



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Meeting Minutes

Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) with the Board of Directors [Marvista.Org](https://www.marvista.org) > [Council](#) > [Committees](#) > [Planning & Land Use Management](#) **Thursday, July 11, 2024 From 6:30pm -**

8:30pm

Virtually at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81519230044>

Remote Conferencing by Phone: 669-444-9171 | Meeting ID: (Webinar) 815 1923 0044, then press # Public Welcome

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE MAR VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial (669) 444-9171, and enter 815 1923 0044 and then press # to join the meeting. When prompted by the presiding officer, to provide public input at the Neighborhood Council meeting the public will be requested to dial *9 or use the Raise Hand option, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item.

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Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board/Committee is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board/Committee meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Committee.

SB 411 Updates:

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

(i) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph , to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) An eligible legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) An eligible legislative body that provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

If you are compensated to monitor, attend, or speak at this meeting. City law may require you to register as a lobbyist and report your activity. See Los Angeles Municipal Code §§ 48.01 et seq. More information is available at ethics.lacity.org/lobbying.

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:34 pm

2. ROLL CALL AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS/CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST - roll call shall include each attending board member declaring any ex parte communications outside of their duties and conflicts of interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.

Present: Samiley, Paddock, Wheeler, Curry, Peterson, and Honda.

No ex parte or conflicts declared by any board member or committee member.

Not present: Greenwald (excused absence)

3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

3.1. 2024 DRAFT GENERAL PLAN LAND USE STORYMAP

Will be presented at next PLUM meeting in August.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS

4.1. Approval of the May 02, 2024 Minutes

Moved by Paddock, seconded by Samiley. Approved with no objections.

5. CHAIR REPORTS

a) CHAIR – Kevin Wheeler; VICE-CHAIR – Charlene Samiley; VICE-CHAIR – Shaia Greenwald; MEMBER – Stephen Paddock; MEMBER – Chris Curry

6. SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE

7. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NEW - SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS

7.1. [POLICY] [PLUM] – Discussion and possible/potential action regarding illegal squatting.

[7:37 pm: Curry left meeting]

Motion to support with revisions (see attached) made by Paddock, seconded by Honda. Approved with no objections. 9Y (Samiley, Wheeler, Honda, Paddock, Peterson & stakeholders: Aaron, Dave Lebow, Jill, & Sean Combs) – 0N – 0A

7.2. [POLICY] [PLUM] – Discussion and possible/potential action regarding Treehouse Botanical.

Presentation for Treehouse Botanical given by Jillian Goldsmith to update and engage the community, followed by Q&A.

7.3. [POLICY] [PLUM] – Discussion and possible/potential action regarding institutional investors buying single family dwellings.

Not discussed. Will discuss in September's PLUM meeting.

8. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - OLD – None

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA - 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. Thank you.

Public comments were made.

10. ADJOURNMENT 8:27 pm. Moved by Wheeler, seconded by Samiley. Approved with no objections.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION

COMMITTEE: MVCC PLUM

TITLE: Squatting

PURPOSE: To review the current squatting procedures in Los Angeles and develop a method to clearly differentiate between illegal squatters and legal residents, ensuring the swift removal of illegal squatters from properties.

BACKGROUND: When an individual illegally establishes residence in a home or structure that does not belong to them, they are considered squatters and are afforded certain legal protections. This situation often prevents law enforcement from taking immediate action, leaving property owners to navigate a lengthy civil process. The burden of proof to determine the residency status of the alleged squatter is unfairly placed on the property owner. Currently, the city of Los Angeles lacks a clear and swift mechanism to distinguish between illegal squatters and legal tenants.

THE MOTION: The burden of proof to confirm the residency status of an illegal squatter is currently and unfairly placed on the property owner. The MVCC requests that the Council Office work with the City Attorney to develop a plan to swiftly differentiate between an illegal squatter and a legal resident, allowing for the quick removal of illegal squatters from properties.

Additionally, if a property owner has a squatter on their property who is causing a public nuisance and the owner fails to respond or correct the situation, the MVCC requests that the Council Office review the feasibility of holding the property owner responsible and compelling them to address the issue. Continued inaction should result in fines.

The MVCC requests that the Council Office report back on this issue within a reasonable timeframe.

DIRECTED TO: Office of City of Los Angeles Councilmember Traci Park & City Attorney Veronica De La Cruz

ACTION/VOTE COUNT:

MVCC PLUM Committee Meeting, July 11th, 2024

Motion of support moved by MVCC Stephen Paddock, seconded by MVCC Carolyn Honda

Motion of support approved by MVCC PLUM COMMITTEE 09Y-00N-00A (Yes – Charlene Samiley, Kevin Wheeler, Carolyn Honda, Aaron, April Peterson, Dave Lebow, Jill, Sean Combs, Stephen Paddock)

MVCC Board Meeting, Month Day, 2024

Motion of support moved by MVCC _____, seconded by MVCC _____

Motion of support approved by the MVCC Board XXY-XXN-XXA