



# Mar Vista Community Council



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

## Minutes

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Tuesday, June 8, 2021, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WELCOME

Zoom Electronic Meeting

Webinar ID 946 5647 6371

1. **Call to Order** Meeting called to order by Chair, Elliot Hanna, at 7:02PM
2. **Roll Call** – Call of the roll and certification of a quorum

3. Board Member	Present	Absent
Ambriz	X	
Hill	X	
Hruska	X	
Inouye	X	
Kadota (7:05PM)	X	
Krupkin	X	
Proctor		X
Rubin	X	
Shure	X	
Stemar	X	
Tilson	X	
Watkins	X	
Wheeler	X	
Hanna	X	

3. **Community Memorial Observations**-none
4. **Announcements**-

Wheeler: Officially moving to new website in the near future.

Krupkin: Hopscotch mosaic by Tracy Corinne will be installed in front of the Mar Vista Library on June 12<sup>th</sup>

Tyler LaFrierre (Renter’s Committee Co-Chair): Voting in MVCC Election open until 8PM tonight. Eviction moratorium will end June 30<sup>th</sup>. New city budget has some allocations for eviction defense.

5. **Public Comment for Items NOT on this Agenda (30 min., maximum) [7:08PM]**  
Kalani Whittington, Dorothy Huston, Steve Paddock
6. **Ex-Parte Communications and Conflicts-of-Interest** – Each board member shall declare any ex-parte communications or conflicts-of-interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda. [7:15PM]  
Hanna: spoke with Tilson regarding 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 10.4 and with Shure regarding 13.4, and 13.5  
Inouye: Spoke with City Attorney regarding potential conflict of interest on item 10.5 on May 11 Agenda and was told there was none.  
Tilson: concurred with Hanna (see above)  
Wheeler: Contacted Secretary and Chair regarding agenda item 13.2
7. **Approval of Minutes** – Approval of minutes from prior meeting(s) of the MVCC Board of Directors [7:18PM]  
Motion to approve May 11, 2021 Minutes (Wheeler/Rubin).  
Public Comment: none.  
Approved without objection
8. **Reports [7:19PM]**
  - 8.1. **Elected Official and City Department Reports** – Reports from elected officials, their representatives, or representatives of city departments.  
Alek Bartrosouf (CD11): Confirmed Hopscotch Mosaic installation. City Council approved 11.2 Billion Budget: Will include 140M for Hotel/Motel conversions, pilot program from Dept Mental Health and LAFD to dispatch trained mental health professionals to address urgent call, 2 M to promote Al Fresco Dining, 10M for child care for businesses, 183M for street repair, 3M for Social Equity program within cannabis industry.  
Armine Sargsyan (Supervisor Holly Mitchell): Junteenth Celebration on June 18 between 11AM and 3PM at Magic Johnson Park.  
Brad Fingard (Mayor’s Office): Newly approved budget is the most progressive in LA history with a 9% increase across the board. Housing and Community Investment Dept (HCID) will be hosting a series of webinars this month on eviction defense. First one is June 9 between 3 and 5PM.  
LA Optimize: monthly webinar series for entrepreneurs, first Tuesday of the month beginning on June 15<sup>th</sup>. LA Dept of Public Health (LADPH) will be hosting a Town Hall on June 10<sup>th</sup> between 6 and 7:30PM on reopening after Covid restrictions are lifted.  
Atzi Camarena (Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment, DONE): Dept launched first Module 1 On-Boarding Session last month and will host next one on June 21 from 6:30PM -8:30PM. Closing of financial year: no credit card transactions after June 20. Upcoming Funding Training: Tues June 22, 6-8PM.
  - 8.2. **Officer Reports**
    - Chair – Elliot Hanna: Board should be proud of what it’s done: Creation of Renter’s Committee to represent the 60% of Mar Vista residents who are renters, Created emergency Prep Committee, have most pro-active Outreach Committee in MVCC history, have created balance on the Homelessness Issues Committee, Planning and Land Use Committee has been the best In MVCC history, opposing irresponsible and encouraging responsible Development. Have had 22 ExFin and 33 Board meetings and countless Committee meetings over the past 2 years. Have had zero posting and zero funding violations. Issued 64 position letters and countless Community Impact Statements (CISes). Were the first NC to hold Zoom meetings after pandemic struck. Developed an agreement with the Mar Vista Rec Center (thanx to Outreach Chair Kathryn Wheeler), for storage, which saves Council and the City 6K per year. Stood up against more Road Diets and against utilization of a portion of the [Mar Vista] park for homeless housing, which [he] believes is in line with the sentiments of the

