

Mar Vista Community Council
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 14, 2010 at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066
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Final Agenda

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.

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

Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Mar Vista Recreation Center – Elizabeth Narvaez, Acting Director

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

CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep. by Eric.Weiser@lacity.org , Field Deputy

US 36 – Congresswoman Jane Harman

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. L. A. County Board Super.– Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov,

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

Officers and Liaison Reports

Chair, Albert Olson

1. Reminder: All new Board members must take the online Ethics Training, and all Board members must retake the Training every two years.

2. Notice of Los Angeles Triathlon, to be held on October 3. The route includes Venice Blvd. through the Mar Vista Community.

3. Update on EPA Green Power Partnership program

First Vice Chair, Sharon Commins

Second Vice Chair, Bill Koontz

Secretary, Laura Bodensteiner

Treasurer, Alex Thompson

Director for Animal Welfare – Lola McKnight

DWP MOU – Chuck Ray

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

LANCC Delegate Report – Marilyn Marble, Albert Olson

MVCC E-Calendar – Tara Mulski

Old Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

Committee reports - Action items included with public comment permitted

1) **Executive & Finance Committee** – Albert Olson, Chair

a. **Administrative Motion:** The MVCC approves the submitted August statement for the US Bank MVCC Purchase Card (statement to be provided, see attachment)

2) **Community Outreach Committee** – Maritza Przekop, Chair

a. Funding Motion: *The MVCC allocates up to \$300 for the Hilltop Neighbors Association Block Party to be held on September 25, 2010., contingent on the following conditions:*

- i) All publicity for the event must include a reference to MVCC sponsorship*
- ii) The organization or group putting on the block party must provide a forum for public introduction of the MVCC to the attendees at the party. In addition, the MVCC shall be allowed to host a booth or table where promotional materials can be distributed.*

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

4) Election & Bylaws Committee – Bob Fitzpatrick & Geoff Forgione, Co-Chairs

5) Green Committee – Laura Bodensteiner & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs

a. Policy Motion: MVCC to submit a letter of support for the Sierra Club's LA Beyond Coal Campaign and encourages the LA City Council to support a plan to eliminate coal from the electricity supply of Los Angeles. This is the letter:

Dear Council President Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The Mar Vista Community Council supports eliminating coal from the electricity supply of Los Angeles by 2020 as well as providing 40% of our power from clean, renewable energy. We ask that you, our city's leaders, embrace these goals by ensuring the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power adopt and execute these critical goals.

The need for action to address global climate change, pollution, water resource protection and sustainability has never been more urgent. There is no better opportunity for Los Angeles to demonstrate its leadership in the area of sustainability than to take action now. The Mar Vista Community Council asks that the Los Angeles City Council:

1. Mandate the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power devise and execute a plan to end the city's use of coal-fired power by 2020.

2. Displace Los Angeles' coal-fired power through the implementation of aggressive energy-efficiency programs and a 40% renewable portfolio standard.

Coal is one of the dirtiest forms of energy and a major contributor to global climate change. In 2008, over 36% of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions came from the combustion of this dirty fuel. The city of Los Angeles owns significant shares in two of the dirtiest coal plants in the nation: the Navajo Generating Station and the Intermountain Power Project. Our dependence on coal is responsible for significant pollution and human health impacts at every phase of its life cycle. In 2008, Navajo Generating Station and Intermountain Power Project released a combined total of 32, 468, 461 tons of CO₂ into the atmosphere. Additionally, each year the plant uses nearly 8 billion gallons of water from Lake Powell for cooling – a shocking number in the water-starved southwestern United States.

Los Angeles has a responsibility to leave a legacy of leadership to our children and grandchildren. We must rebuild Los Angeles in a way that will protect us from the true cost of coal: polluted rivers and fish, increased asthma rates and health related issues, waste of billions of gallons of fresh water to cool coal plants, and the destruction of eco-systems through strip-mining, coal-slurries, and mountain-top removal.

We can address these ethical and moral concerns by doing our part and we want to help the timely and at-scale transition of Los Angeles to increased energy efficiency, demand response, and clean, renewable energy. In accomplishing this transition, Los Angeles will simultaneously create thousands of new family-wage jobs, while renewing our city's infrastructure and rebuilding our city for the 21st century.

