

Mar Vista Community Council
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066
www.marvista.org

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 Rosenberg's Rules of Order, the latest edition. For more information, please visit the MVCC web site at www.marvista.org.

Call to Order and Welcome – Albert Olson, Chair (2 min.)

Presentation of the Flag and 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)

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment - Deanna Stevenson, West Area Project Coordinator

Mar Vista Recreation Center – Director, Laura.Island@lacity.org

CD 5 – Paul Koretz, <http://cd5.lacity.org/>

CD 11 - Bill Rosendahl – rep. by Len.Nguyen@lacity.org , Field Deputy

US 36 – Congresswoman Jane Harman, rep. by Jessica.Duboff@mail.house.gov , Field Representative

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

CA Assembly 47 – Karen Bass represented by Marco.Meneghin@asm.ca.gov Field Representative

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

2nd Dist. Los Angeles County Board Super.– Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov, Dist. Deputy

Mayor of Los Angeles – Antonio Villaraigosa rep. by Jennifer.Badger@lacity.org , Westside Area Representative

Special Guest: Shana Bonstin, City Planner (Department of City Planning, City of Los Angeles)
Announcement and discussion of the Livable Boulevards Workshop

Officers and Liaison Reports

Chair, Albert Olson

a. Administrative Motion: The MVCC Board requests that DONE issue a second credit card to the new Chair of the MVCC Board, Albert Olson, and that the split of funds for each card per quarter be 75% on the Treasurer's card and 25% on the Chair's card.

b. Update of COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

c. Update of Neighborhood Council Ethics Training: Completion of the Online Ethics Training Course is required of all Neighborhood Council Governing Board members.

<http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007/?audience=done>

The following 10 Board members of the MVCC have completed the course: **Rob Kadota, Sharon Commins, Marilyn Marble, Christopher McKinnon, Albert Olson, Laura Bodensteiner, Kate Anderson, Bob Fitzpatrick, Bill Koontz, Ken Alpern**

First Vice Chair, Sharon Commins

Second Vice Chair, Bill Koontz

Secretary, Laura Bodensteiner

Treasurer, Christopher McKinnon

Director for Animal Welfare – Lola McKnight

DWP MOU – Babik Nahid

LADOT MOU – Albert Olson, Bill Pope (alternate)

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Sub Committee - Linda Guagliano,

LANCC Delegate Report – Marilyn Marble

Mayor's Budget Planning –

Committee reports - Action items included with public comment permitted

1) Executive & Finance Committee – Albert Olson

a. Administrative Motion: All requests for allocations to assist in tree-planting in the Mar Vista area will be referred to the MVCC ROSE committee for discussion and deliberation. The committee's recommendations will be brought to the Board for final approval.

b. Administrative Motion: Appointment of Sharon Commins and Marilyn Marble as the two MVCC representatives to the Community Budget Day taking place at the Citywide Congress of Neighborhoods event to be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at the Los Angeles City Hall.

2) Community Outreach Committee – Rob Kadota & Stephen Boskin, Co-Chairs

a. Funding Motion: The MVCC allocates \$350 for SoMar Neighbordd Association Newsletter as part of the \$6,000 2009-2010 MVCC funding motion for neighborhood association newsletters to pay for an ad that is placed in their current 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.

3) Education, Arts and Culture – Babak Nahid & Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs

a. Ocean Charter School is seeking a letter of support from the MVCC regarding their 2009 application to LAUSD School Board seeking a 40-year lease at the Proposition 39 Ocean Charter School/Walgrove Ave. Elementary's current co-location site.

The EAC Committee will be making a recommendation to the Board regarding this matter.

4) Election & Bylaws Committee – Bob Fitzpatrick & Marilyn Marble, Co- Chairs

a. Administrative Motion: Endorsement of the City Clerk's Election Division map of the boundaries of the Mar Vista Community Council. (See Attachment)

1. Does the NC endorse the City Clerk map(s) as presented: Yes _ No _

2. Does the map(s) match the bylaws description? Yes _ No _

If No, please attach the corrected map(s) and specify reason:

3. Are the NC outer boundaries drawn correct on the map(s)? Yes _ No _

If No, please attach the corrected map(s) and specify reason:

4. Are the sub-divisions correct on the map(s)? Yes _ No _ Not Applicable _

If No, please attach the corrected map(s) and specify which sub-division(s) are incorrect:

5. Does this NC overlap boundaries with other NCs? Yes _ No _

Please specify area(s) shared:

