



# Mar Vista Community Council



## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 7:00pm

Mar Vista Recreation Center, Small Gymnasium  
11430 Woodbine St., Mar Vista, CA 90066

1. **Call to order**-meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by Chair, Elliot Hanna
2. **Presentation of flag and pledge of allegiance**-led by board member Rob Kadota
3. **Roll call –**

Present :

- Stacy Shure
- Christine Stemar
- Kathryn Wheeler
- Martin Rubin
- Elliot Hanna
- Mary Hruska
- Gabriel Hill
- Robert Watkins
- Holly Tilson
- Rob Kadota
- Michelle Krupkin (arrived at 7:11)

Absent:

- Andrea Ambriz
- Selena Inouye

4. **Public comment for items NOT on this agenda-**

Kalani Whittington mentioned the continued proliferation of Illegal street vendors (near Ross at Sepulveda & National and outside Mar Vista Library). Mentioned their use of propane tanks and open flames and tables & chairs. Felt that these harm local business, and are harming local brick and mortar business to say nothing of potentially accelerating the spread of Covid19. Mentioned that there seem to be more in CD11 than CD5 and hoped Council members would act to shut them down.

Dorothy Houston mentioned her recommendation at the last board meeting to post the MVCC meetings weekly on NextDoor. Was very disappointed that the board for not doing so. Felt that that this would be tremendously helpful in informing and engaging the community.

Brendon Linder, a Venice resident, who mentioned he is the event director of the Herabalife Triathlon, Sunday, May 17, 2020, a swim/bike/run with a street closure of Venice Blvd. between 6-8 AM. Will be 1500 athletes attending. Will be coordination with Farmer's Market. Will also have a 500 person bike tour this year which will involve 24 miles of closed streets similar to Ciclavia. Also mentioned his group worked with CD11 to improve the Venice Blvd median in Venice.

Krupkin mentioned the lack of Spanish language documents that were presented to vendors at Farmer's Market. Linder stated that he would address this, and that they could also make the door hangers they use to promote the event bilingual.

Dr Arthur Ginsberg-Fiedler who lives in Victoria, and voiced concerns regarding misuse of these. Requested use of these be curtailed and their emissions regulated. Stated that they are particularly harmful for persons with allergies. Rubin added that there is regulation mandating that leaf blowers cannot be used within 500 feet of a residence, however this is not currently enforced.

5. **Community memorial observations**-none

6. **Announcements**-none

7. **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 (14.4, 14.5, 15.5, 15.6 and 15.9 for clarification) Hruska and Krupkin mentioned that they'd discussed items on the agenda with other board members and stakeholders.

8. **Adoption of the agenda**-(Wheeler/Watkins) Motion passes (9Y/1N/1 Abstention/2 Absent)

9. **Approval of minutes** -Minutes from Dec 10, 2019 and Feb 10, 2020. Motion to approve (Hruska/Shure) Minutes approved without objection

10. **Reports**

10.1. **Elected official and city department reports** – Reports from any elected officials, their representatives, or representatives of city departments in attendance.

Kacey Kokenda from Assembly member Kamlager-Dove announced that the Assembly member is closely monitoring the Covid19 situation. Mentioned that hand washing for 20 seconds is the single most effective means of avoiding the infection spread, along with staying home and social distancing. 120 cases reported in CA so far.

Mentioned three of the bills that the Assembly Member has written:

- 1) AB2059 -Prohibition of animal testing for all types of testing (including toxicity testing)
- 2) AB 1950- Criminal justice reform. Reducing probation to less than 2 years in less serious cases
- 3) AB 2000- Creating more green space in low income neighborhoods via expansion of the Baldwin Baldwin Hills Conservancy.

