



Mar Vista Community Council



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 7:00pm

PUBLIC WELCOME

Zoom Electronic Meeting

Webinar ID 946 5647 6371

1. **Call to Order**-meeting called to order by Chair, Elliot Hanna, at 7:02 PM
2. **Roll Call** – Call of the roll and certification of a quorum-

Present : Elliot Hanna
Stacy Shure
Christine Stemar
Holly Tilson
Mary Hruska
Kathryn Wheeler
Rob Kadata
Gabriel Hill
Michelle Krupkin
Rob Watkins
Selena Inouye
Andrea Ambriz
Martin Rubin
3. **Community Memorial Observations**-none
4. **Announcements**-Hanna mentioned that, given that the agenda is packed, that comments would be limited one minute and requested that members not pull items from the Consent Calendar.
5. **Public Comment for Items NOT on this Agenda**-Tyler La Ferriere wished all a Happy Bastille Day and thanked T&I Committee for its efforts in getting Sepulveda Blvd in mar Vista re-paved. Also commented that. As economist, he felt that the current economic downturn would continue into 2021 and hoped that the Council seeks every avenue available to assisting neighbors as he is doing personally.
Shawn O’Keefe : asked if anyone had Neighborhood Watch signs available, as his part of the neighborhood could use them. Stemar stated that she would work with him. Watkins mentioned that other neighborhood groups have hired private security firms.
Jordan Le Blanc: stated that he is a PSA Counselor for the Los Angeles Unified School District and announced Youth Source City Partnership, an initiative in which youth (ages 14-24) in transition from foster homes are provided with work experience by private businesses. UCLA (a sponsor) promotes this project in which these youth obtain work experience. Stated that the program is seeking businesses who would participate in the project.

Kalani Whittington stated that the City Council is not doing enough to protect people from Covid-19. Stated that it has not addressed the issue of spread of the virus via the homeless population. Mentioned that Councilman Bonin in particular, should be addressing the situation in CD11. Dorothy Houston stated that she would like all board and committee meetings should be announced on NextDoor.

Annie Bickerton (Renter's Sub-Committee Co-Chair) mentioned that, for one week only, applications are accessible to LA's Emergency Renter's Assistance Program (hcidla@lacity.org). Applications close at 11:59 PM on July 17 2020.

6. 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: spoken with most board members regarding item 10.3 and Tilson regarding item 11.1, 11.5 and 10.2. Tilson concurred. Hill: worked with Watkins on Black Lives Matter/George Floyd statement and the Menagerie motion. Krupkin: discussed 10.3 with other board members.

7. Adoption of the Agenda-Motion to approve (Tilson/Wheeler). Approved without objection

8. Approval of Minutes – Approval of minutes for prior meetings of the MVCC Board of Directors (June 9th, June 12th, and June 25th)

Inouye stated that she had corrections to the June 12, 2020 meeting, item 12.7.

Ambriz stated that she had corrections to the Jun3 9 2020 meeting.

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Tilson) Minutes approved with corrections (9Y/1N/3Abstentions)

9. Reports

9.1. Elected Official and City Department Reports – Reports from elected officials, their representatives, or representatives of city departments- none

Shure suggested that the Chair invite Karen Bass,

Holly Mitchell and any other elected officials who represent Mar Vista, to present an end of legislative session report to the MVCC. Hanna responded that he would be glad to do so.

9.2. Officer Reports

- Chair – Elliot Hanna-reiterated his request that board members limit themselves as the agenda is packed
- First Vice-Chair – Stacy Shure-written report
- Second Vice-Chair – Christine Stemar-Contacted former Board member as to outstanding venue key
- Secretary – Mary Hruska-written report
- Treasurer – Holly Tilson-written report

9.3. Zone Director Reports

- Zone 1 – Stacy Shure-written report. Added that folks can access the Westside Village Homeowners Association website for additional notices.
- Zone 2 – Martin Rubin-mentioned that MVCC Neighborhood Watch signs have been posted. Hoped that other Zones could follow suit.
- Zone 3 – Mary Hruska-written report
- Zone 4 – Rob Watkins, M.D.-written report.
- Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin-Fireworks incidents in Zone 5 were unbelievable. Crime is still up Especially on Pacific, Grand View and Venice Blvd. Commended Watkins on his report and Stated that she would also be submitting encampment counts for Zone 5
- Zone 6 – Holly Tilson-Zone 6 also has homeless encampment problems and has been working with both the immediate residents impacted and the Homeless committee

9.4. Committee Reports – Reports from MVCC Standing and Ad Hoc Committees including the Outreach Quarterly Report.

Secretary's Note: See supplemental materials

Watkins stated the committee is overwhelmed and at a loss for how to address many of the homeless issues in the neighborhood. Stated that Nick Sundback (CD11) has been very helpful in this respect.

