



# MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## MEETING AGENDA

### Special Board of Directors

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Thursday, July 24th, 2025 from 6:30pm - 9:00pm 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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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**
2. **SPECIAL ORDERS**
  - 2.1. **Installation of newly-elected Board-of-Directors** – Installation of the remaining newly-elected Board of Directors by the MVCC Chair.  
*Installation of Aaron Vanek and Chloe Samiley. Oath sworn.*
  - 2.2. **Announcement of Zone 2 Director and Zone 5 Director Vacancies** - Announcement of the Board vacancies and the procedure to fill said vacancies.  
*We had no candidates for these positions so we are looking to fill the vacancies. This is a great opportunity to get involved and represent the people in your zone. Please consider applying and joining us. Email [Charlene.samiley@marvista.org](mailto:Charlene.samiley@marvista.org) your statement of candidacy!*
3. **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.*

Derl Clausen no/no  
Ian Blue no/no  
Steven Hedge no/no  
Carolyn Honda no/no  
Greg Kopelow no/no  
Jakob Meuser no/no  
Andrew Marton no/no  
April Peterson absent  
Stephen Paddock no/no  
Deborah Poppink no/no arrived 6:45 PM  
Jennifer Rafeedie no/no  
Charlene Samiley no/no  
Chloe Samiley no/no  
Aaron Vanek no/no

#### **4. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY MEMORIALS**

Carolyn Honda: If you are going to be the chair of a committee, it is important you keep meeting times or dates updated so that the eblast can be properly drafted. Make sure to post agendas too so the eblast can have substantive content about the upcoming meetings.

Kalani: Marty Rubin was very involved in the community and I wish his last year on the council had gone better. We need to take time to find out if people are going through things in their life. Marty was having to deal with his wife suffering through a bad illness and people on the council treated him disrespectfully.

#### **5. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE, GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

See meeting on 7/14/2025.

**6. 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.

Kalani: I've been going around to all westside neighborhood councils and imploring them to be careful with taxpayer money. This is a volunteer organization, so do not gift yourselves items! There is less money available this year because the city and state are going through a fiscal crisis.

## 7. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Blue; Seconded by Rafeedie.

Public Comment (Kalani): When will we meet for the first time in person? The public needs to see you in person to get more interaction. No neighborhood council got even 400 votes so we should start meeting in person.

Board Comment (Charlene): We are going to try and do more meetings in person.

Director	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen	x			
Steven Hedge	x			
Carolyn Honda	x			
Greg Kopelow	x			
Andrew Marton	x			
Jakob Meuser	x			
Stephen Paddock	x			
April Peterson				x
Deborah Poppink	x			
Jennifer Rafeedie	x			
Charlene Samiley	x			
Chloe Samiley	x			
Aaron Vanek	x			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Approved 13-0-0-1

## 8. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

### 8.1. July 14th, 2025 Meeting

Moved by Marton; Seconded by Paddock.

Public Comment (Kalani): Can we have AI with detailed meeting minutes recording every word spoken? That would allow us to know who said what and who voted for what. The synopses are useless.

Board Comment (Charlene): We are going to try and be more thorough. AI has been used in the past and is a good option.

Board Comment (Aaron): Matt Halden's name is spelled incorrectly lower on the page.

Director	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen	x			
Steven Hedge	x			
Carolyn Honda	x			
Greg Kopelow	x			
Andrew Marton	x			
Jakob Meuser	x			
Stephen Paddock	x			
April Peterson				x
Deborah Poppink	x			
Jennifer Rafeedie	x			
Charlene Samiley	x			
Chloe Samiley			x	
Aaron Vanek	x			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

Approved 12-0-1-1

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*
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. **[ADMINISTRATIVE] Committee Appointments for FY 2025-2026** - Approval of committees and appointments for FY 2025-2026.

See [supporting documents](#) for specific appointment information.

Moved by Kopelow; Seconded by Marton.

Public Comment (Kalani): Concerns about the PLUM committee chair since I don't know his background. PLUM is for protecting the neighborhood, not just allowing buildings. There are good developers and bad developers. We didn't fight hard enough to support a developer on Grand View and we got nothing out of it, it's just a storage unit. The other potential developer would have had a mural.

