

Mar Vista Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting

February 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM

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

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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, Deanna Stevenson, West Area Project Coordinator

Mar Vista Recreation Center – Director, Laura Island

CD 5 – Councilman Weiss

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 Jennifer Zivkovic

2nd District LA County Board of Supervisor – Mark Ridley Thomas, represented by Karly Katona.

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

Officers and Liaison Reports

Chair, Rob Kadota (5 min.)

First Vice Chair, Albert Olson (2 min.)

Second Vice Chair, Sharon Commins (2 min.)

Secretary, Laura Bodensteiner (2 min)

Treasurer, Christopher McKinnon (2 min.)

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

- Next Mar Vista Animal Welfare Committee meeting scheduled for 2/17 at 7pm at the Coffee Connection.
- <http://doggiematchmaker.blogspot.com>

DWP MOU – Babik Nahid

- CD11 Solar Energy Forum, 7:00-9:00 pm, Daniel Webster Middle School Auditorium, 11330 Graham Pl, Los Angeles 90064. Councilmember Rosendahl will be hosting a forum with LADWP to inform stakeholders about the upcoming solar energy ballot Measure B.

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Sub Committee - Linda Guagliano, (2 min.)

LANCC Delegate Report – Babak Nahid (2 min)

Mayor's Budget Planning –

Committee reports - Action items included with public comment permitted

1) **Executive & Finance Committee**

- a) Funding Motion re: Raise in Price of Current Web Hosting due to a DWP energy surcharge (Christopher)
- (1) DWP Energy Surcharge of \$25 per month starting from Oct through Dec. - \$75 energy surcharge
 - (2) Total Bill \$150.00

2) **Community Concept Plan Committee** – Sharon Commins, Chair (2 min)

3) **Community Outreach Committee** – Albert Olson and Stephen Boskin, Co-Chairs (10 min)

- a) Funding Motion: The MVCC will allocate \$350.00 out of the \$6,000 August 12th funding motion for neighborhood association newsletters to the Westside Village Civic Association to pay for an ad that will be placed 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. In addition, the MVCC requests that 100 copies of the newsletter be provided to the MVCC for distribution at the MVCC Farmers Market booth.

b. Funding Motion: The MVCC will allocate up to \$500.00 to pay for publicity signage for the Westside Village Civic Association's annual meeting, and to pay for the room rental for the same meeting. This allocation is contingent on the Westside Village Civic Association agreeing to the following:

- o All publicity for the event will state that the event is "open to the public".
- o The signage paid for by the MVCC will be placed prominently throughout the community.
- o 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.

c. Funding Motion: The MVCC allocates up to \$1,500.00 to purchase additional MVCC reusable grocery bags originally designed by members of the MVCC Green Committee. Additionally, the Outreach Committee requests that additional research take place to find alternative vendors for the reusable bag that can provide bags created with "sustainable" materials, and that these options be presented to the Board when this motion is considered.

4) Education, Arts and Culture – Babak Nahid and Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs (5 min)

5) School Board Candidate Forum hosted by Marlene Canter and the League of Women Voters of LA: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
February 11, 2009 University High School 11800 Texas Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90025

6) Election & Bylaws Committee – Bob Fitzpatrick, Chair (2 min)

7) Green Committee – Laura Bodensteiner, Chair (2 min)

a) Policy Motion for Library recycle bins The Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Los Angeles Public Library make available and promote to the public and Library employees Blue and/or Yellow recycling bins from the Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation or other appropriate city agency, both interior and exterior to their location in Mar Vista at 12006 Venice Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90066 as soon as possible with weekly Monday street collection by Bureau of Sanitation trucks. (Chris McKinnon):

b) Policy Motion re: US Post Office recycle bins (Chris McKinnon): The Mar Vista Community Council requests that the United States Postal Service make available and promote to the public and Post Office employees Blue and/or Yellow recycling bins from the appropriate Federal agency, both interior and exterior to their location in Mar Vista at 3826 Grand View Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90066 as soon as possible with weekly collection by an appropriate recycling vendor or governmental agency.

c) Policy Motion re: MVRC recycle bins (The Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Department of Recreation and Parks for Mar Vista Recreation Center, Park and Pool make available and promote to the public and Park employees Blue and/or Yellow recycling bins from the Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation or other appropriate city agency, both interior and exterior to their locations in Mar Vista at 11430 Woodbine Avenue and 11655 Palms Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90066 as soon as possible. Weekly collection by Bureau of Sanitation trucks or other city department requested as well.

d) Administrative Motion to create "Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase", tour of sustainable and eco-friendly gardens and homes on April 26th.

8) Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee – Bill Pope (2 min)

a) Funding Motion: MVCC Speed Trailer Repair

- i) Whereas the MVCC Speed Trailer has in the past provided the MVCC with valuable reliable data on vehicle speeds and volumes on MVCC territory streets, and
- ii) Whereas the MVCC Speed Trailer is no longer producing reliable data,
- iii) The Neighborhood Traffic Management (NTM) Committee therefore requests the MVCC Board to authorize the NTM Committee to secure repairs of the MVCC Speed Trailer up to \$1000 so that it will once again produce reliable vehicle speed and volume data.

b) Policy Motion. Re-designation of Substandard Collector Street Segments to Appropriate Local Street Status

- i) SEE ATTACHMENT A

9) Old Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee – Sharon Commins and Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs (5 min)

10) Planning and Land Use Management Committee report – Ken Alpern and Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs (10 min.)

a) **Policy Motion**: The MVCC Board supports City Planning approval of the requested variances at 3974 S. Beethoven St.: To create a Small Lot Subdivision of four new single-family homes on a 5,600 net square foot site, with the following adjustments to permit construction prior to the recordation of the final map

- (1) 5-foot front setback in lieu of the required 15-foot front yard setback
- (2) 5-foot side yard setbacks in lieu of the required 6-foot side yard setbacks in the R3 zone
- (3) 5-foot rear yard setback in the lieu of the required 15-foot rear yard setback
- (4) Reduced spaces between buildings allowing 4-inches in lieu of the 20-foot required
- (5) 5-foot passageways in lieu of the 12-foot required

b) Signage/Billboard Update (Sharon)

c) Inclusionary Zoning (Sharon)

- d) Venice Blvd/Commercial Corridor Update
- 11) **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Tom Ponton, Chair (2 min)
- 12) **Safety and Security Committee** report – Bill Koontz, Chair (10 min)
 - a) Funding Motion: MVCC to allocate up to \$5,000. to support LAPD's Pacific Area Explorers and DAPS (Deputy Auxiliary Police Service) programs. MVCC logo placement to be arranged on all goods where appropriate. This funding motion must meet all City of L.A. funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year in which it passed or it expires.
 - b) Administrative Motion: to approve the letter of appreciation for the donation of coffee and other accoutrements in support of Shake Out '08 and "Aftershock" to the manager of Starbucks Coffee at 11705 National Blvd.
- 13) **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Scheduling, Chair (2 min)
- 14) **SMC Bundy Campus Ad Hoc Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick (1min)
- 15) **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report** - Albert Olson, Chair (2 min.)
 - a) Policy motion re: Traffic Control Tiger Teams, proposed by Westside Regional Alliance of Councils,
 - i) While the City has found it both effective and profitable to implement “Tiger Teams” to clear ‘No Parking, Tow Away Zones” during peak hours, the city has been unable to control gridlock.
 - ii) As gridlock is a major quality of life issue, the City of Los Angeles City Council is hereby requested to implement an enforcement mechanism and fine system to alleviate the constant gridlock in intersections in the City Limits.
 - b) Policy Motion of Support for expansion of OPD to 3100 block of Corinth
 - i) WHEREAS on November 3, 2008 the residents of the 3100 block of Corinth Avenue submitted a petition to the Councilmember for Council District 11 requesting his agreement that the boundaries of Overnight Parking District 505 shall be extended to include the 3100 block of Corinth Avenue and
 - ii) WHEREAS the Los Angeles Department of Transportation has taken the position that a resolution of the full City Council is necessary,
 - iii) THEREFORE the Mar Vista Community Council hereby resolves that they support the petition of the residents of the 3100 block of Corinth Avenue and request the Councilmember for Council District 11 to ask the full City Council to extend the boundaries of the Overnight Parking District 505 to include the 3100 block of Corinth Avenue.
 - c) Policy Motion of Support to the proposed MOU between Los Angeles Department of Transportation and Neighborhood Councils:
 - i) The MVCC believes it is very important for Neighborhood Councils (NCs) to have a good working relationship with all Offices of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), especially those responsible for:
 - (a) Transportation Development and Transit Services,
 - (b) Transportation Operations, and
 - (c) Parking Management and Regulations.
 - ii) Therefore the MVCC requests the LADOT to schedule a series of working sessions whereby interested NCs, of a representative subset thereof, and LADOT management of the above Offices work jointly to develop the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be offered to all NCs for signing.
 - d) Policy Motion re: RVs: The MVCC is supportive of Councilmember Rosendahl’s significant efforts to address the problem of people living in vehicles that are being parked on residential streets in both the Venice and Brentwood areas, using both pilot parking programs and creation of OP Districts.
 - i) However, the MVCC is concerned with similar issues within its boundaries and concerned with a possible spillover effect if the programs initiated in the above-mentioned areas are successful in removing vehicles from those residential areas. Therefore, the MVCC requests that the City be mindful of our stakeholders’ concerns as the above programs are implemented, and---where appropriate---similar solutions be considered for the Mar Vista community.
- 16) **Web Development** – Babak Nahid (10 min)

