

Mar Vista Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting

September 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM

Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

www.marvista.org

AGENDA

Call to Order and Welcome – Rob Kadota, Chair (2 min.)

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 (max 2 min. each)

DONE – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Barry Stone, Project Coordinator

Mar Vista Recreation Center – Director, Laura Island

CD 5 – Councilman Weiss – represented by Jennifer Badger, Field Deputy

CD 11 - Councilman Rosendahl – represented by Len Nguyen, Field Deputy

US 36 – Congresswoman Jane Harman, represented by Jessica Duboff, Field Representative (North District)

CA Senate 28 – CA Senator Jenny Oropeza's Office represented by Primitivo Castro, Field Deputy

CA Assembly 47 – Assemblymember Karen Bass represented by Estee Sepulveda

CA Assembly 53 – CA Assemblymember Ted Lieu represented by Stephanie Molen

2nd District LA County Board of Supervisor Yvonne B. Burke represented by Karly Katona

Mayor of LA – Antonio Villaraigosa represented by Stephen Cheung, Westside Area Representative

Officers and Liaison Reports

Chair, Rob Kadota (5 min.)

- A) Administrative Motion to Board of Directors by the Chair to Nominate Laura Bodensteiner to fill vacant At Large Director seat

First Vice Chair, Albert Olson (2 min.)

Second Vice Chair, Sharon Commins (2 min.)

Secretary, Vacant (2 min)

Reopen nominations by MVCC Elections and Bylaws Chair and possible election to fill vacant position.

Treasurer, Christopher McKinnon (2 min.)

- a. Administrative Motion– current MVCC Board approved budget lacks required line item details as required by DONE. A more specific budget will be presented for review and possible adoption by the board.

LANCC Delegate Report – Babak Nahid (2 min)

Mayor's Budget Planning –

Director for Animal Awareness – Lola McKnight (2 min.)

DWP MOU – Babik Nahid

Committee reports - Action items included with public comment permitted

A) **Executive & Finance Committee**, Chair (5 min.)

B) **Community Concept Plan Committee** – Sharon Commins, Chair

C) **Community Outreach Committee** – Albert Olson and Stephen Boskin, Co-Chairs (5 min)

1) Funding Motion regarding program partnership with Mar Vista Recreation Center's Fall Festival: The Mar Vista Community Council will partner with the Mar Vista Recreation Center to present the Fall Festival at the Mar Vista Park, and allocates \$2,500 to help pay for printing and other costs. The MVCC will be identified as a co-sponsor on promotional materials.

2) Funding Motion to allocate money for posters on PAKs. The Mar Vista Community Council will allocate up to \$500 to create and print 2 copies of a MVCC promotional PAK poster.

