



Mar Vista Community Council



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, April 14th, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA
90066

AGENDA

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)
2. **Presentation of flag and Pledge of Allegiance** (1 min)
3. **Approval of January 2014 Minutes** (public comment permitted) (1 min)
4. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)
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
 - b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
 - c. CD 5 – Paul Koretz, rep by Joseph Galloway joejdg92@gmail.com
 - d. US 36 – Janice Hahn
 - e. CA Assembly 54-Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, rep by Scott Malsin scott.malsin@assembly.ca.gov
 - f. Congressman – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles 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
 - j. Mayor of Los Angeles – Eric Garcetti, rep. by Daniel Tamm Daniel.tamm@lacity.org
6. **Presentations**
 - a. California Common Cause presentation on campaign finance reform (10 min)
7. **Officers and Liaison Reports** (Action items included with public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker)
 - a. Chair-Bill Koontz
 - i. Appointment of Safety & Security Committee co-chair: Jeremy Pollack
 - ii. Update on ethics and funding training with possible motion to follow.
 - b. First Vice Chair – Mitchell Rishe
 - c. Second Vice Chair – John Kuchta
 - d. Secretary –Melissa Stoller
 - 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>
 - i. **APPROVAL** of March MER
 - ii. **REIMBURSEMENT MOTION:** MER postage
Mar Vista Community Council approves reimbursing Bill Scheduling (not to exceed \$30) for the purchase of postage to mail MERs.
 - iii. **REIMBURSEMENT MOTION:** BOD meeting printing

Mar Vista Community Council approves reimbursing Bill Koontz (not to exceed \$30) for the printing of materials for the December BOD meeting.

- iv. **FUNDING MOTION:** MVNA Block Party
Motion to approve up to \$300 for the Mar Vista Neighborhood Association Annual block party on June 7, 2015. The money will be used for the rental of tables/chairs from Triple A Rentals.
 - v. **FUNDING MOTION:** Green Committee printing & supplies
The Mar Vista Community Council authorizes the expenditure of up to \$500 for Green Committee supplies and printing, budgeted as follows:
 - Heavy duty display easel \$60
 - 100 sheets 8 ½ x 11 glossy photo paper \$50
 - 100 sheets 5 x 7 glossy photo paper \$20
 - Printing \$300
 - Misc. supplies \$70
 - vi. **Funding Motion: Spring GGS Newsletter, creation of Green Garden Showcase map**
Tickled Plum, not to exceed \$500 (20 hours at \$25 per hour).
 - vii. **FUNDING MOTION:** CFLP class
Mar Vista Community Council agrees to co-sponsor the LADWP's California Friendly Landscape Planning scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 10:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M., at Mar Vista Public Library and approves the expenditure of up to \$200 for the purchase of food, beverages and serving supplies.
 - viii. **FUNDING MOTION:** Resilience by Design community meeting
The Mar Vista Community Council agrees to co-sponsor with the Mayor's office and provide refreshments for a Resiliency by Design community meeting on April 23 with Dr. Lucy Jones and approves the expenditure of up to \$200 for refreshments for a projected attendance of 100.
 - ix. **FUNDING MOTION:** File of Life
File of Life (<http://www.folife.org/>) provides first responders with a more complete profile of a person in an emergency. It ensures that pets are not overlooked and left to starve when a patient is taken to the hospital. It gives responders complete and up to date information on meds, doctors, pharmacy and emergency contacts and is readily recognized. MVCC approves the purchase of approximately 1000 MVCC-sponsored File of Life refrigerator magnet card sets @ \$.76 each (not to exceed \$1,000 with shipping and tax).
 - x. **FUNDING MOTION:** National Night Out at Venice High School
MVCC grants \$1,000 for equipment rental, publication printing, movie rights, and emergency kit equipment.
- f. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee Liaison - Linda Guagliano
 - g. DWP MOU Liaison- Myra Boime
 - h. DWP MOU/LANCC Liaison-Open
 - i. DWP Recycled Water Liaison-Christopher McKinnon www.ladwp.com/recycledwater
 - j. Fall Festival Liaison-Albert Olson/Yvette Molinaro
 - k. City Budget: John Kuchta
 - l. Recode LA: Sharon Commins
 - m. Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce: Sarah Auerswald
 - n. Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance: Sherri Akers
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
 - d. Zone 4 - Michael Millman
 - e. Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin

f. Zone 6 – Valerie Davidson

9. **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

- a. **Executive & Finance Committee** - Bill Koontz, Chair
- b. **GGS 2015 AD HOC Committee** - Shelley Wiseman, Chair
- c. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs
- d. **Green Committee** – Melissa Stoller, Jeanne Kuntz and Sherri Akers, Co-Chairs

i. **Policy motion: MVCC Methane Resolution**

WHEREAS, Los Angeles has one of the most substantial greenhouse gas footprints in the world. NASA has found that we also have one of the worst methane footprints around: 61% higher than previous estimates, which is a serious problem since methane is even more effective at trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles is suffering on the front lines of global warming. the City is into year four of the worst drought in recorded history, which scientists are now saying has been exacerbated by climate change, and, as of the March, 2015, Metropolitan Water District board meeting the Sierra Nevada snowpack has nearly vanished and the State and the City are likely headed for serious water rationing; and

WHEREAS, NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory has launched their Megacities Carbon Project to measure multi-year emission trends of carbon dioxide, methane and carbon monoxide attributed to Los Angeles and other megacities; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, by the adoption of this Resolution, THE MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HEREBY SUPPORTS Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz’s motion calling on our City departments to come up with a specific and detailed plan to address our methane problem.

THE MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL ALSO URGES the City Council of Los Angeles to take a global leadership role as we inventory our methane leaks, eliminate them where appropriate and capture methane where possible to create a renewable energy source.

ii. **Policy Motion: Animal product greenhouse gas**

WHEREAS, the livestock industry has an enormous the greenhouse gas footprint. Approximately 51% of global greenhouse gas emissions can be attributed to raising livestock and their natural byproducts, including an inordinate amount of methane. A recent study at Oxford University found that if we cut our meat intake by half, we can cut our carbon footprint by more than 35%; stick to sustainably raised fish and we can cut it by nearer to 50%; go vegan and the difference can be 60%; and

WHEREAS, these numbers inspired our country’s foremost nutrition advisory panel, the U.S. Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, to take a stand and recommend that Americans eat more plant-based foods and fewer animal-based foods; and

WHEREAS, we could all reduce greenhouse gas emissions immediately, today, if we simply, completely, stopped eating meat which would also have enormous benefits in water use reduction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Mar Vista Community Council hereby urges the City of Los Angeles to embark on a public service education campaign to encourage residents to reduce the consumption of animal products to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and utilize Mar Vista to develop the program and pilot the campaign.

iii. **Policy motion: Resolution opposing Phillips 66 Santa Maria Refinery crude by rail operation**

The proposed Phillips 66 oil train offloading facility in San Luis Obispo County would bring nearly 3 million gallons of toxic crude oil per day into California.

These mile-and-a-half long oil trains carry oil in unsafe tank cars through communities and over precious watersheds.

WHEREAS, the US and Canadian rail companies are common carriers, meaning they are required to carry whatever product shippers wish to put on the rail lines resulting in a 4,000% increase in crude by rail being carried on the rail lines in the past 3 years,

WHEREAS, this increase in Crude By Rail transportation has resulted in several disasters in the US and Canada (Lac Megantic, Quebec, Casselton, North Dakota, Hammond, Indiana, Aliceville, Alabama, Lynchburg, Virginia as well as four in the last weeks) which have resulted in the loss of human life and billions of dollars of damages to communities and their surrounding environment,

WHEREAS, the people of Los Angeles are concerned with the increase in oil-train traffic through many densely populated areas and the risk it poses to our city of almost four million people due to the Phillips 66 oil train off-loading facility expansion in San Luis Obispo County,

WHEREAS, the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) concludes that the proposed Phillips 66 rail spur would cause significant and unavoidable rail accident hazard risks along the main rail line that could result in oil spills, fires, and explosions near populated areas,

WHEREAS, the transport of crude oil by 100-car 1.4-mile long unit trains to the Santa Maria Refinery would occur on the Union Pacific railroad tracks through the City of Los Angeles from the Port of LA or Colton toward San Luis Obispo County, creating even more diesel pollution in already disproportionately impacted communities,

WHEREAS, our current rail system is designed to connect residents to their destinations throughout Southern California, not to move large quantities of hazardous materials like crude oil,

WHEREAS, an analysis of potential blast zone radii of rail lines carrying toxic and volatile crude from the San Fernando Valley all the way through South LA and the Harbor Area would impact homes, schools, parks, and businesses located adjacent to the tracks,

WHEREAS, the same blast zone map indicates the risk to a significant stretch of the Los Angeles River destined to receive \$1 billion in local, state and federal investment over several years to overhaul much of an 11-mile soft-bottomed stretch of the river between Griffith Park and downtown,