Zone Director Reports

Old Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

New Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

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: Motion re. Re-designation of Substandard Collector Street Segments to Appropriate Local Street Status

Whereas:

- Inglewood Boulevard and Grand View Boulevard between National and Venice Boulevards,
- Rose Avenue-Beethoven Street between Walgrove-23rd Street and Venice Boulevard, and
- Beethoven Street between Venice Boulevard and the Los Angeles City/Culver City Boundary

are currently listed in the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan as residential neighborhood Collector streets, and therefore also listed in the City's Street Framework Model for the purpose of showing where neighborhood traffic will be injected into the commuter arterials, but

Whereas such inclusion in the Street Framework Model has allowed and continues to allow development project traffic planning models to improperly use said streets as thru-routes for absorbing development project traffic increases, thereby allowing density increases that can not be accommodated on commuter arterials alone, thereby forcing commuter traffic onto our residential Collector street when such projects are built, and

Whereas said streets have consequently become the MVCC-territory residential streets most frequently used by such commuter traffic, and

Whereas the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) states that it cannot employ effective cut-thru traffic control measures on Collector streets but can on street segments designated as Local streets, and

Whereas LADOT has stated that streets or street segments currently designated as Collector Streets maybe re-designated to a lower street status if the street or street segment does not meet City Standards for Collector Streets, and

Whereas segments of the above-named streets are either not dedicate and/or not built to the City's Right of Way and/or pavement width Standards for Collector streets, as published in the General Plan; Transportation Element; Chapter VI – Street Designation and Standards and in the Department of Public Works Standard Plan; Standard Street Dimensions, and

Whereas the neighborhood-internal segments of the above streets provide shortest routes to the nearest arterial only for the residents who live on those segments and therefore serve as Local streets rather than as Collector streets, and

Whereas the Los Angeles Department Public Works, Bureau of Streets Services states that in all aspects of street cleaning and maintenance, streets designated as Local Streets are treaded the same as those designated as Collector Streets.

The Mar Vista Community Council therefore requests the Los Angeles Department of Planning to re-designate the street segments listed below from Collector Street status to the Street status listed below, so that:

1. the above-named streets will not be listed in the Street Framework Model as continuous thru-street routes and therefore will no longer be improperly used as planned routes for absorbing development project traffic, and
2. the Los Angeles Department of Transportation may employ its most effective cut-thru traffic control measures on the named segments as Neighborhood Traffic Management Plans are developed for the above named streets.

The street segments to be re-designated are:

- Inglewood Boulevard between Indianapolis Street and Charnock Road to Hillside Local,
- Inglewood Boulevard between Charnock Road and Victoria Avenue to Local,
- Grand View Boulevard between Stanwood Drive and Palms Boulevard to Local,
- Beethoven Street between Appleton Way and Victoria Avenue north of Beethoven Elementary School to Local,
- Beethoven Street between Manor Lane and the Los Angeles City/Culver City boundary to Local.