



# Mar Vista Community Council



**MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Tuesday, January 13th, 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 7:15 P.M.  
Quorum present: Bill Koontz (Chair), Mitchell Rishe (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair), Valerie Davidson, Michael Millman, Melissa Stoller, Ken Alpern, Michelle Krupkin  
Later arrivals: Yvette Molinaro, Robin Doyno, Brad Wilhite
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of December 2014 Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)  
Motion for approval by Mitchell Rishe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Valerie Davidson. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Yvette Molinaro).
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
  - Sarah Auerswald: LA School Board approved a motion regarding the Mandarin Immersion Program at Mark Twain Middle School at its January 13, 2014, meeting.
  - Martin Rubin: Matthew Berkeley (North Westdale Neighborhood Association Treasurer) will take care of necessary paperwork for payment of the funding approved by MVCC in October for NWMA block party/talent show and MVCC ad in the NWNA newsletter.
  - Brandon: Four members of Boy Scout Troop 110 are attending the meeting to learn about the Council.
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)
    - The Great Streets kickoff on Saturday, January 10, was wonderful despite rain; about 150 people attended. Afterwards, some attendees walked neighborhoods north and south of Venice Blvd. between Centinela & Inglewood to let people know about Great Streets and get their feedback. Ken Alpern: it is clear that the alley is a neighborhood priority; he asked that water diversion be added on to the project. Len: will investigate cost and methods.
    - A Great Streets Open House is scheduled for January 25, starting at 9:00 A.M; location is TBD
    - The Greater LA Homeless Count is Wednesday, Jan 28 in West Los Angeles.
  - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
    - Monica Gonzales ([monica.t.gonzales@lacity.org](mailto:monica.t.gonzales@lacity.org)), acting director, reported. Jason was promoted to the analyst division and is no longer at the park. The Department will eventually send a senior director.
    - Winter basketball starts on Saturday. There are 8 teams.
    - February 13 is a Valentine's Day Movie Night.
    - A successful winter camp just concluded.
  - 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)

- The budget process is starting. Rep. Ridley-Thomas is hosting a Budget Priorities Forum on Saturday, January 24, at Dorsey High School. It begins at 9:00 A.M. and includes lunch. Six 1 ½ breakout work sessions—led by Assembly and Senate members and other senior state officials—to discuss Governor Brown’s proposed budget and its impact on us in Los Angeles are planned. MVCC is invited to send a representative.

Ken Alpren: concerned about lack of immunization, especially among the better educated, more affluent. Scott: will include as topic in one of the breakout groups at the Forum.

Valerie: what are breakout groups? Scott: Pubic Safety, Labor & Consumer Protection, Education, Recreation, Transportation & Housing, Health & Human Services.

- 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 KarlyKatona, [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, 1 min per speaker)
- a. Chair-Bill Koontz
    - i. Re-appointment of committee chairs
      - Jeanne Kuntz, Co-Chair of Green Committee  
Motion to approve by Bill Koontz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Stoller. Motion carried unanimously.
      - Michael Mansour, Co-Chair Great Streets Ad Hoc  
Michael is a property owner along the Great Streets area. Motion to approve by Bill Koontz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mitchell Rishe. Motion carried with one abstention (Michelle Krupkin).
    - ii. Election of new secretary  
Bill Koontz nominated Melissa Stoller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Krupkin. Motion carried unanimously.  
Robin Doyno will continue handling Farmers’ Market table scheduling (previously done by the secretary).
    - iii. Appointment of new at large director from the list of three candidates that responded
      - Sherri Akers
        - Motion to approve by Bill Koontz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Stoller. Motion carried unanimously.
      - Michael Mansour
      - Roy Persinko
    - iv. Follow up on ethics training and code of conduct policy signatures
      - Some board member’s ethics training is termed out.
      - Everyone needs to sign Code of Conduct ASAP; deadline is passed.
  - b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe
    - Mitchell attended the Coastal Commission meeting on January 9 in Santa Monica. Older Venice residents expressed concern about gentrification, getting priced out.
  - c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta
  - d. Secretary –To Be Determined
  - 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>
- Bill S on vacation in Cambodia for a month, so no funding motions this month
- i. **APPROVAL** of November MER

Pushed to next month due to Bill Scheduling's excused absence.

- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano
    - The LAPD officer representative died a few days before the last meeting so there was no LAPD representation. Martin Boccacio , an officer from West District is now appointed.
    - Most of the obnoxious signs at Farmers' Market are removed, including the no left turn signs at the Vineyard parking lot. New signs will say "No Parking 7:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M." (instead of until 4:00 P.M.); they are not yet ready.
    - Next meeting is January 21; agenda closes January 17.
  - g. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Open
  - h. DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon [www.ladwp.com/recycledwater](http://www.ladwp.com/recycledwater)
    - Certificate of Recognition presented to Christopher for participation in city's Recycled Water Advisory Group
    - Charnock well is cleaned up and Mar Vista has water. Santa Monica is pumping it.
    - Bureau of Sanitation/DWP representative attended Great Street meeting and is aware of our situation
    - Recycled Water Advisory Group focuses on San Fernando Valley where aerospace polluted the ground water. Tillman plant recycled water is purple pipe clean—ok to water golf course.
  - i. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson/Yvette Molinaro
    - Will meet soon.
  - j. City Budget: John Kuchta
  - k. Recode LA: Sharon Commins
    - Starting to get into the nitty-gritty of downtown plan. Downtown has 4 plan zones, no standard for open space. New code will allow more unusual building envelopes (such as round). Discussing how to preserve industrial zones and jobs-generating industries.
    - LA Conservancy: got over 700 responses to Instagram poll; presented community design overlays, need to include historic preservation in code.
    - Ran computer simulation for South Park. Will experiment with eliminating requirements regarding the number of parking space there.
    - Consultant talks about neighborhood based, content based zoning.
  - l. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald
    - Glad to support Great Streets walk. Mayor Garcetti stopped at a lot of businesses.
    - Next meeting is January 14 at the Coffee Connection. A city planner will present a concept plan based upon a landscape plan developed by the South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association with Katherine Spitz. Chamber wants to see we can use plan for Great Streets.
    - Chamber has 275 on its mailing list.
    - Chamber can take on a bigger role at Farmers' Market.
    - Mayor Garcetti is negotiating with the State over status of Venice Blvd. It is currently a state route.
  - m. Special presentation by SurviVault Earthquake prep (20 min)
    - Roy Forbes of [SurviVault](http://SurviVault) gave a presentation on earthquake preparation. SurviVault sells earthquake survival kits.
    - San Andreas fault is way over due and there's a 99.7% chance of a 6.7 or greater earthquake in the next 25 years. The probability of that quake being in Southern California is 67%.
    - Everyone needs enough emergency supplies for 1 week: food, shelter, first aid, sanitation. The most important supply is water: 7 gallons per person. Pool water is not safe to drink. Do not store plastic water containers directly on concrete.
    - Replace the supplies every 6-12 months.
    - First aid kit should include QuikClot—it works even on an artery.
7. **Zone Director Reports** - may include motions to refer action items to the appropriate MVCC committee where desirable; Public comment permitted)
- Zone 1 – Ken Alpern
- Receiving more reports of crime in area.

- Expo Line construction should be done this year, then there'll be testing. The line will be operational for public in 2016. There are lane closures on Pico Blvd. for construction.

Zone 2 – Brad Wilhite

- Crime is declining. Most crime occurs between 10 A.M & 2 P.M.
- Neighborhood association hasn't received money allocated by MVCC.
- Richland is having a school walkthrough soon. Also putting together a packet for French immersion program.

Zone 3 – Bill Scheduling (reported by Mitchell Rishe)

- Fresh off the Boat, a new TV series, premiers in February. Rose Avenue was a filming location.

Zone 4 - Michael Millman

- Fractured sidewalks, missing signs.
- Annual meeting is January 29 at 7:00 P.M.

Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin

- New mural at Farmers' Market.
- Reports of property crime.
- Christopher McKinnon: losing Senior Lead Officer Marci Garcia (promoted); MVCC should thank her.

Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson

- Police called for apparent break-in near her house; turned out to be resident locked out of house.
- Getting complaints about speeding cars on Rose Ave. from Palms to the beach. Waze directs motorists to use it. Speed humps are not helping. Have requested, but not received, signs. Asked to be re-designated as a residential.
- Airport issue is back in Santa Monica City Council.

8. **Committee Reports & Consent Calendar** - Action items included, 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

- Executive & Finance Committee** - Bill Koontz, Chair
- GGs 2015 AD HOC Committee** - Shelley Wiseman, Chair
- Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
- Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz and Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs
- Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs
- Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs, Michael Millman Vice-Chair
  - Policy Motion:** Whereas the Mar Vista Bowling Lanes wishes to install a new sign above their premises, which is approximately 45ft tall and backlit, and said sign is merely a replacement of an older sign which was 50 ft. high, Therefore be it resolved that the MVCC approve the proposed signage, without prejudice to neighbors and others appearing at the MVCC to offer comment or protest.
    - Motion to move item up in the agenda by Mitchell Rishe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Krupkin. Motion carried unanimously.
    - Motion to open discussion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brad Wilhite.
    - Discussion:
      - Michael Mellman: illumination is neighborhood friendly; motion passed unanimously in PLUM.
      - Nina Ray, representing BowlMor: LED sign, located near the street; similar in design to old sign; conditional use permit is required.
      - Tony Wilbanks, Signage Solutions: responsible for design & engineering.
      - Mitchell Rishe: questioned why again no BowlMor employee is present (they did not send a representative to the meeting addressing Pepy's ouster).
    - Motion carried with 9 ayes, one nay and one abstention (Mitchell Rishe).

- g. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite, Co-chair Sara Roos, Co- Chair
  - h. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Valerie Davidson, co-chair Martin Rubin, Co-Chair
  - i. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota, Chair
  - j. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs
  - k. **Community Outreach Committee** – Sarah Auerswald, Co-Chair, John Kuchta, Co-Chair
    - Sarah: people at meetings are asking what can we do about crime; they seem to want big meeting.
    - Bill Koontz: let Adrian (Senior Lead Officer) know.
    - Sherri Akers: Aging in Place Committee would like to team up on the meeting.
  - l. **Elections and By-laws**- Bill Scheduling, chair
  - m. **Great Streets Ad Hoc Committee** – Michelle Krupkin, chair
  - n. **Aging in Place Ad Hoc**- Sherri Akers, Co-chair, Robin Doyno Co-Chair
9. **Discussion Calender**
10. **Unfinished Business** - Action items held over from previous meeting (Public comment permitted)
11. **New Business** -(Public comment permitted)
12. **Grievances**, if any, received
13. **Future agenda items**  
 Bill Koontz: add public comment to end of agenda.
14. **Adjournment 9:04**  
 Meeting adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

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