

Mar Vista Community Council
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066
www.marvista.org

Final Agenda

The audience is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the Agenda prior to the Board taking 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 subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the public comment period. Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Mar Vista Community Council meetings will follow Rosenberg's Rules of Order, the latest edition. For more information, please visit the MVCC web site.

Call to Order and Welcome – Albert Olson, Chair (2 min.)

Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance – Bill Scheduling

Approval of Minutes (public comment permitted) (2 min)

Public Comment & Announcements - (limit: 2 minutes per speaker)

Relay For Life, Gloria Halfacre

Elected Officials and City Department Reports (max 2 min. each)

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment - Deanna Stevenson, West Area Project Coordinator

Mar Vista Recreation Center – Director, Laura.Island@lacity.org

CD 11 - Bill Rosendahl, rep. by Len.Nguyen@lacity.org, Field Deputy

CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep. by Jay.Greenstein@lacity.org, Field Deputy

US 36 – Congresswoman Jane Harman, rep. by Jessica.Duboff@mail.house.gov, Field Representative

CA Senate 28 – Jenny Oropeza represented by Primitivo.Castro@sen.ca.gov, Field Deputy

CA Assembly 47 – Karen Bass represented by Marco.Meneghin@asm.ca.gov Field Representative

CA Assembly 53 – Ted Lieu, represented by Jennifer.Zivkovic@asm.ca.gov, Field Deputy

2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Super.– Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov,

Mayor of Los Angeles – Antonio Villaraigosa rep. by Jennifer.Badger@lacity.org, Westside Representative

Officers and Liaison Reports

Chair, Albert Olson

First Vice Chair, Sharon Commins

Second Vice Chair, Bill Koontz

Secretary, Laura Bodensteiner

Treasurer, Christopher McKinnon

Director for Animal Welfare – Lola McKnight

DWP MOU – Chuck Ray

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Sub Committee - Linda Guagliano,

LANCC Delegate Report – Marilyn Marble

Mayor's Budget Planning – Sharon Commins, Marilyn Marble

Old Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

Committee reports - Action items included with public comment permitted

1) **Executive & Finance Committee** – Albert Olson, Chair

a. **Administrative and Funding Motion:** *The MVCC will establish an account at GoDaddy, or some similar entity, to register any and all domain names used by the Mar Vista Community Council.*

These domain names include *MarVistaGreenGardenShowcase.com*, www.marvista.org, www.marvistacc.org, and any additional names to be determined by the Board in the future.

b. Administrative motion: The Executive and Finance Committee is holding a special meeting to discuss and possibly recommend actions on the following two agenda items. Any resulting motions will be brought to this Board meeting for consideration:

i. Discussion, with possible motions, of the possible elimination of roll-over funds by the City, and the fact that this could possibly place the MVCC in a situation where we have allocated more funds to date than we will have funds in our account.

ii. Discussion, with possible motions, of account reconciliation issues for fiscal year 2008 and last quarter of fiscal year 2007, and the letter from DONE stating that the MVCC will lose access to all of its funds as of March 1st, 2010 if past due account reconciliations for the above mentioned periods are not produced.

2) Community Outreach Committee – Rob Kadota & Stephen Boskin, Co-Chairs

a. Discussion of additional outreach for Election: MVCC Board will be presented with costs associated with option of mailing Election newsletter to all addresses in Mar Vista

b. Funding motion: to allocate \$250 for the purchase of get out the vote banners and lawn signs

c. Funding motion: to allocate \$1,000 to purchase a ½ page ad in the Argonaut Newspaper.

