



Mar Vista Community Council



Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 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 7:05 PM.

2. Presentation of flag and pledge of allegiance

Mary Hruska led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll call – Call of the roll and certification of a quorum

Attending (12):

Andrea Ambriz
Elliot Hanna
Gabriel Hill
Mary Hruska
Selena Inouye
Rob Kadota
Michelle Krupkin (*Arrived at 7:12 PM*)
Martin Rubin
Stacy Shure
Armond Seretti
Holly Tilson
Kathryn Wheeler

Not in Attendance (1):

Christine Stemar

4. Community memorial observations

None.

5. Announcements

None.

6. Public comment for items NOT on this agenda

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.

Selena Inouye: Said she would have to recuse herself from agenda items 15.8 and 15.10.

Andrea Ambriz: Had no conflicts to declare.

Gabriel Hill: Had no conflicts to declare.

Rob Kadota: Had no conflicts to declare.

Kathryn Wheeler: Said that she talked to Tilson about funding matters. She spoke with Hruska and emailed Inouye about the T&I Survey. She spoke to Rubin regarding Outreach matters.

Martin Rubin: Had no conflicts to declare. He said that he had a couple conversations with board members.

Elliot Hanna: Had no conflicts to declare. He said he had spoken to all of the board members about the mechanics of different agenda items.

Mary Hruska: Had no conflicts to declare.

Stacy Shure: Said she had no conflict to declare but there was a PLUM matter being heard at the meeting, for which she had led community engagement meetings with the developer and the homeowners associations for eight months which led to their approval and presentation.

Armond Seretti: Said he spoke with Bill Bahen regarding the Zone 4 director opening.

Holly Tilson: Had no conflicts to declare. She said she spoke with half the board about various agenda items.

8. **Adoption of the agenda**

Inouye moved to suspend the rules to hear all of the reports, (items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4) at the end of agenda. Ambriz seconded.

Board Comment:

Inouye: Requested to also skip any agenda items that Committee Chairs felt could wait so that they could avoid holding a special meeting to complete the essential items on the agenda.

Shure objected to the motion.

Shure: Said the work of the MVCC was predominately done in committees and thus should remain in their original agenda order.

With 4 no votes, 2 abstentions, and 5 yes votes the amendment to the agenda was approved.

Kadota moved hear 15.5 after the Consent Calendar. **Ambriz** seconded.

Without objection the amendment to the agenda was approved.

Without objection the agenda as amended was adopted.

Michelle Krupkin arrived at 7:12 PM.

9. **Approval of minutes** – Approval of the minutes from the November 25, 2019 and December, 2019 meetings of the Board of Directors.

Hanna: Apologized and said he made an error in the packet; the minutes in the packet were not correct. However, he did provide the minutes to the board and he also had hard copies for the November 25th and December 10th meetings.

Wheeler: Said she had emailed corrections already. She said on page 3 of the 11/25 minutes “\$250” should have been “\$2,500”.

Rubin: Said there had not been enough time to review the 12/10 minutes.

Rubin moved to postpone the approval of the 12/10/19 until the next MVCC meeting. **Ambriz** seconded.

Without objection the approval of the 12/10/19 MVCC meeting minutes were postponed until the next meeting.

Wheeler moved to approve the 11/25/19 MVCC meeting minutes. **Hill** seconded.

Board Comment:

Krupkin: Said she would email small corrections.

*Without objection the 11/25/19 MVCC meeting minutes as amended were approve. **Ambriz** abstained.*

NOTE: Per the amended agenda, the board next heard item 11.1. For document structural purposes the agenda has been left in its original order.

~~10. Reports~~

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

~~10.2. Officer Reports~~

~~10.2.1. Chair~~ – Elliot Hanna

~~10.2.2. 1st Vice Chair~~ – Martin Rubin

~~10.2.3. 2nd Vice Chair~~ – Michelle Krupkin

~~10.2.4. Secretary~~ – Mary Hruska

~~10.2.5. Treasurer~~ – Holly Tilson

~~10.3. Zone Director Reports~~

~~10.3.1. Zone 1~~ – Stacy Shure

~~10.3.2. Zone 2~~ – Martin Rubin

~~10.3.3. Zone 3~~ – Mary Hruska

~~10.3.4. Zone 4~~ – Armond Seretti

~~10.3.5. Zone 5~~ – Michelle Krupkin

~~10.3.6. Zone 6~~ – Holly Tilson

~~10.4. Committee Reports~~

- ~~10.4.1. Elections & Bylaws~~
- ~~10.4.2. Planning and Land Use Management~~
- ~~10.4.3. Public Health & Safety~~
- ~~10.4.4. Education, Arts, and Culture~~
- ~~10.4.5. Transportation & Infrastructure~~
- ~~10.4.6. Community Outreach~~

11. Special Orders

11.1. Short presentation from Captain III Steven Embrich, Commanding Officer, Pacific Area, L.A.P.D. – Short presentation and a brief Q&A period with the new Commanding Officer of L.A.P.D., Pacific Area.

Hanna: Introduced the new at LAPD Pacific division area commander, Captain III Steven Embrich.

Captain III Steven Embrich: Said he wanted to come to the meeting to introduce himself to the community. He was replacing Captain Jim Seltzer, who would now be in charge of the critical Incident Review Division downtown, which has oversight over the City's use-of-force review protocols. Embrich introduced Mar Vista's new Senior Lead Officer, Officer Karwon Villery.

Officer Karwon Villery: Said he wanted to let the community know what he was there for them. He had worked in the Pacific area for the past 10 years. His last assignment was dealing with the Manchester Square area near the airport, which was overrun with homeless encampments. He was part of clearing the area to get it ready for a new conference center. He said he was glad to be part of the team and looked forward to working with everyone in the community.

