



# Mar Vista Community Council



## Minutes

### Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Friday, March 6, 2020, at 7:00pm

The Coffee Connection, Ramp Room  
Lounge 3838 S. Centinela Blvd., Mar  
Vista, CA 90066

1. **Call to order**-meeting called to order by Elliot Hanna, Chair, at 7:09 PM

2. **Roll call –**

Present:

Elliot Hanna  
Martin Rubin  
Holly Tilson  
Mary Hruska  
Kathryn Wheeler  
Selena Inouye  
Rob Kadota  
Michelle Krupkin (arrived 7:15)  
Stacy Shure (arrived 7:25)  
Christine Stemar (arrived 7:36)

Absent:

Andrea Ambriz  
Gabriel Hill  
Robert Watkins

3. **Public comment for items NOT on this agenda**-none

4. **Ex-parte communications and conflicts-of-interest** - Each board member shall declare any ex- parte communications or conflicts-of-interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.

Hanna stated that he'd had some discussions regarding committee access to web posting and surveys.

Hruska mentioned discussions regarding items 9.8 and 9.10

Inouye mentioned that she'd have to recuse herself on items 9.5 and 9.9

5. **Adoption of the agenda**-adopted without objection

6. **Approval of minutes** – None

7. **Reports** - None

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8. **Special Orders - None**

9. **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

9.1 **[POLICY][ELECTIONS & BYLAWS] Adjustment of MVCC Internal Boundaries –** Discussion and possible action regarding splitting Zone 6 into two zones.

Tilson introduced. Zone 6 has the largest population by geographical area of any zone. Proposed breaking it into 2 zones at Venice Blvd, thus creating a new, 7<sup>th</sup> Zone. This would divide up the population into about 7500 (north of Venice Blvd) and 5500 (south of Venice Blvd) according to the 2010 Census numbers. Wheeler asked if this will automatically mandate a new Zone Director.

Hanna/Kadota responded no, this only creates the Zone. Once the new zone map is approved by DONE, the selection of a Zone 7 Director could then ensue, probably not until after the next election. Wheeler asked if there would then be 14 Zone Directors after the 2021 elections. Hanna responded in the affirmative, that, unless there were an adjustment made in another area, there would be 14 board members. Tilson mentioned that changing the total number of board members had come up in discussion in committee. Thirteen, fifteen and nineteen had been considered.

Nineteen was withdrawn and no consensus could be reached on 13 vs 15. Wheeler asked if an amendment could be made to the current motion to reduce one of the At Large seats. Hanna responded that that should be something that is discussed in committee. Kadota mentioned that “natural boundaries” make for useful guidelines for delineating zones. Venice Blvd provides such a “natural boundary”. Mentioned that the current motion does create a higher density zone, which would be mostly apartments, and may create greater challenges. Hruska responded that such a group would now have their own Zone Director to represent them, a group that has been historically under-represented on the MVCC.

Inouye: stated that she would like to see population figures for all the zones to ensure that they are balanced in terms of population. Tilson responded that she’d sent the 2010 figures for Mar Vista out previously.

Rubin: felt that this was a move in the right direction, even if it doesn’t address all issues.

Motion to approve (Rubin/Hruska).

Motion approved (9Y/0N/1Abstentions/3 Absent)

Secretary’s Note: Stemar had not yet arrived.

9.2 **[POLICY][ELECTIONS & BYLAWS] Parliamentary Authority –** Discussion and possible action regarding establishing Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11<sup>th</sup> edition as the parliamentary authority for MVCC. Rubin introduced the motion. Stated that MVCC currently uses Rosenberg’s Rules, which are considered simpler, the vast majority of councils and agencies use Robert’s, which are more familiar to the majority of people. Are a lot of arguments in favor of Robert’s Rules, and he would encourage MVCC to adopt them. Ashley Zeldin asked why Rosenberg’s was chosen initially. Kadota responded that it was because Rosenberg’s is shorter and written in simpler language.

