

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2008
MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The following members of the board were present or arrived shortly thereafter: Ken Alpern, Kate Anderson, Laura Bodensteiner, Sharon Commins, Bob Fitzpatrick, Rob Kadota, Bill Koontz, Christopher McKinnon, Marilyn Marble, Babak Nahid, Albert Olson, and Bill Scheduling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the Sept. 9, 2008 and Sept. 25, 2008 Special board meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT (I)

Rob Kadota showed a Shake Out Preparedness Now Video.

Kate Anderson commented on the upcoming Shake Out event and the Hilltop After Shock event.

Karin Shaw commented on the Goethe Charter School which has been approved. They are still in need of a location.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No reports.

OFFICERS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Chair: Rob Kadota made the following motions.

FUNDING MOTION: Allocate \$600 to print business cards for all MVCC Directors. This Funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year which it is passed or it expires.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Nominate Sharon Commins and Maritza Prezkop to Co-Chair Old #62 Fire station Alternative Use Committee. **Ammended below.**

Roy Persinko presented Rachel Swanger to be considered as co-chair.

Yvonne Nelson read a list of neighbors who support Rachel Swanger as co-chair of the ad hoc committee.

Rachel Swanger commented on her interest in leading the committee. She requested that she be considered to enable the community and neighbors.

Ken Alpern commented on possible conflict of interest.

Bill Scheduling commented on the duties of the Chair of the council and potential conflict of interest issues.

Bob Fitzpatrick commented that one of the shortcomings of the MVCC has been lack of community participation.

Babak Nahid commented on the opportunity to have open government. He asked questions about the communication breakdown and if there may be other candidates.

Sharon Commins suggested having 3 co-chairs. She also volunteered to step aside to allow a community co-chair.

Bill Koontz commented on to value of neighborhood involvement.

Albert Olson commented on the Chair's choice of co-chair. He suggested utilizing vice chairs as a solution.

Marilyn Marble commented positively on the ability of Rachel and the community.

Kate Anderson offered a friendly ammendment to have Rachel and Maritza, which was declined.

Bill Scheduling commented that any stakeholder can participate at an equal level. He also commented that the people who attend meetings are members of the committees.

Bob Fitzpatrick commented that the chair sets the agenda.

Ken Alpern made a friendly ammendment to have three co-chairs, Sharon Commins, Maritza Prezkop and Rachel Swanger, which was declined.

Marilyn Marble made a friendly ammendment to have Sharon Commins and Rachel Swanger co-chair Old #62 Fire station Alternative Use Committee.

Chris McKinnon commented that the bylaws do not support co-chairs.

MOTION PASSED. 1 abstention

First Vice-Chair: Albert Olson commented on the Charnock Wells Draft Environmental report that will be presented.

Second Vice-Chair: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Christopher McKinnon reported that there is approximately \$100,000 in MVCC's DONE account.

LANCC Delegate Report: Babak Nahid reported that elections are coming up.

Mayor's Budget Planning: No report.

Director for Animal Welfare: Lola McKnight reported that the shelter is very crowded due to the economic crisis. Volunteers are needed. She would like to hear from stakeholders about animal concerns.

DWP MOU: Babak Nahid reported on the status of the DWP committee.

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Committee MVCC Liaison: Linda Guagliano reported that the meeting is held bi-monthly on the second Tuesday 10 AM meeting at 1645 Corinth Ave.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Presentation by Casden Properties LLC re Proposed project located at 11122 West Pico Boulevard and 2341-2441 S. Sepulveda Boulevard (major cross streets of Pico Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd. followed by question and answer period.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive & Finance:

No report.

Community Concept Plan Committee:

Sharon Commins announced the meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008 at 7 PM at SMC Bundy Campus. Dr. Neal Richman, UCLA School of Public Affairs, Department of Urban Planning, will share his insights on commercial corridors, grassroots planning, and creating a sense of place.

Community Outreach Committee:

FUNDING MOTION: for Neighborhood Assoc. Newsletters - The MVCC allocates \$350 out of the \$6,000 Aug. 12 MVCC funding motion for neighborhood association newsletters to the South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association to pay for an ad that was placed in their fall newsletter. This Funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year which it is passed or it expires on June 30, 2009.

MOTION PASSED. 3 abstentions.

FUNDING MOTION: for Neighborhood Assoc. Newsletters The MVCC allocates \$350 out of the \$6,000 Aug. 12 MVCC funding motion for neighborhood association newsletters to the Mar Vista Neighborhood Association to pay for an ad in their next newsletter. This Funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year which it is passed or it expires on June 30, 2009.

MOTION PASSED. 2 abstentions.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC will participate in the WATCH THE ROAD program as follows: At no cost to neighborhood councils, this program will create yard signs with the Watch for Kids/Watch The Road message and the neighborhood council name and logo. The Council must commit to: 1) coordinate a program to deliver the signs on a first come first served basis, 2) place a link to the WatchTheRoad.org website on our NC homepage (if available) and 3) contact WTR to request a community or NC presentation on traffic safety.

