

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Sunday May 31, 2009 1pm, Farmers' Market

1. Call to Order Tom Ponton, Chair (1:00 PM)
2. In attendance: Marilyn Marble; Tim Oliva; Gretchen Fox; Jerry Hornof; Roseann Herman; Christopher McKinnon; Pat Karasick; Tom Ponton; Sharon Commins; Albert Olsen
3. Approval of the minutes: minutes from meeting of 2-17-2009 approved as submitted; minutes of 3-31-2009 to be submitted next meeting
4. Brief Introductions and Public Comment or Announcements pertaining to items not on the agenda: none tendered
5. Upgrade and maintenance of the public stairs at Inglewood Blvd. to Granville Ave. & Indianapolis St.
 - a. One email of concern about the possibility of the proposed bench blocking access as the stairs are narrow. Bench request removed from funding
 - b. Lighting of the stairs for safety with solar powered, motion detectors was discussed
 - i. concerns about brightness and need for outreach to see if neighbors buy in
 - c. repair of culverts and fences by local contractor contemplated
 - d. Funding Motion as amended: *Request that the MVCC Board extend and renew into the next fiscal year, previously approved of funds of up to \$2,500, in support of beautification and maintenance, including buying plants, containers, trash cans, and lighting upgrades as approved by the City and nearby residents. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.* Passed with one abstention.
6. Upgrade of the public stairs from Beethoven St to Appleton Way.
 - a. Len Nguyen will review the City's actual boundary lines around the stairs in light of one neighbor's expressed concerns about property boundaries
 - b. Funding Motion: *Request that the MVCC Board extend and renew into the next fiscal year, previously approved of funds of up to \$2,000, in support of beautification and maintenance, including buying plants, trash can, and a bench for the public stairs from Beethoven St to Appleton Way. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.* Passed with one abstention
7. Improvements to the Mar Vista Park Roller Hockey Rink.
 - a. The rink is enjoying many hours of active use from both roller hockey and soccer players; needs to be resurfaced for safety
 - i. the proposed coating is a breathable paint surface compatible with concrete so moisture does not stay on the surface and create dangerous playing conditions
 1. the coating will be tested first prior to implementing the project
 2. surface prep will be necessary to repair cracks
 - b. Funding Motion: *Request that the MVCC approve funds of up to \$2,500 for the purchase of specialized patching and repair materials and up to 20 gallons of _Roll-On_ or similar surface coating to be used for the repair and upgrade of the surface of the Hockey Rink at Mar Vista Park. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010.* Passed with one abstention
8. Landscape and maintenance problems at the NEW Fire Station 62.
 - a. Fire station cooperating as concerns have been raised about the previous \$10,000 worth of MVCC funding of plantings which were subsequently removed by the station.
 - b. local residents have over 1,000 man hours worth of volunteer labor in improvement to the new fire station

- c. Funding Motion: *Request MVCC community improvement and beautification funds of up to \$2,500 for the repair, replacement and addition of plants, irrigation and landscaping elements at NEW Fire Station #62. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010. Passed unanimously*

9. Concerns about landscape and maintenance at the OLD new Fire Station 62.

- a. Old FS 62 is on the Mayors' day projects list for general clean up.
 - i. The appearance of the station is a public disgrace: overgrown with weeds and attracting vagrants and squatters.
 - ii. Permaculture technique to be used to control weeds [layering cardboard/compost]. Prevents weed germination and provides a neater appearance from the street
- b. Consideration of a Funding Motion: *Request MVCC community improvement and beautification funds of up to \$500 for the replacement and addition of California native drought tolerant plants and landscaping elements at OLD Fire Station #62. Funding motion to meet all DONE guidelines and will expire at end of fiscal year 2009-2010. Passed with one abstention*

10. Agenda requests, date, and location for the next meeting: TBD.

11. Adjournment (2:00 PM)