



# Mar Vista Community Council



**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Tuesday, June 9th, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.  
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium  
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA  
90066

## MINUTES

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)

Meeting called to order at 7:09 P.M.

Quorum present: Bill Koontz (chair), Bill Scheduling (treasurer), Mitchell Rishe (1<sup>st</sup> vice chair), Melissa Stoller (secretary), Sherri Akers, Valerie Davidson, Robin Doyno, Michelle Krupkin, Michael Millman, Brad Wilhite

2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)

3. **Approval of May 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes** (public comment permitted; 1 min per speaker)

Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherri Akers. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)

Christopher Lawrence:

- 16 year resident of Mar Vista with 2 children in Mandarin Immersion Program.
- Program has brought families back to public schools but now LAUSD is cutting enrollment in MI kindergarten in half in the 2016-17 academic year; this is fatal blow to program. They're also adding two more portables to the Broadway campus, thus taking away additional green space on a small, already cramped campus.
- 70 Mar Vista kids are currently enrolled in program.

Valerie Davidson:

- Asking neighbors to submit Congressional Casework Form (<http://www.smofuture.com/faa.html>) for Ted Lieu & Karen Bass to take to DC; goal is 1000 forms.

5. **Elected Officials and City Department Reports** (max 1 min. each unless waived by the Chair)

- a. CD 11 – CM Mike Bonin, rep. by Field Deputy Len Nguyen [Len.Nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:Len.Nguyen@lacity.org)
  - Short term rentals: Mike supports sharing economy, but wants to collect transient occupancy tax for people operating a defacto hotel and don't live in the short-term rental house or apartment building. With Councilmember Herb Wessin, brought forth motion supporting Senate Bill 593 which bans eviction of tenants in order to have short term rentals. Sara Roos asked how residency law would be enforced.
  - Sponsoring Mar Vista movie night
  - Mike has asked DOT to review classification of Rose & Beethoven as collector street.
  - Council voted to include all of Mar Vista in the mansionization Interim Control Ordinance.
- b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Lizka Mendoza, Director
  - Summer camp started June 8. Pool opens June 13. Movie night is June 20—there'll be moon bounces; Whole Foods is sponsoring a kid biking from here to Santa Barbara to benefit Firefighters.
  - Concerns with homeless situation: illegal activities (smoking) at west end of park; handling overnight sleeping in humane & safe manner. Will bring up issue to Park Advisory Board; working with Senior Lead Officer.

- Bill Scheduling: resolved a problem with Event Approval Form and \$4000 for the 2014 Fall Festival is on its way to the park.
- c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway [joejdg92@gmail.com](mailto:joejdg92@gmail.com)
  - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
  - e. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin [scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov)
  - f. Congressman – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles [Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov)
  - g. CA Assembly 47
  - h. CA Assembly 62
  - i. 2nd Dist. L. A. County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley Thomas, rep. by Karly Katona, [Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Karly.Katona@bos.lacounty.gov)
  - j. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm [Daniel.tamm@lacity.org](mailto:Daniel.tamm@lacity.org)
6. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted; 1min per speaker)
- a. Chair-Bill Koontz
    - i. Update on Code of Conduct with possible motion  
DONE has updated website; everyone is now up-to-date on ethics training; Robin & Sherri are not up-to-date on funding training.
    - ii. Board retreat  
Team building event (include committee co-chairs who are not on Board) at Rob Kadota's; will send Doodle to find a date.
    - iii. Election of board officers  
Motion to move election to after Treasurer report by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Wilhite.  
Motion carried unanimously.  
Sarah Auerswald presided over election.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Motion by</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> by</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Chair	Bill Koontz	Melissa Stoller	Bill Scheduling	Unanimous
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Mitchell Rishe	Bill Koontz	Valerie Davidson	Unanimous
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair	John Kutcha	Bill Koontz	Mitchell Rishe	Unanimous
Secretary	Melissa Stoller	Bill Koontz	Valerie Davidson	Unanimous
Treasurer	Bill Scheduling	Bill Koontz	Mitchell Rishe	Unanimous
  - b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe
    - Mandarin Immersion downsizing: people should take good hard look at their behavior and what it's wrought.
  - c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta
  - d. Secretary –Melissa Stoller
    - Reminder: Committee chairs are responsible for writing policy motion letters; Melissa will help with formatting and post them on the website
  - e. Treasurer-William Scheduling: NOTE: All funding motions must conform to all Empower funding guidelines and must be funded and paid in fiscal year 2014-15 or they will expire. All NPG and CIG grants approved by the Mar Vista Community Council are restricted funds according to Department of Neighborhood Empowerment regulations and must be used for the exact purpose approved by the MVCC. All Neighborhood Council Funding reports are available online at <http://done.lacity.org/onlinefunding/ncfunding.aspx>  
Motion to approve funding motions 6.e.iv – vii on consent.  
Melissa questioned why we are approving funding requests for CBS and Tickled Plum for the third time in 2015.  
Motion carried unanimously (NOTE: Michael Millman recused himself).
    - i. **APPROVAL** of May Monthly Expense Report (MER)  
Explanation of overdraft provided by Bill Scheduling; overdrafts happened to other NCs as well.  
Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Koontz. Motion carried unanimously.

