

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2010
MINUTES

7:05 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The following members of the board were present or arrived shortly thereafter: Ken Alpern, Kate Anderson, Laura Bodensteiner, Stephen Boskin, Sharon Commins, Bob Fitzpatrick, Rob Kadota, Bill Koontz, Christopher McKinnon, Marilyn Marble, Albert Olson, Babak Nahid and Bill Scheduling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The December 8, 2009 minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT (I)

Bahaa Mikhail from NRNA thanked MVCC for support of the airport meeting on Monday night.

Mary Singaus, a nurse, commented that the county now has plenty of H1N1 vaccine for those who want it. It was suggested that the MVCC sponsor a clinic at the farmers' market.

Idalia Santos commented that Zone 5 needs improvement. She believes the community needs to be enriched and suggested new trash cans and recycle bins.

Anamaria Alvarez announced the 5-year anniversary of the Contra-Tiempo dance group and is looking for a home for the group and is interested in the Historic Firehouse.

Gustavo Lamanna, a stakeholder, asked to amend a variance and wants to explore alternate energy (wind installations).

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mar Vista Recreation Center: Director Laura Island announced that spring sports registration begins this week. There are going to be repairs on the soccer field. They are planning the teen Mardi Gras dance in February. She reported that the Department of Parks and Recreation expects to lose 300 employees due to early retirement

CA Assembly 47 Karen Bass, represented by Marco.Meneghin@asm.ca.gov, Field Representative, gave a beginning of the year update. He reported a 21 billion state deficit. MLK day Kingdom Day parade is the largest celebration in U.S. located on Crenshaw.

CD 11 Bill Rosendahl, rep. by Len.Nguyen@lacity.org, Field Deputy, commented on the Vista del Christian church and concerns about the approval of the variance re: sober living. He reported that the election site is set and that the Olympic-Scattergood project will have a full EIR.

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment -Deanna Stevenson, West Area Project Coordinator, announced the first 'dialogue' at Westwood Elementary School to increase neighborhood group outreach and participation.

Special Guest: BongHwan Kim, GM of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment/Empower LA

He thanked MVCC for living up to the spirit and vision of the NC system. He commented about the newly released audit of DONE.

He wants to make the system user friendly for volunteers, greater fiscal accountability, make sure the system can be staffed with fewer people. They are ending petty cash. He commented on the budget crisis. He encouraged everyone to fill out the budget survey. He expects the NC budgets to be cut. He discussed rollover funds. He has asked councils to use this year's allocation until the rollover balance accounting can be completed. He said they may have to suspend demand warrant payment. He commented on standardization of bylaws and discussed a bylaws wireframe. City Clerk is conducting MC elections and commented on the challenges of the NC elections. He commented on mini grants and raising funds from the private sector. He also wants to increase visibility of NCs. He also wants to improve responsiveness to NCs. He discussed the CERT program and the potential to have NCs partner with the program. He discussed the potential to have NC files.

Jay Handel commented on the budget advisory committee LANCC and meeting with CAO this week.

Ken Alpern commented on the few embezzlers shouldn't cloud the overall success. He commented that the volunteer workforce is increasing with NCs. He gave an example of a project that was completed with \$20,000 and sweat equity instead of \$120,000.

Bill Scheduling asked about combining the smaller neighborhood councils. He requested that emails are not disclosed. He suggested using existing poll workers to run the NC elections.

Christopher McKinnon asked about petty cash.

Motion to move up agenda item 3a. Motion passed.

Education, Arts and Culture:

FUNDING MOTION: MVCC will allocate \$2201.35 to help fund two waterwise demonstration gardens for the Mar Vista community at the Learning Garden, Venice High School. This funding motion must meet all City of L.A. funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year in which it passed or it expires. The grant recipient will ensure that MVCC is acknowledged for its support of the program in all appropriate print and web collaterals (newsletters, signage, web sites etc.)

Marianne Brown, a volunteer, discussed the project.

Student Valerie de la Cerda commented on the project and what she has learned.

A student who wants to be a chef described the program and discussed learning how to grow.

Ken Alpern asked for details and commented that this is a timely project. Marianne Brown explained that a drip system would be installed. Organically grown garden and rain barrels.

Christopher McKinnon commented on the lack of details presented to the board. Motion to table. Failed due to lack of a second.

Rob Kadota commented on the lack of written motions available for the board.

Sharon Commins asked if there was time constraint.

Ken Alpern commented that the project is meritorious and this would not be precedent-setting.

