

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 14, 2009
MINUTES

7:05 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 9, 2009 minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT (1)

Presentation of certificates of appreciation for the Green Garden Showcase and Old Fire Station 62 Cleanup.
Bureau of Sanitation – Sewer Odor Gas survey presentation.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment Deanna Stevenson, West Area Project Coordinator announced that the congress is coming up on Oct. 10th. The planning committee is looking for volunteers.

Mar Vista Park director Laura Island asked Sharon Commins to report in her stead. MVCC is partnering with the park on the upcoming Fall Festival. Film in the park on Saturday July 18 is E.T. at 7pm.

CD 11 Councilman Rosendahl, represented by Len Nguyen, Field Deputy, announced that he is meeting with Caltrans July 14 about the 405/National project. He presented a certificate to Rob Kadota. Summer concerts every Wednesday.

CA Assembly 53 Assemblymember Ted Lieu, represented by Jennifer Zivkovic, Field Deputy, reported on foreclosure legislation. She announced a boating town hall.

CA Assembly 47 Assemblymember Karen Bass represented by Marco Meneghin, Field Representative, discussed the budget deficit and presented a petition. He announced a Green jobs fair and conference on July 23.

OFFICERS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Chair: No report.

First Vice-Chair: No report.

Second Vice-Chair: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Christopher McKinnon presented the budget and discussed the possibility that there will be no rollover funds.

Director for Animal Welfare: No report.

DWP MOU: No report.

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Liaison: Albert Olson reported on the previous meeting for Linda Guagliano. The next meeting is Sept. 9 at 1645 Corinth Ave.

LANCC Delegate Report: No report.

Mayor's Budget Planning: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive & Finance:

Newsletter submission deadline July 31, 2009. Distribution early/mid. September. Community Benefit Statements are the responsibility of sponsoring committee to provide, examples available from Christopher.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Extension of Expirations for the following Funding Motions (ref #)

(1) 30-0809 Outreach to Chamber of Commerce - \$500

(2) 21-0809 Support for LAPD Explorers - \$5000

(3) 19-0809 Westside Village Civic Assoc Newsletter Ad - \$350

(4) 35-809 increase Venice Robotics Club allocation to \$1,200.

(5) extended to June 30, 2010:

23-0809 banner \$300

18-0809 web hosting rate \$50/month

3-0809 PAKS posters \$500

12-0708 Admin and data support \$3500

9-0708 SAS net to Urban Insight \$7696

and all others not specifically extended are expired and any existing or future motions passed in this fiscal year will expire 6/30/2010.

Motion passed.

FUNDING MOTION: LAPD Explorers Funding Request for \$2,723.50

Officer Newson presented the program. Several Explorers were in attendance.

Jean Ushijima commented that Explorers are often hired by the city and are very dependable.

Motion passed.

FUNDING MOTION: Laptop Computer Funding increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Motion passed.

POLICY MOTION: Approval of MVCC Community Improvement Application and Grant Selection Process.

Motion passed.

Education, Arts & Culture:

FUNDING MOTION: MVCC will allocate \$2,500 to the Grand View Elementary (GVE) to help equip and launch the Computer Lab for students technology education needs. 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. GVE will ensure that MVCC is acknowledged for its support in upcoming newsletters and other outlets, if applicable.

Sarah Auerswald commented that the school is a Title I school and currently has no computer lab. The school's principal thanked the board for the opportunity.

Christopher McKinnon asked about other funding that has been secured.

Bill Koontz reported that Bahaa Mikhail has many computers from businesses that have closed that may be useful.

Kate Anderson reported that this school is in need.

Ken Alpern offered a friendly amendment to increase the allocation from \$1,500 to \$2,500.

Christopher McKinnon commented on the board's trend of raising the allocation at the last minute.

Marilyn Marble commented that the committee was too modest in the ask.

Motion passed, 1 opposed.

Community Concept Plan Committee: No report.

Community Outreach Committee:

FUNDING MOTION: Reauthorization of Neighborhood Association Newsletter Ads \$6,000 and Reauthorization of MVCC support of block parties.

Motion passed.

