

MINUTES 17 February 2004
Home of Madelyn and Bill Hahn

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m., with Linda Guagliano presiding.

1. Website
 - a. Webmaster: Linda Wallace is the official Webmaster of the Mar Vista Historical Society website. She will not edit content. She suggested that content approval is only by a majority of the attending members.
 - b. Linda Wallace, with her laptop, accessed the website, showing the attendees the present contents. She had handouts, which included the current listing of links, history, agendas and minutes.
 - c. Homework, language: Suggested that the next meeting, the attendees come prepared with a draft of the language for "About Us". Also have three suggestions of the purpose of the MVHS. (A mission statement).
 - d. MV Boundaries-Group adopted a working boundary of Mar Vista which coincides with the Mar Vista Community Council boundaries. Mar Vista, historically speaking has had several variations.
 - e. Home Page Photo-Marie Wallace has paid the fee for the splendid picture which graces our home page. The Los Angeles Library, Mar Vista Branch.
 - f. Copyright: Amanda Seward described possible language for the site. She will draft language for the website for the next meeting. She informed the group that while the photos on the Los Angeles Public Library site are copyright protected (requiring fees), that we are free to have a link on our site so that people can see the photos.
 - g. Attendees suggested that the website History be expanded to include stories, folk tales and recollections. Mar Vistans have many stories.
2. National/Butler-Courtyard four plex apartments-Dorothy Nichols made a presentation of the current situation. Developers wish to replace the remaining courtyard garden apartments with condo buildings, as they have already done at the corner of Butler.
 - a. MVHS unanimously agreed to write a letter in support of an historical designation for the courtyard units.
 - b. MVHS will allow the project to use the MVHS site to provide information.
3. Mar Vista Historical Preservation sites-Amanda proposed that the MVHS consider three areas in Mar Vista worthy of historical protection:
 - a. Gregory Ains tract
 - b. Fritz Burns homes in Westside village
 - c. Westdale Trousdale neighborhood.
4. Oral History-Dorothy Nichols reported that Mildred Stephens, age 99, and her family would be interviewed as soon as the schedule can be worked out. This is the Stephens Ranch family. Dorothy has purchased a transcriber for the two-part interview.
5. Bill Rosendahl has informed some members that the publisher of the Santa Monica mirror is planning to do an article on Mar Vista and the MVHS. It was suggested that this might better happen a few months down the line.
6. Glen Howell delighted the attendees with a map of Mar Vista circa 1888 and provided historical insight to the time. More to come.
7. Those attending were: Nadine Gallegos, Dorothy Nichols, Marie Wallace, Linda Wallace, Glen Howell, Madelyn and Bill Hahn, Evelyn Dravecky, Cicely and Hal Golden, Linda Guagliano, Jose and Sherri Noel, Amanda Seward, Hans Adamson.
8. Next meeting is Thursday March 17, 2005, 7-9 PM at the home of Madelyn and Bill Hahn at 3468 Cabrillo Blvd, north of Palms Blvd, West of Centinela. 397-0435.

Minutes were taken by Hal Golden. Need a volunteer to take minutes for the March 17th meeting.