

Mar Vista Community Council Renters' Engagement Subcommittee (RES) Meeting

December 14th, 2019

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 1:18 p.m.

Annie Bickerton, Tyler Laferriere, Vanessa Colossio-Diaz, Gabriel Hill and Kathryn Wheeler in attendance

2. Announcements

2.1 Co-Chair Introductions

Annie Bickerton (AB): Forwarded an email about a tenant's rights workshop [put on by the National Council of Jewish Women on Monday, December 16th, 2019, from 5 to 9 pm to offer free legal advice to tenants. It will be held at the National Council of Jewish Women office at 543 N. Fairfax Avenue in Los Angeles. This meeting is being sponsored by Councilmember Koretz.

2.2 Board of Directors introductions, as necessary

No necessary

2.3 Pertinent community announcements, if any

Kathryn Wheeler (KW): Emergency preparedness meeting on Monday, December 16th; Outreach Committee meeting on Thursday, December 19th; Elections and Bylaws committee meeting is on Wednesday, December 18th.

Gabriel Hill (GH): Zone 4 directorship is vacant.

KW: Instructions to apply for MVCC Zone 4 Director vacancy online and due January 4th, 2020, at 7 pm. The MVCC Chair will make a nomination and the MVCC Board votes. This can happen two times before the MVCC Chair is just empowered to vote

Vanessa Colossio Diaz (VCD): The process used to be candidates submitted letters, they gave a public presentation, and then the Board chose

KW: Armand Soretti is effectively giving up his seat in January.

3. Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda

No public comment

4. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Approval of the minutes from November 9th, 2019

TL: Move to approve the minutes

AB: Second

No opposition; the minutes are approved

5. Unfinished Business and General Orders

5.1 Submit a Motion to the Outreach Committee concerning the Mar Vista Renters Survey

Discussion and review of the Mar Vista Renters Survey passed at the November 9th meeting. The survey will NOT be opened up for further amendment or vote. Discussion will include plans to submit the survey as a motion to the full Outreach Committee at its next evening meeting on December 19th, 2019.

AB: The motion is written

KW: The current meeting is closed

AB: Can we get on the January agenda?

KW: Yes

AB: The motion will be submitted for the January meeting. We still need to add the budget information to the motion.

KW: The motion as it is written up needs to be in the exact form as it will be approved by the committee. The survey and the budget will need to be passed separately.

AB: The survey will be in a digital format.

KW: Since it is an electronic survey motion, part of it will need to go through the Executive and Finance committee. The flyers will need an additional motion, including using the seal for the flyers.

GH: Is this a different survey than others previously?

KW: Yes. Since this is going to be distributed digitally, all you need is the wording.

VCD: Is there a way to just do Google?

KW: Yes, but it would have to go through the Mar Vista Community Council Gmail. For flyers, if you have the exact layout of the flyer and the budget, it can be one motion. If you approve the language and do not show what it looks like, it can be two motions. Anything that has the seal or says Mar Vista Community Council, it has to go before the Board. Just a recommendation, carbon copy the Board when submitting to DONE to ensure Board members at least have the chance to attend. Next year, I (KW) am looking to have a Google calendar for due to dates to make sure everyone knows when submission deadlines are, etc.

AB: In the meantime, we should decide what to do about this flyer.

TWL: Flyer copies should be ready by the next meeting.

AB: We should also have our Instagram and Facebook ads ready. Can I print my copies at home?

KW: You can, but you will get no money. The real problem is there is no training and no manuals. When is your next meeting?

TL: We are meeting the Second Saturday of every month.

KW: I will change the newsletter to reflect. How many questions are on the survey? Are you going door to door?

VCD: We did on planning door to door with flyers and iPads in case people wanted to take the survey that day.

TL: We also made the survey questions very quick, not open ends.

AB: We should take the survey and time it.

A flyer draft will be created for the next RES meeting, including printing estimates.

6. New Business –

6.1 Mar Vista Renters Resource Guide

Discussion and possible action regarding a resource guide outlining state and local resources for renters living in Mar Vista. This is intended to be an informational document regarding all public resources available to renters regarding their rights and responsibilities as tenants. This guide would be made physically and digitally available through the Mar Vista Community Council and its website. This discussion would include resources to be include; resource guide length; and a printing budget.

TL: This is intended to be an informational guide about public state and local resources for renters.

AB: We want this to help RES appear more often as a resource in order to expand our outreach potential.

VCD: Like the West Side housing office under Councilman Bonin's office.

KW: When the Historic Firehouse came up at another meeting, DONE said that we have to be careful about not favoring one resource or another.

VCD: This is intended to be a quick, go-to guide of links.

AB: This is intended to show value to renters and to show our representative capacity.

TL: Should we make this physically or digitally available?

KW: It will not be difficult to make it a downloadable PDF.

AB: I see homelessness includes nonprofits. Should we pass a motion pertaining to this?

TL: I move that this committee should begin compiling resources for inclusion in this resource guide.

AB: I second.

No opposition, the motion carries.

7. Adjournment (not later than 3:00 p.m.)

Adjourned at 2:26 pm.