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Thursday, Feb 19th, 2026 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

PUBLIC WELCOME

Windward School, 11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, Ca 90066 Room 20

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1. **CALL TO ORDER 7:03 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 no/no

Ian Blue no/no

Derl Clausen no/no

Steven Hedge absent excused

Carolyn Honda no/no

Greg Kopelow no/no

Emily Lin absent excused

Andrew Marton no/no
Jakob Meuser no/no
Stephen Paddock no/no
April Peterson no/no
Deborah Poppink no/no
Jennifer Rafeedie no/no
Charlene Samiley no/no
Chloe Samiley no/no
Aaron Vanek no/no

4. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY MEMORIALS

5. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE, GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Matt Halden CD11: We received your letter with regard to the sanctuary city policies, if you need any assistance, you can find the necessary resources on our website. We have an entire page on our website dedicated to those resources. If you are aware of anyone who needs help because of the increased enforcement, let me know and I can connect them with resources. A sewer line rehabilitation is happening near where the old Whole Foods was. National, Barrington, and Federal will all be impacted at some point from early March to next year. We have to rehabilitate a sewer line that is 97 years old, and there will be a temporary bypass line. There will be 4 pits in various places in this area. Construction will be able to park utility trucks during peak hours. We allowed for this exemption because it saved months of time. If you are able to, please join us next Thursday morning 2/26 at Pacific Station to celebrate the 100 year anniversary.

Janet Turner for Congressman Lieu: Congressman was big supporter of HR6644 Housing for the 21st Century. It would modernize federal housing programs and streamlines environmental reviews and regulations. There is a new way of thinking in congress now, the senate has its own version and we think this will pass. Congress is thinking about affordable housing differently. Lieu also reintroduced his AI Grand Challenge act allowing for an AI competition. He also sponsored the plastic pellets free waters act and the Chiropractic medicare coverage modernization act.

Karen Calderon for Assembly Member Isaac Bryan: Tomorrow is the deadline to introduce legislation. He introduced AB1537, no second jobs with ICE act, it would prevent state employees from taking a second job with ICE. He also introduced AB1873 to help women receiving services get into supportive affordable housing if survivors of domestic violence. AB1661 would continue work on shutting down the Inglewood oil field in 2030, currently the largest and most underproducing field in the country. The first \$5,000,000 of fines from not shutting down the field will be redistributed as cash payments to families impacted by breathing illnesses in the area. There will be a free tax preparation event soon.

- 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.

Spencer: Councilwoman Tracy Park has used \$450,000 in discretionary funding to install flock security cameras in Mar Vista. These are meant to be used as license plate readers but they can be used by ICE.

Ancor Patel: Candidate for LAUSD school board gave statement. Wanted to collect signatures for the ballot.

Kalani: Recently a pregnant woman was killed in CD11 while riding an eBike at 6 at night. She was hit by an 87 year old. I feel sorry for the 87 year old that is going to have to feel sorry for killing people. We need to treat eBikes like motorcycles.

Stakeholder: I am the wife of the LAUSD school board candidate. We need to have more nutritious food given to our children. In 2015 he ran on the same platform because there has been no change. Please sign the petition.

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** Aaron/Deborah move to approve, no objection or comment
9. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - 9.1. January 22nd, 2026 Meeting

Clarifying Questions

Andrew/Stephen 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

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 January 2026

10.2. [Administrative] [Funding] Budget Adjustments - Discussion and possible action regarding the budget adjustments for February 2026

April: We have a remaining budget of \$18,756. Our monthly expenditures included our regular web maintenance charges. I would like to look into whether our NPG grant checks were received because they have not been cashed.

Jakob/Greg move to approve

Public Comment

Kalani: Details for the \$4,000 for CERT. April: Details are in the minutes from that meaning. Ian: This was an NPG to establish a storage box with safety supplies for St. Johns Church on National.