Mentioned cancellation of Senior Prom on May 14, but expect to rescheduled

10.2. **Officer Reports**

10.2.1. **Chair** – Elliot Hanna- mentioned that given the length of the agenda, will only acknowledge each board member once

10.2.2. **1st Vice-Chair** – Martin Rubin-no report

10.2.3. **2nd Vice-Chair** – Michelle Krupkin-Venues are being used properly. Still needs a venue key returned from a former board member. Venue (St Andrews) is considering levying a \$500 fine. Hanna mentioned he will contact former Board member

10.2.4. **Secretary** – Mary Hruska-mentioned her report is written and in the packet

10.2.5. **Treasurer** – Holly Tilson-mentioned that, given that the MER and budget adjustments are not on the agenda, and thereby prohibit voting on any funding motions, she will reduce her report accordingly. There are \$19,200 worth of budget requests. Several requests for survey services requests. And since these are most likely monthly fees and we can only allocate funds through June, this would reduce the current costs. Not sure where there are funds to cover 8K and 5K for a Newsletter and Translation Services respectively. Would appreciate any ideas. MER is all routine expenses of Items already approved. Still awaiting Insurance check on storage unit burglary claim. Contacted a supervisor at City Clerk's office for clarification on where this stands. Mentioned that Neighborhood Councils are each allotted \$42K per year and are Allowed to carry over up to 10K. Last year MVCC carried over 7.5K. This year we've spent about 25K and have another 24K to go.

Hanna commented that whenever a funding motion is passed, it is dependent on the availability of the funds

### 10.3. Zone Director Reports

- 10.3.1. Zone 1** – Stacy Shure-Westside Village Homeowners Association has, thus far, been unable to arrange a meeting with our new Pacific Division Captain, Steve Embrich, however he is scheduled to attend the upcoming annual meeting on March 19 2020 at St John’s Church which will include a presentation by Controller Ron Galperin and a panel to discuss homelessness, affordable housing and crime The panel will include Paul Koretz, Dr Renee Shabshin and Captain Embrich.
- 10.3.2. Zone 2** – Martin Rubin-mentioned that the boundaries of Zone 2 and the North Westdale Neighborhood Association are identical and referenced the NWA News-Letter he’d distributed.
- 10.3.3. Zone 3** – Mary Hruska- referenced her written report
- 10.3.4. Zone 4** – Rob Watkins-mentioned that several people had reached out to him regarding homeless encampment in the alley on Ocean view blocking driveways. Also the alley along Wasatch. Has been asked what can be done and is trying to refer the people affected to the proper resources. This is currently the single biggest issue in Zone 4. Mentioned, as a physician, that Coviid19 is very serious. It’s death rate is Significantly higher than the flu. Strongly recommended community focus on preventing transmission, particularly to the elderly and immunocompromised. Had first Homelessness Issues Committee meeting and wanted to reiterate that we are all on the same page for 95% of issues. We are all good people who care and are volunteering for the benefit of the community. Advocated that we give committees the respect for all the work they do, and, unless there are egregious errors, promote the work of the committees. Advocated board members support each other to get things done.
- 10.3.5. Zone 5** – Michelle Krupkin- Crime is still up. Has heard from stakeholder who are unhappy with speed humps that have been installed in Zone 5, stating that they have not deterred users of WAZE. Mentioned discussion for upcoming sidewalk re-building. Hopes to get some community engagement on this. Same for Cyclavia. Is hoping to have the new CD11 Field Deputy for Mar Vista at next Great Streets Meeting.
- 10.3.6. Zone 6** – Holly Tilson-Has been quiet in Z6 after lots of break-ins. Homeless continue to be an issue, particularly south of Venice Blvd. Mentioned that, the new manager of Starbucks at Venice & Centinela, had met with Emergency Prep Chair Stemar to address concerns her had regarding homeless. The manager had wanted to meet with MVCC prior to moving on to Pacific Division and CD11. Stated that she’d with concerned stakeholders and Mike Bonin regarding proposed supportive housing at the Disability Resources Resource Center at Venice and Beethoven. Although some fears were allayed, stakeholders’ primary concern was the type of residents who would be living there. They were concerned about severely mentally ill living there., since it’s not a medical facility. Were told that, if funding comes from mental health budgets we’ll have mental health issues there.

### 10.4. Committee Reports

- 10.4.1. Elections & Bylaws**-Rubin mentioned that last meeting went well, resulting in a Motion which is on this agenda.
- 10.4.2. Planning and Land-Use Management**-Shure: new developments have been slow. Received communication from developer of project at Palms & Sepulveda and will be responding pending result of Councilmember Koretz’s proposed ordinance relating to the projects. Scott Weiner has announced a new bill in Sacramento today. Eleven

others are also being monitored. Will be discussing these in the next few months at PLUM. Stated that she is still working with the RSO tenants at the Mitchell Ave building who are facing eviction. With regard to 3709 Mc Laughlin has requested Councilmember Bonin to ask the Direction of Planning to issue a new Letter of Determination as the current one has an incorrect date. Upon completion, she will Contact surrounding neighbors so that one of them can file an appeal on the project.

