

Mar Vista Community Council
BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting
February 8, 2011
Minutes

7:02 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The following members of the board were present: Kate Anderson, Laura Bodensteiner, Sharon Commins, Geoffrey Forgione, Bill Koontz, Marilyn Marble, Tara Mulski, Babak Nahid, Albert Olson, Maritza Przekop, Chuck Ray, Bill Scheduling and Alex Thompson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 2011 minutes were approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Resolution of Commendation to Girl Scout Troop 8395: Grace Bedecarre, Haley deMar, Mia Denari, Eva Dugre, Nia Garnett, Emma Green, Kinsey Makkar, Katy Nicastro, and Mari Sakamoto

Whereas the members of Girl Scout Troop 8395 have volunteered their time and energy for the past two years to cleaning, maintaining, and improving the appearance of the Inglewood Blvd. Staircase, and

Whereas the members of Girl Scout Troop 8395 have performed these duties with enthusiasm and dedication, and

Whereas the members of Girl Scout Troop 8395 have distinguished themselves and demonstrated an admirable concern for the welfare and safety of their community,

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council hereby awards Grace Bedecarre, Kinsey Makkar, Nia Garnett, Mia Denari, Eva Dugre, Mari Sakamoto, Katy Nicastro, Emma Green, & Haley deMar this Commendation for Exemplary Service and Commitment to our Community and honors them with lifelong Stakeholder status in the Mar Vista Community.

Motion approved unanimously.

Councilman Bill Rosendahl presented commendations to the Girl Scouts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carole Kealoha, Mar Vista Library, reported on Measure L. Friends of the Library meeting on 4th Thursday will elect new board. Elizabeth Ralston, League of Women Voters, stated the league's position on Measure G (yes), Measure H (yes), Measure L (no),

Proposition O (yes), Charter Amendment Q (no). She invited stakeholders to visit the league's web site and Smartvoter.org. Kathy Owens, MV resident, Friends of Venice library boardmember, commented on Measure L.

Ken Alpern, commented that he supports Measure L and opposes Charter Amendment Q.

Chuck Ray discussed the DWP and his involvement with Measures I and J. He commented that Measure J is to coordinate the timing of the DWP and city budget. Measure I would create formal oversight of the DWP, Office of Public Accountability.

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Liz Narvaez, Mar Vista Recreation Center Acting Director, reported that the basketball season is going great. She introduced Damon Hooks, new coordinator at the park.

CD 5 Paul Koretz, rep. by David.Giron@lacity.org, Field Deputy announced a town hall on the budget on Feb. 24 7-8:30 pm at John Thomas High School. He reported on traffic concerns along Palms.

US 36 Congresswoman Jane Harman, represented by Deputy Chief-of-Staff Kate Anderson, reported that the congressman is resigning, but the district office will remain open to serve citizens.

Special Presentation: LADOT Westside Mobility Plan and Parking Study Presentation Thomas Gaul, Mobility Plan Project

Manager, Fehr & Peers Maria Yanez-Forgash, Public Outreach, Arellano Associates

He presented the parking survey and discussed the study.

Maritza Przekop asked how the study was funded.

Christopher McKinnon asked about Livable Boulevards.

Nancy Karlin suggested putting surveys in libraries.

Lorraine Wells asked about the effect on the MV Farmers' Market.

Babak Nahid asked if Fehr & Peers, the consulting firm presenting, was the only one being paid by taxpayer/LADOT funds for such a study for the Westside (no) and how much was this study alone was going to cost (\$2.5 million).

OFFICERS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Chair: Albert Olson reported on the commendation for Mo Blorfroshan.

First Vice Chair: No report
Second Vice Chair: No report
Secretary: No report
Treasurer: Alex Thompson gave a report on the budget.
Director for Animal Welfare: No report.
DWP MOU: Chuck Ray reported on the recent meeting. Winifred Yancy has been promoted.
LADWP-BOS Recycled Water Advisory Group: Christopher McKinnon announced a rep will present at the March 8 MVCC meeting. He reported on the RWAG tour. All water is recycled.
Bi Monthly CD 11/LADOT/MVCC Traffic Committee: Linda Guagliano reported on the Jan. 12 meeting. First meeting with Michael May from LADOT. Next meeting on March 9.
LANCC Delegate Report: Albert Olson requested volunteers to be the MVCC delegate. Maritza Przekop and Chuck Ray indicated interest in serving.

OLD BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive & Finance Committee:

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: The MVCC approves the submitted January statement for the US Bank MVCC Purchase Card.

Motion passed unanimously.

FUNDING MOTION: The MVCC allocates up to \$600 for payment to a website developer to fix or improve various functions of the website that have been identified as being in need of repair or improvement.

Curt Steindler asked about the functionality that will be improved. Babak Nahid gave several examples.

Motion passed 9 for, 2 abstentions (Bill Koontz and Bill Scheduling).

