



Mar Vista Community Council



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Board of Directors

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Wednesday, July 20, 2022 from 6:30pm - 9:00pm

PUBLIC WELCOME

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:31pm

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 (3 MINUTES) - See Supporting Documents for details

4.1. June 15, 2022 – Moved by Marton, seconded by Blakey, approved without objection.

4.2. July 7, 2022 – Moved by Rubin, seconded by Laferriere, approved without objection.

5. GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES UPDATES (10 MINUTES) - Timely information from and interaction with elected officials/representatives or city agents regarding matters affecting Mar Vista. – Mayor Garcetti's West Area Representative, Vishesh Anand; Field Representative for Senator Kamlager (District 30), Josef Siroky; Field Representative for Assembly Member Bryan (District 54), Michelle Persoff; Palms Neighborhood Council/ Budget Advocate, Kay Hartman.

6. SPECIAL ORDERS (30 MINUTES)

6.1. Election of MVCC Officers - Nominations for and elections of the Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of the MVCC.

MVCC Directors are elected in odd-numbered years. The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) requires the MVCC to "have an organization meeting in the month of July... for the purpose of electing Board Officers" with the outgoing Board setting "the agenda for the July meetings" and are "encouraged to establish a mentoring relationship" with the newly elected ([Neighborhood Council Board Seating Policy, Sections D, E, K](#)).

DONE “shall oversee the Officer election at the meeting following Neighborhood Council elections. The Officer positions shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board present at the meeting following the elections and annually thereafter” ([MVCC Bylaws, Article VI, Section 3](#)).

In even-numbered years, the Officer elections shall be held “within thirty (30) days after the end of the current year” thereby, removing a time-sensitive nature which is a requirement for the MVCC to hold a Special Meeting ([MVCC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1](#)).

Election proceedings run by Marilu Guevara, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate. Motion to approve vote count for each office moved by Rubin, seconded by Marton, approved without objection for the following vote count:

CHAIR: Wheeler accepted nomination by Rubin. Laferriere accepted nomination by Greenwald. **Laferriere** 9 votes/Wheeler 6 votes (Marton, Rafeedie, Rodriguez, Rubin, Tilson, Wheeler)

VICE-CHAIR: Marton accepted nomination by Rodriguez. **Marton** - only nominee - 12-0-3 (Blakey, Myhra, Sharma)

2ND VICE-CHAIR: Honda accepted nomination by Ruesch. **Honda** - only nominee - 15-0-0

SECRETARY: Rafeedie accepted nomination by Ruesch. Rodriguez declined nomination by Ruesch. **Rafeedie** - only nominee - 15-0-0

TREASURER: Ruesch accepted nomination by Honda. **Ruesch** - only nominee - 15-0-0

7. CONSENT CALENDAR (5 MINUTES) - *Items deemed to be routine, non-controversial. Any director may ask a clarifying question instead of or before pulling item(s).* - SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS – Moved by Wheeler seconded by Blakey. Approved without objection.

7.1.[POLICY][EXFIN] Appreciation Certificates/Letters - Discussion and possible action regarding sending Appreciation Certificates/Letters to City Representatives/Employees (i.e., Ingram, Duprey, Najjar, Canas, Dungo, Bailey) who worked tirelessly to ensure that the MVCC Community Improvement Project (CIP) for tree stump removal was completed before expiration.

7.2.[POLICY][EXFIN] OPPOSITION TO [COUNCIL FILE 11-1020-S3](#) - Discussion and possible action opposing [Council File 11-1020-S3](#) which substitutes “Budget Advocates” for “budget advocacy” in the Los Angeles Municipal Code; thereby removing the current assurance that funds given by the MVCC would support the independent-NC-elected watchdog organization called Budget Advocates.

7.3.[POLICY][ELECTIONS & BYLAWS] REQUIRED ELECTION INFORMATION WORKSHEET FOR THE [MVCC 2023 DIRECTOR ELECTION](#) - Discussion and possible action in regard to completing the required 2023 MVCC Election Information Worksheet with the preferred time and location for the election. The [2023 MVCC Director election](#) is to be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023, with terms beginning July 1, 2023. The election will be administered by the Los Angeles City Clerk’s Election Division.

7.4.[POLICY][PLUM] CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT [ZA-2022-4136-CUB](#) FOR TAVERNA AT THE MAR VISTA, 12249-12255 W. VENICE BLVD. - Discussion and possible action regarding support for on-site sale

and dispensing of a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 2,910 square foot restaurant ([ZA-2022-4136-CUB](#)).

8. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – None

9. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS (60 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.[FUNDING][PLUM] PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF 10,000 DOOR HANGERS TO PROMOTE AUGUST 2, 2022, PLUM MEETING REGARDING [ZA-2022-3859-CU](#) 3871 GRAND VIEW CONDITIONAL USE DEVELOPMENT - Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure, not to exceed \$2,400, to purchase and distribute 10,000 door hangers to promote the August 2, 2022, PLUM meeting for the development at 3871 Grand View Blvd. ([ZA-2022-3859-CU](#)) – Motion to amend, “The MVCC approves an expenditure, not to exceed \$1,800, for the costs of printing and distributing a total of 3,000 door hangers over 3 weekends to promote the PLUM meeting related to the proposed development at 3871 S. Grand View Blvd.” Moved by Wheeler, seconded by Rodriguez, failed 12 to 1 (Wheeler), 2 abstentions (Laferriere, Rubin), abstentions do not count in the vote tally.

Original motion moved by Ruesch, seconded by Greenwald, approved 11 to 2 (Rubin, Wheeler), 2 abstentions (Laferriere, Tilson), abstentions do not count in the vote tally.

8:56pm - Motion to extend meeting until 9:30pm. Moved by Laferriere, seconded by Blakey, approved without objection.

9.2.[ADMINISTRATIVE][OUTREACH] DOOR HANGER DESIGNS TO PROMOTE AUGUST 2, 2022, PLUM MEETING REGARDING [ZA-2022-3859-CU](#) 3871 GRAND VIEW CONDITIONAL USE DEVELOPMENT - Discussion and possible action regarding the door hanger design(s) to promote the August 2, 2022, PLUM meeting for the development at 3871 Grand View Blvd. ([ZA-2022-3859-CU](#)) – Motion to amend by removing, “related to the proposed development at 3871 S. Grandview Blvd.” moved by Ruesch, seconded by Marton, approved without objection.

Original motion to approve Design 1 (i.e., Red Door Hanger) moved by Honda, seconded by Ruesch, approved without objection.

9.3.[POLICY][PHS & HOMELESS] Community Impact Statement (CIS) Supporting [COUNCIL FILE 20-1376-S3](#) - Discussion and possible action to submit a CIS in support of [Council File 20-1376-S3](#) which requests that the City Attorney “prepare and present an ordinance amending LAMC 41.18 and 56.11 to prohibit sitting, lying, sleeping, and storing personal property within 500 feet of a library.” – Moved by Marton, seconded by Rubin, approved 10 to 4 (Blakey, Greenwald, Myhra, Sharma), 1 abstention (LaFerriere), abstentions do not count in the vote tally.

10.REPORTS (25 MINUTES)

10.1. Officer Reports

- Chair: Kathryn Wheeler – Given
- Vice-Chair: Andrew Marton – Given
- 2nd Vice-Chair: Jordan Paul – None
- Secretary: Charlene Samiley – None
- Treasurer: Drew Ruesch – None

10.2. Zone Director Reports

- Zone 1: Tyler Laferriere – Given
- Zone 2: Martin Rubin – None
- Zone 3: Andrew Marton – None
- Zone 4: Dr. Jennifer Rafeedie – None
- Zone 5: Drew Ruesch – None
- Zone 6: Holly Tilson – None
- Zone 7: Faith Myhra – None

10.3. Committee Reports

- Elections & Bylaws: Martin Rubin, Chair – None
- Outreach: Carolyn Honda, Chair – None
- PHS & Homeless: Andrew Marton, Chair – None
- Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM): Drew Ruesch, Chair – None.
- Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I): Jordan Paul, Chair – None
- Ad-Hoc Committees:
 - Educational Election Event – None

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA (10 MINUTES) - 1 minute per speaker, if time permits, more time will be given. The MVCC is built on Stakeholder participation and input; especially through our committees (see MarVista.org > Council > Committees). The Brown Act provides for a “part of the meeting where the public can comment on any item of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency.” The MVCC is an advisory board to the Los Angeles City Council and, as such, its jurisdiction is restricted within Los Angeles and most importantly, the Mar Vista Community. Therefore, please keep public comments within the MVCC jurisdiction and on matters that the MVCC may act upon in future meetings. Thank you for your involvement with the MVCC. Please feel free to contact us (info@MarVista.org) if we may be of service. – Public Comment was given.

12. ADJOURNMENT – 9:28pm

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