



# Mar Vista Community Council



## MINUTES

### Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 7:00pm

Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium  
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066

1. **Call to order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:04
2. **Presentation of flag and pledge of allegiance**
3. **Roll Call** – Call of the roll and certification of a quorum

**Attending (12):**

Elliot Hanna  
Marty Rubin  
Mary Hruska  
Holly Tilson  
Michelle Krupkin  
Stacy Shure  
Armond Seretti  
Andrea Ambriz  
Gabriel Hill  
Selena Inouye  
Rob Kadota  
Christine Stemar  
Kathryn Wheeler

4. **Community memorial observations** - None
5. **Announcements**

**Tyler La Ferrierre** - Presented information on presentations and services that will be available at the July 13, 2019 Art Crawl. He is serving as a Micro-Mobility Ambassador for the event. Krupkin asked if a representative from the organizations hosting the event would reach out to either the Great Streets Subcommittee or the Education, Arts, and Culture Committee to coordinate. As yet, no one yet has responded to her inquiries. La Ferrierre responded he will have someone do so.

**Rob Kadota** - LAPD will be having its pancake breakfast on 7/13/2019

6. **Public Comment for Items NOT on This Agenda**

**Kathryn Wheeler** - Wanted to follow up with the research she'd committed to do at the June BOD meeting regarding the recent NC Elections. She'd made a Public Records Act request and obtained all relevant documents regarding challenges, and will present same at the next meeting of the Elections and Bylaws Committee. At the time she'd gotten the contact information from those who'd wanted further information but has not heard back from them. Asked again, for folks to contact her with any questions.

**Andrea Ambriz** - Asked if she'd share the results.

**Wheeler** - Some concerns were affirmed, some were not. One issue was Electioneering within 100 feet of the polling place. As it turns out the sign precluding such activity was placed, by the City Clerk, 72-78 feet from the polling station, not 100 feet, making this statute difficult to enforce, The other issue concerned placement of

election signs. There were inconsistencies in how the regulations regarding this were presented to the candidates and this presents an opportunity for clarifying this protocol for future elections. She added that all the challenges were made by candidates.

**Howard Weisberg** - Discussed the Parking Demand Study that was approved by CD11 last year. A liaison was selected (Alek Bartrousoff) and an MVCC Working Group created. There were 2 meetings held and a Statement of Work presented., and discussions of the project's scope and objectives were under way. At that point CD11 announced that they were not going to proceed with the project because this would be something that would be undertaken by the Dept of City Planning as part of the Community Plan update now under way. Subsequent communications from DCP to the Community Plan Committee revealed that no such study will be undertaken by them, and Dr Weisberg requested that the MVCC continue to advocate for it.

**Kalani Whittington** - Mentioned that she'd read that number of scooters in LA will increase from 4000 to 20000 and that these need to be licensed, taxed and regulated. Also mentioned the health concerns related to the homeless encampment under the 405 and how these pose a risk to s=those (like herself) with compromised immune systems. Mentioned that she believes that vendor cartels have set up on Sepulveda, Sawtelle and National, and these are competing with local brick and mortar businesses.

**Lenore French** - Added some additional information on the Art Crawl

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.

**Ambriz/Wheeler/Martin Rubin/Michelle Krupkin/Mary Hruska/ArmondSeretti** - Mentioned speaking with Chair regarding committee appointments.

**Elliot Hanna** - Spoke with Holly Tilson regarding funding motions and with all BOD members regarding committee assignments

**Krupkin/Hruska** - Spoke with committee member regarding venue scheduling

**Stacy Shure** - Spoke with DCP, CD11/CD5 and BOD members regarding agenda item 15.2

**Seretti** - Spoke with ~40 stakeholders of Zone 4 regarding agenda item 15.1

**Tilson** - Spoke with BOD members regarding funding motions on the agenda

8. **Adoption of the Agenda**

**Shure** - Expressed concern as to BOD ability to address item 15.2 as this item has certain time constraints.

**Hanna** - Will ensure that we get to it

**Ambriz** - Moved to suspend agenda and address all item 15 motions before item 11 as CD11 representative needs to leave early, in case these bring up any questions that CD11 can respond to.

