

## Mar Vista Historical Society

NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Madelyn and Bill Hahn's home, 3468 Cabrillo Blvd.397-0435

- MINUTES 1/20/05 taken by Dorothy Nichols

### Meeting Held at Hal and Cece Golden's, 12311 Marine St.

1. Introductions (attendees): Nadine Gallegos, Madelyn and Bill Hahn, Glen Howell, Dorothy Nichols, Dorothy and Philip Curtis, Hal and Cece Golden, Robert Limbach, Linda Guagliano, Marie Wallace.
2. Nadine Gallegos leads meeting starting with the reading of the agenda.
3. Nadine hands out membership roster.
4. **Agenda Item 1: Upcoming Stakeholders Meeting**

Discussion of up-coming Stakeholders meeting Sunday, January 23, 2005 at the Lutheran Church. Glen Howell is to speak.

Glen talks about possible subjects of speech. "Who Planned Mar Vista?" Talk centers on the time before 1911 when Moses Sherman, a school teacher from back East and his partner Clark bought the right-of-way to build a railway between downtown L.A. and Venice Beach in 1902. He hands out a L.A.P. System Construction Map by Richard C. Berk that shows where and when this Palms Division Line and other lines were established, pointing out that these started as horse drawn trolley's and were independently owned. 30,000 people a day traveled from downtown L.A. to the Venice area.

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However, it was this Moses Sherman, known as "General" Sherman who developed the line that went through the lima bean fields that we now know as Mar Vista.

Glen spoke about other influences on the Mar Vista development. Helms of Helms bakery was mentioned as a Methodist who had a big role in the establishment of Los Angeles. MGM workers were mentioned as coming to MarVista to live.

- Discussion is cut off as it is much longer than will be required by the Stakeholders' meeting but it is very interesting stuff.

- Stakeholders will be discussing the historical significance of Venice Blvd.
- Nadine hands out Stakeholder Survey of Community Opinion.

**5. Agenda Item 2: Website.**

Marie Wallace discussed the website that she and her daughter have created in the last week for the Mar Vista Historical Society. Papers are handed out showing,

- a. What things could be put on the website?
- b. What the opening page looks like
- c. The procedures for creating a website
- d. A column written by Marie Wallace published in September 3, 2001 about how to add color to presentations.

Marie asks the group to consider these questions in creating this website:

- a. What kind of wording would the group like to use?
- b. How do we want to define ourselves?
- c. What type of search function do we want to use?
- d. Do we want wallpaper?
- e. What colors would we like to use?

These questions are being added to the next agenda.

**6. Agenda Item 3: Oral History Project**

Nadine Gallegos discusses having done two interviews. One each with Jackie Taylor and Lloyd Seals.

Nadine passes out interviewees candidates worksheet, Oral interview Process and the “Doing Oral Histories” book to be used to advise. She recommends;

- a. Get rapport
- b. Keep questions not too formal

She then asks what people want to do.

She asks if Dorothy Nichols will be a vector point. Dorothy wants to think about it.

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