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Meeting Agenda for Education, Arts and Culture Committee

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Tuesday, November 11 2025 From 6:30-8:30 PM Public Welcome

Windward School, 11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, Ca 90066

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1. CALL TO ORDER 6:38

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 – no and no

Deborah Poppink - Vice-Chair – no and no

Emily Lin - 2nd Vice-Chair - no and no (joins at 6:45)

Also attending: Stakeholder David Neptune (presenting), Stakeholder Jim Oliva (arrives 6:58) to discuss DCRC mural, and two guests from the Del Rey Neighborhood Council: Edwina Magaña and Jacqueline Kroskity.

3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education, Arts, and Culture Committee:

Aaron Vanek - Chair

We will have a guest speaker--Lisa Davis, Community Arts Division Director--from the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) at the next EACC meeting on December 9. VC Poppink asks if DCA can talk about Cultural Olympiad.

Deborah Poppink - Vice-Chair - none

Emily Lin - 2nd Vice-Chair - none

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS

4.1. APPROVAL OF October 2025 MINUTES

Vanek motions, Poppink seconds, motion passes 3-0-0

5. CHAIR REPORTS

a) CHAIR – Aaron Vanek - none

b) VICE CHAIR – Deborah Poppink

PorchfestLA was 10 days ago, November 1 and 2. It's a national festival that started in 2007 and was brought to Mar Vista for the first time this year. It was a big success that fostered community, meeting neighbors and exploring neighborhoods, and there was a lot of collaboration between performers. There were multiple performances on 20 porches in Mar Vista and three in Culver City. Some porch hosts had a green room and snacks for both entertainers and the public. Organizer, Rob Kadota, was interviewed by LAist.

Vanek notes that Poppink was one of the performers.

c) 2nd VICE CHAIR - Emily Lin - none

6. SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE

7. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NEW

7.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Cleanup of vines on DCRC whale mural - Stakeholder reported that fig ivy vines are covering up an art mural of whales on the Beethoven side wall of the DCRC building (12901 Venice Blvd). Discussion regarding setting up a volunteer cleanup day.

Stakeholder Jim Oliva, who originally reported the problem with the vines, joins at 6:58.

Vanek states that he applied to use Mayor Bass's ShineLA beautification program but they are unable to clear this in November.

Oliva is concerned about how best to take the ivy off without damaging the mural underneath. About a third of the mural is covered now, and the vines go all the way to the top, and a ladder is needed to reach them.

Poppink wonders if MVCC can fund professional gardeners to do it, or if we need to rent a compost bin for all the greens. Asks about who owns the building, and mentions that it is not being kept up.

Multiple people expressed concern about liability, especially if someone is injured or mural is damaged.

Edwina Magaña asks if CD11 could do a beautification day project.

David Neptune is connected with ready volunteers from NourishLA and Ocean View Farms.

Rapid fire discussion of all stakeholders decide that Chair Vanek should talk to DCRC (he is already communicating with their executive director and the office manager) to see if they could take the lead on this and MVCC helps them with a volunteer crew.

No motion made or voted upon.

8. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS – OLD

- 8.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Update on possible street art at residential intersection, spearheaded by David Neptune.

Neptune presents slide deck proposal for a block party project in Zone 6 Mar Vista (multiple sites suggested) for residents to close off four streets and paint their own street intersection the way they want that represents their streets. He states benefits of community building, slowing traffic, creating a sense of identity and showcases community creativity. The project is fun for families and kids.

He was inspired by the work of Mark Lakeman in Portland, Oregon, who has facilitated more than 100 of these intersection murals. Vanek states that he has met with Lakeman in Portland to discuss this project.

Neptune presents a short video interviewing Lakeman and showing the work in Portland. How it happens: find a place to do it and connect with neighbors, and only takes a few potluck meetings to discuss ideas. Process involves a pressure wash of the street, putting down primer, then paint, and fades in 2-4 years. Community can decide to redo or refresh. Oliva had a question about liability and road traction.

Neptune said he is reaching out to his neighbors in the area for support and established a group chat. Poppink asked what to do about neighbors who are not supportive and do not want this. Neptune mentioned that in Portland, one resident was clearly against one mural, but once he saw it completed, he admitted he liked it. Neptune and Vanek state they hope this project becomes a template process for more neighbor-made street murals throughout Los Angeles. Neptune mentions that Portland now has a simple process for neighbors to paint their intersections because of the first ones done.

Vanek mentions that the Bonin-sponsored mural at Grand View and Pacific only lasted a month at best, but the reasons could have been rain, using improper paints, or excessive wear.

This is the second time Neptune has presented to EACC.

Poppink recommends talking to Dept of Transportation for permitting; the street is theirs.

Jacqueline Kroskrity (Del Rey NC Education Committee Chair) and Magaña mention that there are “1% funds” a tax that developers pay for buildings that must be used for arts and beautification throughout the city and maybe could be used for this.

Vanek mentions that Neptune should talk to Transformation Arts or other art organizations. There are more than one 501c3 to partner with to access a Neighborhood Purpose Grant.

No motion is moved; Neptune and Vanek will continue working behind the scenes.

- **8.2 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Self-guided Venice Blvd Tour map. Review and discussion of the latest, near-final version of a brochure map of murals along Venice Blvd. See supporting documents.**

Vanek presents printed copies of the self-guided map of art sites along Venice Blvd. Project has been worked on for about two years. Near complete, he is looking for comments, proofreading, etc. Poppink suggests using quotation marks to identify words by the artist, and adding a QR code and stating “title unknown” for works where the artist could not be reached.

Both printed copies were taken for more comments. Final will be free PDF download on MVCC website. Hopefully a template for more maps of other interesting things in Mar Vista.

Poppink wonders if, for Cultural Olympiad, do a walking tour of the sites in Mar Vista.

No motion presented; Vanek will bring map to board meeting for more comments.

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Oliva asks about Stohl Building that Vanek mentioned as first bank of Mar Vista. Edwina and Jacqueline introduce themselves as members of the Del Rey Neighborhood Council, and Jackie is chair of the Education Committee. They thank us for the invite to our EACC meeting and invite us to theirs.

10. ADJOURNMENT Aaron motions to adjourn, Deborah seconds. 3-0-0 adjourns at 8:10pm.

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