Embrich: Said one of his first decisions in coming to the Pacific Area was to find a replacement SLO for the Mar Vista area, since the last two SLOs were promoted out and there was about a 2 month period where there was no SLO for the area. He said they looked for somebody who was going to work really hard to be responsive to the community. There were many good candidates, but Officer Villery stood head and shoulders above the rest. He was confident Villery was a good selection for the position and would work well with the community. Embrich said he had worked in 12 divisions over the course of 26 years, but this was his first time working in the Pacific Division so he wanted to listen and learn from the community and apply some of the principles they'd applied in other divisions. He came from the West Valley where they had a 13% reduction in crime last year. The Pacific Area only had a 1% reduction in crime last year, so they did not meet their goal. Officer Villery was part of their strategy in trying to meet that goal this year. He asked if the board would like to hear about a recent Officer-Involved-Shooting. **Hanna:** Said they would. **Embrich:** Said it was an ongoing investigation, so he would not be purposely evasive but there some questions he could not answer. He said that last Saturday, Pacific area officers responded to a radio call about a man with a gun. A primary unit was assigned and other officers in the area were available, so three cars headed to the Shell Station at Venice and Sepulveda. A supervisor was also dispatched; in any potential use of force situations, a LAPD Supervisor is always dispatched. In this case, the supervisor was the first one who ran into a person who met the suspect's description. The suspect produced what appeared to be a weapon and an officer involved shooting occurred. He said the Use of Force Review was conducting an investigation. He asked if they would like him to explain how they review Use of Force. They indicated that they would. He said that any Officer-Involved-Shooting would be categorized as either a "Categorical Use of Force" or a "Non-Categorical Use of Force." Any Officer-Involved-Shooting is a Categorical Use of Force, which required more level of review. They have the Force Investigation Division, an outside entity within the department, conduct an investigation. In the case of other types of Use of Force, such as wrist locks, they do an internal review. The Force Investigation Division responds to more serious uses of force. Representatives from the Inspector General's office and a reviewer from the district attorney's office also investigate to see if there was any crime that the officer could be prosecuted for. It is a very thorough review. They canvas and interview witnesses. Involved officers are immediately separated, monitored by a supervisor and interviewed

separately to make sure they can't conspire to change their stories together. This extensive first preliminary investigation took about 6 hours in this case. Within three days, they have what's called a "72 hour review." This was scheduled for the next day. They would make a presentation, along with investigators from the Force Investigation Division, to the Chief of Police. The purpose of this presentation is for the Chief to learn if there are any community concerns and to review the officer's work history to see if there are any risk management issues. Every officer involved in a Categorical Use of Force is provided a general training update, in which seven mandatory subjects are covered. All of their employees meet with psychologists from the Behavioral Science Division which provide a recommendation, to Embrich and the Patrol Captain, on whether the officer should be returned to duty. Based on all of that input, the Police Chief decides whether the officer should be put back in the field. The LAPD's policy is that any officer involved in a shooting shall not return to the field prior to 14 days. The Force Investigation Division continues their review and 6-8 months later they do an extensive presentation to the Use of Force Review Committee. They then do a secondary presentation to the Chief of Police on their recommendation of the findings, whether the shooting was in policy or out of policy, and a review of the tactics before, during and after the shooting. After this, the Chief of Police does a presentation to the Board of Police Commissioners. He said this was one of the most detailed review processes in the nation. He asked if they had any questions.

Hill: Asked if the officer was wearing a body camera. **Embrich:** Said yes, they were. All officers are equipped with body cameras and their vehicles have in-car video as well. They are required to turn their videos on when they are in contact with the public. He said the officer in question did have his equipment but due to the investigation Embrich could not give more details on that. But, he could tell them that they also acquired the surveillance footage from the Shell Station. He said that within 45 days of a Categorical Use of Force the department is required to publicly release its preliminary findings of that investigation, and the video footage can be found on YouTube.

Wayne Wheeler: Said he had heard there was question of jurisdiction, since it was on the border of Mar Vista and Culver City. **Embrich:** Said the shooting happened right on the boundary between LA and Culver City. The radio call originated on the LAPD side of the street, however the suspect was encountered on the Culver City side. **Wheeler:** Asked if they could engage when the incident is on the Culver Side. **Embrich:** Said they had an obligation to do so.

Seretti: Asked if the suspect was a transient. **Embrich:** Yes, he appeared to be a transient. They were unaware of which encampment he frequented.

Hanna: Said he had heard complaints over the past couple months from Zone 1 about inattentiveness from LAPD on the part of their SLO. They expressed frustration that their SLO was not necessarily responsive to their needs. He asked if Embrich would be willing to talk to their homeowners' association to discuss that. **Embrich:** Said he would. He added that he was new to area had not yet done full assessment on how responsive the SLOs were. But that was one of his priorities, and his expectation was that if the SLOs are not tied up with something more important that day, that they should get back to you within a day. If they have the day off, they should respond to any community member within their area on the first day that they returned back to duty.

Shure: Said she was the Zone Director for Zone 1 and she also served on the Homeowners' Association. The Homeowners' Association had formally asked for meeting with Captain Seltzer but had received no response in over a year. This also included representatives of the businesses and Zone 1. So, they would like to set up a meeting. **Embrich:** Said absolutely, he would leave his card.

He asked them to please contact his staff and set up a meeting. **Shure:** Thanked him. **Hanna:** Said Captain Embrich had already responded very quickly to emails.

Rubin: Welcomed Captain Embrich. He said he was the Zone Director of Zone 2, and their Homeowners' Association had set up a meeting with the former SLO Jennifer Muther on 1/22/20 at 7:00PM at St. Andrew's Church on National Blvd. He asked if Officer Villery was available to come in her stead. **Villery:** Said he would be there.

Inouye: Said she was an At-Large Director, meaning she interacted with stakeholders all around Mar Vista. She was recently trying to help stakeholder connect with their SLO, but when she went on the LAPD Pacific Division website she did not see a complete basic car map with the SLO's names and contact information. So, she had a little difficulty finding out who the SLO was for the stakeholder. She hoped they could update that. **Embrich:** Said absolutely. He would work with the SLOs and the community to figure out the best way to communicate. He asked if the MVCC had social media they could share information with. **Hanna:** Said they should be able to communicate via their website. He asked Wheeler if she could arrange that. **Wheeler:** Said she would give Embrich her card.

Embrich: Said that they ran in to issues in the Valley with SLOs posting on the private sites or contributing to neighborhood community council websites. If the LAPD does not administer a site, they do not control it. If derogatory or vigilante language is used on a site the LAPD does not control, and the LAPD does not see or comment on it, it may be seen as the LAPD tacitly approving it. So they will not make direct posts on neighborhood community sites, but he will make sure that all of the SLOs share their department run social media sites – Twitter, Facebook, NextDoor, and Instagram. They can share information via those sites.

Ambriz: Welcomed them to the neighborhood. She said safety is a concern in the community. She asked, based on their experience, if there were there noticeable characteristics in Mar Vista that the community should be mindful and cautious of. Was there anything they could do to facilitate their own safety. **Embrich:** Said Mar Vista's issues were similar to the issues they were facing across the city. The number one issues are homelessness and trash pick-up. He said to call 311 for bulky item pick-ups. They have a lot of area to cover, so their response is not instantaneous. The SLO can also take a lead on that. They will need to figure out these issues as a community. Bridge Housing is opening in Venice, which they will work through together as a community.

