



# MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## MEETING AGENDA

Board of Directors - **Minutes**

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**Thursday, February 20th, 2025 from 7:00pm - 10:00pm**

## 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 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 7:02pm**

**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.**

<b>Agenda #</b>	<b>Roll call</b>	<b>Exparte</b>	<b>Conflicts</b>
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	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Steve Paddock - At Large	PRESENT - 8:02PM	NONE	NONE
April Peterson - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
(Z2) Martin Rubin	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
(Z5) Drew Ruesch	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Charlene Samiley - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler	PRESENT	NONE	NONE

*Ruesch - present, none*

*Marion - present, none*  
*Rafeedie -present, none*  
*Wheeler - present, none*  
*Rubin - present, none*  
*Kopelow - present, none*  
*Honda -present, none*  
*Samiley -present, none*  
*Clausen -present, none*  
*Paddock - excused*  
*Greenwald - present, none*  
*Figone - present, none*  
*Peterson - present, none*  
*Meuser - present, none*  
*Ahmadyveasi - present, none*

**3. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY MEMORIALS**

Bistro lighting on Venice Blvd repaired

Airpods donated for fire victims

Jimmy Carter's death

**4. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE, GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Maryann Ensley from Mayor Bass' office** - Working on Palms Blvd encampment, sidewalk concerns

Impacted Worker and Resource Center - people who worked in Palisades, 5446 Sepulveda Blvd. who need financial assistance

Public Safety - LAPD officers are back from duty n Palisades

Immigrant rights department - protection for Angelinos, protection for ICE activities

**Janet Turner from Congressman Ted Lieu's office** - Laws in Congress for disaster relief

1. Grant money to utilities when they are rebuilding infrastructure
2. National Forests to take precautions to prepare in the event of wildfire
3. Immigration rights bill
4. Taxpayer privacy act - to disallow our information from seeing our private information

[janet.turner@mail.house.gov](mailto:janet.turner@mail.house.gov)

**Zach from Lindsey Horvath's office** - Focus on the fire recovery

Motion to increase penalties on price gouging - 50k per incident, 32 million dollar release fund, 800-593-8222 for complaints about price gouging. EPA debris sorting site - two sites sorted in containers. Cleaning beaches of debris is also another focus. Mandy is taking over for Zach.

**Michelle Persoff from Assembly Member Bryan Isaac** - Homeless count in Mar Vista, 10 bills being introduced this week. Raise for incarcerated fire fighters, make a portion of Calworks money more available, Foster youth survivor benefits and disability benefits.

**Prabhjot Chamber - Neighborhood Empowerment (Empower LA)**

City Clerk is currently allowing neighborhood councils to contribute to organizations for fire relief as a community outreach, (contribution form or invoice needed), Zoom updates - renew Zoom license for 2025-2026 year. Requires board approval renewal period is through April 1. Website updates - improvement to website's front page, google drive folder for neighborhood councils. Annual Budget 101 workshop is available on thursday March 6 from 6-730pm; it is virtual.

**Ambar Quintanilla** - Know your rights events, unjust detainments by ICE let office know; passed 2.5 billion for fire relief. Events: constituent service day by South LA. Also considering doing in Mar Vista Gardens. Economic Summit event - community based organizations that focus on AI, Cannabis, for panel discussion for making these three organizations more equitable.

**Traci Park** - Discussion regarding recovery of fires; Gateway Mural update -Department of Cultural Affairs, Caltrans and CD 5. North side of Venice Blvd. permission to use the wall. We can move forward now with requests for proposals. [cd.11.lacity.org](http://cd.11.lacity.org). Homelessness - substantial strides have been made. Over 2 years, they have gotten over 600 people in housing. Many of the people who remain on the streets are not well enough to say yes, or don't want to go. We don't have legal tools yet. Continuing to advance legislation. LAPD and the Circle Team are working together using 41.18. Expanding Careplus operations to do robust cleanup. RV's and vehicle dwelling - similar to 41.18, looking for safe parking. Westcoast Care focuses on family reunifications. Illegal vehicle repair on Grandview has relocated one vehicle. Fire Department - half firefighters than we need. Fire hydrants - immediate assessment and repair in the city of Los Angeles. Sunday-pancake breakfast for Fire Department 62. March 13, 6-7-30 - open call Town Hall. registration is forthcoming. March 1 - tax prep and resource fair in Mar Vista Gardens, free.