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Motion of Commendation for Girl Scout Troop 8395 was previously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Motion to re-allocate portions of the MVCC budget to pay for additional newsletter. Withdrawn.

Safety and Security Committee:

ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION: Approval of a letter of recognition and commendation for LAPD Senior Lead Officer Heidi Llanes

Whereas Heidi Ilanes has been a Senior Lead officer for the Los Angeles Police Department's Pacific Area Police Station in the Mar Vista Community and has performed these duties with special care, dedication, concern and partnership, and

Whereas SLO Heidi Ilanes has performed these duties with distinction and professionalism, And

Whereas her commitment to serve her community ranges from coordinating community beautification projects at the Mar Vista Library and sites throughout her area to developing and implementing not only the Winter Wonderland Toy Drive/Give Away event that serves needy families and children throughout our community to building and coordinating the annual Pacific Santa Sleigh Stop Outreach program to responding to a broad and complex mix of community concerns as quickly and completely as possible,

Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council hereby awards LAPD Senior Lead Officer Heidi Ilanes this commendation for Exemplary Service and Commitment to our Community and honors her with lifelong Stakeholder status in the Mar Vista Community.

Tara Mulski commented on the focus of the board with the amount of commendations.

Linda Guagliano commented in favor of the commendation for Heidi Ilanes.

Curt Steindler also commented in favor of the commendation.

Motion passed 9 for, 2 abstentions (Tara Mulski and Bill Scheduling).

FUNDING MOTION: The MVCC approves the allocation of up to \$2,000 for Safety and Security Stakeholder Meeting with Venice NC (Not to exceed and meet all board and city funding guidelines and will expire at the end of the fiscal year.) contingent upon submission upon a detailed budget at the March 8 MVCC board meeting.

Bill Koontz commented on the event.

Christopher McKinnon asked about adding a sunset clause.

Ken Alpern commented on holding the event at Venice High School.

Bill Scheduling asked if Venice NC is putting up money.

Motion to table. 6 to 5 against. Motion tabled.

FUNDING MOTION: The MVCC approves the allocation of up to \$1,000 for Map Your Neighborhood Program (Not to exceed and must meet all board and city funding guidelines).

Bill Koontz discussed the program and shared the literature.

Babak Nahid asked if other resources are being looked at.

Bill Scheduling commented on the CERT program.

Motion passed 6 for, 3 opposed (Tara Mulski, Chuck Ray, Bill Scheduling), 2 abstentions (Maritza Przekop and Babak Nahid)

Transportation & Infrastructure Committee:

POLICY MOTION: RESOLVED that the MVCC OPPOSES the Mayor's and City council's "P-3" proposal to lease to private investors for 50 years nine public parking garages located in Westwood, Hollywood, Downtown LA, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Van Nuys, and on Robertson Boulevard; OPPOSES the sale or lease of any other city parking garages and/or parking meters; and SUPPORTS the continuation of all existing parking programs offering free and/or low-cost short term parking rates currently provided at any of the City's public garages.

Ken Alpern commented in support of the motion.

Nancy Karlin commented in favor of the motion.

Curt Steindler commented in favor of the motion.

Geoff Forgione commented that this plan is short-sighted.

Maritza Przekop commented on the plan.

Motion passed 9 for, 1 opposed (Maritza Przekop), 1 abstention (Tara Mulski)

POLICY MOTION: the Mar Vista Community Council goes on record as supporting Governor Brown's proposal to dismantle Community Redevelopment Agencies including the CRA/LA, if and only if the CRA's tax increment money is re-directed back to local schools and local governments as announced. This motion passed unanimously. This motion, if approved by the board, should be sent to the Governor, the State Senators and Representatives from our area, Councilmembers Koretz and Rosendahl, and the Mayor. Support was given for submitting a Community Impact Statement by MVCC with this motion to Council File 11-0086.

Nancy Karlin commented on affordable housing.

Ken Alpern commented in favor of the motion.

Curt Steindler commented in favor of the motion.

Bill Scheduling commented in favor, but is concerned about the wording.

Maritza Przekop commented that there are no CRAs in the area.

Babak Nahid expressed concern about the wording of the motion.

Albert Olson commented on

Motion passed 6 for, 2 opposed, 3 abstentions (Babak Nahid, Laura Bodensteiner, Sharon Commins)

Planning and Land Use Committee:

POLICY MOTION: Motion to support application ZA-2010-3163-CUB ENV-2010-3162-EAF, 12210 Venice Blvd. for on & off-site consumption of beer and wine in conjunction with market seeking change of use for portion of the market to interior and exterior dining. The applicant agrees the hours shall be open daily, 6 AM to 1 AM and that there will be no deliveries before 7AM. The use is for beer and wine sales and consumption only. The applicant shall post signs saying 'Quiet please; respect the neighbors' in the parking area. Recycling and refuse bins shall be locked. The applicant further agrees to appear before the Mar Vista Community Council Planning and Land use Management Committee twelve months after opening.

Sharon Commins commented on motion. Feb. 15 hearing at ZA.