Unidentified Stakeholder: Asked if the LAPD monitored the Ring app. **Embrich:** Said they don't specifically endorse any private entities, but they do have an agreement with Ring where they provided a law enforcement portal. If they want to sign a waiver they can give law enforcement authority to access their Ring camera, so for example if there is a break-in and anything is filmed, the LAPD can have access to that video for their investigation. **Stakeholder:** Said her home was broken into 2 years ago and they gave all their surveillance footage to the LAPD and she did not know if anyone was ever caught. Since then, their whole block has had break-ins and it was not the homeless. From what she understood, it was done by a gang in Oakland. **Embrich:** Said that often the homeless undeservedly get blamed for property crimes in this area. However, there have been a rash of burglaries all over the city. He said Officer Villery was a key player in making an arrest of an organized crew recently, which has resulted in a slow-down of burglaries in the area. He asked Villery to share what happened two weeks ago.

Villery: Said they were notified by the LA Impact Unit (comprised of various agencies outside of

LAPD) that they were tracking car involved in a burglary in Claremont. A black Chevy Malibu with no plates was pulled over in Claremont. When they took the suspects out of the vehicle they found burglary tools in car – a ski mask, clubs, etc. They brought the suspects in and put a tracking device on their car. The car was tracked to a street in Mar Vista and LA Impact requested that they monitor the car while they were in the area. While we're in route to the area, the suspects came out of the house and jumped into a car and left the area. They were able to get right behind the suspects' vehicle at Beethoven and Palms. A pursuit ensued. Three suspects exited the vehicle in the Oakwood area. Two were caught, one was not. The burglary crime rate in the area has gone significantly down since then. **Embrich:** Said one of the suspects that Officer Villery arrested was also wanted in relation to a homicide that was being investigated by Westfield. **Villery:** Said he also found out in court recently that one of the suspects was also tied to 10 burglaries in Torrance. **Embrich:** Said it was ongoing investigation. Whenever they get arrests like this they try to expand the investigation and find out who their associates are. **Unidentified Stakeholder:** Asked if they were from Oakland. **Villery:** Said they were from Venice. **Embrich:** Said there was another organized crew from Oakland. These crews were known as "Knock-knock Burglars," who first case neighborhoods then typically knock on doors. If there is no answer to their knocking, they will go around the back and smash open windows or slash screens to get inside. **Villery:** Said they had big issue in Westchester where crews were targeting senior citizens. One member of the crew would knock on the door and distract the homeowner with a conversation, while the rest of the crew went around back and broke in. **Unidentified Stakeholder:** Asked if they any recommendations for how to prevent that. **Embrich:** Recommended video surveillance, communicating with your neighbors if you see anyone suspicious in the area, and reporting them to the police. **Villery:** Recommended changing your routine, such as taking different routes home from work. Senior Citizens often have a routine and opportunists can study their schedules. **Embrich:** Said car break-ins were more prolific. He told them not to leave property on the front seat of your car. Lock it, hide it, keep it. Do not leave valuables exposed.

Tilson: Said that they said that crime was down, but residents are experiencing it at an all time high. She asked him to explain that discrepancy. **Embrich:** Said that the goal for Pacific last year was to decrease crime by 1% and that goal was met. However, he understood how they would feel like it had gone up 100% when they experience it personally. Crime was down, but there was a 13% spike in aggravated assaults. So, the new command coming in was planning to change tactics. Each area only gets so many cars based on an algorithm based on population and number of radio calls generated. Last year the Pacific Division experimented with taking a car out of the patrol. Instead of responding to radio calls, this designated "Z Car" has a special assignment to work on nothing but homeless encampments. As a result, there was a 40% reduction in thefts in the 4th quarter of 2019. So, they were going to continue with that strategy and he was going to use the detective division to contribute to that effort.

Krupkin: Said she was the director for Zone 5, which includes the US Post Office. She said they do not have an active Neighborhood Association in Zone 5. The Post Office is a privately-owned property that is leased to federal government. They have worked with the Pacific Division on the homelessness issue there in the past. She wondered if there was any chance of getting bike and foot patrols in Zone 5, and all of Mar Vista – perhaps not every day, but on certain days such as during the Farmers Market. She asked if he thought foot patrols would even be effective. **Embrich:** Said he thought both foot and bike patrols were effective. But, they only had a finite set of resources. His main obligation to the community was response time. Their orders from the Chief were to respond to high priority calls in under 6 minutes. So, he could only pull so many officers out of patrol before they start to increase that response time. He was open to foot beat and bike patrols, but as he was

new to the area he had to do a cost benefit analysis on where he could move personnel.

Hanna: Thanked Captain Embrich and Officer Villery for their time.

11.2 Short presentation regarding a development at 3547 Overland Avenue – Short presentation by Kristen Lonner regarding an Oakmont Development at 3547 Overland Avenue and possible action regarding a PLUM recommendation in favor of the proposed development.

Kristen Lonner: Thanked the MVCC for having them again. She was there representing her clients, Oakmont Capital, the developers of the project. She said the MVCC had been so supportive of their projects that it had been a pleasure to come to meetings. She said this was the second project at Overland and Tabor; it would be on the northwest corner. They have been going through process of working on both projects with MVCC’s PLUM Committee for about 9 months. She was grateful for their continued support. This project would have 64 units, including 6 extremely low-income units. 100% of the market-rate units would be rent stabilized. The project was 6 stories, because that was the community’s preference. It was a mixed-use project. The base level will include 1,400 square feet of retail space. The developers do not see the retail spaces as market rate, they see them as a place to community-build. They do not want to create vacant retail spaces. The community communicated that they want spaces such as outdoor cafes with dining opportunities, small markets that they can walk to, places they can mail packages, etc. The goal was to create spaces that will be used by both the new residents of the building and the surrounding pre-existing residents as well. In an effort to improve the pedestrian experience along Overland, they intend to pave the sidewalks differently and put in landscaping and outdoor seating to draw the eye to the ground floor of the building and create a unique aesthetic. They plan to work with the community further to design unique crosswalks as well. Other community benefits will include underground powerlines along overland, sidewalk improvements and crosswalk paving. They are dedicated to making the area look beautiful. They have also heard the community’s concerns about parking and have been supporters of the parking district via letters to the City Counselor’s office. She thanked the MVCC and said she hoped they had their support.

Clarifying Board Questions:

Hill: Asked if there could be more than 6 extremely affordable units. **Lonner:** Unfortunately, they could not increase the number of those units, because of the other community benefits they were putting into the project. **Hill:** Asked about potentially painting on sidewalks.

Lonner: Said that they planned to work with community on the designs of the sidewalks.

