthly Expense Report (MER)
Motion to approve by Susan Klos, 2nd by Michelle Krupkin. Motion carried unanimously
 - iii. Review of 2016-17 budget pending/approved expenditures
(<https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bk6c27ec8?a=dr&rid=46&rl=qst>)

9. **Committee Reports** - (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)
 - a. **Website Ad Hoc Committee** – Sarah Auerswald, Chair

New website is built. Will go live beginning of year. Committee chairs need to write content for their pages, board members need to provide profiles.

Mail Chimp: need to start using.

Request from Stakeholder: don't assume everyone knows everything.
 - b. **Committee on Public Safety** – Bill Koontz, Chair; Elliot Hanna, Vice-chair
 - b. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald, Chair; Joseph Galloway, Vice-chair
 - c. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-chairs

Meeting Thursday.

Had 1st meeting of working group on Purposeful Aging LA. First step is survey. Listening sessions – 1st is scheduled in Mar Vista, 3rd Thursday of February (at AIP). Talking to Windward about starting senior tech support program. Great listening session with Mike Bonin.

Eviction attempt at Westside Horizons; 150+ residents. Vintage (owner) had plan to phase in evictions; new owner gave eviction notice to all residents, 120 days; not enough housing available to accommodate everyone.
 - d. **Homeless Solutions Ad Hoc Committee** – Robin Doyno & Susan Klos, Co-chairs, Joe Cuanan, Vice-chair

Consider being part of the count Jan. 25.

Committee has been helpful getting people connected with services, getting them into housing. Count helps allocate budget to where it will do the most good.
 - e. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-chairs
 - f. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin & Greg Tedesco, Co-chairs

Four mid-block crosswalks require removing 6 trees (3 are short palms, not shade trees) – mid to late January, maybe February. Forestry will put notices on the trees 30 days before. Inviting Tree People to next Great Trees meeting, balance business owner & residents needs. Sherri Akers: need to give people awareness, posted on Facebook; include in eblast.. New trees will be within Great Street.

Sherri Akers request: have Tree People talk to business that have trees in front of them; businesses are pruning them, awful job.
 - g. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern, Chair; Michelle Krupkin, Vice-chair

Disruption & false starts in when can meet. Would like to meet next Tuesday: cutouts on sidewalk, places for bus bench shelters.
 - h. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** – Damien Newton, Chair; Michael Millman & Latrice Williams, Vice-chairs

Meeting is tomorrow because of holidays (usually 3rd Wednesday of month); two presentations: Chipolte developer (where Juice was) and a Small lot subdivision. Street Vending Ordinance advanced. Passed resolution opposing small lot subdivision on Barrington.

January PLUM meeting will be mini-forum on Neighborhood Integrity Initiative. January 18, pro & con speakers.
 - i. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Robin Doyno & Paola Cervantes, Co- chairs; Lenore French, Vice-chairs

Considering youth participation: middle schooler & high- schooler on committee. Going to ask youth what they recommend.
 - j. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Holly Tilson & Martin Rubin, Co-chairs

FAA issues cease & desist order on taking over Altantic Aviation and one other lease; power they used to do it is a blank page.
 - k. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-chairs

- l. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-chairs
Looking at getting cost estimates to rehab building. Then will move in to fundraising mode.
 - m. **Elections and By-laws**- Rob Kadota, Chair; Holly Tilson, Vice-chair
Met. Looking at youth seat concept.
10. **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
Norms restaurant closing; raises issues about seeing family oriented business with parking be replaced by developments.
 - b. Zone 2 – Damien Newton
Trying to promote Webster events more.
 - c. Zone 3 – Melissa Stoller
Anarchy suspect in custody.
 - d. Zone 4 – Greg Tedesco
Move to get permitted parking near Swedish Motors; borderline case
 - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
4211 East.
Trying to get Culver City police to enforce stop at Grandview & Herbert; NW corner has lots of Waze traffic. Half of people on Sherri’s block didn’t receive Property tax bills; they were sent. Sherri contacted Mark Ridley Thomas, Karen Bass.
 - f. Zone 6 – Holly Tilson
Venice High is in process of being renovated; dividing property into sports complex & education complex. Pool is not part of renovation; Parks & Rec offered to pay 50% of pool rehab.
11. **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.

