

MAR VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING IS **THURSDAY JANUARY 20, 2005**. No meeting in December.
Hal and Cece Golden, 12311 Marine St. 7 –9 PM

MINUTES 11/18/04, mvhs

Held at Golden's, 12311 Marine St

1. Introductions:: Hal & Cicely Golden, Madelyn & Bill Hahn, Evelyn Draveky, Nancy & Glen Howell, Linda Guiliano, Dorothy Nichols, Jean Castro, Nadine Gallegos, Amanda Seward, Hans Adamson, Donna Benton, Marie Wallace, Nadine Gallegos (minutes)
2. Review of minutes for meeting of September 23 rd- Not available. .
3. Report of MVHS participation at MVCC Stakeholder meeting of Oct 12. Donna Benton reports a low attendance at the stakeholder meeting, but three people signed up for MVHS. Angie Behrens had her Gabrieleno/Tongva materials, Linda had two articles and booklets.
4. Gabrieleno/Tongva Springs event on October 10. Donna reported that some MVHS attended. Interesting event..
5. Website –Dynamic Corp is making the arrangements for MVHS to have free use of a site
6. Oral History project-Nadine reports that she, Glen and Jean did their first interview and tape recording of a Mar Vista resident referred by a neighbor. After transcribing and debriefing, the lessons learned will be included in a procedure for other interviewers to follow.
 1. Nadine suggests that Hal get the names of some original residents on Grandview from the Neighborhood Watch block captain. MVHS members are encouraged to identify candidate interviewees.
 2. Marie Wallace provided a profile of the late Bob Woolfe. Bob Woolfe was a world renown scenic artist in the entertainment industries who lived, worked and exhibited in Westside Village for over 50 years"
 3. Madelyn Hahn suggests her neighbor Mildred Stephens. Madelyn & Bill will be present at interview.
 4. Evelyn Draveky, who has a background as a professor at UCLA, suggested specific questions are helpful, standardization as well as open ended questions. Evelyn has committed to participating in the oral history project.
 5. Ann & Del Hobbes, (ages 90, 88) was also suggested as candidate interviewees. (Who knows how to contact?)
 6. Dorothy Nichols did video interviews of conscientious objectors and is interested in participating in the project. .
7. Dorothy Nichols brought an issue to the attention of the MV Historical Society. The 1940s 4-plexes located on National between Butler and Federal are being bought up and converted to three level condominium complexes. The residents and neighboring homeowners are trying to stop the destruction. They hope to get

- “Cultural Historical designation of the Row”. Nichol and Ken Marsh are looking for some historical basis for the designation Amanda Seward and Hans Adamson have expertise in historical designation having been successful with the Gregory Ains area. . Donna Benton will check real estate records. The members made some suggestions, although none seem to be familiar with the specific area. The zoning has always been R 1.5, which permits these larger buildings. Contact Dorothy Nichols at 391-6558 (mlsanddijn@aol.com) or Ken Marsh at 966-9054.
8. Tales of Mar Vista-Glen Howell presentation of “Venice Reservoir Site, Ocean Park Heights” with handouts, text, map of hill and photo. The open land (9 acres) with a wondrous view of the Pacific Ocean makes this site unique in all of Los Angeles. In the 1940s, there was an antiaircraft battery with army soldiers. The ocean is approximately 2.5 miles from the hill. Glen did his research using records kept by Ocean View Farms. The land, under the jurisdiction of the Department of Water & Power, and the North Venice Little League through the Department of Recreations & Parks. Glen overlaid the site with the lots and owner’s names; all were used for farming, no dwellings. Most interesting.
 9. There will be no meeting in December.
 10. The next meeting is January 20, 2005, 7-9 PM. Again at the home of Hal and Cece Golden, 12311 Marine Street, just west of Grandview. Golden phone 391-8646.
 11. Would like a volunteer to call the members who do not have e-mail. Fewer than ten.

Minutes by Nadine Gallegos

DRAFT AGENDA FOR January 20, 2005

Hal and Cece Golden, 12311 Marine St. (391-8646)

7 –9 PM

Off Grandview, near National

1. MVCC Stakeholder meeting January 23rd., Urban Planning Committee:-Glen Howell “Historic Resources”.
2. MVCC Website -Nadine Gallegos and Marie Wallace to report on status. Handout of current site contents, and diagrams of website structure.
3. Oral History project-Nadine and Glen to report on interview process, and hand out list of interview candidates. Discuss forthcoming liftoff.
4. Tales of Mar Vista-Members please plan to share a story of Mar Vista. This is the "choicest" part of the meeting. Can we allow 30 minutes, at least for Mar Vista History and Tales?
5. Next meeting? February 17th? Who will host? Who will take minutes.