Ambriz: Asked what the income level was to qualify for extremely low income. **Lonner:** Said that was designated by HCIDLA. She did not know the exact number of extremely low income off-hand, but she that knew that “very low” (which was one above “extremely low”) was a family of 4 making \$40,000.

Public Comment:

Newman: Said there were 64 units. He asked how many parking space there would be, per

units. **Lonner:** Said they were required to have 0.5 spaces per unit. However, based on the community's preference, they were providing a total of 69 parking spaces. **Newman:** Said that seemed like a small number of spaces. Many residents of units will have two cars and that there would be a lot of overflow into the street. **Lonner:** Said that because this is a TOS project the developers were committed to their residents understanding how that the local public transportation options work, so they are providing Metro Passes for their tenants.

Kalani Wittington: Said the developers had gone above and beyond with this project. The City only requires 0.5 spaces in this area because they are trying to discourage people from having cars, especially because the area was so close to the Palms Metro Station. The community knows they will have cars, so the developer made an effort to grant more than the required spaces. They are also not required to distribute Metro Cards. Wittington said she belonged to several planning land use committees and they had tried to get other developers to give Metro Cards and it was a battle. She said they should be grateful for these conscientious developers. She lives in the area and she supported the project.

Ken Alpern: Said in his 15-20 years involved in PLUM, he had never seen a group of developers go over every detail and listen to the community the way these developers did. He praised them for their effort.

Board Comment:

Shure: Said she wanted to give a bit of background from the PLUM Committee. At their other developments, the developer pays for expo passes, have rentable electronic vehicles for their tenants and the community, are targeting tenants in the local job creation area for the business spaces, and are providing the security enhanced measures. A Great Streets Initiative was put into effect without the input of the MVCC and which will be costly, beautiful and will change the community. This Initiative needs developers that are fully invested in it and are doing primarily most of the economics and making sure it's implemented. On behalf of Zone 1 and the Westside Village Homeowners Association, she thanked them for what they had done to improve their community. She hoped everyone on the board would vote yes.

Seretti moved to pass a recommendation in favor of the proposed development. Shure seconded.

Inouye: Asked through the whole process approximately how many stakeholders had been contacted and if there were any numbers on how many supported it and how many did not. **Shure:** Said they kept meeting until community unanimously supported it. One of their meetings had 186 Homeowners present. In the immediate area, about 8 blocks in every direction, every home was contacted by survey via PLUM.

Wheeler: Thanked Shure for her work, she'd done a great job. She said there are some stakeholders who aren't happy with it but they decided not to come to PLUM meetings because they felt they could not stop it. But, they would have preferred the building even lower. She thanked the developer for working so extensively with PLUM.

VOTE:

Yes: Inouye, Ambriz, Hill, Kadota, Hruska, Shure, Seretti, Tilson (8)

No: Wheeler, Rubin (2)

Abstain: Krupkin, Hanna (2)

With 7 yes votes the motion was approved.

11.3 Appointment of Zone 4 Director – Appointment and confirmation of a candidate to replace Armond Seretti who resigned his seat effective at the conclusion of this meeting.

Candidates are:

Bill Bahen
Malcolm Brown
Michael Millman
Page Schult
Robert Watkins
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~~Annie Bickerton~~
Vanessa Diaz

Hanna: There said were a large number of applicants – 8 in total, which he believed was a record. Annie Bickerton withdrew 2 days ago, which brought the total down to 7. The Bylaws allow each candidate to make a statement in support of his or her candidacy. He invited the candidates to come give statements.

Ambriz: Asked the candidates to speak in the order they were listed in the agenda, because she was not familiar with all of them.

Bill Bahen: Said he was interested in the position because he moved to Mar Vista 5 years ago. They moved here to get his kids into Mar Vista elementary, so they bought a home on Federal. He really believed in the community of Mar Vista. Most of his neighbors were elderly and there was a huge turnover in his neighborhood. This got him more engaged because he saw all the new development happening. He has tried to let the neighbors know what a lot of these developers are up to, from a protective standpoint. He did not want the community to continue to build just large box homes. He thought that they won't be able to have the type of community that a lot of his neighbors were able to provide for their own kids, if the community didn't try to fight back against the growth that is coming. But he thought there was a way to do it in a way that is sustainable and good for the neighborhood and their kids. He wanted his kids to continue to go to Mar Vista schools. He got a real estate license to try to figure out what was happening, such as why his neighbors were selling their homes off market and why so much development was happening. He was familiar with SB50 and knew that by 2035 there would be double the density. He wanted to be involved in making sure the change that was coming was done responsibly and lend his voice to help make good decisions for community as a whole.

Malcolm Brown: Said he had lived on McCune Avenue since 2010. He was part of was part of South Robertson Neighborhood Council 20 years ago. He recently retired and he wanted to share his experience with the MVCC.

Michael Millman: Said he was a stakeholder in Zone 4. He was Zone 4 director for several years but then did not run again. Now, his neighbors have come to him and asked him to get involved again because he was open, transparent and was able to hear and resolve their difficulties. He said he believes in consensus, civility and moving the agenda for the community. He also believed strongly in the committee system. If an issue came up through committee, he gave deference and respect to the committee's findings and did not try to relitigate it. He passed out a longer summary of his qualifications. He said Zone 4 could use 2 or 3 directors, since they have the largest institution in Mar Vista, the Windward School and a lot commercial along Venice. Zone 4 has the most concentrated cut-through traffic along their Boulevards. And there is a large encampment on Venice near 405 in Zone 4. There were many challenges but believed he could work to get resolution. His goal was to solve problems and get along with everyone.

Page Schult: Said she had lived and worked in a lot of neighborhoods in LA. She moved to Mar Vista about a year ago, when she and her partner and decided that they wanted to stay in LA for the foreseeable future. They discovered Mar Vista and realized that it was a really great place to set down roots. Professionally, she does digital strategy for a sustainability focused brand based in downtown LA. At the core of what she does is answer three questions on a daily basis: 1.) How can we create meaningful engagement? 2.) How can we show that individual impacts can lead to larger community changes? 3.) How do we define sustainability and ensure that there are policies and initiatives that support that? All these questions come back to community. She would love to bring some of the skills she learned in answering those questions to work in the community and help ensure that the neighborhood they love today can meet its needs and continue to exist the same way for generations to come.

