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Board of Directors

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Thursday, May 21st, 2026 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

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

Room 20

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1. **CALL TO ORDER 7:00 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. Director Ian Blue takes Roll Call and Vote Counts at this meeting in Director Jakob Meuser's absence.**
 - Delaram Ahmadyveasi – no/no
 - Ian Blue – no/no
 - Derl Clausen – no/no
 - Steven Hedge – no/no
 - Carolyn Honda – absent (excused)
 - Greg Kopelow – no/no
 - Emily Lin – absent (excused)
 - Andrew Marton – no/no

- Jakob Meuser – absent (excused)
- Stephen Paddock – no conflicts; exparte regarding coordination logistics for this meeting involving Agenda Items 13.2 and 13.3. These communications were administrative in nature.
- April Peterson – no/no
- Deborah Poppink – absent (excused)
- Jennifer Rafeedie – absent (excused)
- Charlene Samiley – no/no
- Chloe Samiley – no/no
- Aaron Vanek – no conflicts; exparte regarding coordination logistics for this meeting involving Agenda Items 13.2 and 13.4. These communications were administrative in nature.

4. **WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY MEMORIALS**

Charlene Samiley: Chair report (done at beginning of meeting due to projected lengthy meeting): Charlene announced that the Office of Councilwoman Traci Park’s response to MVCC’s opposition to the use of flock cameras approved in MVCC’s Board of Directors meeting held on 3/19/2026 is posted to MVCC website under supporting documents of this meeting.

Delaram Ahmadyveasi: Made announcement regarding a lost dog in Zone 5.

5. **ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE, GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

5.1 Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) Introductory Presentation: Jessica Oleta, Senior Project Coordinator (BSL)

- Presentation was given to MVCC Board and Stakeholders in attendance
- Q&A from the public
- Q&A from the Board

5.2 Additional Government Agency & City Department Reports (*Done prior to BSL Presentation)

Reports were heard from the following representatives:

- **Matt Halden** – CD 11 (Councilwoman Traci Park’s office) – via video
- **Janet Turner** – Congressman Ted Lieu’s office
- **Carlos Penilla** – Sr Field Rep (Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas)
- **Erica Gatica Doughty** – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)
- **Karen Calderon** – Field Rep (Assemblymember Isaac Bryan’s office)

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.

Public comment was made regarding consideration of moving MVCC Board meetings back to the Mar Vista Park Recreation Center for more space.

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).

Aaron Vanek: Made announcement that Town Hall Ad Hoc Committee is planning for the MVCC Town Hall to take place in the Fall of 2026.

8. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Proposal of New Business Agenda Items to be heard in the following order:
 - 1) 13.1 MER
 - 2) 13.3 Keeshen Drive PPD
 - 3) 13.4 NPG for mural restoration
 - 4) 13.2 Beethoven Market CUB Permit
 - 5) 13.5 LAHD Section 106 Consultancy Request for DCRC
- Board clarifying questions - none
- Aaron moves/Stephen P. seconds to adopt agenda with amended order of New Business
- Public comment - none
- Board comment - none
- No objections

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	11	0	0	5

Passes (w/ amended sequence of New Business Agenda Items) 11-0-0-5

9. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

9.1. April 23rd, 2026 Meeting

- Minutes were reviewed
- Board clarifying questions - none
- Greg moves/Ian seconds
- Public comment - none
- Board comment - none
- No objections

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	11	0	0	5

Passes 11-0-0-5

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] Budget Adjustments - Discussion and possible action regarding the budget adjustments for May 2026

- Board clarifying questions - none
- Greg moves/Andrew seconds
- Public comment - none
- *No Board comment/ discussion/ deliberation is permitted re. Consent Calendar items.*
- No objections

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	11	0	0	5

Passes 11-0-0-5

11. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

12. OLD BUSINESS - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS.

12.1. [Funding] [EXFIN] Zoom License – Discussion and possible action to approve \$255.61 to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for one (1) Zoom license renewal in the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Motion introduced by April Peterson

- Board clarifying questions - none
- April moves/Greg seconds
- Public comment - none
- Board comment - none
- No objections

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	11	0	0	5

Passes 11-0-0-5

12.2. [Funding] [EXFIN] Web Corner – Discussion and possible action to approve The Web Corner Inc. service agreement of up to \$2500 for Web hosting and support in fiscal year 2026-2027.

