



Mar Vista Community Council



Executive and Finance Committee Meeting

Saturday, January 7th, 2017, at 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

Coffee Connection

3838 S. Centinela Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066

MINUTES

1. Call to order and Welcome
Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M.
Quorum present: Rob Kadota, Sarah Auerswald, Joseph Galloway, Holly Tilson, Melissa Stoller
Guests: Malka Bar: Lives on Centinela, near Palms since 2016; wants to get more involved
2. Approval of December 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes
Not printed--deferred to next month.
3. Public Comment
4. Treasurer's report and action items for January BOD
 - a. Review of December MER
 - b. Review of 2016-17 budget pending/approved expenditures
Motion to approve carried unanimously
 - c. Funding Motion: Storquest Administrative Fee
Motion to approve 4c-e on consent by Melissa Stoller, 2nd by Rob Kadota. Motion carried unanimously
MVCC approves reimbursing Rob Kadota \$20 for Administrative Fee paid to Storquest when opening an account to rent a storage unit for the MVCC.
Approved on consent.
 - d. Funding Motion: Meeting Materials Printing
MVCC approves payment of \$49.03 to Copyland for printing of November meeting materials.
Approved on consent.
 - e. Funding Motion: PO Box Rental
MVCC approves payment to of 134 to USPS for yearly rental of PO Box #66871 at the Grandview post office.
Approved on consent.
 - f. Mid Year Budget Reallocation discussion with possible motion to follow
West Mar Vista Neighborhood Association wants to spend their \$300 to do their website. SarahAuerswald: that doesn't cover our goal of outreach.
Motion to approve the revised budget carried unanimously.
5. MVCC administrative items
 - a. Discussion of December 13th BOD meeting (see Addendum A for passed motions)
 - b. Mid-year review, evaluation & planning (possible motions to follow)
 - i. Board meetings/agendas (see Addendum B, Sample Agenda)
 - ii. Committees & assignments
 - iii. Liaisons & assignments
 - iv. Community Impact Statements
 - v. Solicitation of board & committee input

- c. MVCC 2017 calendar of community events, standing meetings and special stakeholder town halls, and identification of community issues and opportunities (possible motions to follow)
 - i. Homeless Count
 - ii. CyclAvia
 - iii. MVCC Greater Leadership Social
February, on a weeknight.
 - iv. Mar Vista Turns 90 Celebration
With Fall Festival.
 - v. Eco Car Expo
April 30.
 - vi. PLUM issues
 - 12444 Venice development (see Addendum C)
West Mar Vista Residents Association has filed an appeal. MVCC would need assistance of an attorney to file an appeal—complicated form.
Policy Motion for consideration at the January 10 BOD Meeting:

The Mar Vista Community Council continues to be concerned about this development and directs the Chair to send a letter reiterating our concerns and needed mitigations originally presented in a policy motion approved at the August 9, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. MVCC thanks those—including the West Mar Vista Residents Association—whose diligence resulted in extending the deadline for appeal to January 23.

 Motion carried unanimously.
 - Neighborhood Integrity Initiative forum
 - vii. Sidewalk repairs
Sidewalk repair forum: aim for February 2.
 - viii. Venice High School swimming pool
 - ix. Legalized marijuana
Help educate on new laws: marijuana
 - x. Community Champions program (see Addendum D)
Good idea, no willpower to restart
 - xi. City of LA elections
Election is March 7. CD 5: election debate February 16 at St. John’s Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm.
EACC: School Board Candidate Forum February 23
 - xii. New state laws and regulations
 - xiii. Other
Art Walk: March 2 & June 1.
Mar Vista Farmers’ Market birthday in August.
Bicycle Committee: Farmers’ Market events –bike tune-ups, promote safe cycling
Safe Parking: certain commercial streets designated for overnight RV parking ; need permits to use – have homeless committee do forum
Annual Welcome to the Neighborhood event: insiders view of our community; Welcome Wagon on website
 - d. Discussion of January 12 BOD meeting
6. Future agenda items
7. Public Comment
Malka Bar (asked “What would you like from MVCC?”): interested in eventually being a homeowner in Mar Vosta, wants to understand the community.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

