

Mar Vista Community Council
Executive and Budget Committee
3547 Federal Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90066
7:00 pm, March 1, 2010

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Chair Albert Olson. The following were present: Albert Olson, Sharon Commins, Chris McKinnon, Bob Fitzpatrick, Babak Nahid, Stephen Boskin, Marilyn Marble, Lorraine Wells, Laura Bodensteiner

Public comment on the draft resolution at the City Council amending the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils to allow for term limits (City Council file 09-1115)

2. The minutes from the February meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report (possible motions)

a. Discussion of DONE policy on rollovers, and the March 10 deadline for submitting appropriate materials, along with discussion of what future yearly allocation might be.

4. Committee Administrative Items (possible motions)

a. Discussion of Agenda for March 9th Board of Directors Meeting and the LADOT Neighborhood Traffic Management Presentation.

b. Election Update and use of MVCC Farmers Market booth for Election purposes

1. Candidate Forum: April 6, 2010 Mar Vista Rec. Center

2. Possible Candidate Day at Farmers Market booth, March 28 or April 4 (or both)

5. Upcoming Quarterly Newsletter

Submission deadline was stated as March 15, by Laura Bodensteiner, and the newsletter would be ready for distribution on the 27th, with CBS doing the mass distro on April 3-4.

6. Old Business (possible motions)

a. Website development update and moving forward to completion.

1. Babak Nahid discussed how to move to new hosting site, and the idea of setting up training procedures for the website.

b. Discussion of Re-organization of DONE, and possible position that MVCC make take regarding these issues. The following motion was approved unanimously: *The Mar Vista Community Council recognizes the L.A. City budget crisis and the need to find efficient ways of reducing the City's expenditures. The MVCC also recognizes the responsibility of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to be a part of these reductions, and the intent of the Mayor's recent proposals of consolidation of DONE with CDD as a reasonable way of accomplishing these reductions.*

However, the MVCC recommends the following guidelines in pursuing this consolidation:

1. The Senior Executive in the new DONE organizational structure shall report directly to the General Manager of CDD.

2. Funding oversight shall remain a City function, but be simplified and streamlined to include the following:

a. Create standardized accounting system accessible and supervised on-line

b. Elimination of petty cash

c. Restrict Purchase Card Categories, and use Purchase Cards for all purchases under \$2,500.

d. Require monthly Neighborhood Council Board approval of ALL purchases for each Council, and monthly submission of that approval, along with statements, to City funding supervisor.

3. Neighborhood Councils shall collectively create a Volunteer Training system to assist the City in training, and mentoring of Neighborhood Council organizations and members.

4. The process of consolidation shall proceed according to a timetable which allows individual Neighborhood Councils to provide input to the City Council and the Mayor's office regarding the structure and implementation of this consolidation.

7. New Business (possible motions)

a. Stakeholder Survey for MVCC election day, and after. Should the MVCC continue the survey, and if so, what should the format and questions be? It was decided (6 yes; 2 no) to go ahead with the survey, and create a list of questions to be presented to the Board at the March meeting.

b. Mayors Day of Service on May 1st. Would the MVCC like to participate? A discussion took place regarding whether or not the MVCC would participate. A motion to participate was proposed, and died for lack of a second.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.