Item 11.c & d pulled from consent calendar for discussion.

Motion to approves Items a-b & e-f on consent by ?, 2nd by ?. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. **FUNDING MOTION: Storage Unit Rental** (Directors motion submitted by Rob Kadota)
MVCC approves the rental of a storage (Unit #21) at Storquest Storage, 2531 Sawtelle Blvd, LA CA 90064, for \$189 a month: \$177 plus \$12 insurance (\$3000 coverage).
Motion passed on consent.
- b. **FUNDING MOTION: Storage Unit Rental Reimbursement** (Directors motion submitted by Holly Tilson)
MVCC approves reimbursing Rob Kadota \$189 for payment of the December storage unit rental.
Motion passed on consent.
- c. **FUNDING MOTION: Eco Car Expo** (submitted by Green Committee)
Whereas the Mar Vista Community Council will hold the Eco Car Expo on 4/30/17 at the Mar Vista Farmers Market, and
Whereas the Mar Vista Farmers Market provides the space to hold the event free of charge, and
Whereas this event provides a community service to educate our stakeholders on the climate change impact of our transportation choices, supporting the Mayors Sustainable pLAN while also providing outreach for the Mar Vista Community Council to our stakeholders,
The Mar Vista Community Council approves an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to cover lawn signs flyers and banners and other materials to promote the event.

Last year's Expo was very successful. Secured April 30 date with Farmers' Market; they get the tent, provide the space free. Had a Spring Newsletter last year. Funding comes out of Outreach.

Motion to approve by Melissa Stoller, 2nd by Robin Doyno. Motion carried unanimously (Ken Alpern absent)

d. **FUNDING MOTION: Dog Waste Stations** (submitted by Green Committee)

Whereas unattended pet waste is a large source of stormwater pollution, pet waste left on grassy areas, sidewalks and streets is flushed into our storm drain system and the toxic mix of bacteria from dog waste flows untreated into our local waterways and ocean, and this pollution is harmful to pets, aquatic life and beachgoers, and

Whereas the general public is unaware of the environmental and health risks associated with unattended dog waster, and

Whereas the MVCC can provide a community service that would also promote the role of MVCC in the community,

The Mar Vista Community Council moves to fund an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the purchase and installation of 3 dog waste stations in Mar Vista, locations to be determined. Stations would include educational signage and MVCC recognition.

Discussion:

Sarah Auerswald: Wouldn't spend a dime on without doing more research.

Rob Kadota: would like to see as cost share.

Holly Tilson: how picking sites?

Green Committee requests to table and send back to committee.

e. **POLICY MOTION: LA Bees Project** (submitted by Green Committee)

Whereas the Mar Vista Community Council launched the initial feasibility study and first motion of support that ultimately led to the legalization of urban beekeeping in LA Angeles: and

Whereas the USDA reports that the loss of bees continues in devastating numbers with a loss of 44% last year: and

Whereas there is an urgent need to educate the community about the role of pesticides and neonicotinoids in the loss of bees and the importance of pollinator gardens.

The Mar Vista Community Council votes to support the LA Bees Project, a collaboration between LA Beekeepers Association and Honeylove, in their campaign for education and outreach on the urgent need to create and protect pollinator habitats and locating potential locations for demonstration gardens in Mar Vista.

Motion passed on consent.

f. **POLICY MOTION: 2017 Homeless Count MOU** (submitted by Executive & Finance Committee)

MVCC agrees to the terms of the Neighborhood Council Opt-In Program MOU (See <https://form.jotform.com/62975488974177>) and will participate in the 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

Motion passed on consent.

12. **Grievances**, if any, received

13. **Future agenda items**

Damien Newton: Bringing item from PLUM opposing Small Lot Subdivision. If we're an NC that says "no" to everything, will be just white noise. Think about what would approve. What is the kind of housing you would approve?

Sarah Auerswald: Sherri Akers brought to council: Is there a discussion at council level about where housing belongs.

14. **Public Comment**

Ken Alpern: There's rail right of way between Crenshaw & Union Station; want eventually to be light rail. Accused of being against bicycles.

Rob Kadota: Christmas Eve – open house, starts at 5:00.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

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