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Thursday, Sept 18th, 2025 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

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1. **CALL TO ORDER 7:01 PM**
2. **SPECIAL ORDERS**
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.*

Delaram Ahmadyveasi absent

Ian Blue no/no

Derl Clausen absent

Steven Hedge no/no

Carolyn Honda no/no

Greg Kopelow no/no

Emily Lin no/no arrived 7:08 PM

Andrew Marton no/no

Jakob Meuser no/no

Stephen Paddock no/no

April Peterson no/no

Deborah Poppink no/no arrived 7:03 PM

Jennifer Rafeedie no/no

Charlene Samiley no/no

Chloe Samiley no/no

Aaron Vanek no/no

4. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY MEMORIALS

Kalani: The last queen of Hawaii was born on 9/2/1938 but lost her throne because the US annexed Hawaii against the people's will. She was imprisoned in her own palace. She has passed away.

5. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE, GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Matt Halden from Traci Park's office: Thanks for hosting us at a community meeting on Globe Ave. I am aware of some concerns in Mar Vista regarding the Mar Vista park. I walked there and flagged several suspicious looking vehicles for our team. I did not notice anyone camping in the park but saw someone near. Parks are not enforced the same way because park rangers need to take the lead on clearing the encampment and there are very few park rangers. They are 41.18 zones though because they are public parks. The nuisance properties along Venice Blvd. have created a nexus for squatters and trespassers. We tracked down the property owner and he is a majority owner of the LLC which owns the lots. He has been cooperative in the past two weeks. Last Friday we had an operation to clear the property and remove the debris. The individuals there refused services. There are people living in shrubs on Venice now. We are going to clear up the shrubs so they are less attractive. We are playing Whack-a-mole. We can't let people become entrenched because then it looks very bad. The property owner wants to get the properties out of his hands. Please let our office know about unhoused individuals. Our crews can only work until a certain time and we lost overtime pay for people because of budget cuts. We have lost multiple hours per day on these operations. The vehicles are a difficult issue to resolve. We have been successful with inside safe, getting people out of physical encampments, but it is harder to get people to leave their RVs. The Mar Vista mural artist is being formally announced tomorrow. Mar Vista voice did not reach out to our office about their posting about the Warren Ave. tree removal. In 2021 a cyclist was injured on that street and pursued legal action against the city, so now the city is on notice. Any tree that is removed will be replaced at a 2:1 ratio. The City does not have the option to do nothing about these trees. Many people on this street bought their homes specifically because of the trees. There are 13 trees that are problematic but only 3 need to be removed. The meeting with the people on Warren Ave. was not all inclusive because some people never got in contact with us. Any time more than 2 trees are removed there is an automatic public hearing. The trees will be replaced. It is good to work with departments before going public with things to the media, because that forces us to take action. No tree removal is imminent, but our council has the power to make an executive decision on this without public input. The North Venice Little League have formally submitted a proposal to add a T-ball specific field to the lots. This is important because we have an overwhelming number of kids who have joined the league. This will create more opportunities for girls' softball which is seeing a large increase in demand. We heard some concerns from the neighbors about noise and things being hit into their yards. Before Parks and Rec could approve any project like this there would be a public hearing. We want to make sure that people feel like they are part of the process. People don't always feel like they have a voice.

Karen Calderon from Assembly Member Isaac Bryan's Office: Last week was the end of session but we were able to have 14 bills pass this year to be considered by the governor. Most notably: (1) AB246 social security tenant's protections act; (2) increasing wages for incarcerated firefighters; (3) increase ability of unhoused youth at schools to get vision and dental. The legislature was able to pass the election rigging response act. California will have a special election on

November 4, 2025, for Proposition 50. This would redraw congressional boundary lines in CA to counteract the gerrymandering in Texas. Next week our office is cohosting a de-escalation training along with the CA Department of Civil Rights. Karen.calderon@asm.ca.gov for questions.

Helena Doub with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment: Bylaw amendment and board structure change is open through 4/1/2026. September 30 is the information session for bylaw amendments. Congress of Neighborhoods is a free annual conference September 27 from 8AM to 5PM at city hall. There will be workshops, panels, and presentations. October 11 8AM-4PM is Civic University training at city hall. Covers how NCs can influence city policy. Each board should appoint three members to attend. Potentially standing rule 2.3 would allow for board member attendance without a vote. Per the MVCC bylaws, committees must include at least 1 but no more than 3 directors. If other board members beyond the three directors attend those meetings, you can only be an observer. If you show up you are counting as quorum.

