

government agency, and she felt Sabshin was too aligned with the government in some of her comments.

Board Comment:

Wheeler moved to approve the nominations. Seretti seconded.

Ambriz: Said she would have to abstain because she was unfamiliar with Sabshin's record or her past or involvement, but that it was interesting and inspiring and she'd be interested in being on the committee. Ambriz had been unaware that this appointment would be made at this time. She asked the Chair what the process he used was to consider these appointments.

Hanna: Said the process for committee co-chair appointments was not as rigorous as board appointments. He wanted a sitting board member and someone who was not on the board. Dr. Sabshin had been on the committee before and he respected her. He asked her and Dr. Watkins if they wanted the appointments and they said they did.

Inouye: Said that as a retired social worker who worked with the homeless in Venice at one point in time, she thought it is important to bring everyone to the table from service providers, to homeowners, to the homeless themselves. It was a complex issue and the only way to move forward is to come to an agreement from everyone on how to do that. The homeowners' issues were very different from the issues faced by those living on the streets. They all know that the homeless is not just one type of person. It encompasses a lot of different people and the social service providers are helping some of those folks, but not others of those folks which was an issue. Romanitchiko Samiley had been on the committee in the past and she hoped he had expressed an interest to come back because she thought he would be an important voice to be on that committee. **Hanna:** Said that Samiley had expressed not being interested in coming back as a co-chair, but Hanna hoped he would get still involved with the committee again as well.

Hill: Said that he wanted to make it clear that no one on the committee would be blamed or judged for the homelessness issue. It was a complex issue that could not be solved with any one silver bullet. But it seemed like both of the nominees were willing to work together and work with the community.

Vote:

Yes: Inouye, Hill, Kadota, Wheeler, Rubin, Krupkin, Hruska, Shure, Seretti, Tilson (9)

Abstain: Hanna, Ambriz (2)

The nomination stood approved.

11.5 Appointment of Alternate Representative to WRAC – Appointment and confirmation of an alternate MVCC representative to the Western Regional Alliance of Councils in accordance with Section 6.3 of the MVCC Standing Rules

Hanna: Said that Stacy Shure had brought this issue to his attention. In order for WRAC to work it requires the participation of the members of NCs. Since Hanna still works full time he has not been able to attend WRAC meetings and he did not think Rubin had gone either. He thought it would be prudent to have alternate MVCC representative for WRAC that may be able to attend the meetings.

***Hanna** nominated Stacy Shure to be an alternate MVCC representative to the Western Regional Alliance of Councils.*

Board Comment:

Ambriz: Said she was not aware that this appointment was even occurring or open to consideration. She thought it would be appropriate for the MVCC to consider suggestions. She understood that it was the chair's appointment to be made, but she thought that some more time would be appropriate for the board to understand the potential pool of candidates that could be made.

Shure: Said she was already on a sub-committee for WRAC and has gone and participated in their meetings for over a year and a half. This appointment would make her participation more formal.

Krupkin: Thanked Shure for taking the time to go to meetings. Krupkin has sometimes gone to the monthly WRAC meetings on the third Wednesday of each month from 10 to 11:30, but Shure had gone more regularly to all their meetings. It could be hard for people who are working to attend. She added that anyone could go as an observer to the meetings, they just could not vote. This would give the MVCC an opportunity to regularly vote.

***Wheeler** moved to call the question. **Krupkin** seconded.*

Vote on calling the Question: *With only 5 yes votes, the motion failed to get a 2/3rd vote and discussion continued.*

Inouye: Asked if the Chair and the 1st Vice Co-Chair could not attend the meetings, couldn't the 2nd Vice chair attend and vote in meetings. **Hanna:** Said the 2nd Vice Chair could attend, but most of what WRAC deals with are Land Use issues, so Shure seemed a logical choice for an alternate representative.

***Wheeler** moved to approve the nomination of Stacy Shure as the alternate MVCC representative to the Western Regional Alliance of Councils. **Tilson** seconded.*

Vote:

Yes: Inouye, Hill, Kadota, Wheeler, Krupkin, Hruska, Shure, Seretti, Tilson ()

No: Rubin

Abstain: Hanna, Ambriz (2)

The nomination stood approved.

Krupkin: Said that Kasey Kokenda, Field Representative for CA Assembly Member (AM) Sydney Kamlager, had to leave the meeting early but that she wanted the community to know that the AM was have a coffee and tea reception from 9 AM to 10 AM at 10428 National Blvd.

Shure: Said a representative for Council Member Bonin’s office could not make it as they had another meeting to cover. However, at they would be at the next meeting to introduce the new field deputy to the board.