Ambriz stated that there was inaccurate information in Outreach report regarding Neighborhood Purpose Grants. Hanna stated that he would review this with Wheeler.

Shure mentioned that if anyone becomes aware of any illegal evictions, that would forward this information to her, as she is working on an emergency ordinance reading this.

10. Special Orders

10.1. Affirmation of Revised MVCC Bylaws – Reading and final approval of the revised MVCC Bylaws as approved by the MVCC Board of Directors and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Hanna mentioned that this was largely a formality and that if anyone wishes to waive this, it would be in order.

Wheeler: point of clarification. There are some deletions regarding the MVCC boundaries and in Sec 9 (Removal). Hanna responded that this was a unilateral administrative change made by the Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) and that it is not within the purview of the MVCC to modify it.

Rubin stated that any boundary issues could be handled as a matter of course with DONE.

Wheeler added that Charnock Ave School and Palms Middle School shall be considered an overlap Area with the Palms Neighborhood Council. Shure stated that this is inappropriate however it was done based the percentage of children attending those schools whose parents overlap the 2 councils.

Wheeler mentioned that DONE added 3000 words relating to how the board fights, and if board members disagree they should not vote to codify them.

Ambriz: stated that there hadn't been sufficient time for the community to review these. Added She felt that bylaws should have further clarity.

Rubin asked why DONE was not in attendance and asked what the reason was for approving them At this time. Hanna responded that they had been approved by DONE and that the current process of Affirmation is a required process. Rubin responded that this seemed undemocratic.

Hanna mentioned that any board member can vote no on this motion, however the result of vote will be moot.

Shure mentioned that several MVCC board members attended and spoke at the meeting at which The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) discussed the MVCC Bylaws and the total process for participation, response and review has transpired over 60 days. Objections could result in a possible revocation of the MVCC Charter.

Motion to waive a re-reading (Shure/Hruska) Approved (12Y/1N)

Motion to approve (Tilson/Rubin). Approved (10Y/2N/1Abstention)

10.2. Announcement of BoD Vacancies – Announcement of one Zone 7 and one At-Large vacancy as provided in Article V, Section 6 of the Bylaws of the Mar Vista Community Council as approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment on June 23, 2020.

Hanna announced the new Zone 7 and At Large MVCC Board Vacancies.

Application window is 25 days from the current date and deadline is Sat August 8, 2020 at 8:00 PM.

Shure asked if it would be possible to have flyers to promote this in the newly created Zone 7.

Hanna and Wheeler (Outreach) consented.

10.3. Committee Appointments for FY2020-2021 – Approval of committee and other appointments for FY2020-2021.

Hanna announced the new committee assignments for the next year. Stated that roughly 2/3 of the assignments remain constant, with a few additions and deletions and read out the list. Added that Data Liason was a new position created and would be filled by Kathryn Wheeler. Per Wheeler, this position will be trained by the city in accessing city data bases and will, in turn, train other board members.

Inouye stated that she had not been appointed to StreetsLA Advisory Council. Hanna Stated that he'd nominated her. Inouye responded that StreetsLA had not, apparently, chosen to appoint her.

Secretary's Note: see supplemental materials for committee assignment list

Public Comment:

Vanessa Colosio-Diaz stated that she noted that Ambriz was the only board member not on a permanent committee. Stated that, as a Latina, she took offense. Added that she objected to previous comments made by Wheeler in reference to the Renter's Committee. Felt that these comments were incorrect.

Ashley Zeldin: thanked the chair for the assignment to Community Plan and stated she had Been involved with the committee for many months and was looking forward to seeing all committees work constructively for the betterment of the community.

Kalani Whittington: commended Chair and Wheeler for the efficiency of their handling of online meetings

Ken Alpern: stated that he continues to be honored to be involved with MVCC and respectfully requests that Selena Inouye be reinstated to T&I committee

Motion to approve (Rubin/Shure)

Board Comment:

Shure: asked chair to restate the rules for civil discourse moving forward and urged Board members to speak to the issue not to the person. Hanna concurred.

