



## MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Meeting Agenda

[Elections & Bylaws Committee with the Board of Directors](#) Wednesday,

January 14, 2026

8:30-9:30 PM

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE MAR VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER 8:34 PM**

**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.

Delaram Ahmadyveasi no/no

April Peterson no/no

Jakob Meuser no/no

**3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4. CHAIR REPORTS**

a) CHAIR – Delaram Ahmadyveasi

b) VICE-CHAIR – Jakob Meuser

c) VICE-CHAIR – April Peterson

**5. SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE**

**6. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - OLD**

**6.1 Approval of the Minutes: Oct 7, 2025**

Delaram/April move to approve – no objections

## 7. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NEW

### 7.1 [POLICY] [BYLAW AMENDMENT] Discussion and Potential Action regarding Amendment to Standing Rules Regarding Committee Voting Structure and Stakeholder Participation

#### April/Delaram move to approve as written

#### Clarifying questions

Jakob: Doesn't this still say stakeholders are constituents? April: That would be different from being a committee member.

Delaram: How would the advisory vote have an impact? April: If the community goes a different way from the committee, then that is properly reflected at the board meeting by the advisory vote. At least the community support or rejection would still be in the minutes.

Delaram: But if the community wants something and no director wants to bring a director's motion, does it not go to the board? Jakob: 10 stakeholders may still petition the board.

Tommy: Who wrote this? Delaram: This was initially brought up by a director two months ago. Now DONE says that we do need to do this. They met with Charlene and this motion is the result of that meeting.

Tommy: How does someone affirm their status at the meeting? April: People just need to say that they are stakeholders.

#### Board Comments

Jakob: I will be voting against this because the MVCC has done things this way for many years and has remained legitimate, no reason to change it now.

April: I would rather have this advisory vote than just the committee members voting.

Delaram: We are one of the few NCs that allows stakeholders to feel like they are part of the decisions that are made for their neighborhood. We know that if an issue is very important it can make it to the board agenda somehow. If it is going to make it to the agenda anyways, why take away the charm of allowing stakeholder votes? This seems unnecessary, but I also witnessed DONE's interaction at the last meeting. DONE does have the ability to correct our agendas and such and they haven't done so here.

Tommy: I agree with Jakob and April. You can get around this issue by having more than three people on the committee.

First Last: I got involved with this because I know that there is some motion regarding Beethoven market and the idea that you could have people not part of the community come and vote on something related to that seems ripe for abuse.

Jakob: This would not allow things to be fully stopped from getting to the board because the petitioning of the board would still allow any issue with enough community support to be brought to the board.

Angus: Even the original rule is very vague and ripe for abuse and I don't like this amendment either because it is vague.

Tommy: Should anyone that attends a committee meeting have to declare a conflict of interest?

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Delaram		x	
Jakob		x	
April			x
Tommy		x	
SM	x		
Angus	x		
Stakeholder	x		

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**Motion Fails 3-3-2**

**7. 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.

Tommy: I like stakeholders having a say.

First Last: I wouldn't like it if the Neighborhood Council was somehow out of compliance and couldn't function.

**9. ADJOURNMENT 9:18 PM**

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