



Mar Vista Community Council



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WELCOME

Zoom Electronic Meeting
Webinar ID 946 5647 6371

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1. **Call to order:** —Meeting called to order by NEA, Atziri Camarena at 7:08pm.
2. **Special orders**
 - 2.1. **Installation of newly-elected Board-of-Directors** – Installation of the newly-elected Board of Directors by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment or other cognizant authority. —NEA, Atziri Camarena seated/installed newly-elected board members.
 - 2.2. **Election of new executive board** – Nomination and election of Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for FY2021-2022. —Martin Rubin nominated Kathryn Wheeler for Chair: Affirmed by Greenwald, Honda, Laferriere, Marton, Paul, Rodriguez, Rubin, Ruesch, Samiley, Tilson, Watkins, Wheeler; Denied by Blakey, Myhra, Sharma

Kathryn Wheeler nominated Andrew Marton for 1st Vice-Chair. Faith Myhra nominated Tyler Laferriere.

Andrew Marton Affirmed by Greenwald, Honda, Marton, Paul, Rodriguez, Rubin, Ruesch, Samiley, Tilson, Watkins, Wheeler; Andrew Marton Denied and Tyler Laferriere Affirmed by Blakey, Laferriere, Myhra, Sharma.

Andrew Marton nominated Jordan Paul for 2nd Vice-Chair. Martin Rubin nominated Carolyn Honda for 2nd Vice-Chair.

Jordan Paul Affirmed by Greenwald, Marton, Paul, Ruesch, Tilson Watkins, Wheeler; Jordan Paul Denied and Carolyn Honda Affirmed by Honda, Laferriere, Rodriguez, Rubin, Samiley; Abstentions by Blakey, Myhra, Sharma.

Kathryn Wheeler nominated Charlene Samiley for Secretary; no objections.

Drew Ruesch self-nominated for Treasurer; no objections.
3. **Roll call** – Call of the roll and certification of a quorum

All board members present.
4. **Public comment for items NOT on this agenda (30 min., maximum)**

Dorothy, Helen Fallon, Scott Epstein, Kalani Whittington, Harrison, Ashley Zeldin
5. **Reading and Approval of Minutes** – Reading and approval of the minutes from the most recent regular meeting(s) of the Board of Directors. - June 8, 2021, Minutes approved without objection, moved by Mr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Laferriere.
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.

Board Member	Ex-parte	Conflicts
Wheeler*	Worked with incumbents* on entire agenda; Ruesch 12.5	None
Blakey	None	None
Greenwald	None	None
Honda	None	None
Laferriere	None	None
Marton	None	None
Myhra	None	None
Paul	None	None
Rodriguez	None	None
Rubin*	Communications mentioned by Wheeler	None
Ruesch	Wheeler 12.5	None
Samiley	None	None
Sharma	None	None
Tilson*	Conversation with Wheeler regarding finishing up on end of fiscal year; agenda	None
Watkins*	Communications mentioned by Wheeler	None

7. Adoption of the agenda - no objections to the agenda

8. Reports

8.1. Elected Official and City Department Reports - Reports from elected officials, their representatives, or representatives of city departments. - [CD11 Vishesh Anand](#); [SD2 Armine Sargsyan](#); [NEA Atzi Camarena](#)

8.1.1. Councilmember Paul Koretz, Fifth District. See Supporting Documents.

9. Consent calendar – The Consent Calendar is reserved for items deemed to be routine and non-controversial. Any board member may pull an item or items for further discussion. - [Approved; 12 yeas, 3 abstentions \(Blakey, Myhra, Sharma\), abstentions do not count in vote tally.](#)

9.1. [FUNDING][TILSON] Approval of June MER – Discussion and possible action regarding the Monthly Expense Report for *June, 2021*

9.2. [FUNDING][WHEELER] Appropriation for Storage Unit Items Removal – Approval of an appropriation, not to exceed \$600, for removal of unsalvageable items from the MVCC paid storage unit.

9.3. [FUNDING][WHEELER] Appropriation to Renew MVCC’s Annual SurveyMonkey Account – Approval of an appropriation, not to exceed \$384, for the renewal of the annual MVCC SurveyMonkey account.

9.4. [POLICY][TILSON/RUBIN] 2021 Election Information Pickup/Retrieval – Discussion and possible action authorizing the pickup/retrieval of MVCC’s 2021 election documents and information from the Office of the City Clerk.

10. Excluded consent items – Discussion and further action on items excluded from the Consent Calendar.

11. Unfinished business and general orders – None

12. New business

12.1. [FUNDING][TILSON] FY2021-2022 Administrative Packet – Discussion and possible action regarding the administrative packet for FY2021-2022 including the appointment of financial officers (alternate signer, second signer, card holder, and second card holder). Pages 8 thru 12 were approved by the previous board during the June 2021 meeting. - [Approved without objection; moved by Ms. Tilson, seconded by Dr. Watkins.](#)

12.2. [POLICY][RUBIN/TILSON/WATKINS/WHEELER] Community Impact Statement Regarding CF 20-1376-S1 – Discussion and possible action in support of a proposed Los Angeles City Ordinance (CF-20-1376-S1)

limiting homeless encampments. - Motion to send to committee moved by Myhra, seconded by Sharma, failed 11 to 3 (Blakey, Myhra, Sharma), 1 abstention (Laferriere), abstentions do not count in vote tally;

Call to Question moved by Watkins, seconded by Marton, approved 11 to 2 (Blakey, Sharma), 1 abstention (Laferriere), abstentions do not count in the vote tally;

Main motion moved by Rubin, seconded by Tilson approved 11 to 2 (Blakey, Sharma), 2 abstentions (Laferriere, Myhra), abstentions do not count in the vote tally.