- 10.4.3. **Public Health & Safety** -Stemar: no report
- 10.4.4. **Education, Arts, and Culture**-Hill: have been working on Spring Egg Roll Hunt with Mar Vista Rec Center’s director, Elisa White. Also working on a folder contest. Will Work on the logistics of that and present at a later date. Mentioned that attended NPG funding training and brought back flyers regarding this.
- 10.4.5. **Transportation & Infrastructure**-Ken Alpern: Ready to roll with outreach that T&I will Doing in the next few months. T&I meets first Weds of the month. Have had some discussions on tree canopy restoration. Will be working with both Community Plan and Outreach on this.  
Krupkin thanked everyone for their submissions for the Pothole Blitz.
- 10.4.6. **Community Outreach**-Wheeler: will make a full, written report next meeting

**11. Special Orders – Affordable Housing Update** – Brief update from the Community Corporation of Santa Monica regarding its affordable housing project.

Jesus Hernandez presented some progress details on housing project that Community Corporation of Santa Monica is building on Grand View. Broke ground in December 2019, and will be 50 units of long term affordable housing dedicated to families earning 30-80% of AMI (Area Median Income). Will be 25 1-bedroom, 12 2-bedroom and 13 3-bedroom and 50 parking spaces (surface and underground), 42 bicycle spaces. Will be significant common space for residents including a community room and offices. Income required would fall between 21K and 83K/year. Construction is 80% complete and expect to begin leasing in December of 2020.

Hill: asked how many units will be low income. Hernandez answered that all units will be low income. Hruska :asked if there’d been plans filed with the Dept of City Planning as the plans she’d seen online appeared to be those of a previously proposed project. Hernandez stated that the project had originally been meant for senior housing however CC of SM filed a permit for the current project on December of 2019.

**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.

Wheeler asked to pull items 12.4 and 12.5.

Rubin asked to pull items 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5 and 12.8

Motion to approve Consent Calendar (Wheeler/Rubin). Consent Calendar (items 12.1, 12.6 and 12.7)

Approved without objection

**12.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE][Wheeler] Authorization for use of MVCC Logo** – Approval for the Mar Vista Recreation Center to use the MVCC logo in promotional material for its Spring, 2020 Egg Hunt.  
Approved by unanimous consent.

**12.2 [FUNDING][Outreach] Appropriation for Summer, 2020 MVCC Newsletter** – Approval of an appropriation, in the amount of \$8,000.00, for costs related to a Summer, 2020 MVCC newsletter. Ashely Zeldin asked what the appropriation was for the previous Newsletter and is the current amount Equivalent. Tilson answered that the previous motion was for 8K and this is the same. Wheeler stated that the actual cost for the last newsletter was about 6.3K and that she expected costs for the next one to be similar. Zeldin asked what would be done with the balance. Tilson answered that any surplus would be returned to Unused Funds. Kalani Whittington asked if any NCs would request that State or City Treasurers push back the end of the current fiscal year in light of the Corona epidemic as many NC Events may have to be re-scheduled. Tilson mentioned that NCs are allowed to carry over up to 10K

Tilson mentioned that there may not be sufficient funds to cover this and recommended that the Newsletter be pushed back to July or August so that it fell within the new fiscal year.

Rubin: Agreed with Tilson

Hanna clarified that the Council cannot appropriate money at this time for next fiscal year.

Wheeler: stated that Outreach could distribute in July or August but wanted funding in place prior to commencing work on it so that work on it could begin now.

Kadota: asked how frequently the Newsletter will be produced and what themes/strategies will guide it

Wheeler: stated the current intent is to do it 2x/year, but plans are still fluid as effectiveness is evaluated.

Krupkin: stated that she did not feel comfortable voting for this funding with seeing content prior to doing so. Also mentioned the difficulty of delivering Newsletter to apartment buildings. Would like to see a better plan for reaching them prior to funding. Suggest the re-distribution of current Newsletter for the time being.