Motion Failed (3 ayes, four noes, 5 abstentions)

Agenda adopted without objection

9. **Reading and approval of minutes** – Reading and approval of the minutes from the most recent regular meeting(s) of the Board of Directors.

**Wheeler/Ambriz/Shure/Krupkin/Rubin** - Offered corrections

**Gabriel Hill** - Joined meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion to approve (**Wheeler/Seretti**) the May 21, 2019 and June 18, 2019 minutes. Approved by unanimous consent.

10. **Reports**

10.1. **Elected Official and City Department Reports**

**Hannah Levien/CD11**: Announced that she would have to leave early. Other announcements:

- 1) There will be 2 LANOW free shuttle buses at the 7/13 Art Crawl (Sawtelle to Beach). Will have code: RIDELANOW. Remainder of LANOW shuttles will be available that day covering their usual routes for a nominal fare.
- 2) Metro Bike Share bikes will be available as well
- 3) There will be no closures of Venice Blvd. One closure on Wasatch from Venice Blvd to Pacific Ave for a Micro Mobility demonstration.
- 4) Presented one report and three motions regarding Homelessness addressed by CD11. One was a report by Dept of Sanitation regarding new initiatives relating to homeless encampments (HOPE, OHS, CSLA, CARE and CARE+ teams).

LASAN Homeless Service Initiatives

Second was CF 19-1709 - Pilot program in CD11 to augment the above efforts by LASAN with attendant-supported restrooms and wash stations.

Third was CF-14-0655-S8 - A request for a report to the City Council by LAHSA on the effectiveness of Coordinated Entry System (CES) for matching homeless to services

Fourth was CF-14-1499-S7 - An amendment to the motion to include a report to the City Council by LASAN, LAPD and LAHSA on the effectiveness of LAPD assistance with CARE team deployment

Council just signed a contract with the Conservation Corps (Under LASAN) to augment services such as pothole repairs, graffiti removal, improving TAT on such services.

CD11 Campaign Finance Reform Motion was passed by the City Council before recess.

**Shure** - Thanked Levien for assistance with Land Use issues

**Hruska** - Thanked Levien for assistance in repaving Mountain View between Stanwood & Indianapolis

**Vanessa Serrano** - July 3030 Homelessness Liaison Meeting, City Hall, Controller's Room 6:30-8:30

Three Election Feedback Sessions will be presented by DONE and the City Clerk: Dates - July 30, July 31 and Aug 1 from 6-9 PM

Currently accepting By-Laws Amendments until April 15, 2020

**Hanna** - Asked about updated DONE contact info training for new board members.

**Serrano** - Responded that DONE is a bit behind on this due to the elections' overlap with the department's rolling out of its new Cornerstone certification program

**Gabriel Hill** - Asked if there is any update on status of certain candidates' violations? Vanessa responded that some letters of reprimand were issued but no candidates were disqualified. Suggested that anyone with recommendations on how the process can be improved attend one of the aforementioned Election Feedback Sessions.

**Hill** - asked if the violations would be posted on the DONE website. Vanessa responded no, that the City Clerk handles all of that.

**Ambriz** - Asked what other NCs have done with regard to election violations. Serrano responded that they are moving forward.

**Seretti** - Referencing a comment made at the June BOD meeting, asked if DONE sponsors any conflict-resolution workshops. Vanessa responded that DONE has a list of providers that provide this service, but it must be funded by the individual NC.

Short discussion followed on possibly scheduling a BOD to address conflict resolution by the BOD itself.

## **10.2. Officer Reports**

**10.2.1. Chair** – Elliot Hanna – No report

**10.2.2. 1st Vice-Chair** – Marty Rubin – No report

**10.2.3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair** – Michelle Krupkin - Dealing with committee scheduling. Looking forward to the meeting with the committees in order to be able to work more seamlessly with venues and reaching out to more venues in Mar Vista.

