

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 7:00 PM
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066
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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.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome – Acting Chair** (2 min.)
- 2. Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
- 3. Approval of Minutes** (public comment permitted) (2 min)
 - a. November 8, 2011
 - b. Special Meeting November 14, 2011
- 4. Acting Chair Report**
 - a. Officer election to fill the vacant position of the Chair of the MVCC, conducted by the Elections & Bylaws Committee (as required by the Bylaws).
 - b. Nomination by the Chair of a stakeholder to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Zone 4 director Tara Mulski. Candidate statements submitted by:
 - i. Michael Millman
 - ii. Joy Murao [see appendix A for candidate statement]
 - iii. Shane Popp
 - iv. Charles Rosenberg [withdrawn via email]
 - c. Bring back from the table, and present nomination by the newly-elected Chair of a stakeholder to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of at-large director Laura Bodensteiner. Candidate statements previously submitted by: Vida Ash; Susan Klos; John Kuchta [withdrawn] Chelsea McFarland [withdrawn via email], Yvette Molinaro, Michael Millman; and Shane Popp
 - d. Officer election to fill the vacant position of the Secretary of the MVCC, conducted by the Elections & Bylaws Committee (as required by the Bylaws).
 - e. Any further officer elections to fill any vacancies caused by the election of existing officers to the positions of Chair or Secretary.
 - f. Formal announcement (as required by the Bylaws) by the Chair of a vacancy caused by the resignation of former at-large director Albert Olson.
- 5. Public Comment & Announcements** for items not on the agenda
- 6. Elected Officials and City Department Reports**
 - a. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment
 - b. DWP – Victoria Cross, DWP Neighborhood Council Liaison Victoria.Cross@WATER.LADWP.com
 - c. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
 - d. CD 11 - Bill Rosendahl, rep. by Len.Nguyen@lacity.org , Field Deputy
 - e. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep. by David.Giron@lacity.org , Field Deputy
 - f. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - g. CA Senate 28 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov
 - h. CA Assembly 47 – Holly Mitchell
 - i. CA Assembly 53 – Betsy Butler, rep. by Stephanie.Romero@asm.ca.gov
 - j. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Super.– Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov,
 - k. Mayor of Los Angeles – Antonio Villaraigosa, rep. by Joseph.Hari@lacity.org
- 7. Officers and Liaison Reports**
 - a. Chair
 - b. First Vice Chair
 - c. Second Vice Chair
 - d. Secretary
 - e. Treasurer

- f. Animal Welfare Agencies and Organizations – Curt Steindler
- g. DWP MOU – Chuck Ray
- h. DWP/BOS Recycled Water Advisory Group-Christopher McKinnon
- i. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee - Linda Guagliano,
- j. LANCC Delegate Report – Maritza Przekop, Chuck Ray

8. Old Business - Action items (Public comment permitted)

9. Committee reports - Action items included (public comment permitted)

a. Executive & Finance Committee

- i. Administrative Motion: *The MVCC Board approves the submitted November statement for the US Bank MVCC Purchase Card.*
- ii. 2012 NC Election issues and City Clerk Election Alternatives online surveys for NC boards and stakeholders; deadline for comment: Friday, January 6, 2012 http://cityclerk.lacity.org/election/ncdocs/NC_Board_Election_Alternatives_Survey_10.26.pdf
- iii. Reschedule web training for Board members—possible dates

b. Community Outreach Committee – Maritza Przekop & Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs

c. Education, Arts and Culture Committee – Amy Lawrence & Babak Nahid, Co-Chairs

d. Election & Bylaws Committee – Bob Fitzpatrick & Geoff Forgione, Co-Chairs

- i. Policy Motion: Proposed motion regarding NC Elections Process:
WHEREAS, the L.A. City Council has failed to allocate funds to enable the City Clerk to conduct the next regularly scheduled spring 2012 Neighborhood Council elections, resulting in a delay of those elections until at least the spring of 2014;
WHEREAS, while the MVCC appreciates the difficult economic conditions prevailing in the City, we find it inconsistent with traditional notions of neighborhood empowerment and democratic ideals that Neighborhood Council elections be postponed until 2014, requiring incumbents to serve a term twice as long as the one to which they were elected and shutting out qualified candidates who wish to come forward and serve;
WHEREAS, the MVCC finds it equally unacceptable the proposal being considered in some quarters to divest the City Clerk from responsibility for Neighborhood Council elections in favor of some sort of "selection" or "town hall" process to circumvent the relevant ordinance requiring an actual election run by the City Clerk;
and WHEREAS, as noted in our prior motion on the subject, the entire Neighborhood Council system is enhanced by having its elections run by the same official entity that runs all other City elections and proposals to allow individual councils to choose among various other options, such as "electronic," "town-hall" and/or "incumbent-run" election systems may result in elections marred by the limitations of those procedures, including the loss of transparency, accuracy, and legitimacy, and will lead to a proliferation of disputes.
THEREFORE, the MVCC calls upon CD-11 Councilman Rosendahl to introduce a motion to allocate funds sufficient to enable the City Clerk to conduct Neighborhood Council elections no later than the Fall of 2012 or, in the alternative, the Spring of 2013. The MVCC further calls upon Councilman Rosendahl to ensure that if the Council persists in its refusal to fund the City Clerk, that neither the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or any other City entity be permitted to impose a "one size fits all" approach to elections by requiring that every neighborhood council adopt the same election procedure in the absence of the City Clerk.