Watkins; state that 2x/year sound reasonable and the content can be determined later. Is in favor of moving forward with it.

Tilson: stated that she's not against the Newsletter, but mentioned that this Newsletter would have to be printed by June 2020 and it has been stated that committee meeting dates would be included, which could change after June 2020. Would love to see a newsletter in July/August however has concerns around timeline. Mentioned that the approval of last Newsletter was unanimous.

Hill: asked how much finding will remain after this is approved. Tilson answered that this depend on how many other funding motions are passed.

Wheeler: Thanked Tilson and stated that she was not aware of this information and had she been, would not have submitted the motion.

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Watkins) Motion is not approved (2Y/8N/1Abstentions/2 Absent)

**12.3 [FUNDING][Outreach] Appropriation for a SurveyMonkey Account** – Approval of an appropriation, in the amount of \$1,200.00, for costs related to a SurveyMonkey account.

Wheeler mentioned that Renter's Engagement would like to utilize Survey Monkey to do a survey using iPads. Other committees had requested Survey Monkey as well. Felt it was a good tool.

Ken Alpern: mentioned that online presence will become more important than ever. Essential point is that the account be versatile. This is one of many steps that we must take in the right direction.

Rubin: felt that this is premature. Felt that the idea of a survey should be presented and community interest documented prior to proceeding

Krupkin: felt that Google Forms, which is free, would suffice for the purposes of conducting a survey  
Tilson: not against it however would like the amount reduced to an amount within the current unused funds balance, since we can't pre-pay.

Hill: asked if Google doc can be used for a survey. Wheeler answered yes, but Survey Monkey has more tools

Kadota: asked where the iPads for the proposed survey would come from and would it require wireless. Wheeler stated that she did not have the answer to that: would have to ask Renters Engagement.

Wheeler moved to amend amount to \$300. Amendment approved without objection.

Wheeler stated that cell phones (or anything with internet access) can be used for a survey.

Hanna: felt that door to door is the only useful way to do a survey, however cautioned against over saturating the community with them

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Hruska) Motion approved (6Y/4N/1 Abstention/2 Absent)

**12.4 [FUNDING][Transportation & Infrastructure] Appropriation for the use of an online service to host the MVCC approved Transportation Survey** – Approval of an appropriation, in the amount of \$1,500, for the use of an online service to host the T&I Committee's MVCC Board-approved Transportation Survey for input on the Mobility Element of the Palms – Mar Vista – Del Rey Community Plan Update.

T&I Chair, Ken Alpern to introduce.

Hanna inquired what the difference is between this item and item 12.3. Alpern responded that it is a different venue. Purpose of this is to specifically host the previously approved T&I survey. Many other transportation agencies (such as SCAG, METRO) use online surveys. Mentioned the time constraints that dictate getting the survey out expeditiously.

Ashley Zeldin: asked if this funding motion is a prerequisite for the T&I survey being releases and stated that, if it is not, and a platform such as Google Forms can be used, this motion is un-necessary.

Kadota: asked if this motion refers to the T&I survey that was discussed ta the 3/3/20 Board meeting. Alpern answered that it did not. The survey discussed at the BOD meeting was a longer, more detailed one to possibly be an optional link in the approved one.

Tilson: mentioned that there seem to be 2 different motions in the documentation for this motion. Also mentioned that there are 2 different annual fees proposed in the motion and recommended that, if passed the lower estimate should be chosen since it is unclear who or if it will be used.

Hill: asked if committees requesting surveys consider Google Docs prior to requesting funding for paid platform

Wheeler: mentioned that MVCC has a Gmail account and she'd be glad to utilize it for any committee that wants it. Is also not clear on how \$1500 would be used.

Rubin: agreed with Zeldin, Hill and Krupkin that any proposed survey should eb attempted with (free) Google Doc prior to moving to paid platform

Hruska: reiterated the fact there seem to be 2 motions contained in the item. Also stated that the motion seems to be asking for funding for a paid service yet states that the committee prefers to use free Google Docs, which is confusing.

Krupkin: stated that the amount could be reduced. Funding was meant to be used in the event that the Board required that T&I use survey Monkey.

