

Mar Vista History-Meeting Minutes--3/31/04

Attendees: Hal Golden, Cicely Golden, Donna Benton, Glen Howell, Nancy Howell, Sue Wong, Nadine Gallegos

1. Hal said Bill Scheduling thought the History meeting was kept secret. Nadine said she informed Bill of the meeting in a voicemail requesting the 25 mph sign. Scheduling would publicize the meeting via the MVCC website. Since the History project is not part of MVCC, we will not use the MVCC website. Sherri Noel offered to create a website. **(Nadine e-mailed Sherri on 4/1/04)**
2. Nancy informed attendees of the Santa Monica College plans to have 800 students at the SM airport campus, including the school of nursing. Major traffic issues. Recommended attendance at the Urban committee meeting on 4/1/04.
3. Centinela used car parking has diminished since "2 hour parking" signs installed. Downside is that overflow parking of the Little League and Gardens is reduced.
4. Group voted that Amanda Seward make her **History of Mar Vista presentation** to the History group at our next meeting. (Nadine e-mailed Amanda on 4/2/04)
5. Hal said he and Glen had talked earlier about MVHS having a focus. To that end, Glen presented a raft of possibilities.
 - a. Pictures of MV, need to find sources, like UCLA.
 - b. Presentations by knowledgeable stakeholders and non-MV speakers, such as Amanda Seward, Julie Cerra (CC)
 - c. Mural-Of MV identities. Glen couldn't come up with an MV identity or identities, but mentioned the lima beans. (Nadine's favorite image)
 - d. Book of stories-1892 first house, Mormons, Venice shortline, Douglas Aircraft, MGM, plane crashes, steps and stairways, Ocean View farm, architecture, Centinela Feed Store, Barnes City, colorful stories, celebrities, books
 - e. History-1600 Spanish, 1700 Tongva, Fr Serra, Land Grants, churches, Ince, St. Augustine, Ranchos, railways, annexation
 - f. 1905 map of Los Angeles area by Los Angeles Pacific Company- Shows the communities (and open land)
6. **MVHS Website**-Nadine suggested that Glen's suggestions be made into the backbone/structure for MVHS. That he put it on the website. We all could "read only". Each of us would begin to populate the site with our areas. All members could see (but not alter) all of the site. Glen asked when the site would be available. Nadine took the action to contact Sherri. (I think we are off the ground!?)
7. Mural-Nadine commented that Mar Vista is better left unpublicized. The reason Glen couldn't come up with images is because we are a quiet, desirable neighborhood, not a place which hankers to be a mini-city. Sue concurred. Prefer that strangers not be beguiled to get to know us better.
8. Nadine asked the attendees to identify their zones. We are zones, 3, 5 and 6.
9. Group will attend the Culver City Historical Society meeting Wednesday April 21st, at 7 PM. Veterans Bldg Culver and Overland (SW corner).
10. "Doing Oral History", A practical guide" by Donald Ritchie. Nadine circulated the book she purchased. The book was recommended by Julie Cerra of the Culver City Historical Society. After Nadine reads it, she'll report to the group.

What else? Did I miss anything? Nadine Gallegos