

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2009  
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, Albert Olson and Bill Scheduling.

*APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

The minutes from the Dec. 9, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

*PUBLIC COMMENT (1)*

Mike Stryer, Candidate for L.A. Unified Board District 4, introduced himself and fielded questions. Dennis Hathaway, Coalition to end Billboard Blight, reported on the ordinance changing billboard rules. He proposed a community impact statement and is looking for NC input.

*ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS*

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Project Coordinator Deanna Stevenson announced an important meeting on Feb. 9 with the Department of Transportation about the DOT MOU. She passed out Budget Surveys and encouraged everyone to fill it out.

Mar Vista Recreation Center Director Laura Island reported that the Department has a 501(c)3 and Mar Vista Park is going to be recipient of the project money, including renovating the Park's kitchen. There is an electronic equipment recycling program on Feb. 20. The park is establishing a Teen Club. The Winter Program and Basketball program began last week. 11 projects are slated for the park, including heating/air conditioning, new auditorium floor, jogging path, skateboard park, ADA restroom renovation, and a new roof.

CD 11 Councilman Rosendahl represented by Field Deputy Len Nguyen reported on parking meters on Venice. Parking meters rates have been raised and the enforceable hours has been lengthened. The signs are in the process of being changed and a request has been put in to change it to 2-hour meters. The councilman is planning a budget and finance meeting in the community tentatively on Feb. 9 focusing on the mid-year budget cycle.

CA Assembly 53 Assemblymember Ted Lieu represented by Jennifer Zivkovic will handle this area and environment issues. Lieu is finalizing his agenda for the year. She is available for questions (310) 615-3515.

*OFFICERS AND LIAISON REPORTS*

Chair: No report.

First Vice-Chair: Albert Olson reported that the "Watch the road" signs have arrived and he needs volunteers to put them out.

Second Vice-Chair: Sharon Commins reported on the e-calendar and new upload feature on the upcoming web site.

Secretary: Laura Bodensteiner reported that the rest of the business cards have been ordered.

Treasurer: Christopher McKinnon reported that there is approximately \$99,000 in the account.

Director for Animal Awareness: Lola McKnight announced that there will be an Animal Welfare committee meeting on Jan. 22 at Coffee Connection at 7 pm. There will be a shelter event on Feb. 8.  
DWP MOU: No report.  
Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Sub Committee: No report.  
LANCC Delegate Report: No report.  
Mayor's Budget Planning

### *COMMITTEE REPORTS*

Executive & Finance: No report.

Community Concept Plan Committee: Sharon Commins announced that the next meeting is on Jan. 14.

Community Outreach Committee: Albert Olson announced that the next meeting is on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.

Education, Arts & Cultures:

Kate Anderson announced the meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. Next meeting on Feb. 5 at 6:30 pm.

Election & Bylaws Committee: No report.

Green Committee:

Laura Bodensteiner reported that the meeting is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 9:30 am at the MV Farmers' Market. She reported on the LADWP meeting with Neighborhood Councils about the DWP plan for renewable energy.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee:

Bill Pope reported on studies that were done to see if the flow on arterials could be improved to reduce the cut-through traffic. He reported that the delay on North-South arterials is much greater than East-West.

Old Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee:

Rachel Swanger reported on the Dec. 17 meeting. The focus of the meeting was brainstorming for potential uses, including affordable housing, sustainable, youth activities, transit-related, and meeting areas. Sharon Commins reported that the Councilman is interested in a small meeting. The next meeting is on Jan. 21 at SMC Bundy Campus.

Planning and Land Use Management Committee report:

**POLICY MOTION: The MVCC Board supports City Planning approval of the requested variances at 12735 Venice Blvd.**

**a. Formal approval of the third apartment at this site.**

**b. Allowance of three instead of four parking spaces at this site**

**c. Allowance of 3 foot wide pathways instead of 10 foot wide pathways at this site**

Mink Lorber presented on the property.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Ken Alpern reported that the 3115 Sepulveda 6-story project, planned by Red Mountain Developers who was asking for a zoning change, was on hold. There is a new project coordinator for that site and the project will likely be scaled back when it's redesigned. The next meeting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Mar Vista Library.

Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee:

Jerry Hornoff reported that the stairway projects are still awaiting the beautification grants. The committee wants a joint meeting with the Park Advisory Board. Marilyn Marble reported on the Beethoven stairs project.

Safety and Security Committee:

Bill Koontz reported on the RVs at the Ralphs on National. An active CHP officer who lives in Zone 2 has been helping with the effort to tow RVs from the parking lot and cleaning up the area.

Santa Monica Airport Committee:

Bill Scheduling reported on the meeting and announced a field trip to the airport to observe flight tracks.

SMC Bundy Campus Ad Hoc Committee: No Report.

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee: Albert Olson reported that the upcoming meeting will be busy.

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Sub Committee : Next meeting is on Jan. 14 at 10 am.

Web Development Committee: Next meeting on Jan. 15 and the committee is working on home page design.

**ZONE REPORTS**

**Zone 1:** No report.

**Zone 2:** Bill Koontz reiterated the improvement in RVs at the Ralphs parking lot. NANA re-elected Tony Sanelli and now has sub-committees to make progress on community issues.

**Zone 3:** Kate Anderson reported that Hilltop is continuing with Block Captain revitalization. Elections are upcoming and they hope to have a movie night.

**Zone 4:** Stephen Boskin reported there will be a Town Hall meeting on Jan. 26 at St. Bede's.

**Zone 5:** Christopher McKinnon reported on property crimes in the zone. Free mulch program is back on Jefferson. There was a successful pancake breakfast at Fire Station 62 in December. North Oval had a successful progressive dinner and they are raising money to rebuild the curbs.

**Zone 6:** Marilyn Marble reported on the parking structure on Centinela. She reported on a pothole that was repaired and that the guardrails were painted. The permit has been submitted for the Beethoven stairs project. She wants to encourage student tutoring programs.

*OLD BUSINESS*

None.

*NEW BUSINESS*

None.

GRIEVANCES

None.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

#### *PUBLIC COMMENT (II)*

Tom Ponton commented on recycling at the MV Park. He announced that the ROSE committee will meet next Tuesday to review plans about the jogging path.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on Jan. 24, 2008.