Bill Scheduling asked to pass the motion and then re-affirm it at the next board meeting.

Motion passed. 1 abstention by Christopher McKinnon.

OFFICERS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Chair: No report.

First Vice-Chair: No report.

Second Vice-Chair: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: McKinnon reported the funds as of Dec. 31, 2009 are \$92,137, with \$36,244 allocated, leaving a balance of \$55,893. He commented on the DONE audit.

Director for Animal Welfare: No report.

DWP MOU: Chuck Ray reported that they are trying to schedule a workshop on Sat. Jan 30th. Next meeting will be just prior to the workshop.

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Liaison: Linda Guagliano announced the next meeting on Jan. 13 at 1645 Corinth Ave. She reported that the community policing officer will be in attendance.

LANCC Delegate Report: No report.

Mayor's Budget Planning: Sharon Commins reported on BudgetLA.org to track NC response.

OLD BUSINESS

POLICY MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council strongly recommends:

- 1. The Bundy Village land use determination should wait until the adoption of the West L.A. Community Plan, which is currently being revised.**
- 2. The project should include a significant open space, in the form of a large plaza a sports field, or other substantial green areas and open to the public for their enjoyment.**
- 3. The estimates of traffic generated by Bundy Village should use realistic and proper metrics appropriate to the community in which the project will be built.**
- 4. The project should be downsized in order to reduce all significant adverse impacts for which no mitigation is possible.**
- 5. All mitigation measures required by the City of Los Angeles for Bundy Village shall be physically established and fully functional prior to the issue of certificates of occupancy for any portion of the project**

Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive & Finance:

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC Board of Directors approves the new web site as designed and created by Urban Insight. Additionally, the Board authorizes the transfer of the council web site's domain names (marvista.org, marvistacc.org and its .net and .com versions) to the new site and the new host. The Board also authorizes the transfer of the email addresses of all stakeholders and committees and all of the council's archived documents from the current web site to the new site and host.

Bill Scheduling asked about the disclosure wording for new sign-ups. He commented on the email lists and ENS. He moved to table the motion. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Christopher McKinnon asked when the site would be transferred.

Motion passed. 2 abstentions.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Creation of Standing Rule to appoint MVCC representatives to Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC):

- 10. The Mar Vista Community Council establishes the following standing appointments as MVCC representatives to the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils**

- a. The MVCC “Representative” to WRAC shall be the current Chair of the MVCC Board of Directors
- b. The MVCC “Alternate” to WRAC shall be the current 1st Vice Chair of the MVCC Board of Directors
- c. The MVCC will designate the “Committee Member” for any WRAC committee to be the Chair or Co-Chairs of the MVCC committee that most closely reflects the subject matter of the relevant WRAC committee. The MVCC “Committee Member” for the WRAC Land Use and Planning Committee shall be the Chair or Co Chairs of the MVCC PLUM Committee. The MVCC “Committee Member” for the WRAC Transportation and Mobility Committee shall be the Chair or Co Chairs of the MVCC Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.
- d. In the event that a standing appointee to WRAC does not wish to represent the MVCC, then the Chair of the Board of Directors shall appoint a representative for that position, subject to the approval, by majority vote, of the Board of Directors.
- e. All MVCC representatives to WRAC shall vote on any policy issue before WRAC in accordance with the existing policies and actions taken by MVCC on that issue. In the event that the MVCC has not taken a position on the issue, the representative must bring the item to the MVCC Board for consideration and decision before casting a vote on the issue at WRAC. MVCC representatives to WRAC may vote on WRAC administrative items using their best judgment, keeping in mind the best interests of the MVCC.

Bill Scheduling commented that this standing rule is not necessary.

Motion passed. 11 for, 1 opposed.

FUNDING MOTION: To amend a previous Board approved funding motion for The Planning Report subscription from \$100.00 to \$199.00 as the not for profit rate has increased to \$199.00.

Motion passed.

Administrative Motion: The MVCC Board establishes the Ad Hoc Fall Festival Committee to organize and promote the Annual Mar Vista Fall Festival, to be held at the Mar Vista Rec. Center.

Albert Olson reported that the Mar Vista Park is not allowed to put on the Fall Festival. He discussed the idea with Tom Ponton, and Tom Ponton commented that he does not have the ability to chair two committees.

Laura Island urged the board to approve the motion. She commented that it is with a large amount of work.