Motion introduced by April Peterson

- Board clarifying questions - none
- Greg moves/Aaron seconds
- Public comment - none
- Board comment - none
- No objections

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	11	0	0	5

Passes 11-0-0-5

12.3. [Funding] [EXFIN] Mailchimp – Discussion and possible action to approve Mailchimp service agreement of up to \$1000 for communication and support in fiscal year 2026-2027.

Motion introduced by April Peterson

- Board clarifying questions - none
- Greg moves/Andrew seconds
- Public comment - none
- Board comment - none
- No objections

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	11	0	0	5

Passes 11-0-0-5

13. NEW BUSINESS - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS.

13.1. [Administrative] [Funding] Monthly Expenditure Report - Discussion and possible action regarding the Monthly Expenditure Report [MER] for April 2026

MER explained by April Peterson

- Board clarifying questions - none
- Greg moves/Delaram seconds
- Public comment - none
- Board comment - none
- No objections

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	11	0	0	5

Passes 11-0-0-5

13.3. [Policy] [PLUM] Support for Keeshen Drive Preferential Parking District – Discussion and possible action regarding motion for MVCC to support the residents of Keeshen Drive in their request to establish a Preferential Parking district between Pacific Avenue and Mitchell Avenue in an effort to address the parking impacts of the proposed 6- story, 87-unit apartment building at 12124 Pacific Avenue.

Motion introduced by Stephen Paddock

- Board clarifying questions - none
- Greg moves/Stephen P. seconds
- Public comment - none
- Board comment - none
- No objections

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	11	0	0	5

Passes 11-0-0-5

13.4. [Funding] [EACC] NPG application for National Council for Jewish Women (mural restoration) – Discussion and possible action regarding motion for MVCC to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$2,750 to the National Council for Jewish

Women (a 501c3) to help restore the “LOVE, MAR VISTA” mural on their building's wall through the services of the original mural artist, DJ Neff, and crew.

Motion introduced by Aaron Vanek

- Board clarifying questions were asked
- Stephen moves/Greg seconds
- Public comments were made
- Board comments were made

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse	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	10	0	0	1	5

Passes (10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Recusal, and 5 Absent)

13.2. [Policy] [PLUM] Support for Beethoven Market’s Conditional Use Beverage Permit (CUB)

Application – Discussion and possible action regarding motion for MVCC to support Beethoven Market’s application for a new license to serve alcohol dated 3/23/2026 (LACP ZA-2026-1432-CUB).

Stephen Paddock introduced motion & presenters for Beethoven Market (Laurette Healy & Marcia Davalos with City Land Use, Ralph Saltsman with SSJ Law, and Beethoven Market Owner, Jeremy Adler)

- Board clarifying questions were asked

- Ian moves/Andrew seconds
- Public comments were made
- Board comments were made

** (At 8:55 pm, motion to extend meeting to 9:30 pm moved by Charlene, seconded by April. No objections) **

Stephen Paddock proposes amendment to motion of reducing hours of operation from 7am – 9 pm daily and including a probationary period to ensure CUB permit compliance.

- Board clarifying questions regarding Amendment were asked
- Stephen moves to amend motion/Aaron seconds
- Public comments regarding Amendment were made
- Board comments regarding Amendment were made

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	3	8	0	5

Amendment Fails 3-8-0-5

**** (At 9:25 pm, motion to extend meeting to 9:50 pm moved by Charlene, seconded by Greg. No objections) ****

Vote Count for Original Motion:

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	7	3	1	5

Original Motion Passes 7-3-1-5

13.5. [Policy] [EACC] LAHD Section 106 consultancy request for DCRC – Discussion and possible action regarding the MVCC accepting the invitation from LAHD to act as a consulting party for the federal Section 106 compliance review for the corner property located at 12901 Venice Boulevard in Los Angeles, 90066, the Disability Community Resource Center (DCRC).

Motion introduced by Aaron Vanek

- Board clarifying questions - none
- Stephen moves/Aaron seconds
- Public comment - none
- Board comment - none
- No objections

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	11	0	0	5

Passes 11-0-0-5

13. 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 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

14. ADJOURNMENT 9:46 pm

- Charlene moves/April seconds
- No objections

*** (Note: At end of meeting, a letter was submitted to the MVCC by members of the public who were in the courtyard outside of Room 20. The room had reached capacity, and they were not able to enter or hear the meeting. Their letter was in support of Beethoven Market getting its CUB Permit. The letter was signed by 25 people) ***

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