Robert Watkins: Said he was a doctor, an orthopedic spine surgeon. He works in Marina Del Ray at Cedars Marina Hospital where he is the Chief of Staff. He has been on a lot of committees and was Chairman of the Surgery Department for a couple years. So, he deals with getting a consensus on committees on a regular basis. He grew up in South Pasadena, trained at USC for nine years and has lived in Mar Vista for 13 years. Before that he lived in Santa Monica and Venice. He loved the area, it reminds him of growing up in South Pasadena with lots of families and dogs. He encouraged many friends to move into the neighborhood because he really loved this community. This July, he woke up to the to homelessness and crime issues. He helped organize a neighborhood watch, researched intensely, made a 10-page document and a few YouTube videos that have about 5,000 views. His goal was to share information. He was disturbed that their leaders, the LA Times and other news were not talking about what the community was living with. The truth was important to him, so he would listen to the community and speak up for the truth. His goal was to make the neighborhood as livable and happy for everyone as possible. He was inspired by the neighbors he had met in the past 6 months and their effort to deal with the crisis on their streets. He was happy to see so many people applying for the position and believed together they could mobilize to accomplish a lot for the community.

Romanitchiko Samiley was not present to make a statement.

Vanessa Diaz: Said she initially became involved with the MVCC 3 years ago in the Outreach Committee. She ran for to be an At-Large Director in 2019, and now asked to be considered for Zone 4. She had participated in countless board and committee meetings, including Community Plan, Elections and Bylaws and PLUM and the Renters Subcommittee. She spent so much time outside of work and other nonprofit commitments, including established women's clubs such as EBell and Junior League, because she believed in inclusion, equity and diversity. Inclusion means more than social economics,

renters, homeowners, youth and adults. It means inclusion of those in the disability community, LGBTQ plus community, local small business owners like herself, those that speak English as a second language, and more. Inclusion means invitation for diverse stakeholders to have a seat at the table and for various voices to be heard. She believed in fairness and having constructive, meaningful dialogue. She was concerned about the fairness of this process. She did not meet with the chair, because as she understood it, he may no longer be eligible to sit on the board and vote on this vacancy. It has been publicly shared that the chair has moved out of the district and the Zone 4 director vacancy was due to a board member's intention to move out of the district. She expected the all of the members of the council to address this issue for voting reasons and related matters. The community director role is to be filled by a member that lives, works or owns property in the MVCC boundaries, and also has substantial ongoing public participation within the boundaries. Per the bylaws, Article 10, Section, she thought it was best appropriate for her to address the full council as they vote for the Zone 4 vacancy. She thought it was important for them to take this matter into consideration.

Hanna: Explained the process, per the bylaws. The chair would make appointment, which would then be subject to a period of public comment. Then there would be a public discussion, followed by a vote on the appointment. They needed a majority vote for the appointment to be approved. If they vote not to approve the appointment, the chair would select another candidate and they would repeat process. Should the second choice be rejected, the third choice was not subject for vote. He said this was not an easy choice. He put himself in the shoes of the voters of Zone 4 and selected someone he believed would have been elected had he run. Some people, like Millman, had already proven they could win an election in the past. He said all of these candidates are very good. He met with all of them save for Ms. Diaz as she said. He said he wished he could appoint almost all of them. As Millman said, the committee system allows everyone to get involved and he encouraged those who are not selected to get involved with the committee system. That where most of the work was really done. He said he had thought about this carefully and selected a person who he believed understood the issues extremely well, was living the issues, and in Hanna's view was the right person for the right job at the right time.

The Chair nominated Robert Watkins for Zone 4 Director.

Public Comment:

Robin Doyno: Said he was pleased to hear the courage in mentioning the Chair's questionable eligibility. Many NCs present their credentials at the beginning of the year to verify that they should be serving. The MVCC does not do that. Whether the Chair is eligible or not, should Michael Millman be appointed, Doyno felt he must point out a history of repeated gross dishonesty, some of which had been published over the years. Also, Millman had fallen asleep in meetings. **Seretti: Point of Order** – He said they were discussing the nomination of Robert Watkins, not Millman.

Jason Finnis: Said he was a 10-year resident of Zone 4 and he fully supported Watkins' nomination. Watkins knew the challenges that they face and would be a great replacement.

Ken Merritt: Said he owns property in Mar Vista and although he lives in Playa Vista he is still involved with the community. He said he knew Watkins via Facebook and was in favor of him. He also wanted to remind the board that they had an election last summer with the greatest turn out in the history of the MVCC. Watkins represents the voters. Merritt said he hoped the board would honor those voters.

Wayne Wheeler: Said he was as Stakeholder in Zone 4 he supported the nomination. He thought

Watkins was a good balance of fresh blood and confidence and he knew all the issues.

April Peterson: Said she supported the nomination. There were many good candidates and Watkins would represent the zone well.

Sue Hirshcoff: Said she was the president of the Mar Vista Neighborhood Association in Zone 4. She supported Watkins' nomination.

Ken Alpern: Said Watkins was a good choice. "He's got spine." He hoped those not nominated will realize that their freedom of speech will remain what it is. He encouraged them to stay active on the committees where most of the work is done.

Kalani Wittington: Said she had lived in Mar Vista for 30 plus years. She found Watkins to be fair and not a single-issue candidate. He would weigh the pros and cons on each issue, which is what she thought they we needed in government - someone who is not trying to promote a cause, but trying to push for the good of the community as a whole.

Board Comment:

Wheeler moved to confirm the nomination. Hruska seconded.

Ambriz: Point of Order – She said she meant no offense to the current Zone 4 representative, but asked if it would appropriate for the Zone 4 director to recuse himself from this vote and from comments because it was to fill the seat. **Hanna:** Said there was no requirement to do so.

Seretti: Said the Zone 4 director vacating the seat, he supported Watkins as his replacement. He had worked with him a lot, primarily in the Homelessness Committee and around their neighborhood. Watkins cares a lot which was all they could expect any of them to do. He's a good man who cares about the community.

Ambriz: Said she was not personally familiar with Dr. Watkins. She had heard some comments made by him at various town halls and MVCC meetings that concerned her. She felt that some of the language he used was a bit strong and offensive, particularly toward the unhoused transient residents in the neighborhood. It sounds like he is interested in the serving community. But she had concerns about his previous statements, some of which she believed were documented.

Vote:

Yes: Inouye, Wheeler, Rubin, Krupkin, Hruska, Seretti, Tilson (7)

No: Ambriz (1)

Abstain: Hanna, Hill, Kadota, Shure (4)

The nomination stood approved.

Shure: Point of Order – Said that since the issue was brought up twice, she asked Venessa Serrano from DONE to clarify about an issue that Shure thought had been resolved. It was Shure's understanding

that the Chair had contacted DONE before he moved out of Mar Vista and a decision was made by DONE for him to remain on the board. She asked Serrano to inform the board what DONE's decision was so they could put it to rest.

