



## Mar Vista Community Council



### ELECTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES submitted by Holly Tilson

Wednesday March 31, 2021. 6:00 PM via Zoom

**Called to order** at 6pm. In attendance-Martin Rubin, Holly Tilson, David Lee MB Blakey, Selena Inouye, Mike MacRae, Jordan Paul, Tommy, Den Warga, Ashley Zeldin, Harrison, Kathryn Wheeler (620), Faith Myhra (631), Adriana De La Cruz (635), Elizabeth Sharma (after 635)

**Introductions:** Welcome everyone, introduction now and as others joined the meeting.

**Minutes** – moved to approve Feb 2021 minutes – moved by Martin Rubin, second – Holly Tilson, approved without objection.

**Public Comment:** Questions asked regarding where on our website can the candidates/candidate statements be found? See response in VC report.

**Chair Report:** None

**Vice-Chair Report:** Candidate filing period has ended, Candidate challenge Period ended at 5pm today-3/31, city will now dismiss or uphold challenges and then release the certified list of candidates on April 9th. Currently the candidates are listed on the city clerk's site. [clerk.lacity.org/elections](http://clerk.lacity.org/elections). We are not allowed at this time to post the candidates on our website. *(Minute Takers note-there is a link to this information at [marvista.org](http://marvista.org) -> Voting by mail-2021 MVCC Election Information and Schedule -> Neighborhood Council Elections, scroll down -> Candidate Filing, scroll down -> Meet the NC Candidates -> Select an NC, scroll down to Mar Vista CC. You should now see all the candidates)*

**Old business:** Standing rules, Election updates

**Standing rules** were set aside for now, no one present had any suggested changes at this time.

**Candidate forum date:** Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> depending on which date a moderator is available. One MVCC committee meets on May 15<sup>th</sup>, which could be a possible conflict.

**Candidate forum moderator:** Martin Rubin, Chair will follow up and finalize a moderator. Several leads given by stakeholders.

**Candidate forum format:** Traditionally MVCC has held a candidate forum on a Saturday afternoon for up to 3 hours, 12-3p or 1-4p, Moderator does a brief introduction, introduces each candidate, and makes closing remarks. Candidates are given a certain amount of time to introduce themselves/give speech-usually 2-4 minutes. Stakeholders and candidates can mingle/do Q&A after the end of meeting if they like. With Covid this will be a Zoom meeting so no physical meet and greet. Could we do break out rooms-Kathryn will check with the city if this is possible. All Candidates are invited but not required to attend. Moderator has read a written statement for anyone who couldn't attend so would assume that could be done again. Discussion then went to should candidates be presented with a few questions, if so what questions, some would like questions like "how do you feel about" the homeless-any solutions, up-zoning, VB road diet. Group reminded the MVCC is advisory to the city, and as board members we are representing the stakeholders POV not our own. Group preferred questions be given to candidates in advance and all candidates receive the same questions. Questions should be simple. Could/would they be posted on the website-unsure, needs follow up. What would be the length of written answers-if posted there would have to be a limited number of characters, at this point we do not have that ability on the website and

would need further investigation and/or permission of the city. Some felt the coming up with questions/getting board approval/etc. may be more work than it's worth. Maybe consider just leaving the format as a 2–4-minute speech/candidate. Need a visible timer-MVCC has one. If we use questions they need to be finalized at our next meeting and sent to the board for approval. Request made by chair to send suggested questions to either chair of this committee for discussion/possible approval at next meeting.

**Election Postcard from Outreach:** Postcard presented on screen. Minimal discussion/questions. Motion to approve design of postcard and send to board for approval by Kathryn Wheeler, second by Holly Tilson passed without objection, 2 abstentions (Selena Inouye, Ashley Zeldid)

**Announcements:** None

**Next E&B meeting:** Wednesday April 21, 2021. 6-7pm

**Adjournment:** 7:01pm

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