e. Green Committee – Sherri Akers & Laura Bodensteiner, Co-Chairs

- i. Funding Motion: *The MVCC Green Committee requests \$1,000 funding for additional pennants at gardens, posters, flyers and street signage for the 4th annual Mar Vista Green Garden Showcase to be held on April 21st, 2012.*
- ii. Policy Motion: *The Mar Vista Community Council is very supportive of local agriculture and local sellers of that agriculture, and feel that federal policies should reflect support for those entities. While understanding the current need for budget restraint in the Federal legislative process, the MVCC urges Councilman Bill Rosendahl and the Los Angeles City Council to carefully review the proposed cuts and their impact on our local food policy.*
- iii. Policy Motion: City Hall lawn replacement from damage of Occupy LA:

1. *To: Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager of the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks RE: Sustainable Landscaping at Los Angeles City Hall:
The Mar Vista Community Council endorses and requests that the lawn that was destroyed at City Hall be replaced with sustainable landscaping using plants indigenous to Southern California and following the guidelines of the [Low Impact Development Ordinance](#) to address storm water diversion and water capture. While keeping with the guidelines of [Project Restore](#), this civic open space should utilize permeable hardscape and indigenous plants that are naturally drought tolerant. Plants indigenous to Southern California will not require fertilizers, which will protect our watershed as well.
While the City is urging homeowners and businesses to replace turf lawn with sustainable alternatives, it is imperative that the City utilize this opportunity to set an example by re-landscaping to conserve water and create a habitat that fosters the pollinators needed to support our ecosystem. Such landscaping will serve to promote environmental awareness and responsible landscaping choices by others in a highly visible setting and will ultimately save the city money in both water usage and maintenance.
Please make our wishes in this matter known to all who are involved or concerned. Your assistance in this process is appreciated. If there are others we should contact directly, your help in identifying those parties would also be appreciated. Thank you for your time and consideration.*

- f. **PLUM Committee** – Sharon Commins & Steve Wallace, Co-Chairs.
- g. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs
 - i. **Policy Motion:** *The Mar Vista Community Council supports the concept and implementation of a Neighborhood Team Program (NTP), an emergency support program organized through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) of the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and the Los Angeles Police Departments Block Captain Program. Under the Neighborhood Team Program community members who have taken the CERT training and LAPD Block Captain program can volunteer as NTP Team Leaders, organizing and providing direction to other neighborhood residents in preparing for and responding to public safety issues, proactively plan for emergencies and led aid following disasters such as an earthquake or major fire*
- h. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** - Geoff Forgione & Chuck Ray, Co-Chairs
 - i. **Policy Motion:** *The MVCC requests that the CD-11 Office immediately provide funds to LADOT so that any neighborhood in Mar Vista that so desires them may secure posted signs prohibiting the overnight parking of oversized vehicles."*
- i. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Sharon Commins & Rachel Swanger, Co-Chairs
- j. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
- k. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Koontz & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs

10. Zone Director Reports

11. **New Business** -(Public comment permitted)

12. **Grievances, if any received**

13. **Future agenda items**

14. **Adjournment** (9:30 PM)

APPENDIX A:

JOY MURAO: CANDIDATE STATEMENT, ZONE 4 DIRECTOR:

With the opening of the District 4 seat, I hereby submit my Statement of Candidacy. As a Mar Vista home owner for the past 2 years and a long standing "Westsider", I have seen the wonderful growth of the Mar Vista community- fruit of the great work of the MVCC. I recognize that this success comes from many sources including many hours of joint efforts, meetings and negotiations by the MVCC. I pledge to commit my time and best efforts to adding to the collective strength of the MVCC and will bring to bear my many years of experience in building, implementing and sustaining progressive forward thinking, service-minded organizations while drawing from my technology-based skill set. I look forward to continuing the goals set by Tara Mulski for District 4, bringing new ideas to the MVCC and opening new lines of community communication in my district.

Other candidate statements previously distributed to the Board November 8, 2011.