ii. **APPROVAL** of MVCC Budget Worksheet for 2015–2016 fiscal year (see Attachment A)

Motion to approve by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Koontz. Motion carried unanimously.

iii. **APPROVAL** of MVCC 2014-2015 Budget Cleanup (Director’s motion by Bill Scheduling)

Move to consider at end by Bills, Sherri, unam

Motion to consider this funding request last by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherri Akers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve by Bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherri; motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> 4 bulleted items by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krupkin; Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve 5<sup>th</sup> bulleted item as amended by Bill Scheduling.

Discussion:

Sara Roos: new “shovel ready” NPG requests

- \$1308 for archival computer (library has software ) to document a 100 year old house donated to Venice High School
- Venice HS – sports medicine team grant, funded thru Gondolier Boosters, \$1000
- \$1500 for camera equip; use for Venice HS PR – document for what school is doing; SLR camera

Christopher McKinnon: can’t vote on funding motions without informing public; Sherri Akers agrees. Michael Millman also agrees—vet the items, and have another meeting before disbursing.

Debbie Rochlin: What day do we say to those with uncashed checks we’re allocate the money to others NPG requests(last date to submit paperwork to DONE is 6/22 and checks must be cashed by 6/30)?

Valerie Davidson: we’re rushing at last minutes to spend all the money; why not plan ahead more? Response: tried to do that, but it has taken long time for DONE to cut checks.

Motion to put over to another BOD meeting before June 21<sup>st</sup> by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Millman. Vote: 8 ayes, 1 nay (Mitchell Rishe), 1 abstention (Sherri Akers).

Whereas the MVCC 2014-2015 Fiscal Year budget allocates monies for projects that have not materialized, therefore let it be resolved to

- Reduce the Outreach budget item and move up to \$6000 to NPG
- Reduce the Outreach budget item and move up to \$1000 to Operations, with the combined movement to to exceed \$9000
- Close the Election budget item and move up to \$500 to operations
- Close the CIG budget item and move up to \$5900 to NPG and up to \$5900 to outreach, with the combined movement not to exceed \$5900
- Close the MVCC Account by appropriating any remaining funds as follows:
  - ~~\$2000~~ \$750 from NPG budget to Richland for books,
  - \$1000 from Operations budget to Farmers’ Market for tent rental
  - Allocate any additional funds, not to exceed \$6000, to other last minute NPG Funding Requests submitted with completed Funding Request Forms and approved by the Board at its June meeting
  - Remainder not to exceed \$5000 to 2015 Congress of Neighborhoods/Budget Advocates

iv. **FUNDING MOTION:** MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$33 for RIMU, web hosting.

v. **FUNDING MOTION:** MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$259 for StorQuest.

vi. **FUNDING MOTION:** MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$350 for Tickled Plum for graphic layout of the newsletter.

vii. **FUNDING MOTION:** MVCC approves the expenditure of up to \$1725 for CBS Adv. for distribution of the newsletter.