**10.2.4. Secretary** – Mary Hruska - Reviving the areas on the website where motions have been posted. Also, trying to find a way to post and redisplay all the documentation and links the community planning committee has in one localized area as opposed to attachments.

**Kadota** - Asked if new MVCC emails have been updated. Chair responded that new Board emails that have been submitted to him by board members have been sent to the Web Corner for activation.

**10.2.5. Treasurer** – Holly Tilson - Everyone received a treasurer report. MVCC received \$42K this year. Everyone will receive whatever their carryover was, up to \$10K. MVCC's carryover was approximately \$7.5K. It also received a check of approximately \$2.9K from the insurance company for the stolen property. These additional funds will be available after August 1st, after which the budget will be revised to include these funds. A budget revision will be submitted in either August or September. Explanation regarding funding items:

**Kadota** - Asked the amount of the insurance payment. Tilson/Hanna responded between \$2,800 and \$3,000

- i. 12.1 is a place holder, not being revised yet.
- ii. 12.2 is the approval of the MERR and, for information, there has to be a board action certification (BAC) which are the forms they are filled out when they go to fund items. They are uploaded to the city site.
- iii. 12.3/12.4 are payment they couldn't make with city funds during the lockout period where the checkbook/credit card couldn't be used. 12.5.1/2: The city requested a separate motion when they have to reimburse people. An additional motion must be submitted. Only board members can be reimbursed and only up to \$1,000/fiscal year. If you use your private credit card, it has to be a pre-approved expense with original receipt and bank card statement.

- iv. 12.6 is for business cards. For the past three years, we have only purchased business cards for board members. This was added to the motion for committee of chairs who are not board members.
- v. 12.7 is a meeting that should be from last year's budget, but couldn't be paid – there had to be another motion to pay it.
- vi. 12.8 is the appointment of financial officers for which the city requested a separate BAC. To vote, all members must complete ethics and funding training. The funding training is now every two years, as opposed to indefinitely. Training can be found on LACity.org.

**10.3. Zone Director reports –**

**10.3.1. Zone 1** – Stacy Shure - The Westside Village Homeowners' Association is going to arrange a non-PLUM meeting with the developer for the development at Palms and Sepulveda at the suggestion CD5's Land Use Deputy's suggestion. Not optimistic regarding the outcome. Three more developers have filed for Overland. One of these is Oakmont in addition to the 2 they have pending. St. John's church will be a safe haven parking lot for the homeless. They are working out the technicalities now. October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the emergency preparation fair at St. John's church at 6:30 p.m.

**10.3.2. Zone 2** – Marty Rubin – The North Westdale Neighborhood Association hosted Councilmember Mike Bonin on June 26<sup>th</sup>. He gave a 20 min PowerPoint presentation and received questions and comments for the following hour. The new members of the MVCC Board introduced themselves at the start of the meeting. Opportunity for BOD to communicate with Z2 residents afterward. BSS started work on large "dip" on Barrington btwn Brookhaven & Sardis and on June 25. Primo's doughnuts, a Z2 institution will hold their 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary celebration on Aug 3, 9-Noon. SMO is currently closed completely for a few days to facilitate removal of parts of its now defunct runway. Will also be closed, for the same purpose, for a few days in August.

**10.3.3. Zone 3** – Mary Hruska - Announced the Stanwood/Indianapolis intersection was paved for the first time in twenty years. She has been working with stakeholders on Grandview as far as working with North Venice Little League to discuss some changes they want to make to the ball-field.

**10.3.4. Zone 4** – Armond Seretti – Regarding dirt alleys : Over 40 people have complained about needles in their backyards, people carrying weapons, and residents being terrorized by persons using these alleys. Has been working Captain Morrison, of Pacific Division, on trying to find solutions to these issues and how to move forward to keep the neighborhoods as safe as possible, while respecting everyone involved's humanity.