Ambar Quintanilla from State Senator Smallwood Cuevas: 7 bills got to the governor's desk. SB48 requires the labor commission to take action against any employers withholding tips. Another bill established reentry programs for formerly incarcerated individuals. Film and tax credits were preserved. Email Ambar.quintanilla@sen.ca.gov for questions.

- 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 > 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.

Kalani: The birthday of the queen was important because our nation is currently under attack. We have an oligarchy that is taking over our country and what I stated earlier would be banned by the powers that be just like Jimmy Kimmel and Stephen Colbert have been removed from the air. Disney did not remove Jimmy Kimmel, the affiliates did. Be proactive.

- 7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** - *1 minute 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. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

9. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

9.1. August 21st, 2025 Meeting

Aaron: When were these posted to the website?

Charlene: Not sure on the exact day.

Greg/Ian move to approve

Public Comment:

Kalani: For years I've been griping about meeting minutes being too sparse. The public did not have an actual record of what was said. I commend Jakob for having improved the record available. There are apps available to take more detailed minutes. It is important to have this record for 10 years later.

Board Comment:

Charlene: I don't think AI is at the level yet to where we could have it record the minutes. He is typing right now. We are all volunteers who have a full time job. Thank you Jakob.

Emily: There is a recording device that you can use to record and then have AI make the transcript after.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi				x
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen				x
Steven Hedge	X			
Carolyn Honda	X			
Greg Kopelow	X			
Emily Lin	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			
Total	14	0	0	2

Passes 14-0-0-2

- 10. 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*

- 10.1. [Administrative] [Funding] Monthly Expenditure Report** - Discussion and possible action regarding the Monthly Expenditure Report [MER] for August 2025

10.2. [Administrative] [Funding] Budget Adjustments - Discussion and possible action regarding the budget adjustments for September 2025

10.3. [Administrative] [Funding] FY 2025-26 Administrative Packet – Revision of the MVCC Administrative Packet for Fiscal Year 2025-26 to include rollover of unspent funds from Fiscal Year 2024-25, available for use per NC Funding Program/ LA Office of the City Clerk via email on 8/25/2025.

April: The monthly expenditure report reflects that we got an additional \$8000 carryover from last year so we now have more money to spend this term! Our expenditures are monthly administrative expenses. The budget reflects that our annual budget of \$25000 has increased to \$33000 because of the carryover. We put an additional \$4000 into outreach and another \$4000 into NPGs. You need to propose a very specific funding motion as you have items that you want to spend. This budget just reflects our plan, not actual allocations. The admin packet is updated now.

Clarifying questions:

Aaron: The MER and NPGs are inconsistent. A: That is because we received extra funds.

Kalani: Have there been any efforts to get back the money from the Karmic Action NPG. A: April we will be requesting completed project documentation from them now that the check has been cashed.

Kalani: Can we give money to the little league? A: That can be brought to committee.

Jakob/Jennifer move to approve

Public Comment

Board Comment

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi				x
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen				x
Steven Hedge	X			
Carolyn Honda	X			
Greg Kopelow	X			
Emily Lin	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			
Total	14	0	0	2

Passes 14-0-0-2

11. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

12. OLD BUSINESS - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS.

13. NEW BUSINESS - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS.

13.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE] Committee & Liaison Appointments for FY 2025-2026 - Approval of revisions to standing committees and liaison/regional committee appointments for FY 20252026.

Charlene: EBC has a new chair as Delaram, Jakob will be vice chair, and April Peterson is being added as vice chair. Emily Lin will be the second vice chair for EAC. Fred Kuhns is being added as a member to the TIS committee. Greg Kopelow is being added as the second vice chair to outreach. Fred Kuhns is taking over as the primary rep for the NCSA.

Clarifying Questions

Andrew: There can be three directors on each committee. A: Yes you have too many on PHS.

Stephen: This discourages people from attending the committee meetings. A: Yes. You could consider a bylaw or standing rule change.