Delaram stepped out temporarily at 7:30 PM

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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

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. **[Policy] [PLUM] Support for Livable Cities Initiative (LCI) to advocate for converting underutilized commercial corridors with “gentle” density** – Discussion and possible action regarding motion for MVCC support of LCI efforts to address the missing middle within LA’s housing crisis by unlocking the development of gentle density – 3-5 stories of residential housing over small retail shops – along LA’s underutilized commercial corridors transforming them for walkability and livability with added parking.

Stephen: Matthew is from the livable communities initiative and is presenting on this motion.

Matthew Thompson: We are a nonprofit group of urbanists and City lovers looking to transform our city streets. We try and bridge the gap between different parts of the city and different groups. The livable communities initiative allows neighborhoods to embrace the housing that makes them better. LA is missing many starter homes: we have rental apartments and single family homes but nothing in the middle. We want high quality housing in walkable neighborhoods: residential over retail. We want to concentrate activity on specific streets to build up a community. We want to turn underutilized commercial corridors into places where people live. The program entails dense housing, 3-5 stories over retail. We see that a consistent scale of buildings is appealing to people. First, we would focus on having standard plans so that the same design can be reused. Same-sized parcels exist along commercial corridors already. Second, we change the street. Start with parking in the middle of the street, adding trees and slowing cars for walkability. Currently, our prototype is on Upper Larchmont. We have gotten a large amount of support in community meetings. We are trying to give people the opportunity to buy into something better than they already have. This plan can get 5x as much housing as the City originally projected. 51% of people were interested in living in a place like this, 64% of those would get rid of their cars according to survey. This would also cut down on traffic by allowing people to live closer to their place of

business. These small buildings allow for units which are cross ventilated and of different sizes. If you are interested in an LCI within the boundaries of your community, do a CIS. This would also create horizontal mobility corridors.

Livablecommunitiesinitiative.org

Clarifying Questions

Charlene: Is there a council file currently supporting this with the City? A: Yes, it is connected to the housing element system.

Andrew: Has another council supported? A: Greater wilshire NC and Pico have supported.

Andrew: These properties are privately owned, how do you get the property owners on board? A: Our priority is joint venturing with property owners. If a property is for sale at the right price we would try and facilitate the sale.

April: How would you integrate the transit oriented community initiatives? A: Zoning is additive. The goal of this would be to create something that people would see and make sense. This would be home-ownership, there wouldn't be displacement.

April: What is the target pricing range for the different units? A: The idea would be to have some of the units priced at well below other neighborhood units. The reason I can't give a real number is because the market mechanics are tough and we want to make sure people want to build.

April: What about the reduced traffic flow on the streets? A: We have met with LADOT and their comments were that we cannot do anything right now. Our priority is housing first.

Delaram returned at 7:47 PM

Jennifer: Was the survey you presented about the full street look or the housing element? A: The numbers didn't make sense to me with everyone who drives.

Jakob: Is there any number or range you can give on pricing for Larchmont? A: You need to match revenue and expenses. You would maybe have 80% market rate and some slightly below. It will depend on how we structure those programs with the city. We are more outcome oriented than most city programs. We want these things to get built.

Carolyn: We have a lot of people who come here and talk about apartments going up. I don't see the difference between this and apartments. We are also talking about location. A whole street in Mar Vista is going to cost a lot, I'm not sure how that will work in terms of acquisitions. A: That is what separates us from a lot of people proposing projects. Normally developers will buy something without telling people and try and get it approved. We don't like that kind of development and it creates fights and things people don't want. City of LA standards make buildings look worse.

Stephen: I don't think that there is a corridor in Mar Vista this would apply to, but the ask here is more about whether we are in support of this kind of project generally. Ownership is generally condominium based, liability is tough with those. A: Condo liability law is an issue because trial attorneys have made it very hard for a developer to build a condo building and get out without getting sued before 10 years. There is a law currently being introduced that is going to fix this. Currently you cannot use any amount of a deposit for construction, that is also hopefully going to be changed.