Krupkin proposed amendment to strike amount in motion entirely to read : "Approval for the use of an Online Survey"

Hanna stated that 12.3 and 12.4 are essentially the same. Only difference seems to be that T&I wants to do its own thing, and he believes survey should emanate from a centralized hub.

Kadota: stated that Survey Monkey plans all seem to be annual purchases and this could complicate things.

Shure: agreed that 12.3 and 12.4 is redundant. Suggested postponement until remainder of T&I can be here to respond.

Motion to postpone to next meeting. Motion postponed (8Y/2N/1 Abstention/2 Absent)

Kadota moved to consider item 12.8 at this time (Second: Hill) Approved without objection.

**12.5 [FUNDING][Transportation & Infrastructure] Appropriation for the use of paid Facebook posts to promote the MVCC-approved Transportation Survey** – Approval of an appropriation, in the amount of \$500, for the use of paid Facebook posts to promote the T&I MVCC Board-approved Transportation Survey for input on the Mobility Element of the Palms – Mar Vista – Del Rey Community Plan Update.

T&I Chair Ken Alpern introduced. Believed this is necessary to promote all surveys.

Motion to approve (Hruska/Krupkin)

Kadota: asked if motion could be amended to read “up to \$500” and stated that it would seem that this should be part of the Outreach budget. Hanna concurred, and suggested that the motion be amend to replace “in the amount of \$500” to “not to exceed \$500”.

Second: Hruska. Amendment approved without objection

Hruska: point of clarification. Noted that a different amount, \$1500, is noted in the packet materials for this motion. Hanna responded that packet material does not supersede the Agenda motion, so the only amount that can be voted on is \$500.

Rubin: agreed that all surveys should be under the same umbrella. If committees do things separately, it risks oversaturating the community. Is in favor of a conscientious effort to do things properly.

Tilson: mentioned that Facebook was used during the election process and stated that the cost provides increased exposure..

Wheeler: is in favor of Facebook (FB) advertising, however she felt that there are some issues with our provides numerous statistical tools and recommended that Outreach be the committee to do the work of researching this and presenting the information to all committees wanting to utilize it.

Stemar offered to amend motion to change the words “MVCC Transportation Survey” to “MVCC events”

Hanna :stated that this would be too substantive a change, and so is Out of Order.

Krupkin: disagreed with contention that all surveys should go through Outreach. Stated that survey has already been approved. This funding is merely for its promotion.

Tilson: suggested that this funding be approved in order to get the T&I survey out and realignment of outreach algorithms can take place in July.

Motion approved (8Y/1N/2Abstentions/2 Absent

**12.6 [POLICY][Transportation & Infrastructure] Traffic Data Request for Great Streets Venice Blvd. Project** – Approval of a request that LADOT, CD 11 and the Mayor’s Great Streets office release year 2 traffic, bicycle, and accident data regarding Great Streets Venice Boulevard and reinstate the [www.VeniceBoulevardMarVista.org](http://www.VeniceBoulevardMarVista.org) website. **Approved by unanimous consent.**

**12.7 [POLICY][Hanna] MOU regarding shared storage space at the Mar Vista Recreation Center** – Approval for the Executive Board to move forward with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for shared

storage space at the Mar Vista Recreation Center. [Approved by unanimous consent.](#)

**12.8 [FUNDING][Education, Arts, & Culture] NPG to Support the Mar Vista Recreation Center’s Spring, 2020**

**Egg Hunt** – Approval of a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) for the L.A. Parks Foundation, in the amount of \$2,000, to support the Mar Vista Recreation Center’s Spring, 2020 Egg Hunt.

Hill introduced Elisa White Mar Vista Rec Center Coordinator. She mentioned that Spring Egg Hunt is one of three mandatory events in the LA Parks system (also including Halloween Carnival and Holiday Show) is scheduled for April 4, 2020. Has charged for the event in the past. She felt that the event is not all that it can be. Stated that special events, along with fundraising, are her specialties. Has been with the Park system 21 years and is hoping to get 500+ people. If the NPG is approved will update the advertising for the event to include MVCC logo. Total cost of the event will be approx. 5K. Will have 6 different games and 3 arts & crafts booth (including an Earth Day necklace which occur the following week). Will also have a color-your-own spring crown plus one other, as yet undetermined craft. Will have 2000 eggs stuffed with prizes to be “seeded” in the park field. Will also have cookie decorating, and free popcorn, water bottles and juice boxes. Volleyball, soccer and baseball events will be happening concurrently. Stated that, while this is only a request, is grateful for anything MVCC can do and encouraged MVCC to do outreach at the event regardless of whether it approves funding.