**10.3.5. Zone 5** – Michelle Krupkin – Provided an updated on a shooting on June 24 on Grandview and Washington. Also, there was a fatal accident on Venice and Grandview on July 5 at 2 AM in which the car hit a pole. Driver was killed. Z5 is looking forward to Venice Art Crawl.

**10.3.6. Zone 6** – Holly Tilson – Received a few calls about the growing homeless encampments, which are filtering down on the south side of Venice, between Centinela and Wasatch, near the adjacent commercial strip there. Also, because of the large parkways on the northern of Z6 they seem to be attracting people who are putting up tents there. One constituent called and saw fire-trucks randomly parked in places. All seems quiet.

**10.4. Committee Reports – None**

**11. Special Orders**

- 11.1. Airport Modernization Project** – Brief presentation from Anna Kozma of JKH Consulting Services for the purpose of providing an update on the Automated People Mover and associated efforts getting

underway at the Los Angeles International Airport. – Anna Kozma of JKH Consultants not in attendance. Postponed to August meeting.

**11.2. Committee appointments for FY2019-2020** – Discussion and possible action regarding committee structure and appointments for committee chairs/co-chairs/vice-chairs for FY2019-2020.

**Hanna** - Committee structure is similar to last year's. Same top-level Committees as well as the one non-MVCC committee, the CD11/LADOT Liaison Committee. Same for WRAC. And Budget Advocates. MVCC can appoint board members to attend these, but they do not operate under DONE rules.

Tried to find a spot for everyone. Announced appointments. These will be approved via a vote by the board, but can be modified at a later date.

**Public Comment:**

**Whittington** - Expressed appreciation to all who have volunteered on these committees, and suggested that MVCC swag (including a whistle, which is quite useful in an earthquake) be continued.

**Rose Boulos** - Stakeholder since 1994 and mentioned that she'd responded to an email regarding participating in MVCC committees and responded that that she would very much like to work on the Homelessness Issues Subcommittee, and would like to request, once again, to be considered. Hanna responded that, with the exception of Exfin, anyone who attends a committee is a member of it and encouraged her to attend

**Ken Alpern** - Mentioned that structure of committees doesn't reflect the division of labor within them. The direction of a committee is determined by those who attend. Today is not an end but the beginning.

**Tyler La Ferriere** - Suggested Gabriel Hill as co-chair of Mobility

**Board Discussion:**

**Wheeler** - Thanked Chair for her assignment and especially for the creation of a renters' sub-committee for Outreach. Looks forward to working with its co-chairs to improve MVCC outreach to renters. Needs everyone's participation.

**Hill** - Asked chair to explain the individual responsibilities of the committee chair, co-chair, 1<sup>st</sup> vice chair and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair. Hanna responded that 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair designations are simply numerical. The criteria used for the selection of co-chairs was persons that have demonstrated that they work well together. Explained that he had previously used the model of making everyone on committees a co-chair however this was not successful on several committees and so he used a different model for the committee structure this year.

**Hill** - Expressed displeasure at his designation within his assigned committee. Stated that he had previously been a co-chair and should remain one. Hanna responded that he had moved to a different model for committee assignments this year, that the committee assignments, per the By-Laws, are the discretion of the chair, and encouraged him to vote against them if he feels this way.

**Rubin** - Raised point-of-order, and called the question. Seconded by Tilson

**Ambriz** - Moved to appeal the motion.

**Hanna** - informed **Ambriz** that a motion for the previous question (Call-the-Question) was not debatable.

Motion fails with only 4 Y (2/3rds required)

**Ambriz** - Suggested that all committee assignments be co-chairs. Will make motion to that end if necessary, but suggesting it now.

**Krupkin** - Stated that, based on the previous year's committee efficacy, she felt that committee structure should be merit-based.

Verbal altercation ensued between **Hill** and **Rubin** leading **Serrano** to suggest a recess.

BOD recessed at 8:30 p.m. for 5 min

Meeting resumed at 8:35 p.m.