SEE ADDENDUM: On 7/13/21, the 7/8/21 minutes of an organization for homelessness record the following relating to homeless issues participants and CF 20-1376-S1:

1. COUNCIL DISTRICT 11 UPDATE: Vishesh Anand: b. Council motion: stop people from sitting or sleeping — second hearing on 7/28/21. Try to stop the motion getting passed.

2. SUB-COMMITTEE [sic] UPDATES: f. Community Outreach, i. Mar Vista Park - Faith; ii. Venice and Grand View - Bitta; h. Fundraising | Grant Writing Committee: Tyler - meeting with St. Josephs [sic]

The website also reflects that Director Laferriere is on the Board of Directors, Grants Director.

None declared Conflict of Interest at beginning of meeting. Once brought to the board's attention, Laferriere apologized, wanted to recuse himself, but could only abstain as our NEA stated that it was too late for recusal after board discussion.

Chair Wheeler to refer matter to the City Attorney assigned to the MVCC.

- 12.3. [POLICY][RUBIN/TILSON/WATKINS/WHEELER] Development at 12604 Mitchell Avenue** – Discussion and possible action opposing the development to subdivide one R3-1 parcel into 8 small lots for the construction of 8 dwelling units, each with 1 ADU, height over 44', 3 requested additional curb cuts and build out of parking foundation to lot lines, removal of all trees from the parcel. Lot is on one corner of an intersection with single family dwelling units on the other three corners. - Passed without objection, moved by Mr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Laferriere.
- 12.4. [POLICY][RUBIN/TILSON/WATKINS/WHEELER] MVCC Representation for the Deputy Advisory Hearing** – Discussion and possible action authorizing previous PLUM Chair, Stacy Shure, to represent the MVCC at hearings regarding this matter. As PLUM Chair, she received the 12604 Mitchell Avenue development application to appear at a Deputy Advisory Hearing on 7/22/21 at 10am. She has the knowledge and experience relating to this development; therefore, is best suited to represent the MVCC in this matter. - Amended motion passed without objection, moved by Mr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Marton. Amendment passed without objection to include “and all other developments until new PLUM chair is seated.”
- 12.5. [POLICY][RUBIN/TILSON/WATKINS/WHEELER] Mar Vista School Designation** – Discussion and possible action, pursuant to Stakeholders’ requests, designating local LAUSD schools within the boundaries of Mar Vista Planning area as “home schools” for the purposes of enrollment for current and future students that live within the planning area. - Amended motion passed without objection, moved by Mr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Marton. Amendment to change language passed 8 - 5 - 2, moved by Mr. Laferriere, seconded by Ms. Greenwald, abstentions do not count in the vote tally.
- 12.6. [FUNDING][RUBIN/TILSON/WATKINS/WHEELER] Appropriation for a Board Retreat** – Discussion and possible action approving an expenditure, not to exceed \$300, for a Board Retreat. - Motion passed without objection, moved by Ms. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Marton.

- 13. Adjournment - 10:22pm, passed without objection, moved by Mr. Marton, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez.**

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Addendum



MEETING MINUTES: TASK FORCE MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: JULY 8, 2021

ATTENDEES:

- Rich Hirschhoff
- Robin Doyno
- Deb Longua-Zamero
- Vishesh Anand
- Sachin Medhekar
- Shawn Bailey
- Godafrin Dastur
- Jehangir Dastur
- Martha Davis
- Ashley Zeldin
- Sarah Fay

MISSION: Serving the unhoused in Mar Vista, while improving community health & safety.

TOPICS:

1. **COUNCIL DISTRICT 11 UPDATE:** Vishesh Anand
 - a. Encampment to Home: housed over 75 people on Ocean Front Walk. Getting everyone housed.
 - b. Council motion: stop people from sitting or sleeping — second hearing on 7/28/21. **Try to stop the motion getting passed.**
 - c. City Budgets: hiring again, will have CD11 CARE TEAM sanitation for CD11 encampments.
 - d. County: hospitalizations with Delta variant have quadrupled in LA County. Spread the word about vaccinations.

- e. Sachin Medhekar: CD11 Organization Deputy- act as bridge between council offices and grassroots organizations
 - i. Uplift what we are seeing and bring it to City offices
 - ii. Homeless Outreach: SELAH— policy chair
 - iii. Contact: sachin.medhekar@lacity.org

2. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:

- a. Community Outreach | Community Relations: Robin
 - i. Rabi Finley -- establish ourselves with them
 - ii. Harm Reduction Training (i.e. how to use Narcan)
 - iii. The Grace Diner—provides meals 5 days per week
- b. Community Outreach | Community Education: Sarah — N/A
- c. Community Outreach | Member On-Boarding: Godi — sent emails to everyone we know of.
- d. Community Outreach | Digital Media Director: Deb
- e. Community Outreach | Media Director: Shawn
 - i. Lead from Argonaut Magazine
- f. Community Outreach | Feet-on-the-Street Committee: Robin
 - i. Mar Vista Park — Faith
 - ii. Venice and Grand View — Bitta
- g. Research & Prevention Committee: Martha
 - i. Talking to the unhoused last weekend
 - ii. Once we understand who they are, we can understand how to help.
- h. Fundraising | Grant Writing Committee: Tyler — meeting with St. Josphe's

3. ANONYMOUS DONOR:

- a. Thanks to Martha, we received a \$2,000 donation from an anonymous donor to cover the cost of t-shirts and backpacks!!!
- b. We have submitted a request for Google to match the donation (50/50 chance they will do it), awaiting approval. If they do, we will have turned the donation into \$4,000!