Venessa Serrano, from DONE: Said a few months ago she spoke with the Elliot Hanna, the chair, who informed her he may be moving out of the community. In this situation they look at the bylaws and see what rules apply to the seat the individual is sitting on. Hanna was in the Community Director seat which is for anyone who lives, works, owns property or has a substantial and ongoing participation in community interests. This could mean a member in a local volunteer organization, HOA or a school parent group. As far as reviewing documents, that is not something DONE does. When an individual is running for an NC seat, the office of the City Clerk initially verifies their qualification and oversees all NC elections. After the election, it is up to the board to do that verification process. Some NCs include verification on an semi-regular basis in their bylaws. In reviewing the MVCC bylaws, they do not have such a clause. They could consider adding a clause to the bylaws in the E&B Committee and then bring the amendment to the board in the future for a vote. They are accepting amendments to their bylaws until April 15th. **Hanna:** Asked Serrano to inform Watkins about the training he was required to take. **Serrano:** Said she would.

Ambriz: Had a Clarifying question. She asked for someone to state the definition of a community director verbatim from the bylaws for the record. Wheeler provided her with a copy and she read that community director candidate must be Stakeholders who "live, work or own real property in the neighborhood and also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder."

11.4 Appointments to Homeless Issues Subcommittee – Appointment and confirmation of co-chairs of the Homeless Issues Subcommittee

Hanna: Said that Seretti's resignation had left this position open as well. Hanna said that this was important committee chair that he did not want to see vacant for very long. Homelessness was an important issue in the whole community and the committee was not about "the homed" vs "the homeless." This was an issue that effects all of them. He felt the City was failing everyone, and everyone was actually on the same side on this issue. So, he spoke with several people on the committee and made his decisions based on those conversations. He was nominating Dr. Robert Watkins, and Dr. Renee Sabshin because she had been on the committee before and was a psychiatrist with the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health who knew a great deal about this issue. He believed Watkins and Sabshin would work well together.

The Chair nominated Dr. Renee Sabshin and Dr. Robert Watkins as co-chairs for the Homeless Issues Subcommittee.

Public Comment:

Kalani Whittington: Said she had been active in this committee for several years. She questioned Dr. Sabshin's motives. Because she works for the city, Whittington had found that Dr. Sabshin tended to pushes city ideals and did not push much needed outside of the box options. Whittington thought she might be too aligned with City Hall's ideals. **Hanna:** Clarified that Dr. Sabshin works for county, not the city. **Whittington:** Said either way, it was a

government agency, and she felt Sabshin was too aligned with the government in some of her comments.

Board Comment:

Wheeler moved to approve the nominations. Seretti seconded.

Ambriz: Said she would have to abstain because she was unfamiliar with Sabshin's record or her past or involvement, but that it was interesting and inspiring and she'd be interested in being on the committee. Ambriz had been unaware that this appointment would be made at this time. She asked the Chair what the process he used was to consider these appointments.

Hanna: Said the process for committee co-chair appointments was not as rigorous as board appointments. He wanted a sitting board member and someone who was not on the board. Dr. Sabshin had been on the committee before and he respected her. He asked her and Dr. Watkins if they wanted the appointments and they said they did.

Inouye: Said that as a retired social worker who worked with the homeless in Venice at one point in time, she thought it is important to bring everyone to the table from service providers, to homeowners, to the homeless themselves. It was a complex issue and the only way to move forward is to come to an agreement from everyone on how to do that. The homeowners' issues were very different from the issues faced by those living on the streets. They all know that the homeless is not just one type of person. It encompasses a lot of different people and the social service providers are helping some of those folks, but not others of those folks which was an issue. Romanitchiko Samiley had been on the committee in the past and she hoped he had expressed an interest to come back because she thought he would be an important voice to be on that committee. **Hanna:** Said that Samiley had expressed not being interested in coming back as a co-chair, but Hanna hoped he would get still involved with the committee again as well.

Hill: Said that he wanted to make it clear that no one on the committee would be blamed or judged for the homelessness issue. It was a complex issue that could not be solved with any one silver bullet. But it seemed like both of the nominees were willing to work together and work with the community.

Vote:

Yes: Inouye, Hill, Kadota, Wheeler, Rubin, Krupkin, Hruska, Shure, Seretti, Tilson (9)

Abstain: Hanna, Ambriz (2)

The nomination stood approved.

11.5 Appointment of Alternate Representative to WRAC – Appointment and confirmation of an alternate MVCC representative to the Western Regional Alliance of Councils in accordance with Section 6.3 of the MVCC Standing Rules

Hanna: Said that Stacy Shure had brought this issue to his attention. In order for WRAC to work it requires the participation of the members of NCs. Since Hanna still works full time he has not been able to attend WRAC meetings and he did not think Rubin had gone either. He thought it would be prudent to have alternate MVCC representative for WRAC that may be able to attend the meetings.

***Hanna** nominated Stacy Shure to be an alternate MVCC representative to the Western Regional Alliance of Councils.*

Board Comment:

Ambriz: Said she was not aware that this appointment was even occurring or open to consideration. She thought it would be appropriate for the MVCC to consider suggestions. She understood that it was the chair's appointment to be made, but she thought that some more time would be appropriate for the board to understand the potential pool of candidates that could be made.

Shure: Said she was already on a sub-committee for WRAC and has gone and participated in their meetings for over a year and a half. This appointment would make her participation more formal.

Krupkin: Thanked Shure for taking the time to go to meetings. Krupkin has sometimes gone to the monthly WRAC meetings on the third Wednesday of each month from 10 to 11:30, but Shure had gone more regularly to all their meetings. It could be hard for people who are working to attend. She added that anyone could go as an observer to the meetings, they just could not vote. This would give the MVCC an opportunity to regularly vote.

***Wheeler** moved to call the question. **Krupkin** seconded.*

Vote on calling the Question: *With only 5 yes votes, the motion failed to get a 2/3rd vote and discussion continued.*

Inouye: Asked if the Chair and the 1st Vice Co-Chair could not attend the meetings, couldn't the 2nd Vice chair attend and vote in meetings. **Hanna:** Said the 2nd Vice Chair could attend, but most of what WRAC deals with are Land Use issues, so Shure seemed a logical choice for an alternate representative.

***Wheeler** moved to approve the nomination of Stacy Shure as the alternate MVCC representative to the Western Regional Alliance of Councils. **Tilson** seconded.*

Vote:

Yes: Inouye, Hill, Kadota, Wheeler, Krupkin, Hruska, Shure, Seretti, Tilson ()

No: Rubin

Abstain: Hanna, Ambriz (2)

The nomination stood approved.

