

Mar Vista Community Council

Board of Directors Meeting

May 12, 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@lacity.org , Field Deputy

US 36 – Congresswoman Jane Harman, represented by Jessica.Duboff@mail.house.gov , Field Representative (North District)

CA Senate 28 – CA Senator Jenny Oropeza's Office represented by Primitivo.Castro@sen.ca.gov , Field Deputy.

CA Assembly 47 – Assemblymember Karen Bass represented by Jenny.Wood@asm.ca.gov , Deputy District Director.

CA Assembly 53 – CA Assemblymember Ted Lieu, represented by Jennifer.Zivkovic@asm.ca.gov , Field Deputy

2nd District LA County Board Super.– Mark Ridley Thomas, represented by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov , Dist. Deputy

Mayor of LA – Antonio Villaraigosa represented by Jennifer.Badger@lacity.org , Westside Area Representative

Officers and Liaison Reports

Chair, Rob Kadota (2 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.)

Possible Future Funding Motion re: Spay and Neuter Funding.

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) Outstanding Funding Motions

i) LAPD Pacific Area Explorers and DAPS Program discussion

ii) MVCC Laptop – Review and approval given for purchase (Albert)

iii) Funding Motion for \$15,000 for Venice Blvd Beautification referred to T&I Committee

iv) Funding Motion for \$15,000 for green street and curb repair related of North Oval (with possible Federal Stimulus \$) referred to T&I Committee

b) Aging In Place Project has requested desire to host a quarterly stakeholder meeting Summer or Fall

c) Administrative Motion –Green Garden Tour Appreciation: Mar Vista Community Council formally recognizes and extends our appreciation to the organizers and garden hosts that participated in Mar Vista's 1st Annual Green Garden Tour with board approved certificates.

d) Policy Motion: Modified Financial Disclosure Forms for NCs.MVCC Supports BONC's Proposed Draft Financial Disclosure Form as a more appropriate solution to Financial Disclosure requirements for Neighborhood Council use of either form 700 or Form 54.

2) Community Concept Plan Committee – Sharon Commins, Chair (5 min)

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

a) Funding Motion – Chamber of Commerce Events: The Mar Vista Community Council approves the allocation of an amount not to exceed \$500.00 to assist funding outreach events intended to support the establishment of a Mar Vista

Chamber of Commerce. 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.

