

Contact Information

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Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Brief Summary: WHEREAS the City plans to establish a franchise system for private trash haulers, and Whereas, no credible evidence has been presented that there is a need for or tangible benefits from such a system, The Mar Vista Community Council objects to the establishment of a franchise system for private trash haulers and calls upon the City Council to reject this proposal

Additional Information:

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at 7:00 PM

Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium

11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

www.marvista.org

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Welcome – Chair

- a. Moment of silence recognizing Evon Gotlieb's extraordinary contribution to MVCC as a founding member and mentor

2. Presentation of the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Public Comment & Announcements

- a. Ken Alpern discussed the possibility of the green line connecting to LAX

5. Elected Officials and City Department Reports

- a. DWP – Victoria Cross, DWP Neighborhood Council Liaison Victoria Cross
Victoria.Cross@WATER.LADWP.com
 - i. Scattergood draft EIR will be presented twice to the community on April 11 at WLA Municipal office, 1945 Corinth Ave and at the Westchester municipal office April 12, 2012. The time for both events will be 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
- b. Mar Vista Recreation Center – Jason Kitahara, Director
 - i. ADA restroom improvements are ahead of schedule
 - ii. Most park spring session classes are filled
- c. CD 11 - Bill Rosendahl, rep. by Len Nguyen Len.Nguyen@lacity.org, Field Deputy
 - i. Redistricting is moving forward and CD 11 may retain its existing district, including the Westchester triangle
- d. CA Senate 28 – Ted Lieu, rep. by Robert Pullen-Miles Robert.Pullen-Miles@sen.ca.gov
 - i. A summary of the Senator's bills was provided including protections for used car buyers and tenants, who would not have to pay their rent solely online

6. Officers and Liaison Reports

a. Chair-Sharon Commins

- i. Reminder re Ethics Training-Completion of the Online Ethics Training Course is required of all Neighborhood Council Board members. <http://ethics.lacity.org/education/ethics2007/>
- ii. Brief recap of Budget Day held March 10, 2012
 1. AWARD! MVCC had 100% BOD participation in the survey
- iii. Fall festival: SAVE THE DATE, October 20, 2012
- iv. Suggested looking into Apple One for minutes

b. First Vice Chair-Bill Koontz-no report

c. Second Vice Chair-Chuck Ray-no report

d. Secretary-Michael Millman-no report

e. Treasurer, presented by the Chair

- i. Approval of February 2012 US Bank Card Statement—approved unanimously
- ii. Reminder re DONE deadlines for expending 2011-2012 FY funds

f. Animal Welfare Agencies and Organizations – Curt Steindler—no report

g. DWP MOU – Chuck Ray

- i. The MOU may be extended for an additional 5 years as there apparently is support from the Mayor
- ii. Ratepayers advocate has not taken any action; merely asking questions

h. DWP/BOS Recycled Water Advisory Group-Christopher McKinnon

- i. The depressed level of the snowpack in the Sierras may mean that Southern California will receive half the amount of water it normally would
- ii. 100 wells in the Valley are polluted
- iii. Penmar Park has a storm water diversion system going in
- iv. UCLA held a workshop on uses and protocols for recycled water and the LA Chamber of Commerce is having a water day on March 22, 2012

i. Mar Vista Bi Monthly LADOT/CD11/LAPD Traffic Committee - Linda Guagliano

j. LANCC Delegate Report – Maritza Przekop, Chuck Ray

7. Committee reports - Action items included

a. Executive & Finance Committee-Chair Sharon Commins

- i. Resolution in Support of Adult Education [Bill Scheduling]

1. Martin Montoya, Lisa Munoz and Ann Ouwehand spoke movingly in favor of the motion. Mr. Montoya and Ms. Munoz shared their life experiences and the value of the adult education program in their lives and the lives of their families.

Whereas, the LAUSD Superintendent, John Deasy, and the LAUSD school board are proposing the elimination of Adult Education in Los Angeles; Whereas, Adult Education and Early Education are essential to the communities they serve; Whereas, Adult Education teaches basic skills and job training that are essential to working class communities; Whereas, Adult Education is teaching parents to help their children succeed in school; Whereas, the elimination of Adult Education and Early Education is unfair and will decrease opportunities for communities that need these educational services the most; Whereas, the elimination of Adult Education will make the recession worse especially in this economic climate and whereas early leaning programs help prepare children to enter and be more prepared to learn; Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council officially take a position of support for Early and Adult Education. Be it further resolved that the Mar Vista Community Council write a letter to the following local officials in support of Adult Education and Early Education in Los Angeles urging them to vote against ending all funding and instead to provide significant funding for Adult Education and Early Education. Finally, be it resolved, that the Mar Vista Community Council encourage other Neighborhood Councils to pass a resolution in support of Adult Education and Early Education.