- D) Education, Arts and Culture – Babak Nahid and Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs (3 min)**
- E) Election & Bylaws Committee – Bob Fitzpatrick, Chair (2 min)**
- F) Green Committee – Laura Bodensteiner (5 min)**
Funding Motion: allocate \$3,000 for MVGC promotional items to be used at Quarterly Stakeholder meeting and other MVGC events.
- G) Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee – Bill Pope (2 min)**
- H) Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee – Tom Ponton, Chair/Roseann Herman (5 min)**
 Maintenance of Outdoor Stairs in Mar Vista/possible grant application and future MVCC Funding motion
- I) Safety and Security Committee report – Bill Koontz (2 min)**
 Block Captain Mtg – Sept 18th at 6:30 pm
 LAPD Open House Sept. 20th 11am-3pm
 The Great Southern CA Shake Out – Nov. 13
 Pacific Division Winter Wonderland Toy Drive – Nov/Dec
- J) Santa Monica Airport Committee – Bill Scheduling, Chair (5 min)**
- K) SMC Bundy Campus Ad Hoc Committee – Bob Fitzpatrick (1min)**
- L) Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report - (Albert Olson, Chair 15 min.)**
Attachment A – Four Policy Motions from Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (See below for full text)
 Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Sub Committee - Linda Guagliano, MVCC Liaison (2 min.)
- M) Urban Planning Committee report – Ken Alpern and Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs (15 min.)**
1) Policy Motion re: 3160-3178 Barrington: The UP/LU Committee recommends the Mar Vista Community Council Board support the following compromise proposal put forward by the owner of the 3160-3178 Barrington Ave. properties, Mr. Abraham Assil:
1. Mr. Assil agrees to file a new application for his property, 3160-3178 Barrington, in order to convert the 48 apartment units in the 4 buildings currently on the property, keeping the original construction and character, and turning them into condominiums.
 2. A waiver from the City's parking requirement of 1 ¼ spaces per dwelling unit, or 60 total spaces, plus an additional one-quarter space per dwelling unit, or 12 spaces for guest parking, will be necessary to implement said condominium conversion.
 3. NOTE: Additional parking spaces [12-14] beyond the existing 48 spaces will be created by reconfiguring the existing enclosed garages and carports for a total of 60-62 spaces. The resulting shortfall of parking will be 10 to 12 spaces.
 4. The residential buildings will not be demolished.
 5. Changes to the street and parkway are not contemplated as part of=2 0the project.
 6. The MVCC believes this alternative best accommodates the desires of the surrounding community that any proposed development of this property respect the character and scale of the existing residential neighborhood.
- 2) Administrative Motion to change name of MVCC Urban Planning and Land Use Committee to Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM Committee)
- 3) Policy Motion re Cell Tower at 3815 McLaughlin: The MVCC PLUM Committee recommends the City to hold a hearing on the T-Mobile Cell Tower installation at 3815 McLaughlin Ave so the tenants and neighbors can express their concerns regarding health, safety and notification procedures.
- N) Web Development – Babak Nahid (2 min)**

Zone Director Reports

Old Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

New Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

Funding Motion to approve the use of last years' MVCC allocation to FS 62 of \$1,000.00 for purchase of various items to upgrade the living quarters of Fire Station 62 and to purchase a new lockout kit for emergency responses by the Fire Station. (Albert Olson, 2 min.)

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

Public Comment and Announcements (limit: 2 minutes per speaker)

Adjournment (9:30 PM)

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 Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. For more information, please visit the MVCC web site at www.marvista.org.

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Attachment A – Motions from Transportation and Infrastructure Committee:

1) Policy Motion regarding request for Variance at 3655 Centinela Blvd.:

The Mar Vista Community Council does not support the application for a variance to build a parking structure at 3655 Centinela Blvd.

The MVCC is concerned that the size and scale of the proposed parking structure is completely out of character with the surrounding neighborhoods, and does not seem to be necessary given the size and membership of the Church for which it is being built.

The MVCC is also concerned that the project is not meeting all of the "Q" zoning conditions. Specifically, the stated height on the ELEVATIONS document on file shows a maximum of 25'9", which exceeds the maximum height requirement of 25'.

2) Policy Motion regarding Residential Street Speed Management: The Mar Vista Community Council requests the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to:

1. Install Speed Humps, when requested by 70% of a block's residents, at heights and/or spacing such that the maximum speed of 85% of traffic using the block in question will remain at or below the posted speed limit.
2. Switch to "split-type speed humps", as used by Culver City and other neighboring cities, which allow Fire Department trucks, engines and rescue ambulances to pass without slowing.

3) Policy Motion regarding additional MVCC concerns regarding the Exposition Corridor Light Rail Transit Project Phase 2: The MVCC favors the construction of the Exposition Light Rail Line to Santa Monica in as safe and cost-effective a manner as possible that both encourages transit-oriented development while preserving neighborhood character, and therefore supports:

- 1) The routing of Phase 2 of the Exposition Light Rail Line ("Expo Line") on the Exposition Rail Right of Way, and
- 2) The preservation of grade-separated (elevated or trenched) options for Overland, Westwood, Sepulveda, Barrington and Centinela, in addition to those already elevated, in the Draft EIR, and
- 3) Holding the Authority responsible to plan, fund, and construct the Expo Bikeway that is planned for the Right of Way and to be routed adjacent to the rail line, and
- 4) Holding the Authority and the City of Los Angeles responsible to plan, fund and construct a sufficient greening of Phase 2 of the Expo Line Corridor that is consistent with the "transit parkway" concept being built into Phase 1 of the Expo Line, and
- 5) A 50-100 year deed restriction to maintain the R1 (single family home) zoning adjacent to the Right of Way on any currently-zoned R1 neighborhood adjacent to the Expo Line in order to maintain current neighborhood preservation, while encouraging transit-oriented development in R3/4-zoned neighborhoods, at an appropriate and sustainable scale, adjacent to all Expo Line stations and bus stops of major bus feeder lines to the Expo Line.

