



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board of Directors

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Monday, July 14th, 2025 from 6:30pm - 9:00pm

PUBLIC WELCOME

Remote Conferencing by Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84666609891>

Remote Conferencing by Phone: **669-900-6833** | Meeting ID: (Webinar) **846 6660 9891**

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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.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial **(669) 900-6833**, and enter **846 6660 9891** 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. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered.

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 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 meeting. Public comment is limited to 1 minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

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 6:30 pm by Helena Doub

2. SPECIAL ORDERS

- a. Installation of newly-elected Board-of-Directors** – Installation of the newly-elected Board of Directors by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
- b. Election of new executive board** – Nomination and election of Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for FY 2025-2026.

Nominations:

Chairperson: Jakob Meuser nominated Dir Samiley, Kopelow seconded, no other nominations

Public Comment held

Vote: 11Y-0N-0A (3 absent)

Dir Samiley is chairperson

First Vice Chair: Samiley nominated Rafeedie, Kopelow seconded, no other nominations

Public Comment: none

Vote: 11Y-0N-0A (3 absent)

Dir Rafeedie is first vice chair

Second Vice Chair: Honda nominated Marton, Kopelow seconded, no other nominations

Public Comment held

Board discussion

Vote: 11Y-0N-0A (3 absent)

Dir Marton is second vice chair

Secretary: Peterson nominated Meuser, Kopelow seconded, no other nominations

Public Comment: none

Board discussion

Vote: 11Y-0N-0A (3 absent)
Dir Meuser is secretary.

Treasurer: Kopelow nominated Peterson, seconded by Rafeedie

Public Comment:

Board discussion

Vote: 11Y-0N-0A (3 absent)

Dir Peterson is treasurer

3. 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.

Drew Ruesch - last meeting on board, present to facilitate transfer of board roles.

Andrew Marton

Charlene Samiley

Greg Kopelow

April Peterson

Deborah Poppink

Ian Blue

Steve Paddock

Jakob Meuser

Carolyn Honda

Steven Hedge

Jennifer Rafeedie

No ex parte, no conflicts for all the above

Absent: Chloe Samiley, Derl Clausen, Aaron Vanek

Clausen joined at 7:02pm, no ex parte, no conflicts

Agenda #	Roll call	Exparte	Conflicts
(Z7) Derl Clausen - 7:02PM	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
(Z1) Ian Robert Blue	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Steven D. Hedge - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Greg Kopelow - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Jakob Meuser - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
(Z3) Andrew Marton	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Steve Paddock - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
April Peterson - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
(Z4) Deborah Poppink	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Jennifer Rafeedie - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Charlene Samiley - At Large	PRESENT	NONE	NONE
Chloe Samiley - youth	NOT PRESENT	N/A	N/A
(Z6) Aaron Vanek	NOT PRESENT	N/A	N/A

4. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY MEMORIALS

5. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE, GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Matt Haldon From Traci Park's office:
 - i. Spoke on hotspots for unhoused people in Mar Vista. Discussed ways in which they are following up.
 - ii. Signs to restrict parking on street- request from Matt
 - iii. Informational meeting regarding Beethoven Market re: concerns – order to comply with orders – Contact Matt Haldon for meeting information
 - iv. Mural project- Dept of Cultural Affairs has reached out to artists, they will present to panel. Asking for people from board to be on panel.
- b. Janet Turner with Congressman Ted Lieu's office:
 - i. Reviewed his current bills (see website)
 - ii. Congressman Lieu Honored Martin Ruben
- c. Karen Calderon from Assemblyman Bryan Isaac's office – liaison with state departments or agencies (EDD, DMV, etc.). Contact if needed to address issues involving state departments.
- d. Helena Doub: Helena.Doub@lacity from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
 - i. Meet and Greets are being scheduled.
 - ii. Board member training and orientations will be scheduled.
 - iii. Five mandatory trainings for new and old members.
 - iv. Check out bylaws and Robert's Rules Made Simple.
 - v. Recommends a board retreat.
 - vi. End of year survey due July 31st
 - vii. Check emails for updates.
 - viii. Board of neighborhood commissioners is accepting nominations for Empower LA awards.
- e. Amber Quintanilla from Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas office.
 - i. Reviewed current bills sponsored by Senator Smallwood-Cuevas

6. 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 comments were made.

7. ~~ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA~~

8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. June 26th, 2025 Meeting

Motion to approve made by Paddock, seconded by Peterson. Approved with 7Y – 0N – 5A.

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Ian Robert Blue					1		
Steven D. Hedge - At Large					1		
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large			1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton					1		
Steve Paddock - At Large	x		1				
April Peterson - At Large		x	1				
(Z4) Deborah Poppink					1		
Jennifer Rafeedie - At Large					1		
Charlene Samiley - At Large			1				
Chloe Samiley - youth							1
(Z6) Aaron Vanek							1
(Z5) VACANT							
(Z2) VACANT							
			7	0	5	0	2

9. **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).* - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS - N/A
10. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS** – N/A
11. **OLD BUSINESS** - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS. - None
12. **NEW BUSINESS** - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS. - None
13. **ADJOURNMENT 7:50 pm.** Moved by Samiley, seconded by Marton. Approved with no objections.

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