



Mar Vista Community Council



Election & Bylaws Committee

Approved Minutes

Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at The Windward School (Conference Room 1030)

11350 Palms Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90066

Co-chairs: Robin Doyno, Albert Olson, Martin Rubin

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:05 by Co-chair Martin Rubin. All those present introduced themselves. Attendees were: Robin Doyno, Elliot Hanna, Selena Inouye, Albert Olson, Sara Roos, Martin Rubin, Armond Seretti, Holly Tilson, Joan Winters.
2. The minutes of the May 23 meeting of the committee were approved by those two members who had been present at the previous meeting.
3. No Public Comment was given.
4. Old Business: A brief statement was given regarding definitions of Bylaws and Standing Rules, and the differences between them. It was requested that everyone bring paper copies of materials to meetings, or computers, to facilitate discussion.
5. New Business

A. Tent Policy: Discussion ensued on how the committee might move forward with the review of the MVCC Standing Rules. It was suggested that the Committee might move to a discussion of the New Tent Policy Rule. The Committee moved to a discussion of the New Tent Policy Rule draft. MVCC Chair Hanna discussed the need for such a Rule. After much discussion, and a series of straw votes on various sections of the Tent Policy Rules, the committee finally approved the following document (8-0-1):

POL-2018-001 TENT POLICY

1. Purpose: The purpose of the MVCC Canopy Tents at the Mar Vista Farmers' Market or other venues is to conduct community outreach by:

- i. Disseminating information about the Council's mission, meetings, and activities.*
- ii. Interacting with, and receiving feedback from, stakeholders*
- iii. Providing a venue for the community's public officials and service organizations to perform community outreach*

2. General Rules and Standards:

- i. Stakeholders representing the Council at a tent shall conduct themselves at all times in accordance with all Council policies and rules.*

ii. A tent guest host or presenter shall not, in any way, represent him/herself to the public or to any public official as conveying or representing a Council policy or directive.

iii. When addressing topics that would generally be considered controversial within the MVCC community, both pro and con views must be presented. The Council Chair - or designee - is the arbiter of whether a topic is controversial.

3. Political Activity

i. Candidates for public office and their surrogates shall not campaign in or near the tents. This prohibition includes candidates for the Council.

ii. Advocacy for a public policy position, including but not limited to solicitation of signatures on a petition, is not permitted in or near the tents unless the position can reasonably be linked to a policy or mission approved by the Council. The Council Chair, or designee, is the arbiter of whether such linkage exists.

4. Commercial Activity

i. Displays and media at a tent must conform to the Council's policies regarding such media.

ii. A tent guest host or presenter shall not conduct sales or other commercial activity at a tent. They may collect contact information from people stopping by for later follow-up.

B. Consideration of Possible Rules Regarding MVCC Committee Meeting Places: A motion was passed that gave approval for Co-chair Robin Doyno to look into alternative meeting spaces in order to possibly move the meeting space to a new location for the next meeting.

6. Meeting Adjourned