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Meeting Agenda

Education, Arts and Culture Committee with the Board of Directors

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Tuesday, August 12, 2025 From 6:30-8:00 PM Public Welcome

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Location:

[Windward School](#)

11350 Palms Blvd Room 410
Los Angeles, CA 90066

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.

Aaron Vanek (EACC Chair, Zone 6 Director) – no and no

Charlene Samiley (MVCC Chair) – no and no

Gabriel Hill (Stakeholder) – arrive 6:39

Rob Kadota (Stakeholder) – arrive 7:07

3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education, Arts, and Culture Committee:

Aaron Vanek - EACC Chair

CicLAvia this Sunday, August 17, 9am to 4pm – MVCC does not have a booth

Deborah Poppink - Vice-Chair (*absent*)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS

4.1. APPROVAL OF April 8, 2025 Minutes

Gabriel motions, Charlene seconds –

Motion passes 3-0-0 (Vanek, Samiley, Hill - Aye)

5. CHAIR REPORTS

CHAIR – Aaron Vanek - *none*

6. SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE

7. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NEW

7.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Intro to EACC. What we do.

Vanek read EACC mission statement from committee page, agreed to maintain it.

7.2 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Ideas and goals

Hill –Looking for clarity and avenues to support schools and NPOs, do events, help students and community.

Samiley mentions some NPGs that were rewarded in the past through EACC.

Vanek discusses tour guide map for art and culture in Mar Vista.

Samiley talks about a cultural event during two-year term such as street fair. Encourage youth engagement events. Collaborating with Outreach committee. Stated that some stakeholders criticize MVCC for not doing enough community-building events.

Kadota – Would love to bring back a fall festival at Mar Vista park with community leaders. Mar Vista Music Project (fiscally sponsored by Transformation Arts) to encourage local musicians, roughly 15 artists. Launching PorchFest LA, a national event: a week of free concerts on people's front porches or backyards. Intend to bring PorchfestLA to greater Mar Vista, bring live music to WestLA. Greenwise garden tours in the past. Maybe a "Taste of Mar Vista" event—row of craft artists, restaurants, music, etc. Centennial of Pacific division of LAPD this year. Have a cultural guide for each month. Create a "Welcome to Mar Vista" guide, with all area civic services listed and how to get things done, list of important contacts, etc. Do a craft fair for artists and makers. Mar Vista Music wants to create a youth-oriented recital event for students to perform to public.

Hill talks about San Gabriel has a cultural talent show for their local talent; "Mar Vista Youth Got Talent".

Samiley suggests a "Trunk or Treat" event, cars in parking lot with treats for kids.

Kadota – do a dance event once a month, a different styles of dance.

8. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS – OLD

- 8.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Street Mural artwork facilitated by David Neptune.
Vanek presents basic info regarding street mural art proposal from David Neptune. Tabled for future meeting.
- 8.2 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Self-guided Tour Map for Venice Murals.
Vanek reiterates tour map information from 7.2 and shows prototype. Work will continue.

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.

Samiley announces Mar Vista Gateway Mural at Venice and 405 underpass. Department of Cultural Affairs are ready to select an artist from their RFP. There will be a panel that reviews the artist applicants. Mural will be on north (LA) side of street (other side is Culver City). This MV gateway mural is a joint project of CD11, CD5, Federal Dept of Transportation, etc. Local stakeholders generated ideas and presented to artists vetted by DCA. There is a panel of local stakeholders to select the final artist.

10. ADJOURNMENT 8:01pm

Vanek motions to adjourn, Gabriel seconds.

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