Stephen/Ian move to approve

Public Comment

Stakeholder: It seems like you are relying a lot on AB2011 and that cost would be going up now. How much parking would you provide per unit? A: We are not relying on 2011 because this is with the city of LA. It would not be feasible for buildings of this scale. We are working with planning to make sure that we wouldn't need that law.

Kalani: This project sounds very similar to the Barcelona superblock. They are trying to create miniature cities within a city. Some drawbacks include increased congestion, longer commutes, accelerated gentrification, higher costs, and displacement of long term residents. I oppose this. People come here with plans from Europe but their density in Barcelona is much higher.

Dorothy: I worked in Amsterdam for a year. All my friends owned places above store fronts. They have amazing transit. I am in favor of this but I still want the major boulevards as someone who commutes and doesn't ride a bike.

Stakeholder: I like the idea of walkable neighborhoods, it takes me a long time to get to a market.

Board Comment

Carolyn: I feel like this in theory is very nice but not enough specifics tonight.

Greg: Without any costs or land it doesn't make sense right now.

Jennifer: I feel like the survey doesn't reflect how people feel about traffic or slowing down cars. The questions about affordability also are important. This is less palatable because of the street alterations. I like how charming the units look. A: The existing system doesn't really allow these houses to be built so it is hard to determine what the house would cost if we were allowed to build it.

Stephen: This motion is more about the general idea, not a specific project. A: I am going to retract from my ask the idea that we would have any portion of Mar Vista be an LCI.

April: I love the concept but I think there are a lot of details missing.

Delaram: I'm having a hard time understanding how an initiative like this is about supporting low income people when these storefronts are treated as underutilized space. A: We would be wanting to preserve the existing stores.

Deborah: This feels very fantasy-land to me, maybe adjust the pictures. How are the mom and pop stores supported? Are you going to move them somewhere while you build some condos? A: We are trying to create new opportunities for people to have small businesses.

Carolyn: Maybe you should try and do this in new communities.

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	5	5	4	2

Fails 5-5-4-2

13.2. [Policy] [EAC] Support for a Neighborhood Flag Program – Discussion and possible action regarding a proposal to support the creation of a neighborhood flag to strengthen community identity and give Mar Vista a recognizable symbol that represents the people and geography of the neighborhood and inspire local pride.

Aaron: Leonardo presented on establishing a neighborhood flag program across the city of Los Angeles. Different neighborhoods would generate their own community flag to build community.

Leonardo Longo: I would like to establish an LA neighborhood flag program starting with Mar Vista. They could give communities a shared symbol and give neighborhoods pride. Right now, only the palisades uses an unofficial neighborhood flag. I would propose that the MVCC supports this and then works with Traci Park and the City Council.

Mar Vista could serve as the pilot neighborhood. So far, I have gotten over 32 signatures from local residents. There is a real interest at the community level. I would like for the board to support the concept of an LA neighborhood flag and send a letter to city council and the Mayor’s office. Thank you Aaron, Deborah, and Ian for supporting in committee.

Clarifying Questions

Carolyn: This is a cool idea. Would the city decide who would design the flag? How should this work? A: I was thinking for neighborhoods to collaborate with local schools and artists through an art competition.

Carolyn: Who would vote on this? A: The school could hold its own flag competition, and then those would go to the MVCC along with other flags from other artists.

Stephen: Good presentation. Are you proposing Mar Vista to do one first? A: I was originally thinking of middle schools and high schools to do their own designs.

Charlene: We have a neighborhood council seal that is different. How would the flag interact with the seal? A: No other neighborhood has done this except for the palisades which did it unofficially.

Andrew: Did you talk to the palisades about their flag? A: I have not contacted them yet, but from what I’ve seen they held a competition.