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- 5) **Education, Arts and Culture** – Babak Nahid and Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs (2 min)
- 6) **Funding Motion – Education Summit Event and Video Equipment Purchase:** Motion to allocate \$1500 for outreach and miscellaneous event costs (room rental, refreshments, flyers, posters) for the MVCC Education Arts and Culture Committee’s Stakeholder meeting scheduled for 5.28.09. Purpose of the event is to discuss the impact of the budget crisis on our schools. This funding motion must meet all city of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year in which it passes or it expires.
 - a) **Funding Motion –purchase of a video camera for no more than \$1000.00** In order to capture and share the program with people not able to attend the meeting. The E.A.C. is asking MVCC to purchase and make available to the EAC committee a video camera that will become part of the MVCC’s set of board owned and operated AV equipment. This funding motion must meet all city of LA funding guidelines and be funded and paid in the fiscal year in which it passes or it expires.
- 7) **Election & Bylaws Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick, Chair (2 min)
 - a) **Policy Motion: Adoption of revised MVCC Bylaws:** 2nd Reading and vote of proposed 04-06-09 Draft Modification of MVCC Bylaws – posted on web and printed copies available at board meeting. 2nd reading and board action scheduled for May 12, 2009 MVCC Board of Directors meeting. (3min)
 - b) **Policy Motion re: MVCC Election Procedures, Bylaws and Standing Rules and City Clerk Election Stipulations:** Review and complete with MVCC specific language the 2010 neighborhood council election procedures stipulation language worksheet. (5min)
- 8) **Green Committee** – Laura Bodensteiner, Chair (2 min)
- 9) **Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee** – Bill Pope (2 min)
 - a) See attachment A
- 10) **Old Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Sharon Commins and Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs (5 min)
- 11) **Planning and Land Use Management Committee report** – Ken Alpern and Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs
 - a) **Policy Motion: The MVCC Board insists that the Livable Blvds. Planning team, enlisted by Bill Rosendahl and his Planning Staff, report to the MVCC on its progress to date.**
 - b) Update on Beautification Projects in MVCC Boundaries
 - c) Update on Signage, SB1818 and Sober Living Houses
- 12) **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Tom Ponton, Chair (2 min)
- 13) **Safety and Security Committee report** – Bill Koontz, Chair (5 min)
- 14) **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Scheduling, Chair (2 min)
 - a) Under Old Business item – motion to purchase sound metering equipment.
- 15) **SMC Bundy Campus Ad Hoc Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick (1min)
- 16) **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report** - Albert Olson, Chair (5 min.)
 - a) **Policy Motion: Support for City Sign Ordinances and Sign Districts except for Ballona Wetlands:**
 - i) The MVCC recommends the following be sent as a CIS regarding CF 08-2020:
 - ii) The MVCC supports the L.A. Planning Commission’s proposed ordinance amending Sections 11.5.7, 12.05, 12.21, 12.22, 12.23, 13.11 and Articles 4.4 and 9 of Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish total sign area limits for properties; establish area and height limits for individual signs; prohibit off-site signs, digital displays and roof signs; establish administrative civil penalties for violations of the sign regulations; enact new criteria for the establishment of sign districts; and enact related technical corrections and other measures to reduce visual clutter and otherwise mitigate the potential impacts of signs on the visual environment.
 - iii) However, the MVCC strongly opposes the designation of the Ballona Wetlands as an “area eligible to apply for Sign District designation.” (See CPC Sign Ordinance ATTACHMENT 3 West/Coastal Los Angeles region: Ballona Wetlands (Formerly Playa Vista Phase III), Lincoln Blvd. and Culter Blvd.) We request that this valuable natural resource of our community be taken off this list.
 - iv) The MVCC also strongly opposes the creation of new relief provisions for deviations from the sign regulations.
 - b) **Policy Motion: Representation on Expo Line Construction Authority Board:** The MVCC Board strongly urges the City of Los Angeles to pursue all city, county and state efforts to ensure local representation during the planning and construction of the Westside Phase of the Exposition Light Rail Line by altering the composition of the Exposition Line Construction Authority Board to expedite the inclusion of the CD5 and CD11 Councilmembers on that Board.
 - c) **Policy Motion re: Opposition to Taxi parking in residential areas:** The MVCC strongly opposes any change to LA City ordinances which would exempt taxis from restrictions prohibiting commercial vehicles from parking in residential areas for periods exceeding three (3) consecutive hours.
 - d) **Policy Motion re: Cyclists Bill of Rights:** The Mar Vista Community Council supports the following 12 “Cyclists’ Bill Of Rights”:
 - i) Cyclists have the right to travel safely and free of fear.
 - ii) Cyclists have the right to equal access to our public streets and to sufficient and significant road space.

- iii) Cyclists have the right to the full support of educated law enforcement.
- iv) Cyclists have the right to the full support of our judicial system and the right to expect that those who endanger, injure or kill cyclists be dealt with to the full extent of the law.
- v) Cyclists have the right to routine accommodations in all roadway projects and improvements.
- vi) Cyclists have the right to urban and roadway planning, development and design that enable and support safe cycling.
- vii) Cyclists have the right to traffic signals, signage and maintenance standards that enable and support safe cycling.
- viii) Cyclists have the right to be actively engaged as a constituent group in the organization and administration of our communities.
- ix) Cyclists have the right to full access for themselves and their bicycles on all mass transit with no limitations.
- x) Cyclists have the right to end-of-trip amenities that include safe and secure opportunities to park their bicycles.
- xi) Cyclists have the right to be secure in their persons and property, and be free from unreasonable search and seizure, as guaranteed by the 4th Amendment.
- xii) Cyclists have the right to peaceably assemble in the public space, as guaranteed by the 1st Amendment.
- xiii) And further, we claim and assert these rights by taking to the streets and riding our bicycles, all in an expression of our inalienable right to ride!

17) Web Development Update – Babak Nahid (5 min)

- a) Administrative Motion – Choosing a tag line for use in header of new web site:
 - i) Neighbors Helping Neighbors
 - ii) Our Community, Our Future
 - iii) Other suggestions?