**Wheeler** - Felt that the change from Co-Chair to Vice Chair is not a demotion. All committee members need to work as team, and the individual titles are merely a way to streamline the workflow.

**Selena Inouye** - Thanked chair for her appointment and mentioned the LA Neighborhood Council Coalition and that no one was appointed to go to this meeting. She also took the time to research the Sustainability Alliance, and it covers a lot of issues around water and power, that falls under the purview of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and would like to be appointed as the alternate person to this group. **Shure** responded that she's been attending these meetings and all have focused on planning recently, however she's glad to appoint **Inouye** as alternate.

**Tilson** - Echoed **Wheeler's** remarks

**Ambriz** - Wanted to reiterate her previous suggestion regarding committee structure. Noted that three newly elected individuals are in vice chair positions while incumbents are not. Also noted T&I chair is not a board member. Suggested it be done in the spirit of equity.

**Rubin** - Apologized for his previous behavior, and recommended a less emotional approach. Praised Chair's experience and efforts and suggested that the changes in committee structure are designed to facilitate the workflow of the committees, which had been stymied in some committees last year. He stated that he saw no ill will in the committee assignments.

**Seretti** - Suggested that individual committees could create their own titles and submit for BOD approval. Hanna thanked him stated that that's generally not how it's done.

**Hill** - Stated since all BOD members were elected, they should all have equal responsibility on committees. Doesn't feel that this is the best structure for people who got elected.

**Shure** - Stated that all previous points are valid; that committee assignments are not necessarily reflective of a lack of confidence or of having been elected. Speaks more to individual involvement and knowledge that people bring. Many valued persons working on committees are not elected. Does not feel that one has to be elected to the board to hold a leadership position and do the work of a committee. Mentioned last year's appointments that were unsuccessful and requested the Chair keep open lines of communication with committees regarding reorganizing the current assignments based on need and performance. **Hanna** agreed to do so.

**Ambriz** - Mentioned that Community Plan has only a chair. Stated that that was one of her committee choices and she would like to be considered as co-chair, to bring a different perspective. Shure responded that she's still a co-chair of the committee. **Hanna** responded that he is willing to consider changes in committee assignments, but at a later date.

**Kadota** - Suggested Hill as co-chair of Mobility Committee. Hanna responded that he will consider changes, but at a later date

**Seretti** - Moved to approve the appointments (called the question). Seconded by **Wheeler**

**Ambriz** - Moved to appeal the motion.

**Hanna** - Stated that a motion for the previous question (call the question) is not debatable and cannot be appealed.

**Ambriz** - Asked to consult Rosenberg's Rules of Order.

**Hanna** - Stated that **Seretti's** motion is in order and, as such, a vote would immediately ensue. Asked **Ambriz** if she wished to appeal the ruling of the Chair.

**Ambriz** - Stated that she wished to appeal the motion to vote on the committee assignments

**Hanna** - Stated that her motion is out of order, and that **Ambriz's** option is to appeal the ruling of the Chair that **Seretti's** motion is in order, not to appeal **Seretti's** motion to vote on the assignments.

**Ambriz** - Responded no, that she's moving to amend **Seretti's** motion and adopt the motion with an edit making all the committee positions co-chairs.

**Hanna** - Chair rules the motion out-of-order because the bylaws provide that the Chair designates the committee appointments, which are approved by the Board but not amendable by the Board.

**Ambriz** - Stated that, "for the record, the motion is in order house members. I would like for us to consider this. If this is the Chair's decision that is separate from the Council. The Council is allowed to take a vote on a motion that is made."

**Hanna** - Stated that that is incorrect and the motion in question is that made by **Seretti**, with a second by **Wheeler**, to approve the appointments of the chair

Vote was then taken:

- Ayes - Tilson, Serretti, Stemar, Shure, Hruska, Krupkin, Rubin, Wheeler, Inouye
- Noes - Hill, Kodota, Ambriz
- Abstentions - Hanna

The motion to approve the appointments of the Chair passed with nine ayes, three noes, and one 1 abstention

### **11.3 Revisions to Standing Rules** - Discussion and possible action regarding revisions to the Standing Rules recommended by the Elections & By-Laws Committee in May, 2019.

