



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MEETING AGENDA - MINUTES

Board of Directors

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Thursday, October 17th, 2024 from 7:00pm - 10:00pm

PUBLIC WELCOME

Windward School
11350 Palms Blvd
Room 20
Los Angeles, CA 90066

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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 COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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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.

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1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:13pm

2. ROLL CALL WITH EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - 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.

Present: Rafeedie, Honda, Ruesch, Marton, Kopelow, Paddock, Rubin, Wheeler, Greenwald

Ex parte communication and conflicts of interest: None

*On zoom: Figone - unable to vote due to being on Zoom, per Prabhjot Chamber

Excused Absence: Peterson, Samiley, Meuser, Martin,

Dir Ahmadyveasi -Arrived 7:17PM

	Roll call	Exparte	Conflicts
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
(Z7) Derl Clausen	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
(Z1) Kelsey Figone	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Shaia Greenwald - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE

Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Greg Kopelow - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
(Z3) Andrew Marton	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Jakob Meuser - At Large	NOT PRESENT		
Steve Paddock - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
April Peterson - At Large	NOT PRESENT		
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
(Z2) Martin Rubin	NOT PRESENT		
(Z5) Drew Ruesch	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Charlene Samiley - At Large	NOT PRESENT		
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler	PRESENT	NONE	NONE

3. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY MEMORIALS

4. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE, GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Janet Turner from Congressman Ted Lieu updates - see website
- Ms Prabhjot Chamber from Empower LA - Empower LA Website
- Matt at Traci Park’s office discussed upzoning, next draft proposal Spring 2025, inviting feedback. Will be meeting in the neighborhood Oct 31, 2024. Metalwork art in the neighborhood needs permitting. Several encampments in MV -vehicles on Nat’l near; asking for priority to address this. Planned clean-up in Sawtelle Channel. Gateway mural project is moving ahead as planned. Needing approval from CalTrans and then will seek artists. Update on 13107 Venice Blvd- bldg and safety has boarded up property.
Matthew.Halden@lacity.org
- Ms. Persoff from Assemblymember Bryan: Special session on gas prices. Passed bill on 15 day supply of reserves; 14 bills signed by governor: AB 2716 low producing oil wells to be capped. Field has to be shut down by 2030. Survivor Benefit for Foster Youth. Trash, fence, encampment on Cal Trans property that is Assembly Member Bryan’s office.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved: Kopelow

Second: Marton

Vote: 9-0-0-0, motion passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen							1
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large	x		1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton		x	1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large							1
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large							1
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			9	0	0	0	6

6. SPECIAL ORDERS

6.1. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA - *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.*

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - *2 minutes per speaker, if time permits, more time will be given. board members may make very limited comments and briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights (no action may be taken on matters brought up during general public comment).*

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

8.1. August, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Moved: Kopelow

Second: Honda

Vote:9-0-0, motion passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen							1
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director		x	1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large	x		1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large							1
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large							1
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			9	0	0	0	6

- 9. CONSENT CALENDAR** - *Items deemed to be routine, non-controversial. Any officer may ask a clarifying question instead of or before pulling item(s). - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS*

Moved: Marton

Second: Kopelow

Vote: 9-0-0, motion passes

- 9.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE] [FUNDING] Monthly Expenditure Report** - Discussion and possible action regarding the Monthly Expenditure Report [MER] for August 2024
- 9.2. [ADMINISTRATIVE] [FUNDING] Monthly Expenditure Report** - Discussion and possible action regarding the Monthly Expenditure Report [MER] for September 2024
- 9.3. [ADMINISTRATIVE] [FUNDING] Budget Adjustments** - Discussion and possible action regarding the budget adjustments for October 2024

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen							1
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large		x	1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton	x		1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large							1
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large							1
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			9	0	0	0	6

10. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

11. OLD BUSINESS - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS.

12. NEW BUSINESS - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS.

12.1. [FUNDING] [OUTREACH] Double Faced Printed Banners on Venice Blvd -

Discussion and possible action regarding double faced Printed Banners on Venice Blvd. representing Mar Vista Community Council for Outreach Purposes, not to exceed \$5300.