Krupkin: Said that Kasey Kokenda, Field Representative for CA Assembly Member (AM) Sydney Kamlager, had to leave the meeting early but that she wanted the community to know that the AM was have a coffee and tea reception from 9 AM to 10 AM at 10428 National Blvd.

Shure: Said a representative for Council Member Bonin’s office could not make it as they had another meeting to cover. However, at they would be at the next meeting to introduce the new field deputy to the board.

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.*

Tilson: Said she sent had them all the MERs, budget and the line by line breakdown. The three *Consent Calendar* motions equal \$10,000 altogether. She outlined in the Treasurer’s Report where that money could be pulled from. The newsletter funds would come from the “Newsletter” funds section. They would probably not spend the full \$8,000 and the remaining funds would remain in the Newsletter funds section. The two other motions were for \$1,000 each would come out of Newsletter money or the Uncommitted Outreach money which was about \$1,500. If the motions were approved she would move the money around as she outlined in the budget.

Ambriz: Had a clarifying question. She said that during the last meeting they discussed the insurance money they were owed. She asked what the status of those funds were. **Tilson:** Said as of the meeting, the funds had still not been distributed to the MVCC. She typically asked the insurance company twice a month about it.

Shure: Had a clarifying question. She said there appeared to duplicate items on the bottom page of the budget. She asked if this was an error. **Tilson:** Said there was not an error.

Wheeler moved to approve the *Consent Calendar*. **Hruska** seconded.

Board Comment:

Krupkin: Regarding item 12.4, she said she believed when it was brought before the board in the past there had been some sort of transportation/mobility elements. **Shure:** Said this was a different item.

The Consent Calendar was approved unanimously.

NOTE: Per the amended agenda, the board next heard item 15.5. For document structural purposes the agenda has been left in its original order.

- 12.1 [FUNDING][EXFIN] Approval of November, 2019 M.E.R.** – Action regarding approval of the November, 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report
- 12.2 [FUNDING][EXFIN] Approval of December, 2019 M.E.R.** – Action regarding approval of the December, 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report

- 12.3 **[FUNDING][EXFIN] Approval of FY2019-2020 Budget Adjustments** – Action regarding approval of adjustments to the FY2019-2020 budget.
- 12.4 **[POLICY][SHURE] Approval for Planning a Land-Use Town Hall** – Approval for the PLUM committee to plan a town-hall meeting to engage the community with regard to land-use, the community plan update, an affordable housing design initiative, renter’s engagement, and new legislation involving land-use issues.
- ~~13. **Excluded Consent Items** – Discussion and further action on items excluded from the Consent Calendar.~~
- 14. **Unfinished Business and General Orders**
 - ~~14.1 **[FUNDING][OUTREACH] Community Plan Survey** – Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure – not to exceed \$1,000 – for design, printing, and distribution costs for a survey for the Community Plan Input Document.~~
 - 14.2 **[FUNDING][EXFIN] Appropriation for an MVCC Newsletter** – Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure, not to exceed \$8,000, for an MVCC newsletter.

Wheeler: Said Outreach had spent 6 weeks on this newsletter. She had a poster board mock-up of the layout of the newsletter that she displayed. She said there were articles by Ken Alpern and Tom Ponton, the first MVCC Chair. Each committee chair provided information about their committee. The MVCC had not done a newsletter since 2018, other than the election newsletter. This newsletter talked about the history and what the MVCC was about. The funding motion was to pay for it. There were two different types of paper options. One was dull and one was glossy. Both options were recyclable and the same price. Both were 80-pound papers, but they could get 70-pound papers which would save them around \$100. They had invited everyone to participate in creating the letter.

***Rubin** moved to approve items 14.2 and 15.1. **Hruska** seconded.*

Board Comment:

Inouye: Said she had two concerns. First, a copy of the proposed newsletter was not provided for the agenda packet. It was difficult to review it now during the meeting, on the poster board. Second, she asked if there would be any links in the newsletter to the approved T&I and Community Plan surveys. **Wheeler:** Said those links were not included because nothing had been submitted, although two or three requests had been made.

Hill: Asked if the \$8,000 was for the most expensive version of the newsletter. **Wheeler:** Said it would not cost \$8,000. **Hill:** Said she was asking them to approve \$8,000 for something they had not seen yet. He asked if there would be any modifications. **Wheeler:** Said the poster board mock-up was the final version. The only modification would be to add Robert Watkins name now that he had been appointed Zone 4 Director. **Hill:** Asked if this was the one that she requested their bios for. **Wheeler:** Said she requested information from the board in October and only got one response.

Kadota: Asked if the newsletter would be translated in any other language. **Wheeler:** Said no, because it would double the cost of printing. She was happy to post a translation online if it was provided to her. **Kadota:** Asked if there was way to embed links to Spanish translations. **Wheeler:** Said that was a great idea, but she had announced the newsletter at the past 3 MVCC meetings, had sent out multiple emails, and had 6 over meetings about it. A lot of people had worked hard

on this newsletter. She welcomed them to attend the next newsletter meeting. **Kadota:** There had been a standing commentary by a few board members on a need for a Spanish translation.

Wheeler: Said this was what the people who attended the meetings wanted and voted on. **Hill:** Said that in the board's November minutes they discussed Spanish translations for the door hangers. **Wheeler:** Said changes needed to come through and be approved by the committee.

Hanna: Said Wheeler's point was well taken. A lot of work went into this. To do a proper translation they would need someone to volunteer or they would need to pay someone. But people need to participate in committee meetings to make these things happen.

Rubin: Said this newsletter was an outreach project. It was not perfect but was moving in the right direction. He thought people should get involved to facilitate bilingual versions. He thought the newsletter was a credible outreach effort, that let people know what the MVCC was about. He would have like to have seen it earlier for the board to review. But, he knew time was of the essence and hoped the board moved forward with it. **Hanna:** Agreed that time was of the essence.

Inouye: Said she went to the 12/12 meeting but she did not feel her input was wanted. She felt the chairs conducted the meeting in a way that was unbecoming of board members. There was an item on the agenda to discuss including the surveys. That discussion developed into something that wasn't appropriate for a committee meeting. She tried to participate in the process and it didn't happen. For the survey to go out without links is unacceptable. To her it was unacceptable for the newsletter to go out without links to surveys that two other committees worked very hard on and they needed the input back as soon as possible to submit it for the Community Plan.