Ken Alpern made a friendly amendment that the ROSE Committee be tasked with the event.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC Board requests the ROSE Committee to organize and promote the Annual Mar Vista Fall Festival, to be held at the Mar Vista Rec. Center.

Christopher McKinnon asked about budgeting the event.

Motion passed.

POLICY MOTION: Whereas at least 4 alternative routes to Inglewood Blvd. through Mar Vista which were presented for the Scattergood Olympic Line 1 to LADWP representatives at a CD 11 ad- hoc working group held in the offices of Minh Le of LADWP on Dec 10, 2009 or before without discussion prior to or attendance at this meeting of any CD 11 or MVCC stakeholders along the proposed alternative routes, the MVCC Board of Directors recommends to Councilman Rosendahl that further meetings of the CD 11 ad-hoc working group take place with further outreach discussion and involvement of stakeholders along any and all proposed routes for the Scattergood Olympic Line 1 and that the ad hoc committee be increased to include representatives from any proposed route through the Mar Vista area.

Chuck Ray commented that the DWP will select the routes.

Bob Fitzpatrick offered a friendly amendment to strike ‘if possible.’

Bill Koontz commented on other routes.

Sharon Commins commented that the EIR process is flawed and plans to support this motion.

Ken Alpern commented in favor of passing the motion because of the stakeholder concern for the issue.

Motion passed. 9 for, 1 opposed.

FUNDING MOTION: to hold 2nd annual “Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase,” tour of sustainable and eco-friendly gardens and homes on April 25th, 2010 and fund up to \$500 for event outreach. This funding motion must meet all City of LA DONE-Empower LA funding guidelines and be paid in the current fiscal year, or it expires June 30, 2010.

Motion passed.

Motion to take g, h, and I funding motions together. Motion passed.

FUNDING MOTION: The MVCC allocates \$350 for Westside Village Homeowners Assoc. Newsletter as part of the \$6000 2009-2010 MVCC funding motion # 08-0910 for neighborhood association newsletters to pay for an ad in their Fall 2009 Edition This funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year which it is passed or it expires on June 30, 2010.

FUNDING MOTION: The MVCC allocates \$350 for Mar Vista Neighborhood Assn. as part of the \$6000 2009-2010 MVCC funding motion # 08-0910 for neighborhood association newsletters to pay for an ad in their Fall 2009 Edition This funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year which it is passed or it expires on June 30, 2010.

FUNDING MOTION: The MVCC allocates \$300 for South Mar Vista Neighborhood Assoc. Newsletter as part of the \$6000 2009-2010 MVCC funding motion # 08-0910 for neighborhood association newsletters to pay for an ad in their Winter 2010 Edition This funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year which it is passed or it expires on June 30, 2010.

The three above motions passed.

Community Outreach Committee: No report.

Education, Arts & Culture:

FUNDING MOTION: MVCC will allocate \$2,700 to PS Arts to purchase music and visual arts supplies for student use at Grand View, Walgrove and Beethoven Elementary schools. This funding motion must meet all City of L.A. funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year in which it passed or it expires. The grant recipient will ensure that MVCC is acknowledged for its support of the program in all appropriate print and web collaterals (newsletters, signage, web sites etc.).

PS Arts representative commented that they have been in MV schools since 1994. They serve in 25 schools and over 11,000 children each week, K-5.

A teacher for the program discussed the recorder portion of the program.

Ken Alpern expressed concern about schools that are not in the PS Arts program. He offered a friendly amendment to strike the recorder line items from the budget. Not accepted.

Motion passed. 1 abstention by Christopher McKinnon.

Election & Bylaws Committee: Bob Fitzpatrick gave an update on upcoming MVCC Board election and election site.

Green Committee:

FUNDING MOTION: to allocate up to \$60 for a 3 year renewal of the domain for www.marvistagreengardenshowcase.com. This funding motion must meet all City of LA DONE-Empower LA funding guidelines and be paid in the fiscal year in which it is passed, or it expires June 30, 2010.

Bill Scheduling commented that domain names can be less expensive.

Motion passed.