**Hanna** - These came from the Elections & Bylaws Committee about a month before elections so there was no time to look them over, and I feel the new Board needs to look these over and come back with a proposal.

#### **Public Comment:**

**Robin Doyno** - Stated that standing rules should not be adopted until bylaws are revised.



**Wayne Wheeler** - Was concerned that there would be a vote tonight, and was concerned given that there are still issues that need to be addressed. Is relieved to hear that this is not the case.

**Alpern** - Suggested that maybe there should be some elaboration on 11K, to the effect that only the Chair can speak for the BoD. Elaborate on empowerment vs responsibility.

**Whittington** - Urged the BoD not to get bogged down in over-analysis/paralysis

#### Board Discussion:

**Kadota** - Mentioned the importance of a board retreat for the distribution of Rosenberg's Rules of Order, the bylaws and standing rules so that there is common ground before we adopt any new rules. Pointed out 13B, the Neighborhood Council Code of Conduct. This is the biggest change in our Standing Rules and also a positive change, and the BOD needs to become familiar with all of these before moving on the changes.

**Wheeler** - questioned whether BOD considering this a Brown Act violation since there's no documentation that the Elections/Bylaws Committee had completed review. **Hanna** responded that it did come back to the BOD as a Director's Motion, so it is in order.

**Wheeler** - Stated that numerous changes and the BOD should have the opportunity to review. Thinks it should be tabled.

**Seretti** - Made motion to table the item. Hanna suggested modifying the motion to sending them to go ExFin as Standing rules are largely about how BOD conducts business.

**Kadota** - Thinks it's significant enough that it should back to Election & Bylaws

**Inouye** - Mentioned that she had been a stakeholder participant in the previous review process and would like to make a motion to send it back to Election & ByLaws. There should be an opportunity for the new board to look at this and the changes therein.

**Hanna** - Requested that this motion have a due date.

**Inouye** - Deferred the due date to the new Chair and Vice-Chair of Elections and Bylaws. Moved to commit Standing Rules back to Election & Bylaws.

#### Public Comment:

**Adriana De La Cruz** - Recommended BoD table the Standing Rules and send to Elections/Bylaws

**Alpern** - Hopefully we can streamline and prioritize them.

**De La Cruz** - Sending Standing Rules back to E&B would give the new chairs the respect of directing the process and allow for transparency.

#### Board Discussion:

**Rubin** - Stated that he is not an authority on Standing Rules. His understanding of Standing Rules is that they are designed to facilitate how the BoD conducts business. As such advocates for Standing Rules to go to ExFin for review. This would be quicker than going to E&B.

**Kadota** - Given the nature of voting in ExFin - only the ExFin Committee members vote - there would be greater opportunity for participation if they go the E&B. ExFin can also review but the yeoman's part of the

work should be done in E&B. Would also amend the motion to come back to the BOD no later than the September meeting. Motion was seconded by **Seretti**.

**Public Comment**- None

**Board Discussion**:

**Wheeler** - Unclear which committee the rules are being remanded to.

**Hanna** - Explains that the Code of Conduct is a new addition, and agreed that people should have the opportunity to review this. Other revisions are removal of the Tent Policy, which is a Policy, not a Standing Rule. There will be 3-4 "packages" the sum total of which is the current version of the Standing Rules with policies and the addition of the Code of Conduct.

**Wheeler** - Time frame seems too short

**Tilson** - Two meetings might not be enough but, if we don't finish, at least we have a reason.

**Hanna** - Not having a time stipulation wasn't a productive way to do things last year. Didn't get results back until ten months later.

Vote to remand the Standing Rules to Elections & by-Laws with to amendment to include report back date of September, 2019. The motion passed by a vote of eleven ayes and two noes.