Carolyn: Can we change the rule that a committee can have more than 3 people? A: That would have to be a bylaws change. You could update a standing rule to have alternates on the committee.

Aaron: The Brown Act is what prevents this. The Bylaws don't apply to the Exfin Committee.

Jakob/Ian moves to approve the appointments

Public Comment

Kalani: This is a fairly new iteration of a council so they are trying to determine who will be on what committees.

Board Comment

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi				x
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen				x
Steven Hedge	X			
Carolyn Honda	X			
Greg Kopelow	X			
Emily Lin	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			
Total	14	0	0	2

Passes 14-0-0-2

13.2. [Policy] [DIRECTOR] [WRAC] Support for CF 25-0848 – Evacuation Route Analysis and AB 747 Compliance – Discussion and possible action regarding motion to support Council File 25-0848 (Park/Yaroslavsky), which calls for a report back on the City's compliance with AB 747 and evaluation of evacuation routes and infrastructure.

Andrew: This is a WRAC motion that we are supporting. This would support further evacuation planning. AB747 required cities and counties to do a public analysis of whether quick and safe evacuations are feasible. We are trying to push the city to do this since it has been 6 years since it passed. This would call for a list of evacuation routes and plans to approve them. The areas under specific focus here are the zone areas with a high fire hazard. We are adjacent to all of this with other westside neighborhoods having evacuation zones. This would be a letter directed to Mayor Bass and Council Members for CD 5 and 11.

Jennifer/Stephen move to approve

Public Comment

Kalani: I have friends who lost their homes in the palisades and friends who lost their homes in the Lahaina fire. The Venice Blvd. tsunami evacuation route has a bike lane with bollards. Everyone is on an ebike now. We need to get rid of the bike lane or bollards.

Board Comment

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi				x
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen				x
Steven Hedge	X			
Carolyn Honda	X			
Greg Kopelow	X			
Emily Lin	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			
Total	14	0	0	2

Passes 14-0-0-2

13.3. [Policy] [TI&S] [WRAC] Oppose RFP for IKE Sidewalk Kiosk Program - Discussion and possible action regarding a motion to oppose Council File 22-1154-S1 and the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the interactive digital kiosk program.

April: This is a second sidewalk kiosk program to raise money with large digital kiosks in different areas. It would compete with other city programs that already raise money.

Clarifying questions

Aaron: This is requests for proposals, not approval of the kiosks themselves. The downtown area supported it with amendments because they like the idea of the kiosks. In upcoming events this would be helpful downtown. Are we voting on an opposition to the request for proposals. A: Yes.

Stephen: Are these tied in with bus stops or independent? A: We discussed many of these concerns and decided to go with the WRAC motion.

April/Andrew move to support the WRAC motion

Public Comment

Fred: I was initially against the WRAC CIS but after looking at the other programs this would compete with I think that this mainly serves as a distraction and would take away from the ad revenue for other city programs. I am in support of the WRAC position.

Spencer: I agree. We already have a program with transport information. This would compete with it and make the use of resources less efficient. All this would do would potentially allow more advertising to be shown.

Kalani: I support the WRAC motion. There are too many advertisements all over town. We are giving too much away to LED advertisement companies. This isn't necessary for the Olympics because we have phones.

Board Comment

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
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Delaram Ahmadyveasi				x
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen				x
Steven Hedge	X			
Carolyn Honda	X			
Greg Kopelow	X			
Emily Lin	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			
Total	14	0	0	2

Passes 14-0-0-2

- 13.4. [Policy] [TI&S] Oppose Implementation of Fares on DASH Buses** - Discussion and possible action regarding CF 18-0244-S and opposition of the resumption of fare collection on DASH buses.

Jakob: This motion would express that it is the view of the MVCC that the reimplementation of fares on DASH buses is unwise and could negatively impact Los Angeles transit as a whole with very limited financial benefit. Increased fare policing will also redirect public safety officers away from more important duties.

Clarifying questions

Stephen: Did these ever have fees? A: Yes.

Deborah: In February they started charging again.

Aaron: In June, city council member Heather Hutt released something asking for an analysis of this. They are saying that there is rising operational costs. Because of the budget system we need fare collection for financial sustainability.