- viii. **FUNDING MOTION:** Reimburse Up to Speed for Mar Vista Neighborhood Association event planning services, not to exceed \$300.
- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison: Linda Guagliano  
Last meeting was May 20
- Mitigation measures in North Westdale; study completed, work orders sent out, may take 2-3 months to complete
  - Farmers' Market signs: work orders still in process
  - 4-way stop at Westminster & Wasatch: work order backed up
  - Speed trailer on Palms between McLaughlin & Sawtelle for 2 days found average speed of 34 MPH. Speed survey is expired and drivers can't be ticketed for speeding until there's an up-to-date speed survey. Mitchell Rishe: average speed is meaningless—need to break down by time of day
  - Brad: Richland street cleaning is during school drop-off time and lots of parents get tickets. Sara Roos: need to talk to LAUSD board, they will expedite time change with DOT.
- g. DWP MOU Liaison: Myra Boime
- h. LANCC Liaison: Open (Bill Koontz reporting)
- Asking DONE to staff all positions, and city to fund
  - Approved eliminating short term rentals
  - Asking mayor to declare a state of emergency for homeless
  - City should delay decision on sidewalk vending; different areas have different needs
- i. DWP Recycled Water Liaison: Christopher McKinnon [www.ladwp.com/recycledwater](http://www.ladwp.com/recycledwater)
- June 10, 8:00 P.M., Mayor will be on KCET discussing drought
  - Bill Scheduling: any consideration to use salt water to flush toilets?
  - Valerie Davidson: noticed fire hydrants dripping water, has reported
- j. Fall Festival Liaison: Albert Olson
- k. City Budget: John Kuchta
- l. Recode LA: Sharon Commins
- m. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald
- Mixer in August: bowl at Bowlero—challenging Culver City CC to contest
  - Small business shopping event November 28, 2015; submitting Great Streets Challenge Grant
- n. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: Sherri Akers
7. **New Business** - Action items, which may include motions to refer items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable (public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker unless waived by the Chair); items may be received and filed by consent if no discussion or public comment.
- Motion by Michael Millman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krupkin, to consider 7.e and 7.f after elections.  
Motion to approve all policy motions 7.a – d on consent by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Wilhite. Motion carried unanimously.
- a. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION:** Amendment to Standing Rules (Submitted by ExFin Committee)
- All Mar Vista Community Council communications and web postings to the general public or the full MVCC Stakeholder list must be approved by at least three directors of the MVCC Board. All such communications shall be from the Board of Directors, and not any one individual. ~~The only exceptions to this rule are the posting of agendas, minutes, and E-calendars.~~ *There are two exceptions to this rule:*
- a. *The posting of agendas, minutes, and E-calendars;*
  - b. *Communications sent by the Chair, the Secretary or the Chair's designee, not to exceed one communication per calendar week.*
- b. **POLICY MOTION: Utilizing Recycled Water from Hyperion Treatment Plant** (submitted by Green Committee)
- The Mar Vista Community Council supports the motion presented by Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz (Attachment A: Council File 14-00078-S5) directing the Department of Sanitation report on possibilities to utilize recycled water from Hyperion Treatment Plant as a local and regional resource.

The Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in the San Fernando Valley furnishes reclaimed water to many users. The Hyperion Plant treats the water to a high standard and then pumps it into Santa Monica Bay. In this time of long-term drought, when some are talking about desalinization, this is inexplicable.

Motion to approve by ,2<sup>nd</sup> by; motion carried unanimously.

- c. **POLICY MOTION: Graywater Systems/Recycle Water** (submitted by Green Committee)

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the motion presented by Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Krekorian (Attachment B: Council File 15-0458-S1) to encourage the installation of more graywater systems by eliminating the permit fees for simple systems and also instructs the Department of Water and Power to determine what other hurdles or issues could be streamlined to further encourage people to recycle water at their homes with graywater systems. We recommend that the motion be amended to include the development of an education and outreach component.

- d. **POLICY MOTION: Protecting Biodiversity City Practices/Working Group** (submitted by Green Committee)

MVCC supports the motion presented by Councilmember Paul Koretz (Attachment C: Council File 15-0499) which:

- Directs the Chief Legislative Analyst's office, in partnership with the Mayor's Sustainability Team, to convene a working group with relevant City departments to report back on their current and future strategies and matrices for protecting biodiversity in all City practices;
- Mandates the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to report back with recommendations for strategies to protect and improve biodiversity in the City and on the feasibility of implementing the City Biodiversity Index;
- Directs the TAC to develop and implement best practice strategies for community engagement and outreach on biodiversity including implementation of equity-minded citizen science projects that serve the full range of City neighborhoods.

The City of Los Angeles is recognized as one of 35 global biodiversity hot spots—and the only one within the continental United States. The Mar Vista Community Council recognizes the importance of protecting this biodiversity and the educational, scientific and quality of life benefits that derive from access to natural landscapes that support local biodiversity.

- e. **POLICY MOTION: Approval of 7-Eleven (12403 W. Venice Blvd.) Conditional Use Permit Application** (submitted by PLUM Committee)

MVCC approves as presented the application (Case No. ZA 2009-3132-CUB-CU-PA1) for a conditional use permit to allow the continued sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption only, in conjunction with an existing 7-Eleven convenience market; hours of operation: 24 hours daily with alcohol sales from 6am - 2am daily.

Motion to approve by Mitchell Rishe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Millman.

Discussion:

- Brad Wilhite: is 7-Eleven doing anything to mitigate drunks?
- 7-Eleven Rep: Yes: using cameras; 7-Eleven is remodeling lots of locations to this standard
- Michael Millman: Facility has sophisticated camera system monitoring intersection; it's used by police. No evidence of call for service for this facility, it has been good neighbor.
- Mitchell Rishe: Who would be served by this additional hour?
- 7-Eleven Rep: People have different work schedules; store is open 24 hours, can lock corridors; employees walk perimeter every hour.

Motion carried unanimously.

- f. **POLICY MOTION: Approval of Rustic Kitchen (3523 S. Centinela Ave.) Conditional Use Permit Application** (submitted by PLUM Committee)

MVCC approves as presented the application (Case No. ZA-2015-1818-CUB) to obtain a conditional use permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine beverages for consumption on and off premises, in conjunction with a new gourmet market and cafe that provides catering.