**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.**

**Public Comment** -None

**Board Discussion** – None

Motion to approve by **Hruska**, seconded by **Wheeler**. Approved by unanimous consent

- 12.1. **[FUNDING][ExFin] Revisions to FY2019-2020 (if required)** – Discussion and possible action regarding revisions to the FY2019-2020 budget. – **No action taken**
- 12.2. **[FUNDING][ExFin] Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report** – The Mar Vista Community Council approves the Monthly Expenditure Report for June, 2019
- 12.3. **[FUNDING][Tilson] StorQuest payment** – The Mar Vista Community Council approves an expenditure in the amount of \$461.00 for the month of June, 2019 for storage locker rental at StorQuest.
- 12.4. **[FUNDING][Tilson] MailChimp payment** - The Mar Vista Community Council approves an expenditure in the amount of \$27.00 for the month of June, 2019 for the MailChimp e-mail service.
- 12.5. **[FUNDING][ExFin] Board member reimbursements** –
  - 12.5.1. The Mar Vista Community Council approves a reimbursement in the amount of \$461.00 to Elliot Hanna for the StorQuest payment for June, 2019 (see 12.3).
  - 12.5.2. The Mar Vista Community Council approves a reimbursement in the amount of \$27.00 to Elliot Hanna for the MailChimp subscription payment for June, 2019 (see 12.4).
- 12.6. **[FUNDING][ExFin] Approval of business-card expenditure** - The Mar Vista Community Council approves an expenditure not to exceed \$1,000.00 for business cards for new board members and committee chairs/co-chairs/vice-chairs.
- 12.7. **[FUNDING][Tilson] Room rental expenditure** - The Mar Vista Community Council approves an expenditure not to exceed \$25.00 for room rental at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church for the June, 2019 Board of Directors' meeting.

**12.8. [FUNDING][Tilson] Appointment of financial officers** - the Mar Vista Community Council reaffirms the following financial officers (previously approved/ratified at the 6/18/2019 Board of Directors' meeting as part of the FY 2019-2020 Administrative Packet): Card Holder-Elliot Hanna, Chair; Treasurer-Holly Tilson; Second Signer-Martin Rubin, First Vice-Chair; Alternate Signer-Michelle Krupkin, Second Vice-Chair.

**13. Excluded Consent Items – None**

**14. Unfinished Business and General Orders – None**

**Hruska** made motion to move up to move up item 15.3 to before 15.1. Seconded by **Wheeler**. Motion approved without objection

**15. New Business**

**15.3. [ADMINISTRATIVE][Shure] Participation in the Neighborhood Council Alliance for Sustainability –** Discussion and possible action regarding joining the Neighborhood Council Alliance for Sustainability and making appointments thereto

Public comment – None

Board Discussion

**Inouye** - Suggested someone from T&I be an alternate to this.

**Shure** - Concurred

**De La Cruz** - Stated that she would like to be considered a second alternate.

**Hanna** - Stated that he would consider second alternates at the next BOD meeting

Motion was approved by unanimous consent

**15.1. [POLICY][Hanna] Stepped up enforcement for possession and/or sale of controlled substances –** Discussion and possible action regarding a request to the Los Angeles Police Department for stepped up enforcement for possession and/or sale of controlled substances (amphetamines, cocaine, crack, heroin, opiates, ketamine, ecstasy, etc.) that result in the arrest of the offending individual for prosecution under California health and Safety Codes 11350, 11351, 11377, 11378 in our community at, but not limited to, the Venice/405 encampment area.

**Hanna** - This came from the Homeless Issues Subcommittee late in the year. I am bringing back as a Director's Motion because I feel it has merit and, technically, with a new term, all unfinished business sunsets.

Public Comment:

**Alpern** - Regardless of the issue of whether someone has the right to be homeless in a given spot, I don't think anyone has the right to do drugs (i.e. break the law) in a public venue

**Whittington** - the encampment under the 405 has been plagued with drug use and shootings.

Board Discussion:

**Wheeler** - Can we amend the motion to remove the reference to the unanimous motion by the Homeless Issues Committee as she cannot find any record of this action in their minutes?

