



# MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## Meeting Agenda for Education, Arts and Culture Committee

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**Tuesday, May 12, 2026 From 6:00-8:00 PM (NOTE TIME CHANGE) Public Welcome**

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

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER 6:05

**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.

### 3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education, Arts, and Culture Committee:

Aaron Vanek – Chair – No Conflict of Interest – ex parte: Email communications with all of the following in one thread: MVCC Chairwoman Samiley, MVCC Youth Director Chloe Samiley, Matthew Halden with CD11, Vanessa Saldana with CD5, Jennifer Hull with LA Mayor Bass's office, Julien Antelin and Jose Alvarez with Community Programs & Impact Chief, Office of Major Events, Mayor Bass's office. This email chain is administrative in nature on the progress of the neighborhood flag program.

Deborah Poppink - Vice-Chair – no and no

Emily Lin - 2nd Vice-Chair - Absent

Chloe Samiley – No Conflict of Interest, ex parte: Email communications with all of the following in one thread: MVCC Chairwoman Samiley, EACC Chair Aaron Vanek, Matthew Halden with CD11, Vanessa Saldana with CD5, Jennifer Hull with LA Mayor Bass's office, Julien Antelin and Jose Alvarez with Community Programs & Impact Chief, Office of Major Events, Mayor Bass's office. This email chain is administrative in nature on the progress of the neighborhood flag program.

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS

4.1. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2026 MINUTES - Poppink motions to approve, Vanek seconds

YES: Vanek, Poppink, Chloe Samiley NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Stakeholders: YES: 4 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

### 5. CHAIR REPORTS - None

## 6. SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE

## 7. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NEW

7.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Discussion and possible action regarding the MVCC being included as an organization whose comments are solicited in regard to property at 12901 Venice Blvd. (Disability Community Resource Center, or DCRC) as part of an evaluation to determine the property's eligibility for listing on the federal National Register of Historic Places. This evaluation is activated as part of a federal HUD grant.

Vanek explains the invitation from LAHD to act as consulting party regarding a possible registration of 12901 Venice to the National Register of Historic Places. This is a formality since the city is asking for federal HUD funds for the demolition and redevelopment of the DCRC.

If the board agrees, the MVCC will be apprised of developments regarding the status of the DCRC and will be asked for additional information about the property that could be relevant to the decision.

Motions: The MVCC accepts the invitation to act as a consultant for the federal section 106 Compliance review regarding the DCRC property located at 12901 Venice Blvd.

Vanek motions – Poppink seconds

YES: 3 (Vanek, Poppink, Chloe Samiley) NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Stakeholders

YES: 5 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

7.2 [FUNDING] Discussion and possible action regarding NPG application for National Council of Jewish Women (501c3) to restore the "Welcome to Mar Vista" mural by DJ Neff.

Mural artist DJ Neff presents slide deck (see supporting documents) about the damage sustained by the LOVE, MAR VISTA mural he painted on the National Council for Jewish Women exterior wall in 2021, facing the USPS parking lot on the corner of Venice and Grand View. Although CD11/Traci Park; office has funded this restoration, the damage to the wall was more extensive than originally expected, and funds that would go to paint had to instead go to wall repair. DJ asks for the MVCC to help close the gap in funding to make sure the mural is ready by a June 20 debut.

Poppink asked: Does the money go to the National Council for Jewish Women?

DJ, Vanek: Yes, as a 501c3 the National Council receives the money.

Poppink asks: Is there asbestos in the wall?

Neff: No, but it has significant damage from rainwater behind the paint.

Vanek motions to approve the NPG application, Poppink seconds

YES: 3 (Vanek, Poppink, Chloe Samiley) NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Stakeholders

YES: 6 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

## 8. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS – OLD

8.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Discussion and planning for the process of soliciting and selecting a neighborhood flag design.

Vanek introduced the status of the neighborhood flag initiative, which was approved by the board in February 2026.

Longo (initiator) gave an introductory speech about the flag initiative and presented his research on Cincinnati neighborhood flags and read an email response from Cincinnati to explain their process for selecting neighborhood flags.

Open group discussion about who can submit designs, how designs are selected, who retains rights, and who receives financial compensation, if any.

Longo suggests submissions from area middle and high schools (public, charter, private) and local artists.

Poppink: No AI. If this is open to local artists, that could include pro graphic designers.

Samiley: It would be more representative of the population to include local artists and get best design.

Stakeholder Jodi: Schools had an anti-graffiti contest, for all grades, from all schools.

Vanek recommends schools only, because it is easy to determine their location and stakeholder status.

Poppink: also include homeschcools in Mar Vista.

Vanek asks if this should become an ad hoc committee?

MVCC's NEA Erica Gatica-Doughty explains the ad hoc committee rules. The group decides against setting up an ad hoc committee.

Poppink: Cincinnati had their designs go into the public domain. Can we say where the money goes?

Erica: There is no scenario where funds could be revenue from the NC or to the city, and recommends that any monies generated by sale of the design on merchandise goes to the school with selected design.

Poppink: The money should go to all the schools in the neighborhood that participated.

Vanek action item: ask about copyright from city attorney

Stakeholder Jodi: What about money for the artist?

Poppink suggests that each school votes for their favorites from the school, and the designs are submitted anonymously.

Longo mentions that his school has regular art contests, and the school can do it. A student could submit a design and teachers decide on one and that goes up to the main judge panel.

Jodi suggests having anonymous entries, and the top three of the school go to the main judge panel.

Longo agrees that individual schools decide how they will do their judging.

Stakeholder Shivani: how would the teachers vote?

Vanek: have schools decide how they will vote; leave it up to them.

Vanek asks if should we have criteria for the design?

Long: There are rules for making flags and we should use these agreed upon rules, like having little to no text, don't go over five or more colors, etc.

Vanek: should there be a common design element? (decided with criteria)

Committee member Poppink leaves at 7:12pm. Still quorum with two board members present: Vanek, Samiley.

Longo asks how we could get this template to other areas?

NEA Erica: We could go to other NCs first and present to them with our template, and talk about what we are offering. Also suggests we lean into DONE (EmpowerLA) and ask them to share to their NC. We want this to be evergreen, but what works for one NC might not work for other NC.

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None

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

**Vanek motions to adjourn, Samiley seconds, adjourned at 7:18.**

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