18) Zone Director Reports

19) Old Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

- a) 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 (5 min)

20) New Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

- a) Discussion and Identification of Possible Funding Motions worth future consideration

21) 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 - Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee:

Funding Motion re. Speed Trailer Repair and Upgrade:

Whereas the MVCC Speed Trailer has been an asset to the MVCC Stakeholders by displaying the speed limit on streets where it is not posted, and by alerting motorists to their driving speed, and Whereas the MVCC Speed Trailer has also been an invaluable tool to the Neighborhood Traffic (NTM) Management Committee by allowing the Committee to know which Mar Vista streets have a cut-thru traffic problem, and to prioritize those streets for NTM Plans for reducing the cut-thru traffic, but Whereas the data produced by the Data Acquisition Computer of the MVCC Speed Trailer has been difficult to work with and requires Mr. Scheduling to run several programs he wrote to:

1. adjust the Time Stamp on the data records produced by the Speed Trailer to the correct local time, as the clock in the existing data commuter is not adjustable, and
2. convert the raw data records into meaningful and useful traffic counts, reports and speed reports.

And Whereas upgrading the Data Acquisition Commuter will be required to produce reports when the MVCC implements its new website, or when Bill Scheduling leaves the Board, and Whereas the radar gun of the MVCC Speed Trailer is now not functioning, The MVCC Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee therefore request the MVCC Board of Directors to approve and allocate: \$95.00 to repair the MVCC Speed Trailer's radar gun. \$250.00 to upgrade the MVCC Speed Trailer's Data Acquisition Commuter and Software – total expense not to exceed \$350. And to authorize Bill Pope to authorize RU2 Systems to make the repairs and to purchase the computer upgrade from RU2 Systems.

Policy Motion - Letter to LADOT re Rose Avenue Speed Humps:

To: Mehrdad Moshkar, LADOT Neighborhood Traffic Management Section Supervisor

Thank you for helping our Rose Avenue residents address the speeding problem on their street, and for getting their Speed Tables installed before the City's budget reduction.

While we realize these Speed Tables were placed in response to a petition submitted by Rose Avenue residents several years ago, we also understand that these four Speed Tables constitute the entirety of the only Neighborhood Traffic Management (NTM) Plan LADOT has offered thus far to reduce cut-thru traffic volumes on:

- Rose Avenue-Beethoven Street between Walgrove Avenue and Venice Boulevard, and
- Beethoven Street between Venice Boulevard and the Los Angeles City border.

In recent years, non-residential traffic on the above street segments has outnumbered residential traffic as much as 4-to-1. In other words, cut-thru traffic constitutes 80% of the traffic on these residential streets.

The installation of the four Speed Tables has given the Mar Vista Community Council's (MVCC) Neighborhood Traffic Management (NTM) Committee the opportunity to evaluate the NTM Plan you recommended pursuant to the **Residential Neighborhood Protection Plan** of the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan, i.e., to reduce cut-thru traffic volume on our residential streets in general and on Rose-Beethoven in particular.

Based on traffic surveys done by MVCC's NTM Committee and feedback from Rose Avenue residents, we regret to inform you that the Speed Humps you recently installed on Rose Avenue have made no significant progress toward accomplishing the Goal of the Residential Neighborhood Protection Plan, which as you know is to "**Discourage non-residential traffic flow on residential streets**".

This repeats the experience of the NTM Plan LADOT installed on Walgrove Avenue a few years back. In fact the measures installed on Walgrove actually increased its use by non-residential traffic rather than discouraged it.

It is our understanding that LADOT's Neighborhood Traffic Management Section was established specifically to implement the **Residential Neighborhood Protection Plan** that is part of all 35 of the City's Community Plans. We are displeased over the results achieved thus far, and with the fact that LADOT and/or the City has allocated only one Traffic Engineer to fulfill this Plan for all of L.A.'s four million residents.

Therefore we must ask LADOT to offer additional cut-thru traffic reduction measures, or to authorize those to be recommended by the MVCC's Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee, for the above street segments, and for the other MVCC residential streets which have petitioned LADOT for relief, as the NTM Plans offered by LADOT thus far for those streets are also based primarily on the use of additional Speed Humps as the only full-time measures for reducing non-residential traffic on those residential streets.

Thank you in advance for your support of Community Plan.

Sincerely

Rob Kadota
Chair, Mar Vista Community Council Board of Directors

Bill Pope
Chair, MVCC Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee

Cc: Rita Robinson, General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation
Pauline Chan, Manager, LADOT Neighborhood Traffic Management
LA City Councilman Bill Rosendahl
LA City Council Deputy Len Nguyen