Jakob/Greg move to approve the motion

Public Comment

Spencer: I support this motion. I believe that a small fare serves very little purpose except making it harder to use Dash buses. This seems like it would have the effect of decreasing ridership rather than adding tangible financial gain.

Kalani: I oppose this motion. The city is in dire fiscal straights. We already had a motion where the city was ruining its sidewalks to get money. We need to upgrade these buses and we need money. We can implement a hardship program for those who can't afford it.

Board Comment

Carolyn: I oppose this because I think that everything cannot be free. The buses need cleaning and money for the system to work. If you have to pay a little bit to get on the bus and go somewhere then it is just the right thing to do to have it not packed with people.

Jennifer: Theoretically I would oppose this but because we don't have enough security anyway, so I don't think they will police this. I don't think this is a big game changer or issue to conserve ourselves with right now.

Aaron: The cost benefit analysis says that with the resumption of DASH fare collection, we could get \$2.5 million annually. K12 students will continue not paying fares and LADOT will receive some reimbursement from METRO.

Jakob: I hear concerns from people about safety on Los Angeles transit, like Metro. The best way to address those concerns is to get people using transit. Fare free DASH buses are extremely convenient in high-density areas and make it a lot more desirable to travel to DTLA without using a car, because once you are there it is easy and free to get around. Adding more barriers to using transit can only negatively impact the amount of people taking transit to places like downtown, and I fear this will hurt transit adoption overall at a critical moment for LA. We should be looking at other areas besides transit when thinking about how to address our budget issues.

Stephen: I would support it to limit people taking their cars downtown.

Andrew: I feel that if you have a barrier to get on board something, that is a way to regulate who gets on and what kind of people you have to deal with. I've been working downtown since 1987. I've seen a dramatic change on it and if you have a small barrier to stop people from hopping on, that's a benefit to people who want a safe way to get around.

Carolyn: The DASH was invented for businesspeople to get around downtown. The people working downtown can afford it. \$2.5 million is something.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi				x
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen				x
Steven Hedge	X			
Carolyn Honda		x		
Greg Kopelow		x		
Emily Lin		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	
Total	8	5	1	2

Passes 8-5-1-2

- 13.5. [Policy] [DIRECTOR] 3900 Block of Beethoven St - Traffic & Safety Issues** - Discussion and possible action regarding the improvement of safety, protection of property, and congestion relief to residents, pedestrians, and drivers on Beethoven St, between Washington and Zanja.

Anthony Stakeholder: Our street narrows by 7 feet on this block unlike other streets. We lose the width of a car with parking on both sides. The fact that we have stoplights creates a commuter thoroughfare. At rush hour or around school end you can't drive on the block. Everyone on the block is in support of doing something to mitigate the fact that the street narrows. I've been working on this for a year and a half. I am asking that we remove 12 parking spots on the block on one side. The apartments and homes on the street have parking garages. There are a lot of accidents here too because it is so cramped, but these are not properly reflected in reports. Cars are using Beethoven to commute, we should give them the room and add speed bumps so that they can. I have signatures from people on the block. Both sides have single family homes but one side has multifamily options. There are speed bumps nearby.

Clarifying questions

Stephen: Is this metered parking? A: No.

Carolyn: How will you decide which side? A: People are indifferent, the letter would defer to the traffic experts.

Carolyn: Are you asking for a study? A: The study was looking at publicly available police report data and there is none. So the study did not help because there is no data for it.

Jennifer/Aaron move to approve

Public Comment

Stakeholder: This area is very congested from 3-6PM. I try and avoid this area because of the crazy traffic.

Kalani: I support this motion. This has been an issue for decades. Wade and Beethoven being cut through streets with lights.

Board Comment

Steven: I think you would get support from the neighbors around there too. A: I have 15 people from the street supporting it so far. No one has rejected the idea.

Andrew: You could do no parking during certain times too. A: That might create more confusion, there are also accidents throughout the day.

Stephen: I live close to here and I go down that street quite a lot. Even at this time driving home you have to be careful. Sometimes I stop so the other car can get by because it is so narrow. Speed bumps are hard to get.

Jennifer: It does say that they just need to investigate it.

Deborah: The speed bump process takes about a year and a half. You have to get the form and have everyone sign off on the street. Once people sign the petition they do a study.