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- * **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.
 - * **PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS** - MVCC agendas are posted for public review at Mar Vista Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066
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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 B: Sample Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, *month dd, year*, 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)
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1min per speaker.)
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
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
 - 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
 - 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
 - k. [Friends of Historic FS 62](#): Albert Olson
 - l. Mar Vista Celebrates 90: Open
 - m. [Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce](#): Sarah Auerswald
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
 - ii. **APPROVAL** of November Monthly Expense Report (MER)
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
 - b. **Committee on Public Safety** – Bill Koontz, Chair; Elliot Hanna, Vice-chair Executive Summary: The MVCC ~~strongly~~ opposes the proposed development as is, but will strive to work with both the developer and the City of L.A. to create a development more in character with the neighborhood, and which best meets the City goals of affordable housing, transit-oriented development, and Great Streets Initiative. A Site Plan Review and a public hearing called by the Director of Planning is called for by the MVCC.
- Whereas, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) has been a leader in promoting affordable housing, transit-oriented development, environmental law, the Great Streets Initiative, and appropriate mitigation with respect to all Planning decisions in the City of Los Angeles; and
- Whereas, the proposed mixed-use development for 12444 Venice Blvd. (DIR-2016-304-DB-SPR) calls for a seven-story, ~~85-88-foot-height (to be confirmed by city)~~, 77-unit project with over 2000 square feet of ground floor retail but providing only 75 parking spaces; and
- Whereas, this proposed development for 12444 Venice Blvd. ("the Development") has a height entirely out of character for the surrounding neighborhood, and sets an alarming if not dangerous precedent with respect to overdevelopment on Venice Blvd. (one of the City of Los Angeles' designated Great Streets) in that it almost guarantees parking spillover and inappropriate impacts on both the residential and commercial neighbors both immediately and regionally adjacent to the proposed development; and
- Whereas, the Development has no safeguards for the residential and commercial neighbors with respect to environmental impacts, height impacts, inappropriate misinterpretation and precedent for affordable housing laws, and appropriate mitigation with respect to transit benefits in lieu of sufficient parking, and threatens both legal and political efforts of the City to promote consensus and political will to create more affordable housing, mass transit initiatives, and sustainable urban infill; and
- ~~Whereas, the Development's planners and promoters have resisted calls for a public hearing on the Development's negative impacts on pedestrian, traffic, bicycle and bus commuters, as well as the Development's negative impacts on promoting Venice Blvd. as a City of Los Angeles Great Streets, and have resisted calls by the CD11 Councilmember's office for meeting with the Mar Vista Community Council;~~
- The Mar Vista Community Council must therefore, in fulfilling its proper and appropriate role as a duly-elected Neighborhood Council to protect the rights, environment, and quality of life of all its stakeholders, **STRONGLY OPPOSE** the Development as currently planned **BUT WILL STRIVE TO WORK WITH** both its developers and the City of Los Angeles to, at this site:
- 1) Support a project that is more consistent with the intent and implementation of City and State environmental, CEQA, affordable housing, and transit-promoting laws and ordinances; and
 - 2) Establish, with a Site Plan Review, the proper environmental review so as to determine the full environmental impacts of the currently-proposed Development; and
 - 3) Support a project that is planned and implemented after appropriate meetings with, and input from, the Mar Vista Community Council and any relevant neighbors and neighborhood associations, as well as the CD11 Councilmember and his staff, including a public hearing to be called by the Director of Planning (and which has also been requested by Councilmember Mike Bonin, because

the proposed Development may have a significant effect in changing the character of this neighborhood; and

- 4) Support a project that has sufficient subterranean parking, and can therefore both minimize or eliminate overflow parking impacts on its neighbors, and has appropriate height/transportation mitigations consistent with the region; and
- 5) Support a project that is consistent with, and not a distraction or distortion from, the intent of affordable housing, alternative and multimodal transportation initiatives, the Great Streets Initiative (particularly that which the MVCC has for years and is still working on for Venice Blvd.), and environmental laws promoted by the City of Los Angeles; and
- 6) Support a project that, with the use of subterranean parking, can be of lower/appropriate height and with sustainable environmental and infrastructural impacts, and can enhance both the profitability of the Development yet be also consistent with the economic/environmental health of its residential and commercial neighbors.

