

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 13, 2010
MINUTES

7:00 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, Marilyn Marble, Christopher McKinnon, Babak Nahid, Albert Olson, and Bill Scheduling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 9, 2010 minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT (I)

Carole Kealoha reported on the library hour changes. She discussed the reduction in library staff and the impact of the city budget. Nancy Wolfe announced a commercial acting class that starts May 5th and runs for 10 weeks. Linda Farkas-Jones, president of Friends of Mar Vista Library, commented on the need for volunteers at the library and what the Friends of the MV Library buys for the library. She asked the community to help the group and the library.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

CD 11 Bill Rosendahl, rep. by Len.Nguyen@lacity.org, Field Deputy announced the airport protest on April 18th. He reported on the progress of the marijuana dispensary issue.

US 36 Congresswoman Jane Harman, rep. by Stephanie.Crahen@mail.house.gov, Field Deputy introduced herself and reported that the congressman is working on jobs in the district.

OFFICERS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Chair: Albert Olson thanked those involved in the election, especially Rob Kadota and Bob Fitzpatrick, and Evon and Jerry Gotlieb.

First Vice-Chair: No report.

Second Vice-Chair: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Christopher McKinnon reported as of March 31, \$40,763 was spent of the \$45,000 allocation for the fiscal year. Balance of \$4,546, with some previous allocations. MVCC had \$72,995 in rollover funds removed except for \$19,376 for previously submitted allocations.

Director for Animal Welfare: No report.

DWP MOU: Chuck Ray reported on the April 3 meeting.

Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT Traffic Meeting Liaison: Linda Guagliano reported on the previous meeting. The left turn signal at National and Barrington has been turned on. There are stop signs in the works for Victoria and Grand View, Stewart and Palms have been installed. Next meeting on May 12th.

LANCC Delegate Report: Marilyn Marble reported on what the group has been doing.

Mayor's Budget Planning: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive & Finance:

FUNDING MOTION: The MVCC Board approves the payment of \$845.00 per invoice #20096680 to Urban Insight as the final payment for all website-related services.

Rob Kadota commented in favor of ending the business relationship.

Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC Board cancels the January 12th, 2010 motion 43-0910 (The MVCC approves the allocation of up to \$35.00 per month and \$150 monthly maintenance fee to be paid to Urban Insight who will provide all hosting services for the new MVCC website through the transition period and move to a different hosting service at the discretion of the Web Committee. This will be paid on a month-to-month basis until cancelled by the MVCC.

Motion passed unanimously.

FUNDING MOTION: The MVCC allocates up to \$185.00 per month to pay for hosting and maintenance of the MVCC website. These funds do not carry over from month to month, and will be used only for necessary website maintenance. John Kuchta commented that this motion makes web site maintenance easier. Bill Scheduling suggested separating the hosting fee from the maintenance cost, but the friendly amendment was declined.
Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC approves the organization and hosting of a Candidate Forum prior to the June 8th primary election. This Forum will be open to all candidates whose names appear on the ballots of Mar Vista residents. Christopher McKinnon offered a friendly amendment to change “execution” to “hosting.”
Motion passed unanimously.

Community Outreach Committee: Election efforts were the focus of the committee this month.

Education, Arts & Culture: Kate reported that they are moving ahead with planning an education summit.

Election & Bylaws Committee:

Bob Fitzpatrick reported on the successful election. Final certification on April 20th, then a challenge period. Installation of the new board will be held at the regular May Board meeting.

Linda Guagliano commented on the map that the City Clerk used.

Green Committee:

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: in support of 100% Clean Energy by 2018, the MVCC Green Committee will apply on behalf of Mar Vista to become an EPA Green Power Community.

Bob Fitzpatrick asked who is selling the green power.

Ken Alpern commented on the DWP and the legitimacy of Green power.

Christopher McKinnon commented that bringing the EPA is a way to hold the DWP accountable.