POLICY MOTION: Establish and fund Mar Vista Community Council's Annual Community Service Awards

Albert Olson commented on having a college student award and offered a friendly to add a category for college-age youth 18-21. Friendly amendment was not accepted.

Rob Kadota commented that the awards morphed in committee from youth awards to community service awards.

Christopher McKinnon moved to table. Motion tabled.

Election & Bylaws Committee:

Bob Fitzpatrick reported on the comment letter from DONE regarding the bylaws.

Additional Bylaw changes may still be required by DONE/LA City Council and City Clerks Offices

Preferred Polling Locations for 2010 Elections: MV Farmers Market, Grand View Elem School, Mar Vista Rec Center, Mar Vista Elementary. Straw poll indicated support.

Lorraine Wells commented that the market would be a good venue for the elections.

Green Committee:

Sheri Akers announced the Wise Water Use Expo on July 21 at the Mar Vista Park auditorium. The event is being cohosted by the Green Committee and Venice NC. The Green Committee is hosting a weekly booth at the MV Farmers' Market, starting next week. Next meeting on Aug. 2 at 9:30am. She reported on the Green Gardener Survey and the pilot project for rainwater harvesting.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee: No report.

Old Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee:

Sharon Commins announced that the next meeting is July 14. She asked for signatures on the petition.

A stakeholder reported that Bill Rosendahl was supportive of the community desire for a community center. She requested the plans for the firehouse so they can begin to seek grants and funding.

A stakeholder reported that there is already graffiti present again after the clean-up. Another reported that the new graffiti has been removed. She also requested that the city turn on water service to care for the grounds. She requested the follow-up meeting with Bill Rosendahl that he promised.

Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The PLUM Committee shall promote community input and involvement in land use, planning, beautification and appropriately-sized public, commercial and residential development in the Mar Vista region, and provide recommendations to the MVCC Board of Directors regarding such issues, in order to improve the health and quality of life for MVCC stakeholders.

Motion passed.

POLICY MOTION: The MVCC Board supports the Community Impact Statement of the Venice Neighborhood Council opposing the granting of any variances to the proposed project at 1020 West Venice Blvd. (Southwest Corner of Venice and Lincoln, Planning Case Numbers CPC 2008-3327, TT-63154, APCW 2005-9354 SPE CDP SPP ZAA), and strongly recommends that the City mandate that any exceptions granted under density bonuses or density bonus incentives be in compliance with the Venice Coastal Zone Specific Plan.

Motion passed.

Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee: No report.

Safety and Security Committee:

FUNDING MOTION: MVCC allocates up to \$1,000 for the purchase and installation of approximately 50 LAPD approved "Neighborhood Watch" signs in and around Mar Vista. This funding motion must meet all City of L.A. funding guidelines.

Marty Rubin commented on the increased graffiti problems in the area.

Christopher McKinnon commented that the locations of signs should be determined from the neighborhood level.

Bill Koontz reported on the costs and location of potential signs.

Albert Olson asked if the neighborhood associations will be involved.

Motion passed.

Santa Monica Airport Committee: Marty Rubin commented that the committee has not been functioning as well as it had been.

SMC Bundy Campus Ad Hoc Committee: No report.

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee: No report.

Web Development Committee: No report.

ZONE REPORTS – Tabled.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

GRIEVANCES

Rick Selan commented on the grievance he filed with DONE against MVCC.

MOTION to refer grievance to panel.

Motion passed, 5 for, 2 opposed, 1 abstention.

FUTURE AGENDA – None.

Election of 2009 – 2010 MVCC Officers

facilitated by Jean Ushijima and Evon Gotlieb, Mar Vista stakeholders MVCC Election and Bylaws Committee members

The following board members were nominated and elected:

Chair - Albert Olson

1st Vice Chair - Sharon Commins

2nd Vice Chair - Bill Koontz

Secretary - Laura Bodensteiner

Treasurer – Christopher McKinnon

Public Comment

A stakeholder announced Survey LA and asked if the board would like a speaker to come to the MVCC Board meeting.

Deanna Stevenson commented that working with Rob Kadota is a pleasure. She praised the MVCC board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on July 18, 2009.