WHEREAS, previous rail car derailment explosions in North America have demonstrated most emergency responders, including those in the City of Los Angeles, do not have sufficient equipment and supplies, such as fire suppression foam, to adequately respond to a catastrophic explosion of a rail car derailment explosion,

WHEREAS, the RDEIR does not evaluate the relative air quality or greenhouse gas emissions for the Los Angeles region,

WHEREAS, the Mar Vista Community Council sees impacts to our local and regional community from trans-shipment of tar sands crude through our communities as vital to our interests, taxing emergency responders and harming regional air, land and water quality resources,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mar Vista Community Council asserts the only San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission action that would avoid this public safety risk to Los Angeles County and beyond is denial of the project,

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Mar Vista Community Council requests the City of Los Angeles City Council write a letter of opposition to the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission to deny this project a permit until such time as it can be proven to be safe.

- e. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** – Ken Alpern & Michelle Krupkin, Co-Chairs
- f. **Planning and Land Use Management Committee** - Steve Wallace & Mitchell Rishe, Co-Chairs, Michael Millman Vice-Chair
 - i. **Policy motion: Cost of building permit appeals**

City shall revise appeals process for Building Permits. Appeals of DBS determinations shall be done via the same simple process as appeals of Planning Dept. and Planning Commission determinations with similar fees. DBS "appeals" shall not be treated as a new case with public notification and CEQA requirements, because it is an appeal. An appeal is not a new proposed development project; it is an appeal of an already filed development project.

- ii. **Policy motion: Support for Council Files 15-0020 [Collecting Fees Related to Condition Compliance] and 15-0135 [Planning's CCU Fee Ordinance to support MVIP Monitoring, Verification & Inspection Program]**

MVCC supports Council Files [15-0020](#) and [15-0135](#) (<http://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/>) asking that the Planning Department report back in 45 days on the best practices of other jurisdictions, including the County of Los Angeles, to ensure proper resource allocation for condition inspections and enforcement AND further asks that the Council instruct the Planning Department, in consultation with the City Attorney and any other appropriate City department, bureau, or agency, to work cooperatively to propose a method by which inspection fees related to condition compliance are required and collected by the City prior to the release of any final approval of a projects.

- iii. **Policy motion: Streamlining community improvement projects (Council File 14-1624)**

MVCC requests the Department of Public Works, with the assistance and cooperation of the Department of Transportation, City Planning, City Attorney, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Analyst, be instructed to prepare and present a report setting forth ways and means by which the City of Los Angeles may best serve community organizations seeking to undertake community improvement projects. The report should include but not be limited to a discussion of the following key elements: establishing a single point of contact for inquires and technical assistance; identifying efficiencies and streamlining of all existing processes and permits; resolution of liability responsibilities which can hinder volunteer efforts; and outreach strategy for stakeholder input.

- 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

- i. **Administrative motion: Zone Safety Director Program**

Establish a Safety Zone Director program to strengthen and build a public safety network of volunteers that works with local organizations to support neighborhood watch programs, disaster preparedness, risk reduction and safety initiatives.

- 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
- 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

- i. **Policy motion: Support of Senate Bill 128**

The Mar Vista Community Council supports the passage of SB128. Specifically, this bill will allow terminally ill patients the right to obtain a prescription from his or her physician for medication to be self-administered. It requires two physicians to confirm a prognosis of six months or less to live, a written request and two oral requests to be made a minimum of 15 days apart, and two witnesses to attest to the request. The two physicians must also ensure that the patient has the mental competency to make health care decisions for him or herself.

The Mar Vista Community Council also urges the Los Angeles County District Attorney to deprioritize prosecution of physicians and family members supporting death with dignity decisions of terminally ill, mentally competent individuals. Currently five states — New Mexico, Vermont, Montana, Oregon and Washington

— have passed Death with Dignity policies to expand end-of-life options for competent, terminally ill patients.

If the L.A. County District Attorney were to deprioritize the prosecution of physicians and family members supporting Death with Dignity options, it would ensure terminally ill individuals the right to preserve their dignity and manage their medications as they see fit through end of life. The L.A. County District Attorney's recognition of the medical practice of aid in dying would also grant physicians medical legitimacy in honoring the wishes of their patients to have a dignified end of life.

10. **Discussion Calendar**

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

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

13. **Grievances**, if any, received

14. **Future agenda items**

15. **Public Comment**

16. **Adjournment**

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