Emily: Remove the second demand entirely because that is supposed to happen after.

Jennifer/Jakob move to amend: change “investigate” to “implement” 2) potentially adding speed bumps to the same block if parking is removed. Final language of recommendations section is as follows: “The MVCC requests that Traci Park and LADOT implement the following remedies:

1) Removing 12 street parking spaces on one side of the block, between 3980

Beethoven St and 3936 Beethoven St.

2) Potentially adding speed bumps to the same block if parking is removed.”

Public Comment

Stakeholder: I would say after parking is removed.

Kalani: I support the amendment.

Board Comment

No objections, amendment passes 14-0-0-2

On passage of the motion as amended, no objections, motion passes 14-0-0-2

Charlene/Jakob move to extend meeting to 9:25PM, no objection

13.6. [Policy] [PLUM] Opposition to City Council File 25-0642 Re. Elimination of Parking Requirements - Discussion and possible action to oppose the Council File #25-0642 considering the elimination of off-street Parking requirements.

Stephen: This would get rid of parking requirements city wide, so this motion is to oppose that council file. The person who proposed this made their career on anti-car bias. I have to drive my kid to school and then to work, my wife and I both needed cars. There isn't really an ability to not have a car. We need parking with new developments to make sure this doesn't happen.

Clarifying Questions

Carolyn: The person building the project wouldn't have to provide parking anymore? A: The city would no longer require parking for building projects. Whether people have cars or not is up to people. Developers would still build parking to make it more attractive.

Carolyn: Is this a legitimate concern? Sometimes there have been density bonuses for including low-income housing units. A: This motion would remove all parking requirements for new buildings.

Ian: This doesn't prevent a developer from providing parking? A: No. Low income housing doesn't have parking requirements already.

Andrew: I think the LA times had an article today about an apartment building in Ktown where the owner of the apartment building is detaching the parking and making ADUs? A: The state law allows for that when you have community spaces and convert them to ADUs.

April/Stephen move to approve the motion

Public Comment

Stakeholder: Is city council asking to be able to do the research to do this? Or is city council actually doing this? A: This is the feasibility study.

Stakeholder: Is this motion to have parking or not? A: This motion would support requiring the developers to have some level of parking.

Fred: I support this motion because I think that theoretically getting rid of all these requirements is a great concept but probably won't work. In the motion, there are some examples of irrational parking requirements. I would add that we support a review of current parking requirements to make sure that they are consistent with actual needs.

Spencer: I agree with a proposal to support looking into seeing which parking requirements are rational, but I understand why one would not be included in this motion.

Kalani: I support this motion. They have been trying to do this for awhile now. We are not like other small cities. We are 100x the size of Paris. I have friends who ended up buying in the valley and commute to DTLA.

Stakeholder: I am against this. I have heard a focus today that we want to get people on public transportation. I think removing requirements should be reviewed and something we are talking about. LA City Council just approved certain buildings to prioritize affordable housing. Parking is adding a lot to the building costs.

Board Comment

Aaron: Our motion is opposing the city's motion. Although state laws preclude the city from imposing parking requirements near transit stops. A city wide approach offers advantages. Instead of requiring further analyses at some point in the process, the developer can from the start plan on not having parking. This motion at the city council would report on feasibility of elimination of off-street parking requirements. The City is trying to remove the red tape stopping developers from having to provide so many spaces for their buildings.

Deborah: They are proposing to do a study, and we are opposing the study.

Ian: It seems like the proposal from the city is a way to lower the cost of building new housing. We have a housing crisis and it is the biggest problem facing our state. We have to welcome more people into our city. This is trying to find a way to make it easier for people to build so that housing can be cheaper. We need more homes built everywhere in our city. This is a political crisis for CA and this is just one small change. And it is just a feasibility study.

Jennifer: I agree with the motion because I have lived through feasibility studies in Los Angeles and they are a way of pushing forward an agenda. We can't get accurate data on the number of available units that are just sitting there. We aren't considering the motive behind tearing down small houses and making big buildings. I have nothing against developers or lawyers, but we have to consider the politics in this.

April: One of the things the motion addresses is that the City is not able to impose parking requirements on buildings that are in transit-oriented communities. We don't have a housing crisis, but an affordable housing crisis.

