



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Meeting Agenda for Education, Arts and Culture Committee

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Tuesday, February 10, 2026 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 **6:33**

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.*

Aarin Vanek – no and no

Deborah Poppink – no and no

Ian Blue – no and no

3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education, Arts, and Culture Committee:

Aaron Vanek - Chair

DGA announced their 2028 Cultural Program for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Framework. More info at <https://culture.lacity.gov/>

Deborah Poppink - Vice-Chair

Emily Lin - 2nd Vice-Chair - **Absent**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS

4.1. APPROVAL OF December 2025 MINUTES **Vanek Motions, Poppink seconds 2-0-0**

5. CHAIR REPORTS

a) CHAIR – Aaron Vanek

Next month- Guest presentation from Jose Morataya about CERT

b) VICE CHAIR – Deborah Poppink

c) 2nd VICE CHAIR - Emily Lin

6. SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE

7. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NEW

7.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Proposal for Mar Vista Neighborhood Flag (see supporting documents)

Leo presents idea for flag (supporting document)

Poppink: did you come up with this idea?

Leo: Interested in politics and flag. He came up with design. He hopes to see it in MV schools, and maybe city council.

Stephanie: One flag?

Leo: Three options, but the first is the main one.

Vanek: Explained best option might be to ask for a flag proposal first, and then propose the designs as part of a community effort.

Poppink: this could be bigger to go across the whole city

Leo: Likes idea of holding school contests across the city.

Vanek: Motions to support Leonardo Longo's neighborhood flag proposal project at the MVCC board meeting and encourages him to present there.

Poppink seconds

Passes 6-0-0

7.2 [FUNDING] NPG for Clover Elementary (see supporting documents)

Gaby Doyle – Grantwriter for Clover Ave Booster Club and Stephanie Lindsay, Treasurer of Clover Booster Club present NPG (see supporting documents)

Clover Elementary is:

A three Time Blue Ribbon ward recipient. Regular neighborhood school, not a charter.

498 students, TK-5th, very diverse, many international families

School funding is very basic—just average daily attendance (ADA), not title I funding

Asking funding for 2026-2027 school year for Modern Band program. Budget is trying to keep personnel.

Booster club is source of funding, paid \$72,000 to keep school aides. Booster funds PE and art program, computer lab.

Modern Band program – music is a right, not a privilege. Arts programs help all curriculums.

Request: Start a modern band, built on success of ukulele program. Looking to add keyboards, bass, drums, guitars. Looking for equity and access to ensure all students have access to instruments.

Culturally relevant- students learning music from their home culture, and connect to other forms of music. Band fosters life skills, creativity, teamwork, etc. Music programs improve attendance and helps social-emotional learning. Provides buy-in to continue further education.

Community impact: wants students to go out and perform in community

Current request: \$1336 for zip kits.

Poppink: Asked about zip kits being drums, and how many they can get with the requested money. And storage locker?

Gaby & Stephanie: would be rotating instruments. There was theft before, and there is a need to secure instruments.

Poppink: Would the grant be itemized?

Blue: It would help.

Vanek mentions there is a moratorium on funding of at least a year. Is it worth it to ask for \$1336 now, or wait until next fiscal year and ask for a higher amount?

Gaby & Stephanie: considering coming in next fiscal year.

Director Blue can bring up the NPG as a director's motion if needed.

Noted: Clover Elementary received MVCC funding for arts program before.

NPG withdrawn by Clover Elementary for now.

Leo remembers his music teacher say funding was really low, and this could be a good way for more music funding in schools.

Director Blue departs at 7:43.

8. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS – OLD

- 8.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE] *Tour Map of Venice Murals*

Vanek explains he has not had time to work on mural tour map. Still hoping to get comments, wants to make an electronic version as well as a print version so text is not limited by paper size.

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.*

Leo says the city of Los Angeles does not have funding for things. Vanek agrees.

10. ADJOURNMENT Vanek motions, Poppink seconds, adjourn at 7:48

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