Public Comment (Spencer): Thank you for appointing me to the transportation committee.

Director	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen	x			
Steven Hedge	x			
Carolyn Honda	x			
Greg Kopelow	x			
Andrew Marton	x			
Jakob Meuser	x			
Stephen Paddock	x			
April Peterson				x
Deborah Poppink	x			
Jennifer Rafeedie	x			
Charlene Samiley	x			
Chloe Samiley	x			
Aaron Vanek	x			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Approved 13-0-0-1

**12.2. [ADMINISTRATIVE] Liaison Appointments** - Approval of additional WRAC (Westside Regional Alliance of Councils) and other regional committee appointments.

See [supporting documents](#) for specific appointment information

Moved by Marton; Seconded by Kopelow.

Public Comment (Kalani): I think you have a solid group and I am happy to see people getting more involved. This is a training ground for higher ambition. A neighborhood council member from Venice was just appointed a policy advisor for HUD in the Trump administration. Take advantage of these opportunities for you to volunteer.

Director	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen	x			
Steven Hedge	x			
Carolyn Honda	x			
Greg Kopelow	x			
Andrew Marton	x			
Jakob Meuser	x			
Stephen Paddock	x			
April Peterson				x
Deborah Poppink	x			
Jennifer Rafeedie	x			
Charlene Samiley	x			
Chloe Samiley	x			
Aaron Vanek	x			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Approved 13-0-0-1

**12.3. [ADMINISTRATIVE] MVCC Specific Training** - Agenda formatting, Minutes formatting, Responsibilities, Motion templates, Webcorner training, Website navigation, Q&A.

This training will be conducted after the meeting.

**12.4. [ADMINISTRATIVE] MVCC Goal Setting** - Discussion regarding goals for the FY 2025-2026.

Kalani: One of the goals should be getting back the \$5000 NPG the last board gave to a bike shop. The other goal should be getting to know vendors before handing out large NPGs. I come from the generation where we had Lance Armstrong, demonstrating the dishonesty of biking and cycling related activities. I lived through the bike lane debacle in Mar Vista. Where are all of the cyclists that flooded the meetings? I only saw one cyclist today.

Greg: We can't get the money back but we need to be careful going forward. We also need easier voting.

Marton: We ended up shortchanging other grants. I would like more in-person meetings. There will be important things happening this year regarding zoning issues and LAPD.

Aaron: I am honored to be able to serve on the council. I am thankful for my voters. I hope the council can do greater outreach and let the community know that we are here for them. There are a lot of people not aware that the council exists or what it can do. I am hoping that we can do a lot of outreach through building community or art installations. My general hope is that the MVCC can be a light of help and assistance in these hard times.

Jakob: We should have some kind of community event or block party to bring stakeholders together. Set a realistic goal so that we can make it happen.

Ian: Would love to do in person meetings whenever possible. I am in CD5 so I want to make sure that our area has better representation. I would like to work with everyone to improve police response times and community safety.

Carolyn: I would like to get more receipts for NPGs. I would want to get a stronger position in social media with the help of director Chloe Samiley. We are going to be at Mar Vista National Night Out on August 5 from 5-9. We will have a table and a popup. Also would like to make it easier for people to vote.

Tommy: Could I go after the money from the bike shop without your official permission? I would rather not talk to the city attorney until I already email them and ask for invoices. When I went to get my free lock they said I would need to fill out a form so I would want evidence of the forms. Could I tell them that I am representing the MVCC?

Council: No you may not do that.

Kalani: I appreciate Tommy's idea but just because our President is a shakedown artist doesn't mean that we have to be. I would like to see Venice Blvd. used less for for-profit events. It is an emergency thoroughfare. It is a tidal evacuation street.

EP: I just want to say that the MVCC can ask the bike shop for receipts. They have to verify what they purchased on the application. I would like to see the members memorize the bylaws and abide by them.



13. ADJOURNMENT 7:29 PM. Moved by Charlene; Seconded by Ian. Approved with no objections.

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