**Hanna** – Suggested it be remanded to the Homeless Issues Subcommittee for further consideration.

**Wheeler** - Agreed and added that this would permit the inclusion of recent strides on the issue made by the city.

Wheeler made motion to so do which was seconded by Rubin

**Public Comment:**

Unidentified Stakeholder - Agreed

**Board Discussion:**

**Seretti** - Would like to get this done asap due to number of residents affected by this along Venice, Grand View and Pacific. Has been told by LAPD that if they see someone doing drugs it's a 911 but it's also super low priority. Would like to amend this to include all the encampments along Venice Blvd and the adjacent streets, to maintain the progress and intent of the Great Street.

**Hanna** - Noted the time limitations of the evening and suggested it be remanded to the Homeless Issues Committee or remain as unfinished business.

**Seretti** - Concurred

Motion committed to the Homeless Issues Subcommittee, by unanimous consent, to be discussed and reworded.

- 15.2. [POLICY][Shure] Enforcement regarding Ellis Act conversions** - Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution calling upon the City Council and Department of Planning to enforce Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.95.2(F)(6) for Ellis Act condo conversion Permits and Entitlements.

**Shure** – Described Ellis Act, a 1985 state statute which permits landlord/owners to remove rental units from the market under certain conditions. In order to enact Ellis and still protect Rent Stabilized tenants, cities adopted their own municipal codes to provide additional protection. In Los Angeles it is the municipal code 12.95.2 (F)(6) which says that if the local vacancy rate is at 5% or less, and the removal of the RSO units would significantly impact the inventory of affordable units, the Ellis conversion must be denied. The Dept of City Planning consistently fails to enforce this statute going back to 2011, when vacancy rates fell to under 5%. In 2006 Councilmember Rosendahl sponsored a motion mandating that DCP enforce 12.95.2 (F)(6). It was not approved by the Council Housing Committee. The motion is still pending. Councilman Bonin has asked for a report on why this statute is not being enforced. She feels that the MVCC should be at the forefront of this and the motion would put us there.

The effect of passing this motion will be a formal record that the city and the Los Angeles Department of City Planning (DCP) have been informed that this is the official position of the council. Any small lot subdivision plan that she receives, from this day forward, is if it's displacing people in rent-controlled units, will be made aware, that the development will not be considered by PLUM and the MVCC will send a recommendation to DCP that their application should be denied.

## Public Comment

**Whittington** - Instead of putting a bandage on the homeless issues, it would be in the best interest to prevent people from falling in the cracks in the first place. After they do fall through the cracks it becomes much more difficult and expensive to help them. Suggestion is to expand rent control to buildings back to 1998. If you haven't made a return on your investment then you're not succeeding as a businessman.

**Alpern** - The problem on this issue is the discrepancy between what public officials say and what they do. If they simply followed the law it would reduce homelessness. If we had listened to Bill Rosendahl, we would have more affordable housing now.

**De La Cruz** – Supported the motion,

## Board Discussion

**Inouye** - Are you going to fill out a CIS form?

**Shure** - No. Bonin's motion is merely for a report, and Rosendahl's motion has not yet been acted upon. We will be sending an advisory notice to DCP, CD11 and 5 that we are opposed to any development that will displace RSO tenants and to please support our position.

**Hruska** - This affects a lot of subdivisions conversions. There are at least three going on right now. This something we can really make a difference with.

**Ambriz** - You mentioned that the automatic response for the council will be denial. Is there any room for any additional considerations if the PLUM Chair, Vice-Chair, or any other stakeholder asks for special consideration?

**Shure** - I would consider talking to the Board Chair to make a motion for an exception for a developer that has already relocated tenants to other affordable housing. I have at least six developers doing this and we have 9 more coming at us.

Motion was approved by unanimous consent

## **16. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.**

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