12. Consent Calendar – *The Consent Calendar is reserved for items deemed to be routine and non-controversial. Any board member may pull an item or items for further discussion.*

Tilson: Said she sent had them all the MERs, budget and the line by line breakdown. The three *Consent Calendar* motions equal \$10,000 altogether. She outlined in the Treasurer’s Report where that money could be pulled from. The newsletter funds would come from the “Newsletter” funds section. They would probably not spend the full \$8,000 and the remaining funds would remain in the Newsletter funds section. The two other motions were for \$1,000 each would come out of Newsletter money or the Uncommitted Outreach money which was about \$1,500. If the motions were approved she would move the money around as she outlined in the budget.

Ambriz: Had a clarifying question. She said that during the last meeting they discussed the insurance money they were owed. She asked what the status of those funds were. **Tilson:** Said as of the meeting, the funds had still not been distributed to the MVCC. She typically asked the insurance company twice a month about it.

Shure: Had a clarifying question. She said there appeared to duplicate items on the bottom page of the budget. She asked if this was an error. **Tilson:** Said there was not an error.

Wheeler moved to approve the *Consent Calendar*. **Hruska** seconded.

Board Comment:

Krupkin: Regarding item 12.4, she said she believed when it was brought before the board in the past there had been some sort of transportation/mobility elements. **Shure:** Said this was a different item.

The Consent Calendar was approved unanimously.

NOTE: Per the amended agenda, the board next heard item 15.5. For document structural purposes the agenda has been left in its original order.

- 12.1 [FUNDING][EXFIN] Approval of November, 2019 M.E.R.** – Action regarding approval of the November, 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report
- 12.2 [FUNDING][EXFIN] Approval of December, 2019 M.E.R.** – Action regarding approval of the December, 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report

- 12.3 **[FUNDING][EXFIN] Approval of FY2019-2020 Budget Adjustments** – Action regarding approval of adjustments to the FY2019-2020 budget.
- 12.4 **[POLICY][SHURE] Approval for Planning a Land-Use Town Hall** – Approval for the PLUM committee to plan a town-hall meeting to engage the community with regard to land-use, the community plan update, an affordable housing design initiative, renter’s engagement, and new legislation involving land-use issues.
- ~~13. **Excluded Consent Items** – Discussion and further action on items excluded from the Consent Calendar.~~
- 14. **Unfinished Business and General Orders**
 - ~~14.1 **[FUNDING][OUTREACH] Community Plan Survey** – Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure – not to exceed \$1,000 – for design, printing, and distribution costs for a survey for the Community Plan Input Document.~~
 - 14.2 **[FUNDING][EXFIN] Appropriation for an MVCC Newsletter** – Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure, not to exceed \$8,000, for an MVCC newsletter.

Wheeler: Said Outreach had spent 6 weeks on this newsletter. She had a poster board mock-up of the layout of the newsletter that she displayed. She said there were articles by Ken Alpern and Tom Ponton, the first MVCC Chair. Each committee chair provided information about their committee. The MVCC had not done a newsletter since 2018, other than the election newsletter. This newsletter talked about the history and what the MVCC was about. The funding motion was to pay for it. There were two different types of paper options. One was dull and one was glossy. Both options were recyclable and the same price. Both were 80-pound papers, but they could get 70-pound papers which would save them around \$100. They had invited everyone to participate in creating the letter.

***Rubin** moved to approve items 14.2 and 15.1. **Hruska** seconded.*

Board Comment:

Inouye: Said she had two concerns. First, a copy of the proposed newsletter was not provided for the agenda packet. It was difficult to review it now during the meeting, on the poster board. Second, she asked if there would be any links in the newsletter to the approved T&I and Community Plan surveys. **Wheeler:** Said those links were not included because nothing had been submitted, although two or three requests had been made.

Hill: Asked if the \$8,000 was for the most expensive version of the newsletter. **Wheeler:** Said it would not cost \$8,000. **Hill:** Said she was asking them to approve \$8,000 for something they had not seen yet. He asked if there would be any modifications. **Wheeler:** Said the poster board mock-up was the final version. The only modification would be to add Robert Watkins name now that he had been appointed Zone 4 Director. **Hill:** Asked if this was the one that she requested their bios for. **Wheeler:** Said she requested information from the board in October and only got one response.

Kadota: Asked if the newsletter would be translated in any other language. **Wheeler:** Said no, because it would double the cost of printing. She was happy to post a translation online if it was provided to her. **Kadota:** Asked if there was way to embed links to Spanish translations. **Wheeler:** Said that was a great idea, but she had announced the newsletter at the past 3 MVCC meetings, had sent out multiple emails, and had 6 over meetings about it. A lot of people had worked hard

on this newsletter. She welcomed them to attend the next newsletter meeting. **Kadota:** There had been a standing commentary by a few board members on a need for a Spanish translation.

Wheeler: Said this was what the people who attended the meetings wanted and voted on. **Hill:** Said that in the board's November minutes they discussed Spanish translations for the door hangers. **Wheeler:** Said changes needed to come through and be approved by the committee.