Bill Scheduling asked why there are conditions on the free signs.

MOTION PASSED.

FUNDING MOTION: for LAPD Winter Wonderland. The MVCC allocates \$2,000 for the Annual LAPD Winter Wonderland event, and supports Board participation in the event. A requirement of this allocation is that any printed announcements or advertisements for the event contain a reference to MVCC sponsorship. This \$2,000 includes a re-allocation of the \$1,000 allocated in 2007 but not provided to LAPD. This Funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and expires on June 30, 2009.

Bill Scheduling offered a friendly ammendment to specify that the funding will be used for presents, which was declined.

MOTION PASSED.

Education, Arts & Cultures:

Kate Anderson reported that the meeting will be 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the MV Library. Five potential work groups: umbrella organization of the MV schools; arts & culture; teacher appreciation; seniors for literacy; speakers program.

Election & Bylaws Committee:

Bob Fitzpatrick reported on the previous meeting. The committee is trying to identify inconsistencies in the bylaws.

Green Committee:

Laura Bodensteiner reported that the meeting is held on the 4th Sunday of the month at the MV Farmers' Market. There is interested in following up with Paula Daniels to have MV streets be pilot Green Streets.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee:

Bill Pope reported on the streets who have petitioned and the upcoming meetings.

Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee:

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: to approve the ROSE Committee's active role in a project to upgrade and beautify the stairway area leading from Beethoven St to Appleton Way, with Marilyn Marble as project manager.

Babak Nahid asked for clarification of "area."

Christopher McKinnon asked if the city requires a permit.

MOTION PASSED. 1 abstention.

FUNDING MOTION: to approve requesting up to \$2,000 from the MVCC Board for project costs. This funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year which it is passed or it expires on June 30, 2009.

MOTION PASSED. 1 abstention.

Safety and Security Committee:

Bill Koontz reported on the committee's focus on emergency preparedness.

Upcoming events:

The Great Southern CA Shake Out – Nov. 13

Officer Appreciation Community Sponsored Thanksgiving Dinner -Wed. 26, 2008

LAFD #62 Pancake Breakfast Dec. 7, 2008 – Admission Unwrapped Toy for

LAPD Winter Wonderland

Pacific Division Winter Wonderland Toy Drive – Nov/Dec

Santa Monica Airport Committee:

Albert Olson reported on the meeting and discussed the airport survey.

SMC Bundy Campus:

No report.

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee:
No report.

Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

POLICY MOTION: Windward School Parking Variance (ENV-2008-3857-CE) for 33 new parking spaces.
MOTION PASSED.

Web Development Committee:

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: MVCC approves the selection of Urban Insight Inc. as the designer and developer of the MVCC web site.

Bob Fitzpatrick thanked the participants for their efforts.
MOTION PASSED. 1 abstention.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: MVCC approves the work-for-hire-contract between MVCC and Urban Insight for the design and development of the MVCC web site (Referenced contract document will be posted with this agenda on the web and copies will be available for review at the meeting)

MOTION PASSED.

ZONE REPORTS

Zone 1: Babak Nahid reported that Zone 1 stakeholders may participate in the Hilltop After Shock event.

Zone 2: North Westdale Neighborhood Association has started committees to get folks more involved.

Zone 3: Kate Anderson announced the Hilltop After Shock event and commented that they are still revitalizing the block captain program.

Zone 4: No report.

Zone 5: Chris McKinnon reported a rash of break-ins on cars that were unlocked. He also reported on a proposal for an art installation. Plantings are still missing at the Fire Station.

Zone 6: Marilyn Marble reported that Beethoven School holiday bazaar is on Nov. 22. Wonder of Reading volunteers are needed.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

FUNDING MOTION: up to \$600 to replace and maintain Palms Blvd. Trees between Sepulveda Blvd. and Overland Ave. for Dec. 6 TreePeople event (invoices to be provided by Lisa Cahill of TreePeople). This Funding motion must meet all City of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year which it is passed or it expires on June 30, 2009.

Proposed line item budget:

--Two trees to be replaced (larger trees to match the other trees; therefore not free from the City): \$311.76

--Supplies (Stakes, Ties, Weed Whip Guards, Fungi) \$202.00

--Refreshments \$75.00

Grand Total \$588.76

Albert Olson commented that the city will do this for free.

Ken Alpern commented that the trees were planted by TreePeople and Zone 1.

Christopher McKinnon asked many questions, including how future damage will be prevented and who would fund the trees if not the MVCC.

Motion 6 for, 3 against, 1 abstention.

GRIEVANCES

Two grievances from Rick Selan were presented to the board. No motion was made to send the grievances to a grievance panel.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (II)

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on Nov. 19, 2008.