

MAR VISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes: 17 March 2005

ATTENDANCE: Linda Wallace, Marie Wallace, Loree Bryer, Madelyn Hahn, Hal Golden, Cicely Golden, Glen Howell, Nancy Howell, Evelyn Dravecky, Linda Guagliano, Dorothy Nichols, and Donna Benton.

PRESIDING: Linda Guagliano

HOST: Bill & Madelyn Hahn

MINUTES: Linda Wallace

Prelude: Evelyn Dravecky circulated an information flyer about the UCLA History Project: <http://www.uclahistoryproject.ucla.edu/>

1. Meeting Called to Order: Linda Guagliano presiding

- > Introductions of everyone in attendance
- > Minutes from 2/17/2005 meeting approved
- > Linda G. circulated LA Times article, "Together from the Ground Up" about Mar Vista Ocean View community farms: <http://www.latimes.com/features/home/la-hm-community3mar03.1.953417.story?coll=la-headlines-home>
- > Discussion followed about the need for a physical archive. Linda asked everyone to consider it during the meeting.

2. Website: Linda Wallace provided a handout with the proposed updates to the website:

- > Mention of the website host Dynamic on the MVHS website
 - Discussion followed about noting the support of Dynamic on the website. Evelyn suggested the working "MVHS acknowledges the support." Group agreed and approved mention on website.
- > Ability to provide @marvistahistoricalsociety.net contact e-mail address
 - Discussion followed about the MVHS contact e-mail address. Linda W. noted it's a good to keep personal e-mail addresses private and to use a MVHS e-mail instead. Group agreed to the need for a general MVHS e-mail address for the Contact Us page. Glen Howell agreed to manage the MVHS contact e-mail address mailbox and to be listed as the contact person. Linda W. will setup the info@marvistahistoricalsociety.net e-mail address and forward the info to Glen about how to manage the e-mail account.
- > Additional Resources links
 - Discussion followed about list of proposed links. Suggestions were made for additional links, including: So Cal Historical Society, UCLA Library, LMU Library, and Mormon Family History Library. Linda W. agreed to research and add links.
 - Discussion followed about the inclusion of the WestMar Sun online newspaper and/or blog. A summary of input: WestMar Sun is controversial and inclusion in our resources may imply support of an editorial view. Linda W. suggested not listing any newspapers in the Resources list because there are too many, and the editorial content of any newspaper may be problematic. Marie objected to the Westmar Sun because links to articles often disappear within a few days, making it difficult to reference content. Group agreed not to include newspapers in the Resources links. Group agreed that newspapers can be contacted to publicize MVHS events.
- > MVHS Listings: Linda W. said she contacted the following groups, and MVHS is now listed on their websites: Los Angeles Conservancy, California History, and Los Angeles Almanac.

3. About Us, Permissions, Contact Us: Marie Wallace provided handout of proposed statement.

- > Marie read proposed About Us statement to the group. Discussion followed. Group approved About Us statement.
- > Rights & Permissions: provided by Amanda Seward. Evelyn read the proposed statement to the group. Discussion followed. Group approved the Right & Permissions statement.

> Contact Us: Group had already discussed the need for a general MVHS e-mail address. Glen Howell agreed to manage MVHS contact e-mail address.

4. Stories: Glen Howell

- > Glen said he is happy to contribute articles to the website.
- > The submission of articles is only limited by proofreading.