Los Angeles should be a leader in meeting the challenges of today. We want L.A. to seize the opportunity to build a clean and renewable energy future that will stabilize our electricity rates over the long haul because once the system is paid for, the sun and winds are free. By making progress now, the city of Los Angeles will make investments in our long-term economic future.

The Mar Vista Community Council looks forward to working with the city to achieve these goals together. We appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to your response. Sincerely,

b. Policy Motion: to submit the following letter of support regarding Solar Feed-In Tariff program:

The Mar Vista Community Council would like to extend our support to the Los Angeles Business Council/UCLA's proposed 600 MW Feed-in Tariff (FiT) program for the City of Los Angeles. We agree that

the LABC/UCLA proposed program is an important step that our city can take right now to promote renewable energy in Los Angeles.

The LABC/UCLA Solar FiT program has already attracted the strong support of organizations representing business, labor, the environment and numerous communities from around the city. We are pleased to join this extensive coalition of supporters because we believe the program offers great environmental and economic benefits for Los Angeles and its residents. These benefits include:

- + Use of a FiT program to reach AB 32 renewable energy goals*
- + Attraction of clean-tech industries to the region by demonstrating political commitment to creating a green City*
- + Cost saving opportunities and long-term returns for energy consumers by moving away from coal usage, which is a significant liability to the City because of its escalating cost, legal risks, regulatory uncertainty, and public health effects*

- + State and federal tax credits to fund up to 40% of solar panel installation costs*

- + Potential creation of high-wage green jobs in the City*

We support the LABC/UCLA 600 MW FiT for the City of Los Angeles as a means of cleaning up our environment and creating jobs.

c. Funding Motion: *to allocate up to \$1,500 for the purchase of reusable bags. This funding motion must meet all City of LA DONE-Empower LA funding guidelines and be paid in the fiscal year in which it is passed, or it expires June 30, 2011.*

6) Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee – Sharon Commins & Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs

7) PLUM Committee – Sharon Commins & Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs.

a. Policy Motion: *The MVCC recommends renewal of the Mar Vista Montessori School and Infant Care Center Conditional Use Permit, 3863 S Grand View Blvd., ENV-2010-2190-CE*

b. Policy Motion: *WHEREAS: The City of Los Angeles Planning Department's contemplated Citywide Urban Design Guidelines Policy Motion regarding Mitigated Negative Declaration does not allow adequate time for Neighborhood Councils' to deliberate and input,*

WHEREAS: The City of Los Angeles Planning Department has failed to post all background research documentation related to this issue (project),

WHEREAS: The City of Los Angeles Planning Department has failed to fully disclose the precise text of these proposed changes and how they fit into the General Plan Framework Element;

The Mar Vista Community Council endorses this resolution to:

Require the Planning Department to post all background research documents related to NEGATIVE DECLARATION-NG-10-280-PL: ENV-2010-715 online;

Provide full disclosure of the precise text of these proposed changes and how they fit into the General Plan Framework Element; and

Restart the Negative Declaration process at the time these documents are posted to provide for full review of the Guidelines and the Negative Declaration in accordance with CEQA notification and review requirements.

c. Policy Motion: *Motion to support VTT-71010-CC 4207 S McLaughlin Ave 90066 6-Unit Condo Conversion pending outreach by the applicant to the neighbors prior to the MVCC September BOD meeting.*

8) Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee – Tom Ponton & Jerry Hornof, Co-Chairs

a. Funding Motion: *The MVCC allocates up to \$3,000 to pay ABY Rentals for rental of awnings, tables, and chairs for the Mar Vista Community Fall Festival. In the event that they cannot acquire the necessary permits, a substitute vendor may be used.*

b. Administrative Motion: *The MVCC designates Laura Island as the official honoree, to be recognized by certificate and proclamation, of the Mar Vista Community Fall Festival.*

9) Safety and Security Committee – Bill Koontz & Rob Kadota, Co-Chairs

a. Funding Motion: *The MVCC allocates up to \$200 to assist with purchases of supplies and food for the LAPD Pacific Boosters Pancake Breakfast.*

10) Santa Monica Airport Committee – Bill Koontz & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs

11) Transportation & Infrastructure Committee - Ken Alpern & Chuck Ray, Co-Chairs

a. Policy Motion: *Whereas, Vehicle owners park their open vehicles in residential areas that contain scrap metal, broken objects, rusted objects, sharp objects, toxic items that may be attractive to children;*

Whereas, Vehicle owners on an ongoing, regular basis, sell or trade the contents of their vehicles with an explicit commercial purpose, engage in a process of replenishing the contents of their vehicles with newly acquired materials of the same or similar nature, such that said vehicles or parked in residential areas continuously;

Whereas, The purpose served by aforementioned vehicles is central to the operation of the commercial activity in that they are used to store and transport the inventory, and insure the ongoing availability of new inventory;

Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council believes that these trucks promote blight and deterioration, are injurious to the public's general welfare, reduce the value or private property, and disrupted the residential character of the neighborhoods;

Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council believes that the aforementioned activity violates L.A. City municipal code which prohibits business activities in residential neighborhoods;

Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council believes that the problem should be addressed through the immediate enforcement of Los Angeles Municipal Code §12.05 A 16 (B), as scrap metal and hazardous junk are not associated with normal residential use, they may not be stored or processed in residential neighborhoods, neither on the streets nor in residences, as sale of scrap metal and junk for profit are commercial activities, that may not be conducted in residential neighborhoods;

Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council communicate to enforcement personnel in the Los Angeles city bureaucracy including the City Attorney's Office, Department of Building and Safety and LAPD to uphold the law and stop illegal commercial activity in residential neighborhoods;

Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council support an amendment to Municipal Code §12.05 A 16 (B) be amended so as to include "Scrap Metal Businesses" and "Junk Businesses" on the list of prohibited business;

Resolved, That the Mar Vista Community Council publicly support the enactment of an ordinance in Los Angeles like that which was enacted in 2003 by the City of Monterey Park (Section 10.48.220 to Chapter 10.48 of the Monterey Park Municipal Code) that prohibits the parking of public nuisance vehicles, and the City of Los Angeles amend its Master Fee Schedule to establish a parking fine for violations of the nuisance vehicle ordinance.

b. Policy Motion: *The Mar Vista Community Council supports the elimination of the MTA design option that includes the parking lot at the proposed Westwood Station for the METRO Exposition Light Rail line. It further moves that MTA provide lush landscaping and a ten foot tall sound/visual wall between the residents' property and the land to the train and green space securing the privacy of adjacent homes north and south. It further moves that MTA work with Westwood Gardens Civic Association and ROW residents to mitigate the impact that station and land use will have on adjacent homes. The MVCC support of this motion shall not be construed in any way as support of the At-Grade Crossing along the Expo Line.*

c. Policy Motion: *The Mar Vista Community Council supports the Sepulveda Blvd. elevated railbridge option, and does not support the at-grade option at Sepulveda Blvd., for Phase 2 of the Expo Line.*

d. Policy Motion: *WHEREAS, it is unlawful to lodge or sleep from time to time or overnight in a motor vehicle on a public street or in a public parking lot within the City of Los Angeles;*

WHEREAS, Recreational Vehicles, Campers, and Cargo Vans have been and continue to be unlawfully parked in violation of Los Angeles City Municipal Code Section 85.2;

WHEREAS, it would appear that the Los Angeles City Department of Transportation, Los Angeles City Police, and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office have failed to recognize this Problem and take any active and affirmative action to address and enforce our laws;

WHEREAS, it is unlawful to park any motor vehicle on a public street for a period of 72 hours or longer;

WHEREAS, it would appear that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation has failed to adopt any procedure or protocol for identifying abandoned motor vehicles, and thereafter removing them from the public streets;

The Mar Vista Community Council:

- 1) Acknowledges and recognizes the RV/Camper Problem;*
- 2) That a formal resolution followed by communications and letters be addressed to all Municipal Authorities, seeking the immediate intervention and resolution of this Problem which will include the removal of the RVs, towing and prosecution;*
- 3) That Councilmember Rosendahl's office release the petitions to residents and property owners for the implementation of the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance, and that the CD11 office continues to expedite the posting of the oversized vehicle signage.*

Zone Director Reports

New Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

Grievances – Secretary

Future agenda items

Adjournment (9:30 PM)

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