

Mar Vista Community Council
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 9, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066
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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)
Elected Officials and City Department Reports

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 Eric.Weiser@lacity.org , Field Deputy

US 36 – Congresswoman Jane Harman, rep. by Stephanie.Crahen@mail.house.gov , Field Deputy

Presentation by Diane Moss, Diane.Moss@mail.house.gov, Environmental Deputy for Congresswoman Jane Harman

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

Special Presentation by Los Angeles Department of Transportation's Neighborhood Traffic Management team, focusing on Neighborhood Traffic Management issues in the Mar Vista community.

Mehrdad Moshksar and Clive Grawe, LADOT

Public Comment Period after presentation

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. Policy Motion: *The Mar Vista Community Council recognizes the L.A. City budget crisis and the need to find efficient ways of reducing the City's expenditures. The MVCC also recognizes the responsibility of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to be a part of these reductions, and the intent of the Mayor's recent proposals of consolidation of DONE with CDD as a reasonable way of accomplishing these reductions.*

However, the MVCC recommends the following guidelines in pursuing this consolidation:

1. The Senior Executive in the new DONE organizational structure shall report directly to the General Manager of CDD.

2. Funding oversight shall remain a City function, but be simplified and streamlined to include the following:

- a. Create standardized accounting system accessible and supervised on-line*
- b. Elimination of petty cash*
- c. Restrict Purchase Card Categories, and use Purchase Cards for all purchases under \$2,500.*
- d. Require monthly Neighborhood Council Board approval of ALL purchases for each Council, and monthly submission of that approval, along with statements, to City funding supervisor.*

3. Neighborhood Councils shall collectively create a Volunteer Training system to assist the City in training, and mentoring of Neighborhood Council organizations and members.

4. The process of consolidation shall proceed according to a timetable which allows individual Neighborhood Councils to provide input to the City Council and the Mayor's office regarding the structure and implementation of this consolidation.

b. Administrative Motion: The MVCC Board approves the attached survey (see Appendix Item 1) and recommends it be provided to stakeholders on Election Day (April 11, 2010) and thereafter to be answered as they see fit and returned to the Board for compilation of answers.

c. MVCC Community Newsletter: Deadline for submission of articles and candidate statements is March 15. Newsletter will be available at MVCC Farmers Market Booth on March 27, and will be distributed to stakeholders the weekend of April 3rd.

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

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

- 1. Candidate Forum: April 6, 2010 Mar Vista Rec. Center

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

a. Administrative Motion: to submit an application as a community to be a pilot area for Google's high speed wi-fi project.

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

a. Presentation: The Infrastructure Academy

b. Administrative Motion: The Historic FS 62 Committee requests Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors approval of this proposed mission statement for the purpose of establishing a 501c3 nonprofit, 'Friends of Historic FS 62', in order to fundraise: *Dedicated to the restoration, revitalization, and operation of Historic Mar Vista Fire Station 62, 3631 Centinela Ave, Los Angeles 90066, as a green technology, CERT, and multipurpose community center*

c. Administrative Motion: The Historic FS 62 Committee requests Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors approval of the following resolution to officially open discussions with the Infrastructure Academy:

Whereas the goal of the historic FS 62 committee is to establish a green technology, CERT, and multipurpose community center,

Whereas the Infrastructure Academy is a successful nonprofit able to deliver a program congruent with this mission and a proven track record of fundraising,

Therefore the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors authorizes the Historic FS 62 Committee to proceed with negotiations with Infrastructure Academy to create a mutually beneficial partnership for the restoration, revitalization, and operation of Historic Mar Vista Fire Station 62, and to report back to the Mar Vista Community Council Board within 60 days

7) Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee – Bill Pope, Chair

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

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

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

Policy Motion: *The MVCC requests the rewriting and implementation of any changes to the Los Angeles Municipal Code Sec. 62.03.2. that are necessary to have all new and existing above ground equipment boxes within the boundaries of the Mar Vista Community Council:*

1) Be elevated high enough or placed underground to avoid any potential safety hazards involving collisions with pedestrians and bicyclists,

2) Be elevated or placed underground, located and designed in such a way so as to minimize the likelihood of graffiti and vandalism, and to minimize any potential of urban blight, and

3) Be consistently and effectively cleaned of all graffiti, damage and vandalism by the entities that utilize them, so as to minimize any potential for urban blight.

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

List of Questions submitted for MVCC Stakeholder Survey

1) The City of L.A. is in a financial crisis, and is looking for ways to reduce its budget deficit. To assist in this process police and fire department budgets should be:

a) increased b) maintained at current levels c) reduced slightly d) reduced equally to other departments.

2) In response to concerns about noise and air pollution, Santa Monica Airport should:

a) be closed down b) more greatly restrict the size of aircraft using it c) do more studies of the impacts at this time d) be left alone; no action is needed now e) be supported by the community, as the Airport provides important services and functions for everyone.

- 3) To best control, or reduce traffic and speeders on our neighborhood streets, we need:
a) more speed humps b) more stop signs c) more cameras d) more police e) all of the preceding f) both a & b g) none of these
- 4) The volunteer Mar Vista Community Council could better represent and improve our community if it:
a) received more city money b) were allowed to raise donations c) operated without money.
- 5) The Mar Vista Farmers Market could be most improved if it:
a) had regular arts & craft vendors b) had more fruit & vegetable vendors c) had more prepared food vendors d) had more parking e) closed down.
- 6) The pool at Mar Vista Park should be:
a) heated & upgraded for usage more of the year b) closed down and the land put to better use c) left as a summer facility.
- 7) Should there be restricted height limits on new buildings along major highways in Mar Vista?
a) yes b) no c) it depends on which highways d) I don't care.
- 8) Digital billboards should:
a) be banned citywide b) be allowed to stay near business districts only but taxed more c) not be regulated at all d) be increased. I like the information they provide.
- 9) Mar Vista has a goal of achieving 100% clean electricity by 2018. Please tell us if you -
a) don't know about the Green Power program at LADWP b) have signed up for Green Power with the LADWP c) are going to sign up for Green Power with the LADWP d) do not intend to sign up for Green Power with the LADWP e) have solar panels installed already f) are going to lease or buy solar panels. g) have no interest in this
- 10) To ensure better traffic flow, we need:
a) better planning b) to widen/alter streets c) mass transit d) all of these e) none of these f) a ban on any development that increases population density in the Mar Vista area.
- 11) Developers should be required to:
a) Adhere to current city regulations regarding parking spaces b) provide more parking spaces than currently required by city regulations in order to keep cars off of nearby residential streets c) create less parking spaces than currently required in order to force people to use their cars less and use mass transit instead. d) don't know e) don't care
- 12) The Exposition Light Rail Line will have a station at Sepulveda/Exposition, which should be:
a) At street level with Sepulveda widened b) Elevated with a rail bridge, and no Sepulveda widening c) Don't know d) Don't care
- 13) The increase in utility rates for L.A. to pursue cleaner/alternative energy infrastructure is:
a) A necessary sacrifice for the environment b) Too much too soon in this economic downturn c) Don't know d) Don't care
- 14) Should the City do anything about people going through the blue, recycling bins?
a) yes, it is a crime and may lead to identify theft b) no, these people need the income c) yes, pick up the blue bins first d) no, I will just put my blue bin out on the day of trash pickup.
- 15) Was this survey one of the reasons you came out to vote in today's election?
a) yes, it is important to continue b) no, it's a waste of time