Hill: stated that he was under the impression that every board member should be a chair of a committee. Felt that Ambriz should be given a chair position

Ambriz: stated that she was the only board member who has not been given a chair position. Added that the committee she was assigned to was not a standing committee but an ad hoc one. Stated that she was the youngest, the only woman of color on the board and had extensive experience in government and that she felt this was inappropriate and was offended.

Inouye: supported Ambriz's statement and added that she disagreed with Ambriz no longer being a Co-Chair but now a Vice Chair of Ad Hoc Covid.

Hanna responded that he would make Inouye and Ambriz Co-Chairs of Ad Hoc Covid.

Wheeler mentioned that there were only 6 standing committees and 13 Board members.

Rubin: felt that it would be appropriate for Ambriz to be a Chair of a committee

Shure: noted that it was 8:20 PM, the agenda was packed and that it was not fair to the community to not address the other agenda items.

Shure: asked Ambriz what other committees did she'd regularly attended and participated in.

Ambriz: stated that she'd been tracking several committees. Stated that not attending a

committee did not preclude interest in same.

Appointments approved (8Y/4N/1Abstention)

11.0 Consent Calendar

11.1[ADMINISTRATIVE][TILSON] Approval of FY2020-2021 Administrative Packet Corrections – Discussion and possible action regarding corrections to the FY2020-2021 Administrative Packet including appointing Elliot Hanna as Second Signer and Stacy Shure as Alternate Signer.

[Motion to approve \(Wheeler/Rubin\). Approved without objection](#)

11.2[ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] Monthly Expenditure Report – Discussion and possible action regarding the most recent Monthly Expenditure Report(s).

[Motion to approve \(Wheeler/Rubin\). Approved without objection](#)

11.3[FUNDING][EXFIN] Board Member Reimbursement – Approval of a reimbursement, in the amount of \$49.34, to Kathryn Wheeler for outreach expenses.

[Motion to approve \(Wheeler/Hruska\) Approved without objection \(Consent Calendar\)](#)

11.4[FUNDING][EXFIN] Appropriation for Survey Monkey – Approval of an appropriation, not to exceed \$400.00, for SurveyMonkey.

[Motion to approve \(Wheeler/Rubin\) Approved \(9Y/2N/2Abstentions\)](#)

11.5[ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] FY2020-2021 Budget Adjustments – Discussion and possible action regarding adjustments to the FY2020-2021 budget).

[Motion to approve \(Wheeler/Rubin\). Approved without objection](#)

11.6[FUNDING][EXFIN] Appropriation for Advertising in MVNA Newsletters – Discussion and possible action regarding an appropriation, not to exceed \$150.00, for advertising in MVNA newsletters

[Motion to approve \(Wheeler/Rubin\). Approved without objection](#)

11.7[FUNDING][WHEELER] Appropriation for PLUM Door Hangers – Approval of an expenditure, not to exceed \$685.38, for labels, delivery services, and other expenses related to PLUM door hangers.

[Motion to approve \(Wheeler/Stemar\) Approved \(10Y/1N/2Abstentions\)](#)

11.8[FUNDING][WHEELER] Appropriation for Business Card Redesign – Approval of an expenditure, not to exceed \$120.00, for business card design services.

[Motion to approve \(Wheeler/Hruska\) Sent back to committee.](#)

11.9[FUNDING][WHEELER] Appropriation for Storage-Related Items – Approval of an expenditure, not to exceed \$357.00, for items related to storing MVCC property at the Mar Vista Recreation Center.

[Motion to approve \(Wheeler/Hruska\) Approved without objection \(Consent Calendar\)](#)

11.10[POLICY][PLUM] CUB for 12701 Venice Blvd. – Approval of CUB #ZA-2018-4776-CUN-ZV for on-site sale of beer and high-end sake for Tortoise and a zone variance to make non-conforming use (retail since the early-1940s) conforming.

[Motion to approve \(Shure/Hruska\) Approved \(9Y/2N/2Abstentions\)](#)

11.11[POLICY][SHURE] WRAC Foundational Platform – Approval of the foundational platform for the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils.

[Motion to approve \(Shure/Kadota\) Approved \(8Y/2N/3Abstentions\)](#)

11.12[POLICY][SHURE] Support of WRAC Policy Statement Concerning L.A. City Budget Priorities – Approval of the WRAC support of a city budget that prioritizes crime prevention and social services, supports substantial reform efforts within L.A.P.D. and a reassessment of its priorities, and a budget that addresses social, housing, and economic inequalities.