Hanna asked if there are any giveaways that are not consumables. White stated that are gift baskets for the egg hunts.

Shure asked for confirmation that this is a mandated event. White responded yes. Shure stated egg hunts are associated with a particular religious holiday.

Hanna suggested that this could be made a Spring Celebration instead of an egg hunt. White agreed and stated that she could make that change.

Rubin suggested calling it an Earth Day celebration given the fact the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day in the future. White responded that she would be glad to move in that direction moving forward.

Ashley Zeldin appreciated the attempt to make it a free event and that this is the type of event Neighborhood Councils should be supporting, however agreed that it could be made an earth Day celebration. Asked, in light of the Corona virus pandemic, if hand sanitizer would be provided. White stated that she is receiving daily updates from the Mayor’s office and national health care organizations and that, in fact this aspect of the event may be impacted by this. Added that “they” are a full cost recovery center, so cannot apply for other forms of funding, like grants.

Kalani Whittington stated that she supported the event and hopes that MVCC should use this as an outreach event. Is a positive way to reach the community. Applauded Ms. White’s accommodation to the concerns posed..

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Hill)

Kadota: stated that Ciclavia could be promoted at the event as well. White concurred.

Shure: reiterated her objection on to the event on religious grounds. Aldo asked why the MVCC is being asked to pay for a city mandated event.

Wheeler: thought this was great event, and stated that the Rec Center needs to recover their costs, and mentioned that this will allow MVCC a booth for outreach.

Motion approved (9Y/1N/1 Abstention/2 absent)

Wheeler moved to pull item 15.6 as it is no longer needed. Motion approved without objection.

**13. Excluded Consent Items** – Discussion and further action on items excluded from the Consent Calendar. Items 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 12.5 and 12.8. See discussion above.

**14. Unfinished Business and General Orders**

**14.1 [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.

Krupkin introduced. Stated that “this is a reply to a member of the community who is advisory board”, and who wanted a clarification. Is an answer to a request for clarification.

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Hruska)

Motion approved (5Y/4N/2Abstention/2Absent)

**14.2 [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.

Krupkin introduced. Requests that Lenore French or another representative from Green Communications Initiative attend the next MVCC Board meeting to report on the status of this project, as they are required to maintain the project.

Motion to approve (Hruska/Krupkin)

Krupkin moved to amend the motion to read “ the April 14, 2020 MVCC Board” meeting”

Motion approved (5Y/3N/3 Abstention/2Absent)

**14.3 [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)].

Tilson introduced. Stated that, this was a way to assign responsibility for this task that has repeatedly been requested. Specified that tasks to be delegated to such a committee

Secretary’s Note: See Supplemental materials to this meeting.

Kalani Whittington: spoke as a member of an indigenous culture and appreciates the importance of language, but also appreciates the importance of communicating in a single language. Language can be a unifying force and she believes government should encourage the learning of a common language.

Ashley Zeldin: mentioned that all government official forms are administered in multiple languages. Mentioned that not everyone can learn English quickly.

Ken Alpern: for pragmatic purposes this initiative is useful. Would hate to think that this would “balkanize” groups.

Motion to approve (Rubin/Stemar)

Hanna mentioned that offering translation service is mandated by the city.

Kadota: though creating another committee is onerous and felt that funding for it is sufficient.

Wheeler: stated that she liked the idea of a translation committee and mentioned the Langer

Report which shows that less than 3% of the residents in Mar Vista speak no English at all.

Motion approved (6Y/1N/4 Abstentions/2 Absent)

- 14.4 [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.

Kadota stated that this motion provides funding so that a board member can request that a translation be done.

Motion to approve (Stemar/Kadota)

Krupkin asked if the finds are available. Tilson responded that she suggests it be reduced to between \$500 and \$1000.

Tilson moved to amend to \$1000 (second: Krupkin).