- 5) **Green Committee** – Laura Bodensteiner & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs
- 6) **Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee** – Bill Pope
- 7) **Old FS #62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Sharon Commins & Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs
Administrative Motion: The MVCC supports the Park[ing] Day LA event at the old FS 62 on September 18, 2009.
- 8) **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** – Sharon Commins & Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs
 - a. Policy Motion: MVCC motion of support for the appeal of 11933 Magnolia Blvd - DIR-2008-1178-DB-SPP by Valley Village to the Planning Commission (See Item 1)
- 9) **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Tom Ponton & Jerry Hornof, Co-Chairs
- 10) **Safety and Security Committee** report – Bill Koontz & Rob Kadota, Co-Chairs
 - a. Update on Pacific Graffiti Solutions work in Mar Vista
- 11) **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Scheduling & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs
- 12) **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee report** - Ken Alpern & Chuck Ray, Co-Chairs
 - a. Policy Motion: The MVCC Board:
 - 1) Recognizes the need to establish a quality mixed-use project at the old Circuit City/Shoe Pavilion site (3115 Sepulveda Blvd.) that would benefit the neighborhood and region, and
 - 2) Opposes the request for a zone change from C2-1VL to RAS 4-1, and
 - 3) Recommends the mitigations to include:
 - a) Retaining existing height district classification (1VL) of 45-50 feet
 - b) Adheres to 15-foot front yard and rear yard setbacks, and a minimum 10-foot side yard setbacks
 - c) Articulated structure and pedestrian-friendly landscaping
 - d) Conforms with, and adheres to, all City General Plan and Community Plan Policies
 - e) The City shall install a signal-controlled intersection at Sepulveda Blvd/Clover Ave. east of Sepulveda-Alley west of Sepulveda
 - f) A restriction on all left turns from the alley north of the project (Clover Ave.) to/from Sepulveda Blvd.
 - b. Policy Motion: Whereas,
 1. to meet the State directive for investor-owned utility agencies to generate 20% of the power from renewable for 2010, yet did the Mayor proclaim his 40% goal without consultation and approval by the Community,
 2. the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LA DWP) has delayed writing a Solar Energy Implementation Plan since February 2008,
 3. the LA DWP must reduce its reliance on carbon based power production, and
 4. to encourage all interested parties to engage in the manufacture and installation of renewable energy systems as soon as possible,The Mar Vista Community Council requests that the LA DWP define the Solar Energy Implementation Plan with full transparency and with the participation of Neighborhood Councils and interested Stakeholders.
 - c. Policy Motion: The Mar Vista Community Council calls on the LA DWP to:
 1. Include in the Solar Energy Implementation Plan a significant private buildings component with appropriate incentives for private construction. The private buildings' plan shall begin at the same time as the plan for public buildings. At least 50% of the work on public and private buildings shall be put

out for open competitive bidding with a minimum of 30% of workforce used coming from the local community.

2. Maintain a solar training program for their own employees and the union workers from IBE W #18 which does not burden the capabilities of the Los Angeles Unified School District to the point where local students cannot be accommodated in Vocational Training Photo Voltaic classes.

3. Provide full disclosure by the LA DWP Board of Commissioners on money and “in-kind” contributions from the unions, businesses and other entities which deal with the Department made to the DWP Administration and to elected officials since 2004 and to disclose their relationship to LA DWP.

13) Web Development Update – Babak Nahid , Chair

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

Adjournment (9:30 PM)

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Item 1

The MVCC supports the stakeholders of Valley Village in regard to their two appeals of [DIR-2008-1178-SPP] regarding the SB1818 development located at 11933 Magnolia Boulevard Valley Village: (1) Dale Neglia et al; (2) The membership of the Board of Neighborhood Council Valley Village.

We agree:

- 1) That the failure of the Director to require review by NCVV prior to approval, and to consider the input of their Neighborhood Council, demonstrates a disregard for the community, and is an inappropriate use of Planning Department discretionary authority.
- 2) That development of this site does not reflect the prevailing character of the community, and will stand dramatically at odds with adjoining properties. This is a failure of the Planning department to uphold and negotiate vigorously to minimize transgressions of our General, Community and Specific Plans.
- 3) That the Planning Department did nothing to require adequate documentation relating to economic feasibility or to use any standard by which to determine this feasibility. This impacts precisely on whether the proposed affordable units could be provided with far less density and with some other different concessions that would not trample the General, Community or Specific Plans, and be acceptable to the Neighborhood Council.

- 4) That the City lacks the process to adequately evaluate either the economic feasibility or the environmental (and health and safety) component. Therefore, the project cannot and should not be approved until such procedures, processes, and protocols are in place.
 - 5) That the excessive height and density of this project will, in the future, be improperly cited as a precedent for variances and exceptions, which by its very outsized presence enable opportunities for projects that are not presently entitled to density bonus and further deteriorating the character of the neighborhood.
 - 6) That there appears to have been a bias within the Department to get this project approved no matter under what code of law and no matter the lack of proper documentation.
 - 7) That there have been many procedural irregularities associated with this Developer's application with the Planning Department as an abettor to forward the approval.
 - 8) That the project brings traffic congestion to the substandard surrounding and collector streets -- streets not even included in the "cumulative impact" investigations. Streets which for the most part that have no sidewalks or infrastructure to protect the many bicyclists, children and pedestrians. Traffic mitigations are inadequate and imperil single family neighborhoods with DOT's noted reliance on additional cut thru traffic.
 - 9) That there was a failure of the Planning Department to defend our General, Community and Specific Plans in extending numerous incentives not even requested.
 - 10) That there was failure of the Planning Department to defend our General, Community and Specific Plans by accepting conflicting, outdated and improper documents from the Developer at face value without any investigation as to their veracity or applicability to the current project.
 - 11) That there was failure of the Planning Department in approving a project that invades neighbors rights to privacy, to the future use and enjoyment of their open space property and common areas.
 - 12) That there was failure of the Planning Department to require mandated downzoning as was called for by AB283 and thereby defend our General, Community and Specific Plans.
 - 13) That the cumulative impacts of this project on the street, the infrastructure, traffic, and other CEQA concerns have not been adequately addressed or mitigated. That a small 3-project inquiry cannot give an adequate picture to the extraordinary overbuilding in the area.
 - 14) That the current concerns of water drought should deny additional units being built. A further strain on the infrastructure in the form of power outages, water shortages and rate heights should not be borne by the current residents of Los Angeles so that Developers can make tidy profits while the public shoulders the ultimate and continued burden.
- As a Neighborhood Council, we share these grave concerns. They are matters that affect all of us. We consider them unacceptable and support the appellants. Please take this position into consideration when making a decision on this matter.
- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.
- Sincerely yours,