3) Education, Arts and Culture – Babak Nahid & Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs

4) Election & Bylaws Committee – Bob Fitzpatrick & Marilyn Marble, Co-Chairs

a. Update: on upcoming MVCC Board election

5) Green Committee – Laura Bodensteiner & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs

a. Administrative Motion: *The Mar Vista Community Council, through its Green Committee, will host a Green/Clean Power event in September 2010 in support of 100% Clean Energy by 2018.*

6) Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee – Sharon Commins & Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs

7) Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee – Bill Pope, Chair

8) PLUM Committee – Sharon Commins & Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs

b. Policy Motion: Regarding Cell Towers/Electronic Communications: *MVCC strongly insists, with the City Attorney's guidance and consistent with his recommendations, the City enact a comprehensive new ordinance with clear and consistent standards and procedures regulating all wireless telecommunications facilities in the City, authorizing regulation of aesthetics and providing protection to communities and residential neighborhoods to the full extent of the law.*

b. Policy Motion: Regarding 'AGF' or above ground facilities: *The MVCC requests change to Los Angeles Municipal Code Sec. 62.03.2. to have equipment boxes underground within the boundaries of the Mar Vista Community Council.*

9) Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee – Tom Ponton & Jerry Hornof, Co-Chairs

The following four motions were all approved unanimously by the ROSE Committee

a. Administrative Motion: *The Mar Vista Community Council supports and approves of the adoption of the public stairway from Inglewood Blvd to Granville Ave by Girl Scout Troop 8395, led by Christine Denari. Troop 8395 has agreed to provide maintenance and upkeep through June 2011, with the support of the MVCC ROSE Committee, whose chair has placed trash and recycling containers at the stairs.*

b. Funding Motion: *The MVCC approves the Community Improvement Grant submitted by Lisa Cahill to replace 2 trees and provide maintenance of other trees on Palms Blvd between Sepulveda Blvd & Overland Ave. The motion is to fund 2 trees at a total cost of up to \$750 for the upcoming volunteer maintenance event. 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. (See appendix, ITEM 1)*

c. Funding Motion: *The MVCC approves the Community Improvement Grant submitted by Stacey Louria to support planting of 19 trees on Pacific Ave between Grand View and Centinela. The motion is to pay up to \$2200 for concrete cutting, materials & supplies in support of the project, with volunteers and addition support coming from Tree People. 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. (See appendix, ITEM 2)*

c. Funding Motion: *The MVCC approves allocating up to \$5,000 for costs to be incurred for the 2010 Mar Vista Community Fall Festival, including but not limited to advance Recreation & Parks permit fees, plus possible rental costs for a stage, canopies, tables and chairs. The planned date for the Fall Festival is Saturday, October 16th and the tentative, suggested theme is Health & Fitness. This funding motion must meet all City of LA DONE-Empower LA funding guidelines and must be paid by the end of the fiscal year June 30, 2011.*

10) Safety and Security Committee report – Bill Koontz & Rob Kadota, Co-Chairs

11) Santa Monica Airport Committee – Bill Scheduling & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs

12) Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report - Ken Alpern & Chuck Ray, Co-Chairs

13) Web Development Committee – Babak Nahid, Chair

Zone Director Reports

New Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

Grievances – Secretary

Any grievances received since the last meeting of the MVCC Board of Directors will be presented to the board for their consideration for possible referral to the MVCC Grievance Committee for further review and consideration.

Future agenda items

Adjournment (9:30 PM)

*Translators, sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices for the hard of hearing and/or other auxiliary aids/services are available upon request. To ensure the availability of services, please make your request at least three (3) working days before the date. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call (213) 485-1360.

APPENDIX

ITEM 1

Date: 12-30-2009

Amount Requested: \$768

1. Name of contact person filling out this application: Lisa Cahill
2. Telephone number of contact person: 310-837-9635
3. Email address of contact person: bryanlisa@sbcglobal.net
4. Name of community organization to receive grant funds on behalf of applicant, if such an organization is a part of the proposal: TreePeople
5. Address of organization named in #3: 12601 Mulholland Dr. Beverly Hills 90210
6. Authorized signature of sponsoring organization:
Julie Prejean Forestry Senior Manager 818-203-2178
7. Description of your project: tree care of 70-80 trees and replacement of two

ITEM 2

Mar vista Community Council Community Improvement Grant Application

Date: 12-31-2009 Amount Requested:\$2125.07

- 1. Name of contact person filling out this application: Stacey Louria**
- 2. Telephone number of contact person: (310) 977-7205**
- 3. Email address of contact person: Staceylouria@aol.com**
- 4. Name of community organization to receive grant funds on behalf of applicant, if such an organization is part of the proposal: Treepeople**
- 5. Address of organization named in #3 Stacey Louria 12311 Pacific Ave. #3 Los Angeles, CA 90066
Treepeople
12601 Mulholland Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210**
- 6. Authorized signature of sponsoring organization:
Julie Pregean Forestry Senior Manager**

7. Description of your project.

Planting 19 15 gallon trees on the parkways on the north and south side of Pacific Ave. between Centinela Ave. and Grandview Blvd. Money is needed to pay for the trees, permits and concrete cuts necessary to provide space to plant the trees.

