

GETTING INVOLVED IN THE MVCC

The Mar Vista Community Council relies, as do all Neighborhood Councils, on the contributions and involvement of individual members of the community. This involvement can take many different avenues.

One of the most important avenues for individual involvement is to become a member of the Board of Directors. All seats on the MVCC Board of Directors were up for election on April 11, 2010. These seats consist of six Zone Directors, six At-Large Directors, and one Community Director. The next election will occur in 2012, and we encourage stakeholders to consider making a commitment to run in the next election.

To all of you reading this column who have ever said to yourself: “I can’t believe the MVCC is ignoring this”, or “how on earth did so-and-so get to be chair of that committee”, or “why won’t anybody do something about this?”, or “what can I do to get the City to listen to me?”. . . Well, this is your opportunity to make a difference. By becoming a member of the MVCC Board of Directors, you will become an active participant in the Neighborhood Council process for the City of Los Angeles. You will become a voice for all the stakeholders in your area, and you will become responsible for the decisions the Council arrives at on the many issues that confront our community. It is a very time-consuming, challenging, and at times frustrating endeavor, but in the end it is a very satisfying way to give back something of value to the community in which we live.

Another, albeit simpler, avenue for becoming involved in the Council and its activities is to get acquainted with and explore the new MVCC website. This site has evolved through many hours of hard work, creative discussions, persistence, and dedication from a group of people including community members, Board members, and the MVCC web team. And the site will be constantly evolving and changing as new issues become of concern to the community, and new ways of communication evolve on the site. The impetus for building a new website has been the desire to create a place where stakeholders could come online to learn about our community, learn about the activities and committees of the Council, and interact with the Council and other members of the community. There are articles to read, surveys to take, blog pages, up-to-date calendars of MVCC events and community events, videos to watch, photos to enjoy, and opportunities to get involved at whatever level is comfortable and appropriate for you. Please take the time to explore and enjoy the new website.

And once you have become familiar with the website, and explored the many committees that focus on the various issues important to our community, the next step is to go to our calendar, find out when the committee that interests you meets, and take the time to attend a meeting and participate. Any MVCC stakeholder who attends any MVCC committee is by definition a voting member of that committee, so you can immediately make a difference in your community.

I hope to see you soon.

Albert Olson
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Board of Directors
Mar Vista Community Council