Andrew: I would add that the feasibility issue Jennifer mentioned is right. This is an agenda being pushed through. This has nothing to do with affordable housing. Every multi use property needs parking or else people won't move in there. The LA times article on the Koreatown house shows that poor people in Koreatown are protesting this sort of move. That's the real world. This is all for developer profit. I have represented real estate developers in the past. They are not trying to benefit the community.

Carolyn: I agree with the last three statements and cannot believe that we might have a policy trusting the developer. People in the apartments go park on the streets where people have houses.

Jakob: We have an affordable housing crisis in this state. This is largely due to the onerous requirements we have created over the years regarding building housing. Zoning, extensive permitting requirements, environmental studies — all of these procedural hurdles vastly increase the cost of building housing in California, and specifically Los Angeles. These costs are passed onto homeowners and renters or make building new affordable housing a poor investment. This has created a classic supply and demand problem, where there is simply not enough housing for people to choose from, raising all prices. We need to reconsider the old ways of doing things and start cutting red tape to try and resolve this issue. We can still make sure housing is safe and useful for people while allowing buildings to be build faster! I oppose this motion because I support the policy it attacks. Eliminating parking requirements would not eliminate parking, but it would make it a lot easier to build, which is what we need.

Stephen: The parking required by the city might be 2 cars for a 2 bedroom. The city requirements typically are lower than what is sitting in the units or the number of cars that will be needed. A lot of times people will choose to use free street parking instead of paying for parking within the building. The homeowners will be competing with street parking. The single stair requirement has not been approved by city council yet, it has just been sent to committee.

Charlene/Stephen move to extend the meeting until 10PM, no objections

Aaron: A lot of times I think we should be looking forward with a vision. A lot of the younger generation isn't driving as much. Having the city require parking is a cudgel when we need a scalpel. I hate to say this but we need to let the market figure this out.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi				x
Ian Blue		x		
Derl Clausen				x
Steven Hedge	X			
Carolyn Honda	x			
Greg Kopelow	x			
Emily Lin	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	x	
Total	10	4	0	2

Passes 10-4-0-2

13.7. [Funding] [DIRECTOR] NPG Application for Venice High School's Annual Movie Event –
Discussion and possible action regarding an NPG application for the amount of \$1,500 for the Grease movie screening being held at Venice High School on 10/4/2025.

Loraina Stakeholder: Grease was filmed at Venice High School. We are having a screening on October 4, everyone is welcome. Our student clubs come out that day and setup their booths. We have a raffle now thanks to some support from the cast. The director's team contacted us last year. They are doing a documentary about life after Grease. This is a very important event for our community. This brings alumni back as well. Event starts at 3PM. We would like help with funding in the amount of \$1,500.

Clarifying Questions

Stakeholder: Where is this shared with the public? A: It is mostly word of mouth, we don't have much of a marketing campaign. 400+ people come.

Aaron: Is this free and open to the public? A: Yes. We sell a limited amount of VIP seating for the front.

Stephen: How do you get in? A: The back entrance is not open. The student parking will be the entrance. We encourage people to not drive!

Stephen: What is the \$1,500 for? A: The cost for the screen is \$1,200, the car is \$1,700, we buy food so that we can sell it. We put up posters and have to pay some fees and overhead. Venice did not accept us this year because we came late.

Carolyn: If this was approved, would you be able to accept the money afterwards? A: Yes definitely.

April: Can we get the contact information for whoever will do the form? A: Yes, I put the President's contact information.

Greg/Stephen move to approve

Public Comment

Kalani: Grease came out the year I graduated from high school. I preferred Saturday Night Fever. I totally support this and was at the first event. This football field is packed and it is a carnival like atmosphere.

Board Comment

Aaron: They are asking for \$1,500, this would be 10.7% of our allocated NPG budget.

Steven: This is a great event. My daughter used to dress up.

Deborah: This is great.

Emily: Can we promote this? This is a great event. A: Yes you can, and we would put your logo on the flyer.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi				x
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen				x
Steven Hedge	X			
Carolyn Honda	X			
Greg Kopelow	X			
Emily Lin	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			
Total	14	0	0	2

13.8. [Funding] [OUTREACH] MVCC Name Tags and Business Cards for 16 Directors –

Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure not to exceed \$1,250 for costs related to MVCC name badges and business cards for each director.