Hanna: Said Wheeler's point was well taken. A lot of work went into this. To do a proper translation they would need someone to volunteer or they would need to pay someone. But people need to participate in committee meetings to make these things happen.

Rubin: Said this newsletter was an outreach project. It was not perfect but was moving in the right direction. He thought people should get involved to facilitate bilingual versions. He thought the newsletter was a credible outreach effort, that let people know what the MVCC was about. He would have like to have seen it earlier for the board to review. But, he knew time was of the essence and hoped the board moved forward with it. **Hanna:** Agreed that time was of the essence.

Inouye: Said she went to the 12/12 meeting but she did not feel her input was wanted. She felt the chairs conducted the meeting in a way that was unbecoming of board members. There was an item on the agenda to discuss including the surveys. That discussion developed into something that wasn't appropriate for a committee meeting. She tried to participate in the process and it didn't happen. For the survey to go out without links is unacceptable. To her it was unacceptable for the newsletter to go out without links to surveys that two other committees worked very hard on and they needed the input back as soon as possible to submit it for the Community Plan.

Ambriz: Thanked Wheeler for the hard work that she put into the newsletter. This was the first time that Ambriz had seen it and she felt it would have been helpful to see it in advance. She was concerned that they are approving something they had not read. As she had stated in previous meetings, she also felt it was important for the MVCC to remain inclusive to all of the community. She thought it should be bilingual in the future. She felt it was also important to include a link to the surveys and announcements of important upcoming events in the community. She recognized the timing concerns, but felt that since they were using the taxpayer money they should be efficient, effective and purposeful with their spending. The motion specifically addressed designing, printing and distributing the council newsletter for \$8,000. She wanted to make sure they were being mindful in including apartments in their distribution costs. Also, she knew that translation rates were typically in the hundreds, not the thousands so it could be included in the proposed amount.

Ambriz moved for to amend item 14.2 to include a Spanish translation within the proposed \$8,000 budget. Hill seconded.

Kadota moved to increase the amount to \$9,500. Venessa Serrano, from DONE: Said they were not allowed to adjust an amount, it had to be what was listed in the agenda. *Kadota's motion was ruled out of order.*

Inouye: Said she wanted to make an amendment to include links to the Venice Blvd and MVCC Transportation surveys in the newsletter.

Wheeler: Said there was not space for the links. The newsletter process started in October and

there had been multiple meetings and emails about it. She suggested putting the links in the next newsletter. It can be agendaized, discussed and the work can be done in committee before it comes to the board.

Inouye: Said getting the input data in a timely matter was of the essence. As Hruska has often said, when the Department of City Planning puts pen to paper the process is done. This could not wait for the next newsletter.

Shure: Asked when it would be published. They had a date with the DCP next month. **Hanna:** Said the newsletter would be published next month.

Hruska: Suggested publicizing surveys separately. They could always have a separate funding motion for that. And it might be more effective to do it separately, since it could get buried in the newsletter.

Inouye moved for an amendment of the second rank, to include links to the Venice Blvd and MVCC Transportation surveys in the newsletter. Ambriz seconded.

Board Comment on Amendment of the Second Rank:

Tilson: Said she would like to see links but it was not all not set up yet. She agreed with Hruska that a separate flyer or hand surveys would be get much more meaningful information. It would be buried in a newsletter. A lot of questions should have been answered before they got there.

Ambriz: Said on behalf of the T&I committee that the T&I survey was ready to go. Perhaps they could hold off on the community plan survey if it was not ready.

Vote on Amendment of Second Rank:

Yes: Inouye, Hill, Ambriz, Kadota, Krupkin (5)

No: Wheeler, Rubin, Hruska, Tilson, Hanna (5)

Abstain: Shure, Seretti (2)

The amendment of the second rank failed.

Board Comment on Amendment of First Rank:

Tilson: Said she thought they need answers as to how many are they going to print and what houses they were going to.

Kadota: Said he did not think they were talking about a full translation. They could model it off of how the LA Times does small synopsizes in Spanish to give a sense of what the major points are.

Shure: Suggested having a link to a full translation online.

Vote on Amendment of First Rank:

Yes: Inouye, Hill, Ambriz, Kadota, Krupkin, Shure, Seretti (7)

No: Wheeler, Rubin (2)

Abstain: Hanna, Hruska, Tilson (3)

The amendment of the first rank was approved.

Chair moved to approve 14.2 and 15.1

*Hill moved to postpone the motions until the next meeting. **Ambriz** seconded.*

Board Comment:

Ambriz: Said postponing would give the board a chance to read the newsletter over before they approved it.

Wheeler: Said tabling it was killing it. She asked who would do the work.

