



# Mar Vista Community Council



## ELECTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE

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

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### MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 6:00 PM

Windward School | 11350 Palms Blvd | L.A., 90066 - Room 1030

#### Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm

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

**In attendance:** Martin Rubin, Joan Winters, Greg Tedesco, Gary Walker, Kathryn Wheeler, Wayne Wheeler, Melissa Stoller, Selena Inouye, Holly Tilson, Gabriel Hill, Ann Bickertan, Andrea Ambriz, Seme Park, Tyler Laferriere

**#1: Introductions** – Those present welcomed, introductions done as needed.

**#2: Minutes** – Motion to approve September 25 minutes by Kathryn, seconded by Wayne. Motion approved without objection.

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

Melissa Stoller requested that more information and supplemental material be placed on the agenda.

**#4: Chair Report**- Martin noted that the last meeting was unofficial and that he submitted a written report to the BOD at the November BOD meeting that can be viewed online.

**#5: Vice Chair Report:** None

#### #6: Old Business

**6a:** Removal of board member by Recall.

Selena Inouye presented “Removal of a Board Member by Recall” submission included in supplemental materials. The MVCC currently has no method for stakeholders to recall any Director. The city charter’s recall process doesn’t cover NC’s. Some NC’s have recall, some don’t. The MVCC’s was “intentionally left blank”, with the latest version of the bylaws that section has been removed. For a city recall you need 15% of registered voters, for the county-30% of registered voters who voted. One NC has a requirement of 100 signatures. We can come up with whatever number we want. This proposed amendment was submitted because Stakeholders asked for it. Discussion opened. Again, lots of questions/opinions raised such as: Will this open the door for a small group of people to remove elected board members? Does it comply with LA city voter laws? What other NCs have recall in their bylaws? Number of voters required on recall? Is it enough? Reasons for Recall? Motive for proposing the Recall amendment? What is cost of recall? Will the NC have to pay for it? Seme Park will send a template and suggested revisiting “duties and responsibilities”. Item tabled until the next meeting.

#### #7: New Business

**7a. Official use of the MVCC seal policy.** Kathryn Wheeler presented opposing rationale on why the current media policy is sufficient to cover any use of the MVCC seal (aka logo) and why we therefore should not need to adopt/approve a “new” seal policy. Majority of those present voted to not adopt a separate seal policy.

**7b. Internal Boundaries.** This committee passed a motion to create a 7<sup>th</sup> zone at the August 2019 meeting. This bylaw change just divides Zone 6 along Venice Blvd. Venice would be the southern border of Z6 and the Northern border of Z7. Approved: 8 yes 2 No 1 abstain.

**7c. Governing Board.** This Bylaw changes will deal with the composition of the board, increasing/decreasing or leaving the board seats at 13. Due to time constraints, and more information needed this item was tabled until next meeting. Working committee formed to bring back suggestions (Melissa Stoller, Annie Bickertan, Andrea Ambriz and Holly Tilson. Seme Park stated she would work on census information of each zone and report back to the Chair.

**#8: Announcements:** None.

**#9 Next Scheduled Meeting:** Wednesday – December 18, 2019, 6PM

Location: Windward School - 11350 Palms Blvd, Room 1030

**#10 Meeting Adjourned: 7:25PM**