Chloe: The palisades decided on the flag through a vote. Is that how all the other councils would do it too? A: I was thinking that neighborhoods would hold their own competitions.

Aaron/Greg move to approve

Public Comment

Stakeholder: I haven’t heard of other cities outside of LA doing this, have you? A: I think other cities have done this.

Kalani: I would support this at any other time in our history. I'm an indigenous person and flags told us that people were here to steal our land. I do not think that this is the time for us to be dividing neighborhood councils with a nationalistic approach but we should all be standing under one flag together for the city. A: This flag is not supposed to be nationalistic but is supposed to bring the neighborhood together.

Dorothy: Thanks for the presentation. I think this is a great idea. I could see all the businesses on Venice having the flag. I like the idea of using a local artist too.

Stakeholder: I think this is a great idea. I would want to steer away from restricting the use of the flag.

Board Comment

Stephen: Cincinnati has neighborhood flags. It would be great to look at other cities and how they have done it.

April/Ian move to amend to include CD5 and Katy Yaroslavsky and the Department of Neighborhood empowerment as recipients of the letter

Public Comment

Kalani: I oppose the amendment, you haven't had a community day but want a flag. You are spending money in the wrong way.

Stakeholder: It should also be directed to LAUSD.

Stakeholder: We should include all schools.

Ian moves for unanimous consent on amendment, no objection

Jennifer: We should not amend. This is talking about a neighborhood flag, we don't need to involve DONE.

Andrew: We don't need to include CD5 if this is for Mar Vista.

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
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14-0-0-2 amendment passes

Board comment on amended motion

Aaron: Thank you for bringing this Leonardo. The Olympics is coming up and the city wants each neighborhood to show some pride. This could be one of the events happening how DCA wants it to.

Deborah: Leonardo thank you so much for bringing this. I think private artists shouldn't really be included. This is a great way for kids to take part in community. I fully support this.

Delaram: Thank you for your presentation and wonderful job getting community engagement behind your project.

Ian: Thank you for your engagement, I appreciate it. This is a very cool idea.

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 as amended

13.3. [Policy] [PLUM] [PHS&H] [WRAC] Support for CF 25-1484 – Regulation of Sober Living Facility Density in Los Angeles – Discussion and possible action regarding motion in support of CF 25-1484, which seeks to regulate the overconcentration of sober living facilities in residential neighborhoods of Los Angeles.

Charlene: This is a WRAC motion heard and passed in both PHS and PLUM committees.

Stephen: We have some sober living facilities in Mar Vista. Most of them are in Zone 4. On the crime mapping website there was no indication that they are a source of crime. There are some areas where the concentration is an issue. I would like to be proactive to make sure that it doesn't become an issue in Mar Vista.

Clarifying Questions

Stephen/Andrew move to approve

Public Comment

Kalani: I wish I had known about these facilities because in 2022 I lost a loved one due to alcohol issues. He may have been able to get some help if I had known about them then. If they are rehab facilities bordering on bridged housing for the homeless they might be an issue.

Board Comment

Deborah: I live right in the middle of all these facilities. For 20 years there has never been an issue. This is not for housing challenged people, it is for people to live there while they are going to classes.

Delaram: The ones I am familiar with are post rehab. People move into these facilities to practice the clean living lifestyle. People who work in a lot of our local grocery stores live in them.

Jennifer: I know about sober living and the concept is great and the programs vary. They can also be places where drugs and alcohol are used. This is an industry that has been abused. I had a good friend overdose in a sober living facility and psychs have told me not to send young people there.

Ian: I supported this motion in both committees. These serve an important purpose, but I would like to know where they are located. A concentration in one particular area could cause problems.

Andrew: The important thing is not a debate over the facilities but adding some sort of protocol to allow the residents to know what is going in. These can cause parking shortages and traffic congestion.