8. On a separate sheet of paper please answer the following questions:

- A) Describe your project**
- B) If your project involves construction, provide a set of plans and list of materials**
- C) In a draft budget, list the equipment, services, or materials you plan to be used in the grant.**
- D) How will your project benefit the residents of Mar Vista?**
- E) Provide IRS tax determination letter if the sponsoring organization is tax-exempt**
- F) When do you plan to begin your project?**
- G)When will your project be completed?**

BUDGET WORKSHEET

ITEM	NUMBER NEEDED	COST PER ITEM	TOTAL
concrete cuts (hole augering, rental of barriers and street signs included)	6	\$225	\$1350

stakes	38	\$10.83/pair	\$205.77
ties	38	\$1.30/pair	\$24.70
weed whip guards	19	\$2.50	\$47.40
mycorrhizal fungi	19	\$3.50	\$66.50
"A" permit	1	\$285	\$285
"A" permit per concrete cut	6	\$15.95	\$95.70
advertising event (Flyers/postage for Thank you's for donations of other necessary items)			\$50
		Total: \$2125.07	

Community Improvement Grant Application

8. On a separate sheet of paper please answer the following questions:

A) Describe your project

In alliance with Treepeople and the neighbors located on Pacific Ave. between Centinela Ave/Grandview Blvd., we will plant 19 15 gallon Brisbane Box Trees on the parkways on both the north and south sides of the street. 4X4 foot concrete cuts will be made in areas where needed to provide space to plant the trees. The trees will be planted by approximately 50 treepeople volunteers and approximately 30-50 neighbors living on Pacific Ave.. Trees will be planted in accordance with the rules and regulations for street treeplantings as outlined by the city of Los Angeles. Each treeplanting will be supervised by a treepeople volunteer who is trained in the proper way to plant a tree. Trees will be mulched and staked. Responsibility for watering the trees lies with the owner of the apartment building in front of which the tree is planted. Each owner has signed a promise to care for the trees for the time necessary for the trees to become established. Treepeople will monitor the progress of the trees for approximately 5 years following the time the tree was planted and will assist owners in properly caring for and pruning of the trees. The trees will be planted on March 20th 2010. Following the treeplanting a celebratory lunch of donated food and necessary items will be served in front of 12311 Pacific Ave. on tables and chairs situated on the street itself. The street will be closed to traffic on the day of the planting. Clean up will be completed by the volunteers and neighbors who participated in the treeplanting.

B) If your project involves construction, provide a set of plans and a list of the materials.

The treeplanting does not involve construction

C) In a draft budget, list the equipment, services or materials you plan to be used in the grant.

See Budget attached

D) How will your project benefit the residents of Mar Vista?

Pacific Ave. currently has no street trees on the parkway. Trees in general are beneficial to not only the residents of Pacific Ave. but to all people because they help to conserve water in several different ways. They serve to beautify the street and provide much needed shade. They discourage graffiti in areas

where buildings butt up against the parkway by making it more difficult to write the graffiti and by blocking the view of the graffiti from the street. The act of planting the trees will help to unify the community on Pacific Ave. to take more pride in the care of the neighborhood and will encourage people to not throw trash on the ground. People in the neighborhood will hopefully be more concerned about the neighborhood and might speak up more to the teenagers who live on the street to stop any destructive behavior such as littering and doing graffiti.

**E) Provide IRS tax determination letter if the sponsoring organization is tax exempt.
23-7314838**

F) When do you plan to begin your project?

Planning and preparation is underway already. The trees will be planted on March 20th, 2010 and will be completed on the same day.