



Mar Vista Community Council



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REMOTE MEETING MINUTES

Board of Directors

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Wednesday, March 16, 2022 from 6:30pm - 9:30pm

PUBLIC WELCOME

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:37 pm**
- 2. ROLL CALL WITH EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (3 MINUTES)** - *Roll Call shall include each board member declaring any ex parte communications outside of their duties and conflicts of interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda. – All present. No board member claimed any ex parte communications outside of their MVCC duties or conflicts of interest.*
- 3. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNITY MEMORIAL OBSERVATIONS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES (5 MINUTES)** - *See Supporting Documents for details*
 - 4.1.** February 16, 2022 – Moved by Marton, seconded by Rubin. Approved without objection.
 - 4.2.** February 23, 2022 – Moved by Rubin, seconded by Marton. Approved without objection.
- 5. GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES UPDATES (15 MINUTES)** - *Timely information from and interaction with elected officials/representatives or city agents regarding matters affecting Mar Vista. – Community Engagement & Policy Advisor for LAUSD Board Member Nick Melvoin (District 4), Kasey Kokenda; Mayor Garcetti's West Area Representative, Vishesh Anand; Field Representative for Senator Kamlager (District 30), Josef Siroky; DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment) representative, Atziri Camarena; Palms Neighborhood Council/ Budget Advocate, Kay Hartman.*
- 6. SPECIAL ORDERS**
- 7. CONSENT CALENDAR (5 MINUTES)** - *Items deemed to be routine, non-controversial. Any officer may ask a clarifying question instead of or before pulling item(s). - SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS – Moved by Rubin, seconded by Tilson. Approved without objection.*
 - 7.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] Monthly Expenditure Report** - Discussion and possible action regarding the most recent Monthly Expenditure Report(s) [MER] - February 2022
 - 7.2.[ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] FY2021-2022 Budget Adjustments** - Discussion and possible action regarding adjustments to the FY 2021-2022 budget - February 2022.

7.3.[FUNDING][MVCC] LA Parks Foundation Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) Reaffirmation of February 16, 2022 Vote Count - During the February Board meeting, there was discussion and possible action regarding an NPG in the amount of "\$6,400 to refinish, strip, clean, and wax the floor of the small gym and stage at the Mar Vista Recreation Center." Before discussion and the vote, it was noted that the Letter of Determination and the 990 Form were for the LA Parks Foundation, but the Applicant on the NPG Application read, "Mar Vista Recreation Center". This clerical error was noted publicly and taken into account before motion discussion and final vote began. Unfortunately, uncorrected paperwork was signed and submitted for funding. Additionally, both the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and the City Clerk's Neighborhood Council Funding offices requested we amended the "revised motion and NPG application with the LA Parks Foundation being the recipient of the grant."

8. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

9. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS (90 MINUTES) - Discussion must be confined to the merits of the motion, focus on issues, not personalities, avoid questioning motives, and remember our job is to represent Mar Vista, not our personal or political agenda - READ SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND COME PREPARED.

9.1.[POLICY][RUBIN/TILSON/SHARMA] Community Impact Statement Supporting CF 22-002-S22 - Discussion and possible action regarding Council File 22-0002-S22 which "joins the international community in STRONGLY CONDEMNING the egregious actions of President Vladimir Putin." – Moved by Laferriere, seconded by Rubin. Approved without objection.

9.2.[POLICY][T&I] Letter of Support for LAPD Action - Discussion and possible action regarding the LAPD's action on March 1, 2022 that adopted a policy placing limits on officers conducting pretextual traffic and pedestrian stops. – Motion to amend by the removal of all verbiage except, "The MVCC is in support of the LAPD action on March 1, 2022 that adopted a policy placing limits on officers conducting pretextual traffic and pedestrian stops." Made by Tilson, seconded by Rubin, failed 10 to 3 (Honda, Rubin, Tilson), 2 abstentions (Rodriguez, Wheeler), abstentions do not count in vote tally;

Motion to send back to committee moved by Tilson, no second

Motion to send back to committee moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Laferriere, failed 8 to 6 (Honda, Laferriere, Rafeedie, Rodriguez, Rubin, Samiley), 1 abstention (Wheeler), abstentions do not count in the vote tally;

Motion to amend by striking, "A) Eliminating pretextual stops for minor violations for cyclists and pedestrians;" made by Paul, seconded by Laferriere, approved 13 to 0, 2 abstentions (Tilson, Wheeler), abstentions do not count in the vote tally;

Amended motion approved 10 to 2 (Rubin, Tilson), 3 abstentions (Honda, Rodriguez, Wheeler)

—Original motion was neither moved nor seconded; went from Public Comments to Board Comments. Item will be placed on the next regular Board meeting agenda.

9.3.{ADMINISTRATIVE}[OUTREACH] MVCC Magnetic Name Tag Designs - Discussion and possible action regarding the designs for magnetic name tags. Funding is in our Administrative Packet.— Moved by Tilson, seconded by Rubin. Approved without objection.