- 8:05pm Clausen and Figone arrived, no conflict no ex parte

Motion to table this to next month: Ruesch

Second: Paddock

Vote as amended to table: 10-0-0 (Figone was absent for this vote), motion to passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				

(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large			1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large							1
Steve Paddock - At Large		x	1				
April Peterson - At Large							1
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch	x		1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			10	0	0	0	5

~~12.2. [FUNDING] [EAGG] Richland Elementary Booster Club NPG – Discussion and potential action regarding an Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Richland Elementary Booster Club in the amount of \$5000.~~

12.3. [POLICY] [PS&H] Traci Park's Letter to Governor Newsom and Caltrans Regarding Homeless Encampments - Discussion and Potential Action, Support for Councilwoman Traci Park's Letter to Governor Newsom and Caltrans Regarding Homeless Encampments.

Moved: Kopelow

Second: Honda

Vote: 6-1-4, motion passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large					1		
(Z7) Derl Clausen				1			
(Z1) Kelsey Figone					1		
Shaia Greenwald - At Large					1		
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director		x	1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large	x		1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large							1

Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large							1
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch					1		
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			6	1	4	0	4

12.4. [POLICY] [PS&H] Establishment of Central Homeless Reporting Dashboard - Discussion and Potential Action, Urge Establishment of Central Homeless Reporting Dashboard for the City of Los Angeles.

Moved: Greenwald

Second: Kopelow

Vote: 8-1-2 motion passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone				1			
Shaia Greenwald - At Large	x		1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large		x	1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large							1
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large							1
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch					1		
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler					1		
			8	1	2	0	4

12.5. [POLICY] [PS&H] Investigation into Use of Funds to Address Homelessness - Discussion and Potential Action, Urge Investigation into Use of Funds to Address Homelessness.

Moved: Rafeedie

Second: Honda

Vote: 7-0-4, motion passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen					1		
(Z1) Kelsey Figone			1				
Shaia Greenwald - At Large					1		
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director		x	1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large			1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large							
Steve Paddock - At Large					1		
April Peterson - At Large							
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie	x		1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							
(Z5) Drew Ruesch					1		
Charlene Samiley - At Large							
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			7	0	4	0	0

12.6. [POLICY] [PLUM] Upzoning on Palms Blvd from Walgrove Avenue to Beethoven Avenue – Discussion and possible/potential action regarding the upzoning on Palms Blvd from Walgrove Avenue to Beethoven Avenue in Mar Vista.

Moved: Kopelow

Second: Paddock

Vote: 7-2-2, motion passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				

(Z7) Derl Clausen				1			
(Z1) Kelsey Figone					1		
Shaia Greenwald - At Large				1			
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large	x		1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large							1
Steve Paddock - At Large		x	1				
April Peterson - At Large							1
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch					1		
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			7	2	2	0	4

12.7. **[POLICY] [PLUM] Combining By-Right and Surplus FAR for ADUs in Accordance with GC 65852** – Discussion and possible/potential action regarding a position to permit a project to combine 800 sq ft, by right, and surplus RFA, by right, into a single project.

Pulled

12.8. **[POLICY] [PLUM] [WRAC] Westside Community Plans Suspension** – Discussion and possible/potential action regarding a request to suspend work on the Westside Community Plans until the current Housing Element policies are adopted.

Pulled

12.9. **[POLICY] [PLUM] [WRAC] Landscape Ordinance / Front Yard Paving Prohibition** – Discussion and possible/potential action regarding a request to revise the current Landscape Ordinance / Front Yard Paving Prohibition.

Pulled

12.10. **[FUNDING] [T&I] Karmic Action LA NPG Application** - Discussion and possible action regarding an NPG application by Karmic Action LA, to provide bike safety equipment and bike lights in the amount of \$5000.00

[Table it for form 990](#)

[Five minute break held](#)

Moved: Ruesch to table

Second: Rafeedie

Vote: 10-0-0

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen				1			
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Shaia Greenwald - At Large				1			
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Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large							1
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie		x	1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch	x				1		
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			7	2	2	0	4

13. REPORTS - Officer Reports

- Drew Ruesch - Chair
- Andrew Marton - 1st Vice Chair
- Carolyn Honda - 2nd Vice Chair
- Jennifer Rafeedie - Secretary
- Greg Kopelow - Treasurer

Zone Reports

- Zone 1 - Kelsey Figone
- Zone 2 - Martin Rubin
- Zone 3 - Andrew Marton
- Zone 4 - Jennifer Rafeedie

- Zone 5 - Drew Ruesch
- Zone 6 - Kevin Wheeler
- Zone 7 - Derl Clausen

Committee Reports

- Elections and Bylaws
- Outreach
- Public Health, Safety and Homelessness
- Planning and Land Use Management
- Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability
- Education Arts and Culture
- WRAC, WRAC Committees and Other Liaisons

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved: Ruesch

Second: Kopelow

Vote: 10-0-0 9:39

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