Charlene: This is funding for the business cards and name tags.

Ian/Greg move to approve

Public comment

Board Comment

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi				x
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen				x
Steven Hedge	X			
Carolyn Honda	X			
Greg Kopelow	X			
Emily Lin	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
Total	13	0	0	3

13-0-0-3

13.9. [Funding] [OUTREACH] Street Banner Campaign to Promote MVCC – Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure not to exceed \$5,300 for costs (e.g. proof, printing, installation, vendor costs) related to the Street Banners.

Charlene: The previous board approved this and we have to again. It would advertise the MVCC on Venice.

Clarifying Questions

Deborah: Is this promoting the MVCC? A: Yes. When we previously approved this we didn't have the money.

Stephen: This is to get people to know that there is a community council. Hopefully at election time people will be more aware.

Stephen/Deborah move to approve

Public comment

Kalani: I was ready to oppose this because I thought it would be the banner at the Mar Vista rec center. Good luck in picking a design. I hope you pick the light string location. A: This will be east of Centinela on Venice.

Board Comment

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi				x
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen				x
Steven Hedge	X			
Carolyn Honda	X			
Greg Kopelow	X			
Emily Lin	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			
Total	14	0	0	2

14-0-0-2

- 13.10. [Funding] [OUTREACH] Community Blood Drive** – Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure not to exceed \$800 for costs (e.g. banners, social media announcements, snacks) related to the Blood Drive to create a publicity buzz for donating and participation.

Charlene: This would approve funding for a blood drive.

Clarifying Questions

Aaron: What is happening? A: We are merging with Mar Vista rec center and their fall festival on November 1. We are going to use the small gym for the blood drive. We went to the night out with the police. The blood drive people take care of everything for you.

Aaron: What is the money for? A: This is for us to hand out snacks or having advertisements.

Stephen/Andrew move to approve

Public Comment

Kalani: I am concerned about outreach and such. We are already months in to the council. You have the money. Don't give \$5000 to another skate shop.

Board Comment

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi				x
Ian Blue	x			
Derl Clausen				x
Steven Hedge	X			
Carolyn Honda	X			
Greg Kopelow	X			
Emily Lin	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			
Total	14	0	0	2

Passes 14-0-0-2

- 13.11. **[ADMINISTRATIVE] Ad Hoc Committee for Board Retreat** – Discussion and possible action regarding a Board Retreat and the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to plan it.

Charlene: This would form an ad hoc committee for a board retreat. Our NEA recommended that we do a board retreat. This takes a lot of work and planning, so this ad hoc committee would be for the planning of the event. The priorities of the retreat are listed on the motion. This would be a great team building opportunity. Ad hoc committees are limited in

scope and are purely advisory and not subject to Brown Act noticing rules. The retreat has to be publicly noticed and it is open to the public.

Clarifying questions

Deborah: Is this voting to have the retreat or to plan it? A: If you don't want the retreat, vote no.

Jakob/Deborah move to approve the motion

Public Comment

Stakeholder: Thank you for your time volunteering. I encourage you all to bond.

Kalani: You probably should check to see if you have volunteers.

Board Comment

Aaron: I think this is a good idea.

No objection, motion passes 14-0-0-2

14. REPORTS

Officer Reports

- Charlene Samiley - Chair
- Jennifer Rafeedie - 1st Vice Chair
- Andrew Marton - 2nd Vice Chair
- Jakob Meuser - Secretary
- April Peterson - Treasurer

Zone Reports

- Zone 1 - Ian Blue
- Zone 2 – Emily Lin
- Zone 3 - Andrew Marton
- Zone 4 - Deborah Poppink
- Zone 5 – Delaram Ahmadyveasi

- Zone 6 - Aaron Vanek
- Zone 7 - Derl Clausen

Committee Reports

- Elections and Bylaws

- Outreach
- Public Health, Safety and Homelessness
- Planning and Land Use Management
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- Education Arts and Culture
- WRAC, WRAC Committees and Other Liaisons

15. ADJOURNMENT [Charlene/Aaron 9:58PM](#)

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