- b. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald, Chair; Joseph Galloway, Vice-chair
 - c. **Aging in Place** - Sherri Akers, Tatjana Luethi & Birgitta Kastenbaum, Co-chairs
 - d. **Homeless Solutions Ad Hoc Committee** – Robin Doyno & Susan Klos, Co-chairs, Joe Cuanan, Vice-chair
 - e. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-chairs
 - f. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin & Greg Tedesco, Co-chairs
 - g. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern, Chair; Michelle Krupkin, Vice-chair
 - h. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** – Damien Newton, Chair; Michael Millman & Latrice Williams, Vice-chairs
 - i. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Robin Doyno & Paola Cervantes, Co- chairs; Lenore French, Vice-chairs
 - j. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Holly Tilson & Martin Rubin, Co-chairs
 - 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
 - m. **Elections and By-laws**- Rob Kadota, Chair; Holly Tilson, Vice-chair
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
 - b. Zone 2 – Damien Newton
 - c. Zone 3 – Melissa Stoller
 - d. Zone 4 – Greg Tedesco
 - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
 - f. Zone 6 – Holly Tilson
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.
- b. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION(s)**
 - b. **FUNDING MOTION(s)**
 - c. **POLICY MOTION(s)**
12. **Grievances**, if any, received
13. **Future agenda items**

14. **Public Comment**

15. **Adjournment**

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ADDENDUM C: Proposed development for 12444 Venice Blvd 12444

Policy Motion passed at August 9, 2106 BOD meeting:

Executive Summary: The MVCC opposes the proposed development as is, but will strive to work with both the developer and the City of L.A. to create a development more in character with the neighborhood, and which best meets the City goals of affordable housing, transit-oriented development, and Great Streets Initiative. A Site Plan Review and a public hearing called by the Director of Planning is called for by the MVCC.

Whereas, the Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) has been a leader in promoting affordable housing, transit-oriented development, environmental law, the Great Streets Initiative, and appropriate mitigation with respect to all Planning decisions in the City of Los Angeles; and

Whereas, the proposed mixed-use development for 12444 Venice Blvd. (DIR-2016-304-DB-SPR) calls for a seven-story, 88-foot-height, 77-unit project with over 2000 square feet of ground floor retail but providing only 75 parking spaces; and

Whereas, this proposed development for 12444 Venice Blvd. ("the Development") has a height entirely out of character for the surrounding neighborhood, and sets an alarming if not dangerous precedent with respect to overdevelopment on Venice Blvd. (one of the City of Los Angeles' designated Great Streets) in that it almost guarantees parking spillover and inappropriate impacts on both the residential and commercial neighbors both immediately and regionally adjacent to the proposed development; and

Whereas, the Development has no safeguards for the residential and commercial neighbors with respect to environmental impacts, height impacts, inappropriate misinterpretation and precedent for affordable housing laws, and appropriate mitigation with respect to transit benefits in lieu of sufficient parking, and threatens both legal and political efforts of the City to promote consensus and political will to create more affordable housing, mass transit initiatives, and sustainable urban infill; and

The Mar Vista Community Council must therefore, in fulfilling its proper and appropriate role as a duly-elected Neighborhood Council to protect the rights, environment, and quality of life of all its stakeholders, **OPPOSE** the Development as currently planned **BUT WILL STRIVE TO WORK WITH** both its developers and the City of Los Angeles to, at this site:

- 1) Support a project that is more consistent with the intent and implementation of City and State environmental, CEQA, affordable housing, and transit-promoting laws and ordinances; and
- 2) Establish, with a Site Plan Review, the proper environmental review so as to determine the full environmental impacts of the currently-proposed Development; and
- 3) Support a project that is planned and implemented after appropriate meetings with, and input from, the Mar Vista Community Council and any relevant neighbors and neighborhood associations, as well as the CD11 Councilmember and his staff, including a public hearing to be called by the Director of Planning (and which has also been requested by Councilmember Mike Bonin, because the proposed Development may have a significant effect in changing the character of this neighborhood; and
- 4) Support a project that has sufficient subterranean parking, and can therefore both minimize or eliminate overflow parking impacts on its neighbors, and has appropriate height/transportation mitigations consistent with the region; and
- 5) Support a project that is consistent with, and not a distraction or distortion from, the intent of affordable housing, alternative and multimodal transportation initiatives, the Great Streets Initiative (particularly that which the MVCC has for years and is still working on for Venice Blvd.), and environmental laws promoted by the City of Los Angeles; and
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ADDENDUM D: Community Champions Program

Administrative Motion passed at August 13, 2106 BOD meeting:

MVCC establishes community recognition "Community Champions" program that recognizes community members who go above and beyond in working to make Mar Vista a more vibrant, caring, welcoming community. Honorees will be recognized each month at the MVCC BOD meeting and be given a certificate of appreciation. Their efforts could be highlighted on the MVCC web page and on social media outlets. The program will rely on nominations from the board and community. All nominees will be listed and recognized. The EAC Committee can choose to highlight a particular nominee if they so choose

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