community. Passed a major By-Laws revision and created 2 additional Board seats. Addressed the community: "This is your board. Demand results, demand improvement, demand change, accept no excuses, hold your leaders accountable".

- First Vice-Chair – Stacy Shure: Looks forward to passing pending Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) motions to next PLUM or First Vice Chair. Also some pending motions from the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) for next Board. Have motion on tonight's agenda from WRAC for extension on review time for Policies & Procedures Ordinance. Update on Mayor's Affordable Housing Design Contest, which she and Co-chair, Neil Kritzingler participated in: winners have been announced. See results on Mayor's website. SB330 update: continuing to advocate with State legislators on amendment to produce great amount of affordable housing. Eviction Defense Network: continuing to work with tenants on this.
- Second Vice-Chair – Christine Stemar: no changes to report. Looking forward to continuing the work of the committee as a co-chair.
- Secretary – Mary Hruska : see written report.
- Treasurer – Holly Tilson: see written report.

### 8.3. Zone Director Reports:

**Zone 1-** Stacy Shure- see written report

**Zone 2-** Martin Rubin- see written report

**Zone 3 Report-**Mary Hruska-see written report

**Zone 4 Report-**Robert Watkins- see written report. Additionally, given the largesse in the new City budget, and the impending end of the pandemic it does not seem to be reflected in the cleanliness of the city. Stakeholder have voiced unhappiness at how dirty the neighborhood is, and the city at large and the increase in crime. Have voiced that the city needs to restore order and cleanliness.

**Zone 5 Report-**Michelle Krupkin-Homeless encampments continue at the Mar Vista Post Office, On Pacific at Grand View and the lumberyard. Crime continues to escalate (catalytic converter Theft, theft from autos, bicycle thefts). Installation of Hopscotch Mosaic has commenced at Mar Vista Library.

**Zone 6-** Holly Tilson-continued escalation of crime (similar to Zone 5 plus house break-ins). Has discovered that Neighborhood councils have a special fund that Council Districts can donate into. Such a fund could be directed towards clean streets by the NC. There will be a professional fireworks display at Mark Twain Junior High School. Some Zone 6 residents are concerned about illegal fireworks.

### 8.4. Committee Reports – Reports from MVCC Standing and Ad Hoc Committees including the most recent Outreach Report. [8:02PM]

Planning and Land Use(Shure) : Lots of engagement with both homeowners and tenants. Attempting to work with Mayor and County to get eviction moratorium extended. There was a building demolished on Venice Blvd for which there was no Pre-Demolition notice. Is trying to determine etiology of this. Working to get notice to NCs of all Ellis Act filings. Working with CD11 and CD5 on 3 developments which did not comply with affordable housing replacement units per SB330. Bastion presented at PLUM on their development at Zanja & Meyer. No vote taken. Project straddles both MV and Culver City. Have had fruitful meetings. Will provide 5000 sq feet of public space on the LA side. Will give priority to any local residents that have been displaced as a result of Ellis Act evictions. Will be 144 apartments. Will outreach to local community on commercial tenants. Placed list of developments accepting applications for affordable housing on PLUM Google Drive. Ballona Vista, a 100% affordable development on Grand View, is expected to open in November. Spoke at LAUSD meeting regarding the Installation of housing on local school playgrounds. Local tenants with which she is working

received food from a local initiative, NourishLA. Eleven RSO buildings in the area have been sold. Suggested to CD11 to make Zone 7 an Affordable Housing Protection Overlay Zone. Homelessness Committee (Watkins)-[See report]. Additionally, No meeting this month. Tents at 405 down since fore, but those at MV Park have increased. Hopefully encampments will decrease with upcoming removal of Covid restrictions.