5. Public Meeting: Mar Vista Water

- > Discussion followed about possible locations for MVHS meetings and events.
 - Nadine had contacted Venice and Mar Vista Libraries about using their facilities
 - Venice Library will waive fee, but it's only available until 8:00pm
 - Marie gave input about how many libraries, banks, and church meeting rooms now charge fees for facility use and insurance.
 - Linda G. suggested the Ken Marsh Art Galleries or Episcopal Church on Grandview.
 - Other suggestions: St Jerome's, Mar Vista Park, St. Andrews, and Windward School
- > Glen circulated an LA Times article, "DWP Plans to Cut Customers Water Bills."
<http://www.latimes.com/business/local/power/la-me-waterbill14mar14.1.1577755.story?coll=la-headlines-business-power>
- > Glen recounted the history of water issues in Mar Vista, comparing to Los Angeles as depicted in the movie, "Chinatown." He provided a map to everyone of the Regional Geological Cross-Section of the Charnock Sub-Basin. It displays the Silverado Aquifer:
http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/mtbe/charnock/maps.html
 - Silverado Aquifer: Charnock fault, Overland Fault
 - Ballona Aquifer
 - Privately owned water wells: Southern California Water Company
 - 1951: eminent domain > DWP gain controls local water rights > fund Owens Valley aqueduct project bonds
 - 1996: MTBE (gasoline additive) contaminates local wells
- > Glen agrees to be speaker at public meeting to discuss water issues and history. He estimated his talk to be 1 hour 15 minutes. Discussion followed about trying to plan for date in late May or early June.

6. Condo Conversion Update: Dorothy Nichols provided update.

- > Dorothy reviewed the historical status and efforts made to determine the architect for the Trousdale Courtyard Apartment. The architect may be Art O'Leary.
- > Dorothy gave an update of the Kentwood area in Westchester that is facing similar circumstances. They recently were voted down for historical preservation status.
- > Discussion followed about how the MVCC urban planning representative may be able to help. Dorothy said they have 500 of the needed 1,000 signatures to get the item on the City agenda.
- > Dorothy read a draft of the MVHS letter in support of the historic preservation of Trousdale Courtyard Apartments. Group agreed that Amanda Seward can sign the letter as representative of MVHS.

7. Oral History: Dorothy Nichols provided update.

- > Dorothy said that Mildred Stevens and her family have agreed to an interview. She is working with Bill and Madelyn Hahn and friends to provide a comfortable atmosphere for the interview.
- > Dorothy asked Linda W. about the possibility of bringing a laptop and scanner to the interview to scan documents provided by the family.

8. Mar Vista Historical Preservation Projects: Amanda Seward not in attendance. Item tabled.

9. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 21, 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Host: Hal & Cecily Golden, 12311 Marine Street.

10. Next Meeting Minutes: Linda G. agreed to take minutes, if she is not presiding.

11: Final Item: Linda G. asks someone to volunteer to maintain archive. Glen Howell agrees to maintain the MVHS archive.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

MVHS WEBSITE: Linda Wallace

HISTORICAL SOCIETY LISTINGS

LA Conservancy: <http://www.laconservancy.org/preservation/organizations.php4>
California History: <http://www.californiahistory.com/index.html>
Los Angeles Almanac: <http://www.losangelesalmanac.com/topics/History/hi10.htm>
(No Response: California Historical Society:
<http://www.californiahistoricalsociety.org/main.html>)

RESOURCES

MAR VISTA

Mar Vista Branch Library
<http://www.lapl.org/branches/38.html>

Mar Vista Community Council
<http://www.marvistacc.org/>

Mar Vista Neighborhood Association
<http://www.mvna.net/>

Mar Vista Tract: Gregory Ain Preservation
<http://marvistatract.org/index.html>

North Westdale Neighborhood Association
<http://www.northwestdale.com/>

Ven-Mar Neighborhood Association
<http://www.venmarna.com/>

Westdale Homeowners Association
<http://www.westdalehoa.org/index.shtml>

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

County of Los Angeles Public Library
<http://www.colapublib.org/>

Santa Monica Public Library
<http://www.smpl.org/>

MVHS ABOUT US – Marie Wallace

Mar Vista Historical Society aims to

- Document the changing and unique character of Mar Vista in recorded times with research, stories, maps, photographs and oral histories
- Stimulate historical thinking about the mosaic of its people, issues and events
- Share and preserve historical resources related to Mar Vista neighborhoods in the MVHS website

MVHS WEBSITE RIGHTS & PERMISSIONS – Amanda Seward

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