[Motion to approve \(Rubin/Kadota\). Motion failed \(2Y/9N/2Abstentions\)](#)

[Shure to present concerns raised to WRAC.](#)

11.13[POLICY][SHURE] Support of WRAC Land-Use Statement – Action regarding recommendation of a postponement of action on the “Atkins Housing Package” of bills.

[Motion to approve \(Shure/Hruska\) Approved without objection](#)

12 Excluded Consent Items-

[Rubin pulled items 11.1, 11.2, 11.5, 11.6 11.12 and 11.13](#)

[Inouye pulled items 11.4, 11.8, 11.10 and 11.11](#)

[Hill pulled item 11.7](#)

13 Unfinished Business and General Orders - None

14 New Business

Motion to move up item 14.4 and adjourn (Ambriz/Watkins)

Krupkin objected, on the basis that she, now as T&I co-chair had not been in communication with the group involved and was not prepared to present it.

Ambriz stated that she could present it, as she was involved with this.

Inouye left meeting (10:00PM)

14.1[POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Affordable Housing in Transit-Oriented Communities – Discussion and possible action on a request to the Dept of City Planning to increase the required per cent of affordable housing in Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Density Bonus projects in Mar Vista, to 60%, as permitted by the TOC ordinance.

Deferred to next meeting

14.2[POLICY][T&I][GREAT STREETS] Venice Blvd. Placemaking Project – Discussion and possible action regarding a request that money budgeted for the Venice Blvd. Placemaking Project be used to install the long awaited Venice Blvd. Gateway Sign, install the Great Streets Venice Blvd. Mosaic Hopscotch at the Mar Vista Library and fix the Grand View Blvd./Pacific Ave. Pavement Mural.

Deferred to next meeting

14.3[POLICY][T&I] Letter to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority - Discussion and possible action regarding a letter to be sent to Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) regarding a) Metro's COVID-19 Max Load limit, b) a request to postpone the adoption of the Long Range Transportation Plan for at least a year, and c) the NextGen Bus Service Proposal.

Deferred to next meeting

14.4[ADMINISTRATIVE] [T&I] Stakeholder Town Hall Regarding the TreePeople Watertalks Program - Discussion and possible action regarding hosting a joint MVCC and TreePeople Virtual Town Hall via Zoom on Wednesday August 5, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 PM

Motion to approve (Ambriz/Kadota)

Kalani Whittington objected to the consideration of this item in lieu of other items, notably item 14.8. Stated that she was very disappointed.

Ashley Zeldin stated that while normally 2 weeks would not be sufficient notice for an event such as this, in the time of Covid, timelines have been compressed and she felt that, with Outreach's assistance, it would be adequately promoted

Hanna pointed out that including a specific time might jeopardize the motion

Motion to amend (strike "6:00-8:00PM") (Wheeler/Kadota) Approved without objection

Rubin called the question (second: Ambriz) approved without objection

Motion as amended approved (11Y/0N/2Absent)

14.5[POLICY][T&I] Community Impact Statement Regarding Telecommuting - Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement regarding Council Files CF 20-0584 (Ryu/Koretz) (link:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0584>) and CF 20-0498 (O'Farrell/Martinez) (link:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0498>) which both request feasibility studies for new initiatives regarding telecommuting.

Deferred to next meeting

14.6 [POLICY][T&I] Community Impact Statement Regarding Making Slow Streets Permanent - Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement regarding Council File CF 20-0838 (Ryu) which asks for a feasibility study on making Slow Streets Initiative permanent. (link:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0838>)

Deferred to next meeting

14.7[ADMINISTRATIVE][EACC] Collaboration with the Mar Vista Recreation Center Regarding the "Mar Vista Menagerie"- Discussion and possible action regarding partnering with the Mar Vista Recreation Center on the " Mar Vista Menagerie"

Deferred to next meeting

14.8[POLICY][WATKINS] Community Impact Statement Regarding Humane Policing and Equal Justice -
Discussion and possible action regarding Community Impact Statement regarding support for H.R.7120
The George Floyd Justice Act of 2020
(<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7120/text?r=1>)

Deferred to next meeting

15 Adjournment-motion to adjourn (Kadota/Wheeler) approved without objection

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