Elections & By-Laws (Rubin): will have a summary meeting on June 23. Requesting input. Ad Hoc Covid-19 Committee (Inouye): was hindered by lack of guidance for such a unique event. Encountered a lot of bureaucratic red tape. Passed anti-AAPI Hate motion, CIS on encouraging reporting of AAPI hate crimes, promoted Safe Steps to Safe Schools webinar, and reached out to local non-profits who were working on Covid-related assistance. Explored multiple ways to assist the community. There is a need to address such a situation on a city-wide basis.

Education, Arts & Culture (Hill): Will have a town hall on June 12 at 2:30PM dedicated to advocating for Richland Elementary returning to being a local Elementary School for Mar Vista. Community Plan Sub-Committee (Hruska): [see written report]. Additionally, urged community To participate in Environmental Impact Review Report process, (scoping meetings) and to continue to monitor the Draft Plan as changes are possible at any part of its approval process.

Transportation & Infrastructure (Krupkin): city will be completing a bike path from Santa Monica to Downtown this year. LAWA (Los Angeles World Airport) will be renovated soon and will bring creation of a METRO line to the airport. Great Streets meeting June 9, covering Mar Vista Beautification Project progress. Still lots of empty storefronts in downtown Mar Vista. Bus shelter at Venice and Centinela completed, and 2 charging stations installed on Venice Blvd. Still trying to get information from LADWP on age of water infrastructure in Mar Vista. Also still trying to get an accounting of Venice Blvd Relinquishment funds (14M) from LADOT and LADPW. Would like to see Pacific Ave repaved between Inglewood and Centinela. Outreach Committee (Wheeler): [see written report] Additionally, New and old websites are being synched, and will be working on troubleshooting. Storage unit has been emptied. Check for Bus Shelter ads has not been paid. Working with DONE and vendors on payment. This program was very successful. Mailers and Newsletter were also successful. Hope to maintain these new avenues of outreach.

9. **Special Orders** - None

10. **Consent Calendar** [8:41PM]

10.1. **[ADMINISTRATIVE][TILSON] Monthly Expenditure Report** – Approval of the most recent Monthly Expenditure Report(s).

10.2. **[ADMINISTRATIVE][TILSON] FY2020-2021 Budget Adjustments** – Approval of adjustments to the FY2020-2021 budget.

**10.3. [FUNDING][HANNA] Appropriation for Replacement Microphones** – Approval of an appropriation, in the amount of \$400.00, to replace wireless microphones and related cables stolen during the most recent storage unit burglary.

**10.4. [ADMINISTRATIVE][TILSON] Approval of DRAFT FY2021-2022 Administrative Packet** – Approval of the DRAFT budget and other items for FY2021-2022.

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Rubin)  
 Public Comment: Ashley Zeldin (Question)  
 Consent Calendar approved without objection

**11. Excluded Consent Items**-none

**12. Unfinished Business and General Orders** - None

**13. New Business**

**13.1. [POLICY][AMBRIZ/HILL/INOUYE] Limited MVCC English-Proficiency Policy** – Discussion and possible action regarding a limited English-proficiency policy for the Mar Vista Community Council.