Eric Newman commented on the revitalization of the corner. He addressed issues that were raised by a neighbor regarding noise.

Ken Alpern asked about the hours Sunday-Thursday.

Curt Steindler commented in support of the motion.

Terry Robinson asked about outreach to the surrounding neighborhood.

Maritza Przekop asked about the windows and cleaning the alley and surrounding area.

The owner commented on the poor state of the property when she bought it. She personally vouched for the continued maintenance of the property.

Bill Koontz commented on the positive safety improvements.

Babak Nahid asked about outreach.

Tara Mulski asked about recycling.

Motion passed unanimously.

Education, Arts and Culture:

Babak Nahid announced the April 14 Education Summit of local schools and panels.

Rick Selan praised the MVCC education committee.

Green Committee:

FUNDING MOTION: To allocate up to \$1,000 to fund the 2011 Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase. 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, 2011.

Laura Bodensteiner explained the funds would be used for the flags to mark the gardens (\$7 each), bamboo poles (approx. \$50) and outreach printing costs. Exact cost can not be given until the close of garden recruitment in March. She commented that the \$300 budgeted for the Wise Power Use Expo was not spent.

Chuck commented about tapping businesses to contribute.

Maritza asked for the budget. Laura Bodensteiner reiterated the above breakdown of the costs.

Motion passed, 9 for, 2 abstentions (Chuck Ray, Maritza Przekop)

Recreation Open Space Enhancement: Jerry Hornoff announced the upcoming meeting on March 2 lighting at MV park.

Community Outreach Committee:

Maritza Przekop explained her votes against funding motions without budgets. She explained that a CIG applicant to the Outreach committee was upset because her motion was not on the agenda due to a lack of a budget.

Election & Bylaws Committee:

POLICY MOTION: Resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council Standing Rules be amended by deleting the final sentence of section II.4 and adding a new Section II.5(h) as follows: *Where a motion duly made and passed by a committee is presented for consideration to the full MVCC board, a co-chair of that committee, or another person so designated by the same, shall report the precise vote count (yeas, neas, and abstentions) by which the motion was approved by the committee, and deliver a minority report presenting the arguments, if any, voiced in opposition to the motion. This paragraph (h) shall not limit or otherwise displace any other requirements of motions made to the full board provided for by these Standing Rules or the MVCC Bylaws.*

Vote: 5 in favor; 1 opposed. Minority Report: Burdensome on committee chairs; unlikely to be observed/enforced.

Ken Alpern commented in favor of the motion.

Maritza Przekop commented in support of the motion.

Sharon Commins commented in support of the motion.

Babak Nahid asked for an example of a minority report.

Tara Mulski commented that she is concerned about time.

Motion passed unanimously.

POLICY MOTION: Resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council Standing Rules be amended by deleting the word "Robert's" from Section II.1 and Section II.7 and replacing both references with "Rosenberg's."

Report: this motion passed unanimously 6-0. No minority report.

Curt Steindler commented on the differences between Robert's to Rosenberg's rules. There is no difference between the seated board and the public in Rosenberg's rules.

Albert Olson explained that the change to Rosenberg's Rules was already approved, and this just fixes a clerical error.

Motion passed 9 for, 1 opposed (Maritza Przekop), 1 abstention (Tara Mulski).

Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee: Sharon Commins reported on the progress.

Santa Monica Airport Committee: Bill Koontz reported that the committee met.

Zone Director Reports

1. No report.

2. No report.

3. Bill Scheduling announced the April 7 Hilltop meeting.

4. No report.

5. No report.

6. No report.

New Business: None

Grievances:

Grievance Filing: A Grievance was filed with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment on January 13, 2011 by Mr. Rick Selan against the Mar Vista Community Council

MVCC Bylaws Article IX: Grievance Procedures "Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may then refer the matter to an ad hoc grievance panel comprised of three (3) Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the MVCC Secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from

time- to-time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary shall coordinate a time and a place for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board outlining the panel's collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board, pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with Board Rules or these By-laws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or State and federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, then the matter may be referred to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution in accordance with the Plan."

MVCC Standing Rules Section III Grievance Panel

1. Grievances must be filed by a Stakeholder in writing, on a form available from the MVCC Board or Secretary. Such grievance must state in brief, concise terms the allegations and facts supporting the grievance.
2. The grievance must arise out of an action of the MVCC and/or an MVCC board member acting in its official capacity and must be filed by the person who is making the grievance. Grievances cannot be filed anonymously or filed on behalf of someone else.
3. The grievance must be filed within 45 days of the action taken by the MVCC.

Rick Selan explained the grievance.

Albert Olson commented that a grievance must address an action of the board or board member.

Motion to table. 2 for, 7 opposed, 1 abstention (Laura Bodensteiner). Motion did not pass.

Tara Mulski commented on the need for civility in communications.

Mr. Selan stated that he withdraws the grievance. No further action to be taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Bodensteiner on Feb. 28, 2011.