Shure: asked what the cost is? Tilson answered that it is unclear if %K is available and, if passed as it, she would have to create a line item for that amount. If the amount were reduced to \$1000, the funds would come out of Uncommitted Outreach.

Hanna/Kadota mentioned that the Board tends to struggle to spend all it's available funds as the end of the fiscal year approaches.

Wheeler: stated that she was under the impression that translation services are provided by the Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) at no cost. Hanna/Kadota stated that this is not the case.

Secretary's Note: DONE provides links to translation services however these are not free.

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

Wheeler asked how will these funds be requested/used. Kadota stated that committee chairs would request the funds via a funding motion.

Watkins asked for statistics to confirm statement that less than 3% of Mar Vista Residents speak no English at all. Hanna responded that this refers to those in linguistic isolation, who speak no English at all.

Tilson asked if there were translation services on the MVCC website that could be utilized, as Outreach chair had mentioned. What sorts of translations is this funding meant to cover? Kadota suggested wallet cards and/or outreach materials.

Hruska asked, if this finding is approved, would the algorithm then be: that any committee requesting a translation job would present it to the newly approved Translation Committee, who would then writing a funding motion and actually get the translation job done. Hanna responded yes, however the actual disbursement/approval of the funds would be done via the Chair and/or Treasurer.

Wheeler stated that the translation services on the website are accessible if a computer is in another language.

Motion as amended approved (4Y/3N/4Abstentions/2 absent)

- 14.5 [ADMINISTRATIVE][Inouye] 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. [Deferred to next meeting](#)

## 15. New Business

- 15.1 [POLICY][PUBLIC SAFETY][HOMELESS ISSUES] Re-prioritization of Homeless Housing Strategy-**

Discussion and possible action regarding calling on the City of Los Angeles to re-prioritize homeless housing strategy. [Deferred to next meeting](#)

- 15.2 [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Dwelling Unit Capacity** - Discussion and possible action regarding the inclusion of Calculated Dwelling Unit Capacity for Mar Vista in its second input document to the Los Angeles Dept of City Planning. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.3 [ADMINISTRATIVE][ELECTIONS & BYLAWS] Community Outreach Efforts** - Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed amendment to Article V, Section 11 of the MVCC Bylaws requiring all directors to participate in community outreach efforts. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.4 [ADMINISTRATIVE][Transportation & Infrastructure] Modification to MVCC Board-Approved Transportation Survey** - Discussion and possible action to approve an additional demographic question asking participants to provide their Zip + 4. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.5 [ADMINISTRATIVE][Transportation & Infrastructure] Outreach Plan for the MVCC Board-Approved Transportation Survey** - Discussion and possible action regarding the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's outreach plan to promote and distribute their MVCC Board approved Transportation Survey. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.6 [FUNDING][ExFin] Outreach at Spring Egg Hunt** – Approval of an expenditure, in the amount of \$1,000.00, for an outreach booth at the Mar Vista Recreation Center's Spring, 2020 Egg Hunt. [Motion pulled by Wheeler without objection](#)
- 15.7 [POLICY][PLUM] Letter to Councilman Bonin regarding SB330 implementation** - Discussion and possible action regarding a letter to Councilmember Bonin requesting an Ordinance for the City of Los Angeles to address problems of a procedural nature concerning implementation of SB 330, including but not limited to issues involving a) Plans on File for a Parcel prior to commencement of Ellis Act removal; b) extended residency protections; c) definition of Commencement of Construction; and d) interpretation in alignment with the legislative intent that SB 330 covers both ministerial and discretionary developments. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.8 [POLICY][PLUM] CIS regarding additional tenant protections** - Discussion and possible action regarding a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in SUPPORT of the Recommendations made by HCIDLA, dated February 4, 2020 to the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Council concerning enforcement of additional protections for tenants pursuant to AB 1482. (Council File No. 19-1305). Motion passed by unanimous vote at the 3/2/2020 PLUM meeting. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.9 [POLICY][Inouye] Special Meetings of the MVCC Board of Directors** - Discussion and possible action regarding the use of Special meetings as described in the MVCC Bylaws, Article VIII: MEETINGS, Section 1: Meeting Time and Place, Item D: Special meetings. [Deferred to next meeting](#)

## 16. Adjournment- [meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM](#)

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