Rob Kadota commented about the intention of the application and bringing a respected entity into the issue.

Babak Nahid thanked James Brennan and the Green Committee and commented on the process.

John Kuchta commented that he signed up for LADWP Green Power and it is 20% more expensive. He asked if the EPA would be overseeing the LADWP program.

Kate Anderson commented in favor of the motion.

Motion failed. 5 for, 6 opposed (Babak Nahid, Marilyn Marble, Bob Fitzpatrick, Bill Scheduling, Ken Alpern, Chair Albert Olson broke the tie).

Laura Bodensteiner announced the Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase on April 25th 2-6 PM and invited Board members to volunteer at the sign-in booth.

Historic Fire Station #62 Ad Hoc Committee:

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Motion to support MVCC Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee official participation in Mayor’s Day on May 1, 2010.
Motion passed.

Neighborhood Traffic Management Committee: No report.

Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

POLICY MOTION: The Mar Vista Community Council PLUM Committee recommends the MVCC Board of Directors send the following letter of support for the Meier Street and Zanja Street Stakeholders in their Appeal to the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners: The Mar Vista Community Council strongly recommends: The City of Los Angeles and the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners support the Appeal of the Mar Vista Stakeholders, and, require a new Conditional Use Permit Hearing to require the 99 Cent Store to obtain a Conditional Use Permit for its Parking lots in the City of Los Angeles per City of LA Municipal Code “Parking Lot Landscaping” LAMC 12.42 B 2 Guidelines K.

Michael King commented on the parking lot and the neighbors response. They are trying to clean up the parking lot.

Elizabeth Leslie commented on the parking lot and asked that it be required to be a legal parking lot.

John Kuchta commented that he would be furious if he lived there and the business cut down the hedge.

Linda Guagliano commented that the area was used as a parking lot for a long time.

Motion passed unanimously.

POLICY MOTION: In recognition of the fact that The Mar Vista Community Council earlier supported the antimansionization ordinance, the MVCC supports applying it to hillsides as well and supports in concept the BASELINE HILLSIDE ORDINANCE aka ‘Hillside Mansionization Ordinance’ as presented by the City of Los Angeles

Planning Department.
Motion passed.

Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee: No report.

Safety and Security Committee: No report.

Santa Monica Airport Committee:

POLICY MOTION: “The Mar Vista Community Council joins the North Westdale Neighborhood Association in supporting Councilman Rosendahl and the Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution’s earth day protest to be held April 18th from 2 to 4 pm, against toxic jet air pollution from the Santa Monica Airport.”

Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC approves the following two letters of commendation to Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution (Item 1) and Councilmember Rosendahl (Item 2).

Item 1: The Mar Vista Community Council would like to commend the efforts of Martin and Joan Rubin and their group Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution for conceiving and implementing a very informative and successful panel discussion and forum concerning air pollution coming from the Santa Monica airport. Their closely cultivated friendship with Councilman Bill Rosendahl and other various city and state officials was key to this success that it was. We commend and thank them for their continued hard work in the protection of Mar Vista and its stakeholders from the deleterious effects of jet air. We look forward to working cooperatively with Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution in the years to come.

Item 2: The Mar Vista Community Council would like to thank Councilman Bill Rosendahl for moderating the recent panel discussion and forum on air pollution associated with the jet operations at the Santa Monica Airport. This issue is of great importance to the stakeholders living around the airport and the councilman has gone above and beyond in the fight to protect our lungs and our lives. From hosting discussions to carrying picket signs, the councilman has often taken a stand challenging the city of Santa Monica and even against the FAA. He has helped us draw a line in the sand and say “No More”. His continued partnering with the Mar Vista Community Council and Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution as well as other city, state and federal political figures is a huge help for the community and we cannot thank him enough. We look forward to working closely with the Councilman for years to come.

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee: No report.

Web Development Committee: No report.

ZONE REPORTS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GRIEVANCES: None

FUTURE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on April 20, 2010.