Approved unanimously

Recipient List: LAUSD Superintendent John Deasy; The seven members of the LAUSD School Board: Board President Monica Garcia, Tamar Galatzan, Richard Vladovic, Marguerite LaMotte, Steve Zimmer, Nury Martinez, Bennet Kayser. Local representatives: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa; L. A. City Councilman Bill Rosendahl; Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. State and federal representatives: California State Assembly Member Betsy Butler
California State Senator Ted Lieu U.S. Representative Janice Hahn

- b. **Transportation & Infrastructure Committee** - Geoff Forgione & Chuck Ray, Co-Chairs

NOTE: Policy Motions i and ii were taken together and approved unanimously

- i. **POLICY MOTION:** Whereas, the Mar Vista Community Council recognizes a need to provide parking at light rail and subway stations to maximize ridership, Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council strongly recommends the City of Los Angeles and Metro work together to provide or create incentives leading to the provision of parking at or adjacent to stations. Passed unanimously. SEND BOARD RESOLUTION TO: Councilmember Bill Rosendahl and METRO
- ii. **POLICY MOTION:** Whereas, the Mar Vista Community Council recognizes that Park-and-Ride options with convenient public transportation and connection to light rail will only increase ridership and its benefits to the urban environment, Therefore, the Mar Vista Community Council strongly recommends the City of L.A. and Metro work together to provide or create incentives leading to the provision of off-site Park-and-Ride lots design to geographically expand ridership for light rail and subway lines. SEND BOARD RESOLUTION TO: Councilmember Bill Rosendahl and METRO.
- iii. **POLICY MOTION:** WHEREAS the City plans to establish a franchise system for private trash haulers, and Whereas, no credible evidence has been presented that there is a need for or tangible benefits from such a system, The Mar Vista Community Council objects to the establishment of a franchise system for private trash haulers and calls upon the City Council to reject this proposal. Passed unanimously. SEND BOARD RESOLUTION TO: Council members Buscaino (Chair), Krekorian, Garcetti – Public Works Committee Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, CD 11. A Community Impact Statement should be added to Council File 10-1797
 1. Jay Handal, WLANC Chair, noted the likely intent long term was to eliminate the city hauling system and privatize it
 2. Sherri Akers noted many small businesses would likely be charged huge fees and that this proposed program could not be considered 'green' on any level
 3. Christopher McKinnon opposed the motion and supported the franchise system stating there would be less vehicular traffic on deteriorating infrastructure
 4. Michael Millman suggested this proposed program was promoted by organized labor in order to enhance political influence and power

Approved unanimously

- c. **PLUM Committee** – Steve Wallace, Michael Millman, Co-Chairs

- i. **POLICY MOTION:** The MVCC supports a proposed "Q" condition height restriction of not more than three stories for all parcels on and adjacent to Venice Boulevard within the MVCC area bounded by the 405 Freeway on the East to Walgrove Avenue on the West and urges the support by Councilman Rosendahl's CD 11 office and planning deputy to effect such Q

Condition with the Planning and Zoning departments in the City of Los Angeles." [Christopher McKinnon]

