

Mar Vista Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting

March 10, 2009 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, 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

Special City Guests:

Mar Vista Branch, Los Angeles Public Library – Carole Kealoha, Senior Librarian (5 min)

Bureau of Sanitation – Zero Waste, Alternative Technologies (10min)

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 Welfare – Lola McKnight (2 min.)

- First public event 3/22/09 at 11 am MV Farmers Market, Topic: Emerg. Prep. and Care for your Pets
- <http://doggiematchmaker.blogspot.com>

DWP MOU – Babik Nahid

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

LANCC Delegate Report – Babak Nahid (2 min)

Mayor's Budget Planning – Rob, Sharon, Chris (2 min)

Committee reports - Action items included with public comment permitted

1) **Executive & Finance Committee**

a) Equipment Purchase Recommendations/Possible Motions

- i) MVCC Laptop computer for MV Farmers Market use – less than \$1000
- ii) Purchase of additional microphones and stands for board meetings – less than \$500

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 shall allocate up to \$200.00 to create and purchase a large MVCC banner to be placed on the perimeter fence at the Mar Vista Rec. Center. The banner will contain the MVCC logo, “Mar Vista Community Council”, and an announcement of the monthly Board meeting at the Rec. Center.
- b) Funding Motion: The MVCC shall allocate funds to order an additional 200 Watch The Road/Watch For Kids signs. Cost for these signs is:

100-pc.	\$ 7.65/sign	\$765 for 100 signs	\$1530 for 200 signs
250-pc.	\$ 5.85/sign	\$1462.50 for 250 signs	

- c) Discussion of need for bollards at the corner of Grand View Blvd. and Venice Blvd. to protect the Mar Vista Farmers Market Demetrios Mavromichalis, President of Mar Vista Farmers Market presented a request that the MVCC allocate funds for the purchase of bollards. The cost is aprx . \$26,000.00, and will be discussed again at the March meeting of the Outreach Committee.
- d) The Outreach committee requests that MVCC Zone Directors and additional Board members partner with members of the Outreach Committee to assist MVCC committees in providing reasonable notification to stakeholders of any agenda item that is specific to an address in a stakeholder’s immediate neighborhood. One such reasonable notification might be a distribution of flyers to the immediate neighborhood.
- 4) **Education, Arts and Culture** – Babak Nahid and Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs (2 min)
- 5) **Election & Bylaws Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick, Chair (2 min)
 - (1) Suggested Bylaw changes are posted on the web for board review and future consideration.
 - (2) Rosenberg’s Rules of Order are recommended over our current use of Robert’s Rules of Order.
 - (3) City Clerk run NC elections in 2010. Planning meetings will occur in near future.
- 6) **Green Committee** – Laura Bodensteiner, Chair (2 min)
 - a) Funding Motion: Allocate \$200 for MVGC’s Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase outreach materials to be made with sustainable materials.
 - Funding Motion: Allocate up to \$200 for a MVCC Green Committee banner to be made with sustainable materials.
- 7) **Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee** – Bill Pope (2 min)
- 8) **Old Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Sharon Commins and Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs (5 min)
 - a) See “Attachment A” for text of 2 motions re: Old Fire Station 62
- 9) **Planning and Land Use Management Committee report** – Ken Alpern and Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs (10 min.)
 - a) Signage/Billboard Update (Sharon)
 - b) Inclusionary Zoning (Sharon)
 - c) Venice Blvd/Commercial Corridor Update
 - d) Letter of Support for City approval of variance of property at 12605 Pacific Ave.
- 10) **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Tom Ponton, Chair (2 min)
 - a) LA Parks Foundation Adopt-a-Park Program launched this past week with Windward Schools and Mar Vista Rec Ctr. being the inaugural partnership and location.
- 11) **Safety and Security Committee** report – Bill Koontz, Chair (5 min)
 - a) Funding Motion: MVCC agrees to pay 5,000 dollars to Pacific Graffiti Solutions for the removal of graffiti and weeds in and around the Mar Vista area with documentation of such removal to be provided by Pacific Graffiti Solutions. 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.
- 12) **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Scheduling, Chair (2 min)
 - a) New business item – motion to purchase sound metering equipment.
- 13) **SMC Bundy Campus Ad Hoc Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick (1min)
- 14) **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report** - Albert Olson, Chair (2 min.)
 - a) See “Attachment B” for text of T&I Motions.
- 15) **Web Development Update** – Babak Nahid (10 min)

Zone Director Reports

Old Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

New Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

Funding Motion: Purchase Sound Metering Equipment Motion to allocate and spend up to \$1500.00 to purchase a data logging sound meter to permit MVCC to better monitor noise from Santa Monica Airport. Further, the device will be used as part of a community outreach program to better inform the MVCC stakeholders about the timing and noise levels being generated by SMO. Bill Scheduling (3 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: Old Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee Motions

Policy Motion re: Reuse of Old Fire Station #62

Whereas the Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors voted in 2007 to retain the old Fire Station 62 for community use

Whereas community support for this use remains strong and deep as evidenced by participation in the Ad Hoc Committee

Whereas the site is not conducive to senior housing because of its location at the top of a hill, on an already congested corridor, over 1500 feet away from a rapid bus line, without walkable access to services

Whereas the scale of the proposed project is not in keeping with the character of the neighborhood per the Palms/Mar Vista/Del Rey Community Plan Chapter 3 Land Use Plan Policies and Programs, Residential:

GOAL 1, Objective 1-1.2: Protect the quality of residential environment and the appearance of communities with attention to site and building design. Program: Implement design guidelines for residential development.

Objective 1-1.3: Protect existing single family residential neighborhoods from new out-of scale development and other incompatible uses. Program: The plan map identifies lands where only single family development is permitted. These areas are protected by designating appropriate transitional height requirements for commercial and multiple residential buildings, when located adjacent to single family dwellings (Transitional Height Ordinance) and through plan amendments and corresponding zone changes which minimize incompatible uses.

Objective 1-1.4: Promote neighborhood preservation, particularly in multi-family neighborhoods.

Objective 1-2: To reduce vehicular trips and congestion by developing new housing in proximity to services and facilities. Policies 1-2.1 Locate higher residential densities near commercial centers and major bus routes where public service facilities and infrastructure will support this development. Program: The plan designates most of the higher residential densities near major transit corridors.

Objective 1-3.2: Proposals for change to planned residential density should consider factors of neighborhood character and identity, compatibility of land uses, impacts on livability, public services and facilities and on traffic levels. Program: A decision-maker should adopt a finding which addresses these factors when considering a change in planned residential densities."

Whereas for the project to be financially feasible requires more units than the current zoning permits

Whereas the Mar Vista community has no dedicated space for community meetings, CERT, after school programs, arts classes, PAL, and programs designed for at-risk youth

Whereas the community is cognizant of the budget cuts which have decimated programs for youth, seniors and at-risk populations and sees a need to provide this space to create opportunities for volunteers

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council recommends the preservation of the existing site and structure for use as a multi-purpose community center

Policy Motion re: Alternative Sites for Affordable Senior Housing - The Mar Vista Community Council recommends that alternative sites for an affordable senior housing project closer to transit and supportive commercial uses in the MVCC area on the south side of Venice Blvd adjacent to R3-1 zoning be considered.

ATTACHMENT B – Transportation & Infrastructure Motions:

Policy Motion: Water Supply and Land Use Development

The Mar Vista Community Council is deeply concerned about the current shortages in the municipal water supply and the forecasts of even greater shortages in the near future.

Therefore, the MVCC requests that the Los Angeles City Council consider an ordinance that would forbid any new density-increasing land development project

- i. if the City finds it necessary to issue any water-rationing plans, either by ordinance or executive order, and
- ii. unless the City has signed contracts guaranteeing at least a twenty-year water supply for existing Los Angeles residents plus the density increase effectuated by the proposed land development project.

Policy Motion: MVCC Public Comment regarding the Expo Phase 2 Draft Environmental Impact Report

The Mar Vista Community Council is very supportive of the Exposition Corridor Transit Project—Phase 2. We are, however, increasingly concerned about the traffic impact of this project on the Mar Vista community. The residential and arterial streets of Mar Vista are greatly impacted by any extreme traffic congestion on the major north/south arterial boulevards such as Bundy Drive, Sawtelle Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd. As traffic on these streets becomes backed up, commuters immediately turn into the residential neighborhood streets of Mar Vista in an attempt to bypass the congestion.

Additionally, the close proximity of the crossings at Sepulveda, Sawtelle, and Pico, seems to potentially create a natural bottleneck with auto traffic competing with trains at grade crossings.

Therefore, the MVCC requests that the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority authorize the construction of either above-grade or below-grade crossings at the three important arterial streets, Bundy Drive, Sawtelle Blvd. and Sepulveda Blvd.

The T & I committee also recommended that the Board re-affirm and resubmit its previously passed motions regarding Expo Phase 2. The following is that addition, slightly summarized and updated:

Additionally the MVCC would like to re-affirm its positions taken in our previous motions regarding this project which are summarized and updated as follows:

- 1) A Westside Segment (Phase II) of the Exposition Line (Expo Line) that is routed on the Exposition Rail Right of Way (ROW), and not routed along Venice and Sepulveda Blvds.; the MVCC absolutely opposes the Venice/Sepulveda route as being unfairly disruptive to traffic on Sepulveda and Venice Blvds., and unfairly disruptive to Mar Vista and Westside Village residents, and the MVCC recognizes the ROW routing as the most cost-effective route to connect West Los Angeles with Santa Monica and the Mid-City*
- 2) Expo Line Grade separations at the congested commercial corridors of Overland Ave., Westwood Blvd., Sepulveda Blvd. and should the Westside Segment of the Expo Line be routed on the Expo ROW, as well as grade separations at Pico Blvd., Barrington Blvd. and Centinela Blvd. for either routing*
- 3) An elevated Exposition/Sepulveda station*
- 4) Sufficient parking, bus bays, bicycle racks and pedestrian amenities at all Westside stations to maximize convenience and access to the Expo Line*
- 5) A Venice Blvd. Busway connecting the Venice/Robertson Expo Line station to the beach in the west and towards Downtown Los Angeles in the east, with future station sites and adjacent parking/trans portation centers to be established that allows enhanced, convenient and rapid regional access to the Expo Line for commuters from Palms, Mar Vista, Del Rey, Venice, Marina Del Rey and Culver City.*
- 6) The Exposition Bikeway as an essential component of the Exposition Light Rail Line Project, with engineering and planning to be included with all elements of Phases 1 and 2 Planning*

7) Inclusion of all elements of the Exposition Line Greenway, as well as water reclamation and park establishment along the ROW, that does not interfere with or prevent the establishment of the rail line through the ROW or negatively impact the adjacent neighborhoods

8) Establish Exposition/Sepulveda as a “regional/commuter” rail station and Exposition/Westwood as a “local/community” rail station:

a) Concentrate parking at the Exposition/Sepulveda station, and include/facilitate pedestrian access to this station from Sawtelle Blvd.

b) Limit Exposition/Westwood station access mainly to buses, bicycles, pedestrians, and neighborhood-serving parking

c) Preserve and prioritize the land on the ROW for the Exposition Bikeway and Greenway Projects

9) 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.