



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Meeting Agenda

Education, Arts and Culture Committee with the Board of Directors

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Tuesday, April 8, 2025 From 6:30-8:00 PM Public Welcome

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1. CALL TO ORDER 6:34

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.*

Delaram - no & no

Aaron - no & no

David Carico - stakeholder

Alex Sturm - presenting for LMUCC

Institute for Public Strategies - Gabriel Hill - presenting for VLA

Remy Durand joins 6:45

Barb and Ed Sturm joining 6:47

Chris Risi joins 6:46

Julie Coren joins 6:50

Tommy joins 7:38

3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Delaram - Congrats to Aaron Vanek for winning MVCC zone 6 director election.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS

4.1. APPROVAL OF MAR 11, 2025 MINUTES

Delaram motions, Aaron seconds.. Unanimous approval.

5. CHAIR REPORTS

a) CHAIR – Delaram Ahmadyveasi

b) MEMBER – Aaron Vanek

6. SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE

7. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NEW

7.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Visionary Leaders in Action - event Bowling Night

Gabriel Hill presents - from Culver City based 501c3. Focus on cities of Santa Monica, Culver City, Venice. Works closely with Venice High School. Started in 2023. Reduce substance use among young adults.

Provides information, education, and inspires students to do the right thing, and they are pivoting away from DARE motto. Did a SWIFT summit in 2024.

Visionary Leaders in Action (VLA)

Three upcoming events on the westside:

- 1. April 29 - Fentanyl Awareness and Community Action forum (showed flyer)*
- 2. April 30 - guest speaker (showed flyer)*
- 3. May 22 - Wellness Bowling "Strikeout Stress" (showed flyer)*

Ask: Promotional outreach and letter of recognition and support from council for events. Wants to be included on MVCC network and social media for outreach.

From David: What model to use instead of DARE?

Gabriel: Talking to students and providing them with resources and information and community engagement so students can make the best informed decision when opportunity is presented for substance use. Goal to promote harm reduction and tools and techniques.

From Aaron: besides MVCC digital newsletter, but also get flyers for Farmer's Market table

Delaram - Motions to to advertise Visionary Leaders in Action all upcoming events through MVCC's social media newsletter and in person postings. Vanek seconds.

7 yes - 0 no - 0 abstain. Motion passes

8. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS – OLD

- **8.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE] LMU Children's Center**

Alex Sturm presents update - met with Matt Halden and Trey Hogan with productive conversation. Connecting with Del Rey, Westchester and Playa del Rey council. Has almost 2000 signatures on petition, mostly from CD11. LMUCC has been re-accredited (only 6% nationwide are accredited) by NAEYC. No other with NAEYC (National Association for Education for Young Children) in a 2 mile radius. The Children's Center is under review and may be closed.

Here today to get a motion of support from LMUCC.

David: Not a lot of other alternatives for child care and education. Can be a large stressor for families if they don't have child care. There's a \$4 million indirect benefit to having a center on LMU campus. It's very important.

Motion: MVCC's support for the LMU Children's Center to remain open and on LMU campus and to support efforts that sustains families' current level of access to high-quality early childhood education currently provided by LMUCC. In addition, we encourage all parties to be in communication with and remain transparent about the timeline and process with the broad LMUCC community about this issue. Letter of support directed to: LMU leadership, city council, board of supervisors, state assembly and state senate representing Mar Vista.

Delaram motions, Vanek seconds

7-0-0 Motion passes

- **8.2 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Discussion and potential action regarding Walking Tour**

Delaram - has been working for the last year on a tour of notable sites in Mar Vista and we have a rough draft of a map of art along Venice Blvd. Delaram saw a few.

Aaron: We have a rough draft of the layout and design, but working on text from artists describing the work and finalizing the sites.

We are calling it an art tour, a self-guided map that anyone can use to see the sites and learn about the history. There were a lot, and we've narrowed it down. Started reaching out to artists, some are difficult to get a

hold of but still trying.

- Question: If we can't reach an artist, should we take out the site or have filler text like "artist could not be reached"?
 - Delaram: If it's a major one we can keep and write what the art is showing.

Gabriel: the ground mural on grandview, DJ Neff. The painting was put down when it was raining and that's the main reason it did not stick around. If DJ Neff doesn't know, Lenore French might know.

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.*

10. ADJOURNMENT 7:55 pm (Aaron motions, Delaram seconds)