POLICY MOTION: to send a letter of support for the LID ordinance to the Board of Public Works as follows:

Whereas stormwater pollution, water shortages, flood control, climate change and the availability of natural green space have all become pressing environmental issues for the City of Los Angeles, and Whereas Low Impact Development (LID) has been designed to address many of these concerns, and Whereas the Mar Vista Community Council shares these concerns and would like to lend support to practices that encourage and provide for sustainability and smart growth that preserves the characteristics of the City's watersheds, water supplies and natural resources, and

Whereas the Community of Mar Vista believes that the Stormwater Low Impact Development Ordinance will benefit the residents of our community and the City of Los Angeles by replenishing groundwater supplies, improving the quality of surface water runoff, stabilize natural stream characteristics, preserve natural site characteristics and minimize downstream impacts especially the water quality of our local beaches,

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council supports the City of Los Angeles Stormwater Low Impact Development Ordinance.

Joseph Treves commented on the motion and ordinance.

Bob Fitzpatrick ask how it impacts a regular homeowner.

Motion passed. 1 opposed Bob Fitzpatrick.

POLICY MOTION: The MVCC approves sending the following letter to Mr. David Freeman, General Manager of DWP Dear Mr. Freeman, On behalf of the Mar Vista Community Council I would like to share with you a recent milestone for clean energy in Los Angeles, and request your assistance gathering some data from LADWP.

On November 10th the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors unanimously passed a motion to set a 100% clean electricity target for Mar Vista by 2018, and develop a roadmap to achieve it.

The MVCC vote is an indication of the neighborhood's desire to reduce its carbon emissions and limit the community's exposure to rising costs of coal-powered electricity, while sending a message of support to City leaders as they face difficult choices ahead on the City's path toward clean energy.

In developing the Mar Vista roadmap to achieve 100% clean electricity by 2018, we are gathering data to document Mar Vista's current usage of existing clean electricity sources and possible usage of expected new clean electricity sources. We know that Mar Vista currently has 35 solar installations producing 134.39kW of electricity, and that an additional 27 installations in progress will deliver another 105kW in solar electricity production. We would like to receive the following information from LADWP regarding clean electricity in Mar Vista:

2018?

- 1. What is the overall electricity usage in Mar Vista and how much is it expected to grow by**
- 2. What is the current usage of LADWP Green Power in Mar Vista? 3. Can LADWP Green Power be advertised as 100%**

clean electricity? 4. What is the percent renewables of LADWP electricity that does not include Green Power electricity? 5. In addition to LADWP Green Power and residential solar installations, what is the expected availability and usage of new and emerging clean electricity sources (i.e., SunShares, Feed-In-Tarriff, etc.)? 6. When will LADWP be implementing key provisions of AB 811, allowing the City to offer low-interest loans for energy-efficiency projects and solar panels to homeowners and small businesses? Thank you for your assistance with this information request and we look forward to partnering with LADWP on clean energy initiatives in Mar Vista in the future.

Marilyn Marble asked about the DWP as the source of the information
Motion passed. 1 opposed Stephen Boskin, 1 abstention Bob Fitzpatrick.

Historic Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee:

FUNDING MOTION: To allocate up to \$1000 in scoping money for the Historic Fire Station 62 Ad Hoc Committee to use for permit fees, copies of plans and miscellaneous copying and printing as follows: \$180 x 3 for copies of plans, \$200 x 2 for permits, \$60 for copying and printing of other necessary documents
Motion passed.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee: Bill Pope reported on the repairs for the speed trailer.

Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

POLICY MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council supports application, ZA 2009-2222 cub-ZV the sale of beer and wine in conjunction with a new restaurant and off-site parking by lease in lieu of the required covenant, pending recommended outreach to the apartment areas to be completed prior to the MVCC BOD meeting of next month January 12, 2010
Motion passed.

Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee:

Tom Ponton announced the next meeting this Sunday at 1pm. Discussing the maintenance of trees on Palms and the stairs being adopted by a girl scout troop.

Safety and Security Committee: Rob Kadota reported that he hopes to have block captain participation at the MVCC booth.

Santa Monica Airport Committee: Bill Koontz reported on the SMO meeting last night on the UCLA pollution study.

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee: No report.

Web Development Committee:

FUNDING MOTION: The MVCC approves the allocation of up to \$35.00 per month and \$150 monthly maintenance fee to be paid to Urban Insight who will provide all hosting services for the new MVCC website through the transition period and move to a different hosting service at the discretion of the Web Committee. This will be paid on a month-to-month basis until cancelled by the MVCC.
Bill Scheduling asked which version of Drupal the site uses and commented on the fees.
Motion passed, 2 abstentions.

ZONE REPORTS

Move to table zone reports. Motion tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

GRIEVANCES

None.

FUTURE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marilyn Marble announced the Neighborhood watch meeting at her house.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on Feb. 1, 2010.