**5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**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](http://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](mailto: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.** November, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion: Kopelow**

**Second: Samiley**

**Vote: 15-0-1, motion passes**

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone	x		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			1				
April Peterson - At Large			1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1

(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large		x	1				
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			14	0	0	0	1

**8.2. December, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Motion: Meuser**

**Second: Peterson**

**Vote: 14-0-1, motion passes**

**Rubin left at 8:05pm**

	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	x		1				
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large		x	1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large			1				
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			14	0	0	0	1

**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

**9.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE] [FUNDING] Monthly Expenditure Report** - Discussion and possible action regarding the Monthly Expenditure Report [MER] for November 2024

- 9.2. **[ADMINISTRATIVE] [FUNDING] Monthly Expenditure Report** - Discussion and possible action regarding the Monthly Expenditure Report [MER] for December 2024
- 9.3. **[ADMINISTRATIVE] [FUNDING] Monthly Expenditure Report** - Discussion and possible action regarding the Monthly Expenditure Report [MER] for January 2025
- 9.4. **[ADMINISTRATIVE] [FUNDING] Budget Adjustments** - Discussion and possible action regarding the budget adjustments for February 2025.

	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				
			14	0	0	0	1

**Motion: Marton**

**Second: Kopelow**

**Vote:14-0-1, motion passes**

**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. **[POLICY] [PLUM] Whole Foods Market Case # [ZA-2024-7354-CUB](#)** - Discussion and possible/potential action regarding pending a Conditional Use Permit application for a new Whole Foods Market located at 3443 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90034 in the C2-1VL Zone.

	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	x		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				
				9	2	2	0
							2

**Motion: Marton**

**Second: Paddock**

**Vote: 9-2-2-0 motion passes**

**8:27pm Jakob Meuser left**

- 12.2. **[INFORMATIONAL] - 2025 NC Elections** - Presentation by DONE on the 2025 Election cycle. Marilu Guevara

Engagement efforts: [marilu.guevara.lacity.org](http://marilu.guevara.lacity.org)

- 12.3. **[POLICY] [T&I] Los Angeles City Oil Field / Land-Use Regulatory Process / Residents Health And Safety** - Discussion and possible action regarding [Council File 21-1395-S1](#) addressing oil leaks on reuse of city oil fields.

**Motion: Peterson**

**Second: Ahmadyveasi**

**Vote: 9-1-3-2, motion passes**



	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large		x	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			1				
April Peterson - At Large	x		1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie					1		
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch					1		
Charlene Samiley - At Large							
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler					1		
			9	1	3	0	2

- 12.4. [POLICY] [T&I] Incentive Program / Property Owners / Commercial And Residential / Fire Resilient Construction / Best Practices / Building Code / 2025 Windstorm And Wildfire Recovery - Discussion and possible action regarding [Council File 25-0006-S46](#) addressing the incentive program for fire resilient building construction.**
- Motion: Kopelow**
- Second: Clausen**
- Vote: 3-5-5-2 motion failed**

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large					1		
(Z7) Derl Clausen		x	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					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					
			3	5	5	0		2

**12.5. [POLICY] [T&I] Ballona Creek Bike Path Extension Project / Baldwin Hills / West Adams / Active Transportation Program / 2024 Cycle 7 Call-For-Projects -**

Discussion and possible action regarding [Council File 14-0499-S7](#) the Ballona Creek Bike Path extension project, which received a strong project score in Cycle 7. However, with the Governor’s cuts to the ATP budget last year, the project was not awarded funds.

**Motion: Greenwald**

**Second: Paddock**

**Vote: 13-0-2, motion passes**

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen		x	1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone			1				
Shaia Greenwald - At Large	x		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			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				
			13	0	0	0	2

**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 9:51pm**

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