Vote on Postponing the Items:

Yes: Inouye, Hill, Ambriz, Kadota, Shure, Seretti (6)

No: Wheeler, Rubin (2)

Abstain: Hanna, Krupkin, Hruska, Tilson (4)

The motions were postponed until the next meeting.

- ~~14.3 [POLICY][T&I][COMMUNITY PLAN] Promotion and Distribution of MVCC Surveys~~ — Discussion and possible action requesting the Outreach Committee to promote and distribute the MVCC Venice Blvd, Transportation and/or the combined surveys to MVCC stakeholders.
- ~~14.4 [POLICY][HANNA] Extension of LAMC 85.02~~ — Discussion and possible action regarding a Community Impact Statement (CIS) supporting the extension of LAMC 85.02 beyond the current January 1, 2020 sunset date (CF #14-1057-S8).
- ~~14.5 [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Co-Living Projects~~ — Discussion and possible action regarding requesting the Dept. of City Planning implement an ordinance regulating co-living projects as part of the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan update.

15. New Business

- 15.1. [POLICY][OUTREACH] **Approval of January, 2020 MVCC Newsletter** – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the proposed January 2020 MVCC newsletter.
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 - **NOTE: Per an approved amendment, this item was heard with item 14.2.**
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- ~~15.2 [POLICY][ELECTIONS & BYLAWS] Adjustment of MVCC Internal Boundaries~~ — Discussion and possible action regarding splitting Zone 6 into two zones.
- ~~15.3 [POLICY][ELECTIONS & BYLAWS] Parliamentary Authority~~ — Discussion and possible action regarding establishing Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition as the parliamentary authority for MVCC.
- ~~15.4 [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Arts District Designation~~ — Discussion and possible action on the Dept of City Planning’s Arts District designation of Venice Blvd. presented at the Department’s June, 2019 Workshop at Windward School.
- 15.5 [POLICY][KADOTA] **Promotion of a Community Bike Ride** - Discussion and possible action authorizing the use of the MVCC name and logo to promote a community bike ride sponsored by Metro Bike Share.

Kadota: Said Metro Bike Share would be a guest presenter at Green Tent next Sunday. Kadota had encouraged the Farmer’s Market to reach out and invite them. He’d planned to attend Palms’ Community Ride a few months ago but it rained and they had to cancel. He saw it as a great opportunity to promote the bike share alternative transportation program in Mar Vista. After the market closes at around 2 PM, there will also be a 5-mile community bike ride. Kadota’s request was to affiliate and promote the event. There are a number of bike-share stations along Venice and they would go into Del Rey and Ballona Creek and then come back up to Venice Blvd. The MVCC’s safety vests would be provided.

Wheeler moved to approve the item. Hill seconded.

Board Comment:

Wheeler: Thanked Kadota for working on it. She asked him to put more information in the packet next time. **Kadota:** Said he had sent the information in advance to the board.

Krupkin: Asked if the ride went to any specific places in Mar Vista and how many zones it went through. **Kadota:** Said they had given him a route and he’d provided them with an alternate route because their route was too challenging for the average person who might sign up for the event. The new route from the Market would start going south on Mclaughlin, to Slauson, to the Ballona Creek bike path. On the path they would ride towards the ocean to the McConnell exit and then

take McConnell back up to Venice. So, people would experience two ways to get to Ballona Creek. **Krupkin:** Asked if Del Rey was participating. **Kadota:** Said he hoped they would promote it.

Without objection the motion was approved.

Wheeler moved to hear items 14.2 and 15.1 next and together.

Without objection the two items were heard next together.

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- ~~15.6 [FUNDING][INOUE] Appropriation for the Use of a Paid Online Survey Service for an Approved MVCC Survey~~ Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure, not to exceed \$1,000, for the use of a paid online survey service to host the approved MVCC Transportation survey for input to the Palms Mar Vista Del Rey Community Plan Update
- ~~15.7 [POLICY][T&I][GREAT STREETS] String Light Installation on Great Streets Venice Blvd~~ Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding the String Light installation on Great Streets Venice Blvd. (Council File 18 1124.)
- ~~15.8 [POLICY][T&I][GREAT STREETS] MVCC Position Statement on Great Streets Venice Blvd.~~ Discussion and possible action regarding the MVCC's current position on Great Streets Venice Blvd.
- ~~15.9 [POLICY][T&I][GREAT STREETS] Pavement Mural Project~~ Discussion and possible action regarding the pavement mural project at the intersection of Grand View Blvd. and Pacific Ave.

~~15.10 [POLICY][T&I] Longer Form MVCC Transportation Survey~~ Discussion and possible motion regarding an optional longer form MVCC Transportation survey to be linked to the Board approved short MVCC Transportation survey for input to the Palms—Mar Vista—Del Rey Community Plan Update.

16. Adjournment

Hill move to adjourn the meeting. **Rubin** seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.