4) Policy Motion regarding the Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure

All City growth management policies and guidelines (e.g. zoning codes and rules, traffic study and mitigation policies, significant impact thresholds, etc.) are based on certain assumptions, such as actual population growth and the remaining capacity in the City various infrastructures (e.g., water supply and distribution, sewage treatment, electricity generation and distribution, current and predicted roadway and intersection Levels of Service, transit capacities, etc.)

The General Plan of the City of Los Angeles requires that the capacity remaining in the City's infrastructures be measured and reported annually in the Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure.

Such measurements have not been made and the Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure has not been published since 1998.

Yet the City of Los Angeles continues to approve density and traffic-increasing land development projects without knowledge of whether the City's various infrastructures can accommodate the additional City residents such development projects make possible.

Therefore the MVCC requests the City of Los Angeles comply with its General Plan mandatory duties in establishing an infrastructure monitoring program and capacities database, and publishes updated Annual Reports on Growth and Infrastructure for years 1999 through 2008, in accordance with the General Plan Framework Element.

The motion was approved by a vote of 8-1-1 by the T&I Committee, with the suggestion that additional quotes from specific city documents regarding the requirements be added to the final motion. Therefore a final alternative motion is:

Whereas the General Plan of the City of Los Angeles; Framework Element; Executive Summary; State Requirements section states that, "California State law (Government Code Section 65300) requires that each city prepare and adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for its future development", and that, "California State law requires that the day-to-day decisions of a city follow logically from and be consistent with the general plan. More specifically, Government Code Sections 65860, 66473.5 and 656474 require that zoning ordinances and subdivision and parcel map approvals be consistent with the general plan.", and

Whereas the Implementation Programs Section states that the City is to "Establish a program to monitor growth and public service and infrastructure demands and capacities." And "Prepare and submit to the City Council an Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure, based on information compiled by the monitoring program." And,

Whereas Chapter 2. Growth and Capacity; Growth Monitoring Section of the General Plan Framework Element states that "the City will establish a growth monitoring program that will provide important information regarding the accuracy of future growth estimates and the distribution of that new development by community plan area. This monitoring program will annually document what has actually happened to the City's population levels, housing construction, employment levels, and the availability of public infrastructure and public services. Information on environmental conditions will also be monitored on a yearly basis to maintain and update an environmental database, which will be used to facilitate but not replace, environmental review for subsequent programs and projects in accordance with CEQA.", and that "The information from such a monitoring system will be presented to the City Council in the form of an Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure, which can be used as the basis for revision of policies as needed to meet the goals of the Framework Element.", and

Whereas the Framework Element Theoretical Buildout section states that "Should population and employment growth be greater than the levels anticipated by the Framework Element, policy stipulates that studies be undertaken to correlate with the necessary supporting capital, facility, or service improvements and/or demand reduction programs.", and that "Should additional potential impacts be identified, these would be subject to further environmental review in accordance with the CEQA. This would be facilitated by the implementation of a program to monitor the characteristics and impacts of growth and availability of infrastructure and public services (the "Monitoring Program") and annual reporting of this information to the City Council (the "Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure") as a basis for the planning and funding of necessary improvements.", and

Whereas no such monitoring program has been established and the Annual Report on Growth and Infrastructure has not been published since the 1998 Report, and

Whereas the City of Los Angeles has continued to approve density and infrastructure-demand-increasing land development projects without knowledge of whether the City's various infrastructures can accommodate the additional residents such development projects make possible,

Therefore the Mar Vista Community Council requests the City comply with its General Plan mandated duties to:

- 1) Implement an infrastructure capacities monitoring program and database, including a Transportation Database.
We ask that the Transportation Database list such capacities as: Current and by-year projected Levels of Service at all signal-controlled intersections, and Number of available transit seats by route and hour, and
- 2) Publish updated Annual Reports on Growth and Infrastructure for years 1999 through 2008.