Motion to approve by Mitchell Rishe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Stoller.

Discussion:

- Rep: Gourmet market, sit down café, picnic baskets. Initially open 10:00 A.M.–8:00 P.M., will extend in future. Has held meeting to reach out to neighbors, they were very supportive.
- Michael Millman: Requests that employees car pool or use bus, as there's no on site parking in plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

g. **POLICY MOTION: Staples boycott** (submitted by Director Robin Doyno)

Be it resolved that because of the Staples' (stationary stores) policies that are part of the plan to privatize the U.S. Post Office the MVCC shall not patronize Staples. Whenever possible, those serving the MVCC shall choose other vendors.

Motion to approve by Robin Doyno, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krupkin.

Discussion:

- Concern about singling out Staples; UPS & FedEx are also leaders in lobbying against USPS
- Mitchell Rishe: Staples is beneficiary, but not the cause of USPS privatizing.
- Michael Millman: QUestionned vetting of motion by a committee, whether Staples and USPS representatives has an opportunity to present. Pointed out that a lot of neighborhood children go there for supplies. Wants evidence to support motion.
- Bill Scheduling: Shouldn't address this in MVCC. No other convenient places in area.

Vote: 2 ayes, 3 nays, 3 abstentions (Melissa Stoller, Michelle Krupkin and Mitchell Rishe). Motion does not carry.

8. **Zone Director Reports** – (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)

- a. Zone 1 – Ken Alpern
- b. Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite
- c. Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling

Wants to be proactive, not reactive on development at McLaughlin/Barrington–Federal/Indianapolis.

- d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman
- e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin

Caulder-Blake opened at 11708 Washington Place—high-end clothing

The Oliver at Marcaseel and Washington was able to build into city property because Marcaseel is on part of their property

- f. Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson

Doing outreach to neighbors on Beethoveen.

On Rose, two lots were put together, building mansion.

Also on Rose put 2 lots together, building mansion

Gathering signatures for Santa Monica Airport petition.

9. **Committee Reports** - (may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; public comment permitted)

- a. **Executive & Finance Committee** - Bill Koontz, Chair
- b. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs

At last meeting, the Watershed Protection Division of Los Angeles Sanitation Department of Public Works presented a possible stormwater reuse pilot project at NW corner of McLaughlin and Venice. The Mar Vista Public Library or Fire Station may be better locations.

- c. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz & Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs

Green Garden Showcase celebration, debrief and planning on June 10.

- d. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs

Put off June meeting; Ken Alpern is on vacation.

- e. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs; Michael Millman, Vice-Chair

Small lot subdivision project on Beethoven is on next agenda; planning hearing was put off because of procedural errors with notification.

Board retreat should include workshop at retreat for Zone Director to be aware of things impacting zone, help with outreach.

Valerie Davidson: Zone 6 is very large; can't commit to doing outreach for everything.

Bill Scheduling: All zones have approximately the same number of people.

Robin Doyno: WMVNA can help with notification.

- f. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite & Sara Roos, Co- Chairs  
Sara Roos: CD11 is trying to find money to paint utility boxes; Robin Doyno wants to be part of, anyone else is welcome.  
Difficulty keeping committee non-political  
Michael Millman: Requests report back next BOD meeting about what happened with Neighborhood Purpose Grants.  
Bill Scheduling inquired about outreach to non-LAUSD schools; Sara Roos: No time to do and philosophically doesn't support it; if someone else wants to do it, they are welcome.
- g. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson & Martin Rubin, Co-Chairs
- h. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair  
Participated in conference call with Deputy Chief Girmala before BOD meeting about finding by Police Commission that one officer acted out of policy in Ezell Ford case, the other within.  
Three areas in West Bureau are receiving special attention: Hollywood & Vine area, Mayor's residence, Ocean Front Walk.  
Emergency preparedness event at Farmers' Market in September.
- i. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
- j. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald & John Kuchta, Co-Chairs  
\$11,000 in unclaimed property identified at Senior Scam Stopper Seminar: unclaimed property website, found that night. Unclaimed property website: [http://www.sco.ca.gov/upd\\_msg.html](http://www.sco.ca.gov/upd_msg.html).  
Redesigned MVCC website will support outreach to individual zones.
- k. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Scheduling, chair
- l. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair  
Challenge grant applications are due June 30. Each team should have minimum of 3 people. Only one application will be selected.
- m. **Ageing in Place Ad Hoc**- Sherri Akers & Robin Doyno, Co-Chairs

10. **Discussion Calendar**

11. **Unfinished Business** - Action items held over from previous meeting (Public comment permitted)

12. **Grievances**, if any, received

13. **Future agenda items**

14. **Public Comment**

Bill Scheduling: reminder—shouldn't be pushing our personal agenda.

15. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 P.M.

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