Derl: I don't support this because it doesn't seem to be an issue in our neighborhood. In the Minnesota study cited in the motion, there were no seeming negative impacts reported aside from creating a sense of institutionalization. Letting people have access to these kind of homes is very important and we should support them as a community.

Aaron: I can see this as a way of restricting out sober living facilities. If this does pass and there is a study I think it has a possibility of limiting the facilities.

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	3	3	2

Passes 8-3-3-2

13.4. [Policy] [TI&S] Support for CF 25-1427: Ordinance Regarding Autonomous Vehicle Transparency – Discussion and possible action regarding motion in support of CF 25-1427, which seeks to require more transparency for autonomous vehicles operating within Los Angeles.

Move to extend meeting to 9:30 Aaron/Greg no objections

Jakob: Currently the City does not have any regulatory power over Avs, it is at the state level. This motion would require AV companies to share more data with the City so we can assess their safety.

Clarifying Questions

Stephen: What is this asking? A: This is about getting information on their operation.

Carolyn: Are they based in Santa Monica? A: No.

Carolyn/Greg move to approve

Public Comment

Spencer: I am firmly in support of this motion. It is stated that Avs are safer than human drivers but in order to ensure this cities need to be able to regulate them and have the data to do so.

Leonardo: I believe all cities including LA should be very transparent about these incidents.

Kalani: I support this. Waymo has treated Santa Monica and its residents in an appalling way. The people labor force manning Waymo is in the Philippines. We need to lasso these people instead of letting them run amock. They’ve been programmed to be more aggressive recently.

Stakeholder: I love Waymos and am in complete support of this motion since it would make them become transparent about incidents.

Board Comment

Andrew: The language is a bit aggressive in the action items. A: We are just supporting this council file.

Ian: 40,000 people die each year in car crashes and Avs seem a lot safer so far. We do need the information I strongly support this motion.

Delaram: The flying taxis that are coming for the Olympics need to be regulated.

Delaram/Jakob move to amend to remove “is” from the motion

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

14-0-0-2 amendment passes

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	1	0	2

Passes 13-1-0-2

13.5. [Administrative] [STAKEHOLDER] Amendment to MVCC Standing Rules Regarding Committee Voting Structure and Stakeholder Participation – Discussion and possible action regarding Stakeholder motion for MVCC to amend its Standing Rules to define a formal voting structure at the committee level that ensures compliance with Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) concerns while preserving stakeholder engagement. *(Stakeholder Petition submitted pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the MVCC Bylaws. Petition and stakeholder eligibility verified under Article IV.)*

Aaron: I have a very sincere plea. I am not trying to be disruptive or contentious or disenfranchise MVCC stakeholders. I want to repair a flaw in the MVCC’s rules that has been there a long time. Please sincerely consider this presentation. (See supporting documents for details) A standing rule is the weakest level of government structure for every NC. They are tailored to each council to reflect its preferences and can be changed by a simple majority. According to our own Bylaws, they prevail over the standing rules. SR 8.9 states that any MVCC stakeholder is a constituent of each committee attended. First issue is indeterminate stakeholder status. How can we determine that anyone is genuinely an MVCC stakeholder? It is not permitted under the Brown Act. Anybody who shows up to a committee meeting can remain anonymous. Committee meetings are open to the entire public and not just stakeholders. To get this petition onto tonight’s agenda, the signatures needed to be verified which is not required for stakeholders at meetings. Stakeholders attending committee meetings do not need to have these trainings. Our own bylaws require training to be completed before voting. If stakeholders are appointed as committee chairs they also have to take the training. Other NCs like Palms require their appointed members to complete their training before they can vote in committee. Stakeholders are not asked about conflicts of interest. People could come vote on their own NPGs. I have seen conflicts of interest arise in committee meetings. The actual language of the amendment repairs 8.9. This would legalize the opportunity of the public to express their approval of a matter before the committee vote through an advisory vote. How the committee chair would choose to conduct the vote would be totally up to them. This poll would be for informational purposes only. Dangers of the standing rule: any member of the public can organize enough people to override a meeting. If someone in committee forces someone to identify themselves that would be a Brown Act violation. Any outside organization with an agenda can take over meetings if this is left in place.