Motion to approve (Inouye/Ambriz)

Public Comment: Atziri Camarena (Neutral), Hunter Baoengstom (For), Franciso Espinosa (For), Kalani Whittington (Against), Helen Fallon (against), Faith Myhra (For), Ashley Zeldin (For), Mike McRae (For), Tyler LaFierre (Neut), Harrison Hopkins(For)

Motion to Table Indefinitely (Wheeler/Shure)

Board Comment: Ambriz, Hanna, Rubin, Krupkin, Shure, Hill, Tilson, Hruska, Inouye

Board Member	Aye	No	Absta in	Abse nt
Ambriz		X		
Hill		X		
Hruska	X			
Inouye		X		
Kadota		X		
Krupkin	X			
Proctor				X
Rubin	X			

Shure	X			
Stemar	X			
Tilson	X			
Watkins	X			
Wheeler	X			
Hanna			X	
Total	8	4	1	1
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

**13.2. [POLICY][EACC] Support for Mar Vista Elementary School being the designated school for Mar Vista students** – Discussion and possible action regarding support for Mar Vista Elementary School becoming the designated school for Mar Vista students.

[Point of Order \(Shure\): As this motion is directed towards Los Angeles Unified School District \(LAUSD\), It falls outside the purview of a Neighborhood Council.](#)

[Chair concurred and the item is not considered.](#)

**13.3. [POLICY][PLUM] Community Impact Statement Regarding CF #17-1432-S1** – Discussion and possible action regarding support for CF #17-1432-S1 regarding expanding interim Motel conversion ordinance to extend to commercial properties for supportive and transitional housing.

[Board Questions: Krupkin, Tilson](#)

[Public Comment: none](#)

[Motion to suspend the rules and consider adoption without Board Comment \(Hanna/Wheeler 2/3 majority required\)](#)

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Ambriz		X		
Hill		X		
Hruska	X			
Inouye		X		
Kadota		X		
Krupkin	X			
Proctor				X
Rubin	X			
Shure	X			
Stemar	X			

Tilson			X	
Watkins	X			
Wheeler	X			
Hanna	X			
Total	8	4	1	1
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

**13.4. [POLICY][PLUM] Community Impact Statement Regarding CF #11-1973-S2** – Discussion and possible action in support of CF #11-1973-S2 regarding Amending the Adaptive Reuse Ordinance, to include conversion for supportive and transitional housing, reduction of minimum dwelling size, no additional parking requirements for the supportive housing, and making adaptive reuse projects by right.

[Motion to approve \(Shure/Kadota\)](#)

[Board Questions: Watkins](#)

[Public Comment: Helen Fallon \(Against\)](#)

[Board Comment : Rubin, Watkins](#)

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Ambriz			X	
Hill			X	
Hruska		X		
Inouye		X		
Kadota	X			
Krupkin		X		
Proctor				X
Rubin		X		
Shure	X			
Stemar	X			
Tilson		X		
Watkins		X		
Wheeler		X		
Hanna			X	

Total	3	7	3	1
Motion	Carries		Fails	X
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

Motion to extend meeting 15 minutes (Shure). Approved without objection

**13.5. [POLICY][SHURE] Community Impact Statement regarding CF 12-0460-S4** – Discussion and possible action regarding a CIS asking the City Council to postpone for a period of not less than 3 months consideration of an ordinance “requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance including the technical corrections recommended in the Department of City Planning (DCP) report dated May 25, 2021; and, instructing the DCP, in consultation with the City Attorney, to report with recommendations regarding a community outreach plan, staff training, and the feasibility of hiring a contractor for implementation.”

Motion to approve (Shure/Wheeler)

Public Comment: Helen Fallon (For), April Petersen (For)

Board Comment : Rubin, Hruska

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Ambriz		X		
Hill		X		
Hruska	X			
Inouye	X			
Kadota	X			
Krupkin	X			
Proctor				X
Rubin	X			
Shure	X			



Stemar	X			
Tilson	X			
Watkins	X			
Wheeler	X			
Hanna			X	
Total	10	2	1	1
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

**14. Adjournment-Motion to adjourn (Wheeler/Stemar). Meeting adjourned at 10:06PM**

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