Motion to approve (Rubin/Hruska)

Wheeler mentioned that Empower LA has information on Rosenberg’s but not Roberts. Rosenberg’s is 8 pages and Robert’s is 818 pages, and asked why this change is necessary. She stated that she was under the impression that if Rosenberg’s does not address an issue referencing Robert’s is automatic. Hanna mentioned that, although that has been the practice in the past, it is not mandated by the Bylaws. Hanna mentioned that Roberts is the de-facto standard. Hruska mentioned that Robert’s functions as an encyclopedic reference which will address

any issue, and would be used as such. No one who uses an encyclopedia, reads it in its entirety. Kadota mentioned that it is way beyond the scope of citizen volunteers to become familiar with Roberts, and he felt that Rosenberg's is more appropriate for the purposes of an NC. Shure concurred. Inouye stated that there are many online resources for Roberts Rules and that she was inclined to favor those.

Motion does not pass: 6Y/4N/0 Abstentions (2/3 majority required)

Inouye moved to suspend the rules and hear item 9.9 as she would have to recuse herself and Ken Alpern would be introducing it and he needed to leave by 8:00.  
Motion approved without objection

Inouye recused herself.

- 9.3 [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.

Hruska introduced the Motion, reading the text. Ashley Zeldin stated that this is a necessary motion.

Inouye stated that she's in favor of it, especially since Venice NC has passed a similar motion and she would like to see this coming from several NCs.

Stemar, Tilson and Krupkin concurred.

Motion approved without objection

Motion to approve, with amendments (see attached)

- 9.4 [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.).

Krupkin introduced the motion. Stated that point of the motion is that these lights, costing \$54,00 were installed without any outreach to the community. Ashley Zeldin state that she concurred. Wayne Wheeler stated it doesn't seem particularly "green" and he wished that this money could have been allocated with the concurrence of the community.

Motion to approve (Stemar/Wheeler)

Wheeler stated that she thought it was ugly.

Kadota stated that he thought it was charming and creates a sense of place and is a valid use of funds.

Inouye stated that this highlights a continuing issue the MVCC has with CD11, and Early Notification.

Rubin concurred with Inouye and added that the light could pose a dangerous distraction.

Stemar stated that it would have been appreciated to be included in the decision, prior to approval and expenditure by CD11.

Tilson concurred.

Motion approved (7Y / 1N / 2 Abstentions/3 Absent)

- 9.5 [POLICY][T&I][GREAT STREETS] MVCC Position Statement on Great Streets Venice Blvd.**

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Discussion and possible action regarding the MVCC's current position on Great Streets

Venice Blvd.

Moved to Unfinished Business 3/10/2020

- 9.6 **[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.

Moved to Unfinished Business 3/10/2020

- 9.7 **[ADMINISTRATIVE][TILSON] Establishment of an Ad-Hoc Translation Committee** - Discussion and possible action regarding establishment of an Ad-Hoc Translation Committee and appointment of leadership [Chair(s)/Co-Chair(s)/Vice-Chair(s)].

Moved to Unfinished Business 3/10/10

- 9.8 **[FUNDING][KADOTA] Appropriation for Translation Services**- Discussion and possible action regarding an appropriation of up to \$5,000 for FY2019-2020 for the purpose of providing translation services of documents into Spanish and other languages as needed by the MVCC Board and/or Committee and Sub-Committee chairs.

Moved to Unfinished Business 3/10/2020

- 9.9 **[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.

Alpern stated that, the issues involved in transportation are broad and significant enough to warrant a second, more detailed survey, which would be presented as an option at the end of the previously approved T&I survey, designed for input to the Community Plan Update.

Ashley Zeldin mentioned that some of the questions appear biased and the survey should be sent back to committee. Wayne Wheeler stated that, while this would be a good way to garner community interest, but is not statistically relevant. Alpern stated that it was only to be used to gather information.

Motion to approve (Hruska/Shure)

Kadota mentioned that questions 7 and 8 are biased.

Krupkin mentioned that this could be a good experiment to see if an online survey works. Would like to see it moved forward. Alpern stated that this is also outreach.

Hruska stated that she believed that is understood that this survey would not be a statistically valid, but merely designed to garner information.

Motion to commit back to T&I Committee.

Motion passes (6Y/1N/2 Abstentions/3 Absent)

Inouye returned.

- 9.10 **[ADMINISTRATIVE][INOUE] Committee access to web postings and e-mails** - Discussion and possible action regarding MVCC Standing Rules, Section 2 Communications, item 2.2.1 regarding committee access to web postings and emails to the full MVCC stakeholder list for items related to committee agendas, minutes and other calendar items.

15. **New Business** - None

16. **Adjournment**- meeting adjourned at 8:30

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