Clarifying Questions

- Ian: What date was this petition sent? A: 15 days before.
- Ian: Would this require every single item on the agenda to have a separate poll of stakeholders.
- Ian: Have we received a letter from the City Attorney asking us to do this? A: I have emails.
- Ian: Is there a specific instance when a stakeholder voting in committee has produced a harmful outcome that the full board has not been able to rectify? A: I have seen stakeholders prevent things from passing which allows for a director’s motion.
- Ian: Which provision of the Brown Act is being violated? A: You cannot ask people to register their name or provide other information.

Charlene/Greg move to extend meeting to 9:40, no objection

Stephen: We have people on committees that are not chairs that have not gone through the trainings but they are able to vote because they have been appointed. A: Those people have at least been identified as a stakeholder.

Delaram: When I started and was appointed as Chair to the EAC committee, there was no verification of whether I was a stakeholder. The people on the committees are equally validating their stakeholder status as anyone else. A: If someone walks in the door without having to write a statement that's a problem.

Jakob: What were the stakeholders concerned about? A: One stakeholder noticed some individuals showing up to committee meetings on a power trip and saying offensive things to the board. When the Playa Vista developers wanted to get that whole project through it was problem who showed up.

Carolyn: The checks and balances on our board protect this. Trying to take away the stakeholders' vote is not going to help attendance at our meetings. If they feel like they cannot have a say it's going to hurt participation. You haven't listened to us three times. A: I understand Carolyn, but I am worried. DONE has been trying to change this.

Greg: I can't fathom why you are so obsessed with this. This has never been a problem, you are causing the problem.

Aaron/Ian move to approve

Public Comment

Leonardo: I believe we should have a specialized body where stakeholders who are trained can give their input. We need more people and more interaction with residents of Mar Vista. If this proposal is a big problem then we can do something about it.

Dorothy: I have been coming to committee meetings for a long time. I want you to go bigger than this, go to DONE and change this so it is not an issue. You are looking for a problem where there is no issue. Often the board doesn't even listen to our votes. This should be allowed at all community councils instead. I have rarely seen outside people come in and vote. Representatives and developers haven't voted. There aren't a whole lot of people here or people who come to committee meetings. I was just at a meeting where two new people came and they were presently surprised that they were allowed to vote.

Kalani: Some people get really caught up in the details and forget the humanity. This has never been an issue. This reminds me of election denialism and hurting people's feelings. People take time to come and attend these meetings. At the committee level they should be able to vote. Committees have been taken over in the past and people have called in just to swear and we survived it. I oppose this wholeheartedly.

Spencer: I am strongly in support of stakeholder voting and I say this as a stakeholder that is an official member of a committee. As long as this is legal I think we should continue.

Stakeholder: I came to my first meeting last week and I was very happy that I was able to vote. A stakeholder advisory vote would not do the same thing.

Stakeholder: This has been a good meeting and I think this is because stakeholders are engaged.

Board Comment

Charlene: At the committee level I don't see these dangers, at the end of the day the board decides. This motion is the third time it came to the board and it hasn't mattered to voted for it in committee. The way I see it this is in DONEs hands and the City Attorney and they will advise us if we need to change something. At this point, we have exhausted all ways for it to come to the board.

Unanimous consent to move to a vote

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	1	13	0	2

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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 Report posted under Supporting Docs*) • Zone 7 - Derl Clausen

Committee Reports

- Elections and Bylaws
- Outreach
- Public Health, Safety and Homelessness
- Planning and Land Use Management
- Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability
- Education Arts and Culture
- WRAC, WRAC Committees and Other Liaisons

15. ADJOURNMENT April/Charlene move, no objection 9:46 PM

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