Approved Unanimously

- d. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Amy Lawrence & Babak Nahid, Co-Chairs—no report
 - e. **Election & Bylaws Committee** – Bob Fitzpatrick & Geoff Forgione, Co-Chairs
 - i. Update: 2012 NC Elections
 - ii. Bylaws Revisions, First reading: See Attachment A
 - f. **Green Committee** – Sherri Akers & Jeanne Kuntz, Co-Chairs
 - i. Green Garden Showcase Tour Update
 - ii. **FUNDING MOTION:** the MVCC approves the expenditure of \$4,100 for printing [\$2401] and distribution [\$1600] of the 4 page Green Garden Showcase Quarterly newsletter. This expenditure must meet all City and DONE funding guidelines and will expire at the end of FY 2011-2012 if not spent. **Approved unanimously**
 - g. **Historic FS 62 Ad Hoc Committee** – Rachel Swanger & Roy Persinko, Co-Chairs—no report
 - h. **Community Outreach Committee** – Maritza Przekop & Kate Anderson, Co-Chairs—no report
 - i. **Recreation Open Space Enhancement Committee** – Jerry Hornof & Tom Ponton, Co-Chairs—no report
 - j. **Safety and Security Committee** – Rob Kadota & Bill Koontz, Co-Chairs
 - i. **FUNDING MOTION:** \$1,000 for LAPD flyers: 'Lock it Hide it Keep it' Awareness Campaign
 - ii. It was noted the flyers have helped raise awareness and reduce break ins
- Approved unanimously**
- k. **Santa Monica Airport Committee** – Bill Koontz & Yvette Molinaro, Co-Chairs—no report

8. Zone Director Reports--none

9. Unfinished Business--none

10. New Business--none

11. Grievances--none

12. Future agenda items--none

13. Adjournment—approximately 9:30 PM

ATTACHMENT A: PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISIONS, First Reading

NOTE: Article XIII AMENDMENTS: No bylaw amendment shall be voted on until it has been read at two meetings. Amendment of these bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Full Board. Once approved by the MVCC the amendment must be approved in writing by DONE before it becomes part of the bylaws of the MVCC.

The Mar Vista Community Council Bylaws finally approved by the Board of Directors on April 8, 2011 are amended to read as follows:

1. Article V Section 3: Official Actions. Voting: Subject to the presence of a quorum, a majority vote of the Directors in attendance shall prevail, except that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Directors currently serving on the Board (Full Board) shall be required to amend these by-laws, remove or appoint a Director, or remove an officer of the Board of Directors.

2. Article V Section 6: Vacancies: A Vacancy shall be deemed to exist upon either of the following:

A. The death, resignation or removal of any Director; or

B. Insufficient number of candidates available to fill all Director positions.

In the case of a vacancy, the Chair shall appoint a Stakeholder to fill that vacancy in accordance with the following procedure. The Chair shall announce the vacancy, along with the procedure for filling said vacancy.

A. at the next regular MVCC Board meeting

B. by placing a notice on the MVCC website

C. by special email announcement to the general MVCC stakeholder list.

If the time remaining for the vacant seat's term of office is 120 days or less, the seat shall remain vacant until the next election. If the time remaining for the vacant seat's term of office is more than 120 days:

A. The Chair shall, at the time of making the announcement, require that any Stakeholder interested in being considered to fill the vacancy submit a statement of candidacy to the Chair. These submissions shall be made within a 40 25 day time period following the announcement of the vacancy.

B. All candidates must comply with the requirements of Article X Section 6 of these Bylaws.

C. The names of those submitting such statements will be placed on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting following such submission.

D. Those Stakeholders whose names are submitted shall may at the Board meeting, give a statement in support of their candidacy.

E. After statements have been made, the Chair shall appoint a Stakeholder from the list of submitted names subject to approval by a two-thirds majority vote of the Full Board Directors in attendance.

F. If the first appointed Stakeholder does not receive the approval of two-thirds of the Full Board a majority vote of the Directors in attendance, the Chair shall then appoint another Stakeholder from the list of submitted names subject to approval by by two-thirds of the Full Board a majority vote of the Directors in attendance.

G. If the Chair's second appointee is not approved by a majority vote of the Directors in attendance, the Chair shall then make the appointment from the complete submitted list of candidates, which appointment shall be final and shall not be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

3. Article X. Section 1: Administration of Elections: Election of Directors: Election of Directors shall occur every two years or at such time as legally feasible, and shall be conducted by the City Clerk the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or the Mar Vista Community Council. The election shall be conducted in accordance with these Bylaws and approved Election Procedures and the rules and regulations promulgated by the City Clerk.

4. Article X. Section 4: Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status: Stakeholders shall verify their Stakeholder status through written self-affirmation. Stakeholder status may also be established by means of declaring a stake (or interest) in the neighborhood and providing the facts to support such declaration.

5. Article X. Section 6A: Criteria for Candidates: Candidates must certify in writing that they are Stakeholders of the MVCC in accordance with these Bylaws and approved Election Procedures Approved by the City Clerk as follows: