

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Education, Arts and Culture Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 8th, 2023 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:36pm

2. ROLL CALL AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS/CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST

Present: Ahmadyveasi, Doyno, Mack, Martin (6:41pm), Vanek

No ex parte or conflicts declared by any committee member

3. WELCOME

We went around the room and introduced ourselves

4. SPECIAL ORDERS - NONE

5. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS - NEW

6.1. Discussion and possible action regarding EACC Mission Statement

Comments Discussed:

- Looks pretty good as it is; it's broad and general (Doyno)
- MVCC cautioned against wordsmithing too much (Ruesch)
- Despite being involved with MVCC for several years, what EACC has achieved in the past has been vague (Colani Willington - spelling??)
- Let's focus on what it is we actually *do* as a committee (Martin)

Motion to table this agenda item moved by Ruesch. Seconded by Vanek.

Motion passed.

6.2. Discussion and possible action of Committee Goals

Comments Discussed:

- Encourage Traci Park to create an emphasis on physical education for K-12 youth in our neighborhood to improve health and well-being (Colani Willington - spelling??)
 - MVCC suggested that we can motion to write letters, and also consider NPGs as funding source for this type of initiative (Ruesch)
- If we do public art, we must account for plenty of funding for upkeep and maintenance, otherwise a mural that is meant to beautify the neighborhood could become an eyesore (Colani Willington - spelling??)
- We should have a calendar that summarizes local events in our community (Jacob)
 - MVCC suggested that EACC can create a running list of events that we want to add to the MVCC managed calendar, and the board can approve it (Ruesch)

- EACC can coordinate with the Mar Vista library librarians to promote the various activities like classes and events they offer (Dorothy Houston)
- EACC can be the information hub for our various arts and education centers; work on outreach and unify everything onto the MVCC calendar (Vanek)
 - EACC should coordinate with the Outreach Committee (Doyno)
- Consider partnerships with Venice Fest and Mar Vista Art Walk (Colani Willington - spelling??)
- Do a picnic at the Mar Vista Rec Center or a block party (Colani Willington - spelling??)
 - MVCC commented that we can partner with the Mar Vista Neighborhood Association on their block party (Ruesch)
- Plant a succulent garden (Colani Willington - spelling??)
 - MVCC is planning to beautify the area around the Post Office parking lot. If EACC can plan a succulent planting day, and make it into a community building event, Traci Park would promote it, and very likely attend it too (Ruesch)
 - This type of initiative could lead to MVCC establishing a Green Committee (Doyno)
- Create a self guided Discover Mar Vista tour highlighting places and things that are unique to our local history (Mack)
 - MVCC commented that the board has 2 graphic designers, and can fund the printing of booklets for this; one of the locations we highlight could be Traci Park's office (Ruesch)
 - We can turn this into a scavenger hunt event, or expand the concept into audio tours (Vanek)
 - We can partner with local 3rd and 4th graders who are just starting to learn about civics (Ahmadyveasi)
 - If we want to place QR code stickers around the neighborhood, we'll have to ask for permission, but the letter can be from the MVCC (Ruesch)
- Fund painting utility boxes as public art; it is a good start that beautifies the neighborhood and the smaller-scale will make it easier to maintain (Colani Willington - spelling??)
 - Will speak with Natasia Gascon (artist) and get her advice on how to get art on utility boxes (Doyno)
 - The idea would be to do utility box public art + attach a QR code that explains the artist, what materials are used, etc
- Outreach with Venice High so we can train kids to be civic minded (Colani Willington - spelling??)
 - Our outreach efforts will need to be a 2-way street (Vanek)
- To summarize the discussion points, our 3 goals for EACC are:
 - Outreach/Communication Hub - calendar of events, discover Mar Vista tour
 - Events - block party, Venice Fest, Art Walk, scavenger hunt
 - Creation - public art, succulent garden
- Per MVCC advice, next steps are for someone to spearhead the projects they're passionate about, and the committee can approve it

- If you're passionate about a specific project, dig into it further; at next meeting, we can move it forward (Ahmadyveasi)

7. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA

Public Comments Made:

- Encourage everyone to join the Outreach Committee; meetings are 1st Tuesday of every month from 6:30pm-7:30pm (Dorothy Houston)

8. ADJOURNMENT - 7:51pm

Motion to adjourn made by Martin. Seconded by Vanek. No objections.