9.4.{ADMINISTRATIVE}[OUTREACH] MVCC Banner Designs - Discussion and possible action regarding the MVCC banner designs. Funding and placement were approved on October 20, 2021. – Moved by Ruesch, seconded by Rubin. Approved without objection.

[Paul left meeting at 8:04 pm]

9.5.{POLICY}[DATA LIAISON] Board of Neighborhood Councils (BONC) Digital Communications Policy - Discussion and possible action regarding any changes to BONC's Digital Communications Policy since last reviewed. BONC will be voting on Monday, March 21, 2022.— Moved by Marton, seconded by Rubin. Approved 8 to 3 (Blakey, Myhra, Sharma) with 3 abstentions (Laferriere, Ruesch, Samiley) and 1 absence (Paul); abstentions do not count in the vote tally.

[Paul returned to meeting at 8:23 pm]

9.6.{ADMINISTRATIVE}[ELECTIONS & BYLAWS] Proposed Amendment to MVCC Standing Rule 9.3 - Discussion and possible action regarding an amendment to change the current language of the MVCC Standing Rule 9.3.— Motion to send by to Committee made by Tilson, no second.

Motion to amend language made by Sharma, seconded by Ruesch, Approved 10 to 0 with 5 abstentions (Marton, Rodriguez, Rubin, Tilson, Wheeler), abstentions to not count in the vote tally.

Amended Language: "Each agenda item request given to the committee chair or designee at least 7 days prior to the next committee meeting shall be agendaized. It shall include (i) motion or desired action to be taken, (ii) background information, (iii) contact information, and (iv) date submitted."

Moved by Tilson, seconded by Rubin. Approved without objection.

9.7.{ADMINISTRATIVE}[ELECTIONS & BYLAWS] Proposed Amendment to MVCC Standing Rule 9.8 - Discussion and possible action regarding an amendment to change the current language of the MVCC Standing Rule 9.8.— Moved by Ruesch, seconded by Laferriere. Approved without objection.

9.8.{ADMINISTRATIVE}[NEWSLETTER AD HOC] Review and Approval of the MVCC Spring Newsletter - Discussion and possible action approving the MVCC Newsletter fulfilling the MVCC Bylaws requiring we provide outreach and communication to stakeholders regarding the MVCC and its activities.— Grammar and other minor corrections were offered, a motion to place all corrections into the newsletter was made by Wheeler, seconded by Ruesch, Approved without objection.

Main motion made by Rubin, seconded by Tilson. Approved without objection.

At 9:16pm, a 5 minute break was given. At 9:23pm, a motion to extend the meeting until 10pm made by Wheeler, seconded by Rubin, approved without objection.

9.9.[POLICY][PLUM] Opposition to a 6'6" Front Yard Fence/Gate/Hedge on 12106 W. Herbert Street -

Discussion and possible action in opposition regarding an increase of the permitted height from 42" to 78" for a front yard fence with driveways on both sides and is abut to the city sidewalk.– Moved by Rubin, seconded by Wheeler. Approved 6 to 1 (Laferriere) with 8 abstentions (Blakey, Honda, Marton, Myhra, Rafeedie, Ruesch, Samiley, Sharma); abstentions do not count in the vote tally.

9.10.[POLICY][PLUM] Support of Western Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) Motion Regarding

Council File 21-0002-S186 - Discussion and possible action regarding notifying WRAC and filing a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support of CF 21-0002-S186 which seeks to support any Sacramento legislative or administrative action that will allow the City to include SB 9 sites in an addendum to the Housing element thus allowing for the inclusion of these SB 9 sites in the Adequate Sites for Housing Inventory.– Moved by Laferriere, seconded by Rodriguez. Approved 9 to 3 (Honda, Rafeedie, Rubin) with 3 abstentions; abstention do not count in the vote tally.

10.REPORTS (20 MINUTES)

10.1. Officer Reports

- Chair: Kathryn Wheeler – Given
- Vice-Chair: Andrew Marton
- 2nd Vice-Chair: Jordan Paul
- Secretary: Charlene Samiley
- Treasurer: Drew Ruesch

10.2. Zone Director Reports

- Zone 1: Tyler Laferriere – Given
- Zone 2: Martin Rubin – Given
- Zone 3: Andrew Marton – Given
- Zone 4: Jennifer Rafeedie
- Zone 5: Drew Ruesch
- Zone 6: Holly Tilson
- Zone 7: Faith Myhra – Given

10.3. Committee Reports

- Elections & Bylaws: Martin Rubin, Chair
- Outreach: Carolyn Honda, Chair
- PHS & Homeless: Andrew Marton, Chair
- Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM): Drew Ruesch, Chair
- Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I): Jordan Paul, Chair
- Ad-Hoc Committees:
 - Educational Election Event

At 10pm, a motion to extend meeting 10 minutes made by Wheeler, seconded by Rubin, Approved without objection.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA (10 MINUTES) - 1 minute per speaker, if time permits.

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12. ADJOURNMENT – 10:11pm

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