



Mar Vista Community Council



ELECTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Chair: Martin Rubin (martin.rubin@marvista.org)

Vice-Chair: Holly Tilson (holly.tilson@marvista.org)

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 28th, 2019, 6:00 PM

Windward School | 11350 Palms Blvd | L.A., 90066 - Room 910

Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm

Presided over by committee Chair Martin Rubin, along with Vice Chair Holly Tilson

In attendance: Martin Rubin, Holly Tilson, Elliot Hanna, Adriana De La Cruz, Kathryn Wheeler(6:03pm), Wayne Wheeler(6:03pm), Robin Doyno (6:03pm), Selena Inouye (6:05pm)

#1: Introductions –Those present already knew each other, so no introductions necessary.

#2: Minutes – July 24th minutes approved.

#3: Public Comment (for items not listed on the agenda)

Adriana De La Cruz stated she attended the 3rd Elections Training (debriefing) session held by DONE.

#4: Chair Report-Submissions for bylaws changes should be sent to the chair, a minimum of one week before the next scheduled meeting. Sooner is better. All meetings dates are on the MVCC calendar which can be found at marvista.org > calendar. Use the bylaws change form which can also be found at marvista.org > committees > Elections and Bylaws > Resources #11. The format on this form is: current language, proposed language, and the rationale for the change.

MVCC Chair Elliot Hanna stated that the approval process is lengthy. First the committee approves the changes, then it goes to the Board of Directors (BOD) and must pass by a 2/3 vote, then to DONE for approval, then back to the BOD for a second approval of 2/3 vote.

(minute taker's note – deadlines/how to apply were discussed but actual information was unavailable at meeting. They can be found at <https://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Bylaws-Amendment-Application-April-2019-1.pdf> Go to Empowerla.org > self-serve > administrative forms and templates >Bylaws amendment application. Completed Bylaw Amendment Applications will be accepted from 5/1/2019 to April 15,2020)

#5: Vice Chair Report: VC reinforced Chairs report. Using the bylaws change form will allow us as a committee to compile changes/rationales requested to be presented to the BOD in an orderly fashion.

#6: Old Business – Martin Rubin introduced Kathryn Wheeler who read her 2019 MVCC Election Challenges Summary Report into the record. Submitted written report as attachment to these minutes. Contact Kathryn for more information at kathryn.wheeler@marvista.org.

#7: New Business

A. Proposed Bylaws change: #1

1. Holly read her proposal, then opened discussion. Adding a 7th zone by splitting Zone 6 into 2 zones. External boundaries remain the same, the southern border of Z6 and Northern border of Z7 occurs along Venice Blvd. Full text of bylaws change submission is attached.
2. Discussion: Background history on composition of MVCC reviewed. Zone vs At large discussed. Possible elimination of Community Director by Done noted. Do we need to increase the number of BOD members or leave the same? External southern border in question as written (Washington Blvd vs Place), largeness of Z6 vs other zones not in question. Actual population of area in question, would spitting Z6 create an area that was overrepresented on the board and create population inequities with other zones. What is the role of At Large vs Zone Directors? This motion is just about creating a 7th zone, how to address the composition of the board is another discussion/bylaw change?
3. Proposed Bylaw Change moved by Kathryn Wheeler, seconded by Selena Inouye **APPROVED** with one abstention (Elliot Hanna)

B. Proposed Bylaw Change: #2

1. Martin read his proposal and opened discussion. Bylaws change form attached for full text.

2. Discussion revolved about the pro and cons of using Rosenberg's vs Robert's rules of order. Last change was made FY 2016-17 from Robert's to Rosenberg's rules of order and now the proposal is to change back to Roberts. Comments and questions: DONE didn't know about Rosenberg's rules when asked. Rosenberg's are easier, less ability to manipulate. If Rosenberg's rules don't work, you still defer to Robert's. Robert's are universally accepted, been in existence since late 1800's, if we change will DONE be able to assist us?

3. Wording amended FROM "The MVCC shall use Robert's Rules of Order to facilitate Board Meetings." TO "The MVCC shall use Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th edition.", to facilitate Board Meetings."

4. Propose Bylaw Change as amended moved by Kathryn Wheeler, seconded by Wayne Wheeler and **APPROVED:** 6 For 1 Against (Robin Doyno) 1 Abstain (Elliot Hanna)

Timeline per Chair: Please note all proposed bylaws changes that are approved by this committee will be placed in a file to be compiled for board review which should be sometime in December or January. Exact timeline TBD.

#8: Announcements: Selena has submitted a Bylaws Change regarding *Recall* that will be discussed at the next meeting.

#9 Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday -September 25, 2019, 6PM
Location: Windward School - 11350 Palms Blvd, Room 910

#10 Meeting Adjourned: 7:21PM