Ambriz: Thanked Wheeler for the hard work that she put into the newsletter. This was the first time that Ambriz had seen it and she felt it would have been helpful to see it in advance. She was concerned that they are approving something they had not read. As she had stated in previous meetings, she also felt it was important for the MVCC to remain inclusive to all of the community. She thought it should be bilingual in the future. She felt it was also important to include a link to the surveys and announcements of important upcoming events in the community. She recognized the timing concerns, but felt that since they were using the taxpayer money they should be efficient, effective and purposeful with their spending. The motion specifically addressed designing, printing and distributing the council newsletter for \$8,000. She wanted to make sure they were being mindful in including apartments in their distribution costs. Also, she knew that translation rates were typically in the hundreds, not the thousands so it could be included in the proposed amount.

Ambriz moved for to amend item 14.2 to include a Spanish translation within the proposed \$8,000 budget. Hill seconded.

Kadota moved to increase the amount to \$9,500. Venessa Serrano, from DONE: Said they were not allowed to adjust an amount, it had to be what was listed in the agenda. *Kadota's motion was ruled out of order.*

Inouye: Said she wanted to make an amendment to include links to the Venice Blvd and MVCC Transportation surveys in the newsletter.

Wheeler: Said there was not space for the links. The newsletter process started in October and

there had been multiple meetings and emails about it. She suggested putting the links in the next newsletter. It can be agendaized, discussed and the work can be done in committee before it comes to the board.

Inouye: Said getting the input data in a timely matter was of the essence. As Hruska has often said, when the Department of City Planning puts pen to paper the process is done. This could not wait for the next newsletter.

Shure: Asked when it would be published. They had a date with the DCP next month. **Hanna:** Said the newsletter would be published next month.

Hruska: Suggested publicizing surveys separately. They could always have a separate funding motion for that. And it might be more effective to do it separately, since it could get buried in the newsletter.

Inouye moved for an amendment of the second rank, to include links to the Venice Blvd and MVCC Transportation surveys in the newsletter. Ambriz seconded.

Board Comment on Amendment of the Second Rank:

Tilson: Said she would like to see links but it was not all not set up yet. She agreed with Hruska that a separate flyer or hand surveys would be get much more meaningful information. It would be buried in a newsletter. A lot of questions should have been answered before they got there.

Ambriz: Said on behalf of the T&I committee that the T&I survey was ready to go. Perhaps they could hold off on the community plan survey if it was not ready.

Vote on Amendment of Second Rank:

Yes: Inouye, Hill, Ambriz, Kadota, Krupkin (5)

No: Wheeler, Rubin, Hruska, Tilson, Hanna (5)

Abstain: Shure, Seretti (2)

The amendment of the second rank failed.

Board Comment on Amendment of First Rank:

Tilson: Said she thought they need answers as to how many are they going to print and what houses they were going to.

Kadota: Said he did not think they were talking about a full translation. They could model it off of how the LA Times does small synopsis in Spanish to give a sense of what the major points are.

Shure: Suggested having a link to a full translation online.

Vote on Amendment of First Rank:

Yes: Inouye, Hill, Ambriz, Kadota, Krupkin, Shure, Seretti (7)

No: Wheeler, Rubin (2)

Abstain: Hanna, Hruska, Tilson (3)

The amendment of the first rank was approved.

Chair moved to approve 14.2 and 15.1

*Hill moved to postpone the motions until the next meeting. **Ambriz** seconded.*

Board Comment:

Ambriz: Said postponing would give the board a chance to read the newsletter over before they approved it.

Wheeler: Said tabling it was killing it. She asked who would do the work.

Vote on Postponing the Items:

Yes: Inouye, Hill, Ambriz, Kadota, Shure, Seretti (6)

No: Wheeler, Rubin (2)

Abstain: Hanna, Krupkin, Hruska, Tilson (4)

The motions were postponed until the next meeting.

- ~~14.3 [POLICY][T&I][COMMUNITY PLAN] Promotion and Distribution of MVCC Surveys~~ — Discussion and possible action requesting the Outreach Committee to promote and distribute the MVCC Venice Blvd, Transportation and/or the combined surveys to MVCC stakeholders.
- ~~14.4 [POLICY][HANNA] Extension of LAMC 85.02~~ — Discussion and possible action regarding a Community Impact Statement (CIS) supporting the extension of LAMC 85.02 beyond the current January 1, 2020 sunset date (CF #14-1057-S8).
- ~~14.5 [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Co-Living Projects~~ — Discussion and possible action regarding requesting the Dept. of City Planning implement an ordinance regulating co-living projects as part of the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan update.

15. New Business

- 15.1. [POLICY][OUTREACH] **Approval of January, 2020 MVCC Newsletter** – Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the proposed January 2020 MVCC newsletter.
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 - *NOTE: Per an approved amendment, this item was heard with item 14.2.*
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- ~~15.2 [POLICY][ELECTIONS & BYLAWS] Adjustment of MVCC Internal Boundaries~~ — Discussion and possible action regarding splitting Zone 6 into two zones.
- ~~15.3 [POLICY][ELECTIONS & BYLAWS] Parliamentary Authority~~ — Discussion and possible action regarding establishing Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 11th edition as the parliamentary authority for MVCC.
- ~~15.4 [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Arts District Designation~~ — Discussion and possible action on the Dept of City Planning’s Arts District designation of Venice Blvd. presented at the Department’s June, 2019 Workshop at Windward School.
- 15.5 [POLICY][KADOTA] **Promotion of a Community Bike Ride** - Discussion and possible action authorizing the use of the MVCC name and logo to promote a community bike ride sponsored by Metro Bike Share.

Kadota: Said Metro Bike Share would be a guest presenter at Green Tent next Sunday. Kadota had encouraged the Farmer’s Market to reach out and invite them. He’d planned to attend Palms’ Community Ride a few months ago but it rained and they had to cancel. He saw it as a great opportunity to promote the bike share alternative transportation program in Mar Vista. After the market closes at around 2 PM, there will also be a 5-mile community bike ride. Kadota’s request was to affiliate and promote the event. There are a number of bike-share stations along Venice and they would go into Del Rey and Ballona Creek and then come back up to Venice Blvd. The MVCC’s safety vests would be provided.

Wheeler moved to approve the item. Hill seconded.

Board Comment:

Wheeler: Thanked Kadota for working on it. She asked him to put more information in the packet next time. **Kadota:** Said he had sent the information in advance to the board.

Krupkin: Asked if the ride went to any specific places in Mar Vista and how many zones it went through. **Kadota:** Said they had given him a route and he’d provided them with an alternate route because their route was too challenging for the average person who might sign up for the event. The new route from the Market would start going south on Mclaughlin, to Slauson, to the Ballona Creek bike path. On the path they would ride towards the ocean to the McConnell exit and then

take McConnell back up to Venice. So, people would experience two ways to get to Ballona Creek. **Krupkin:** Asked if Del Rey was participating. **Kadota:** Said he hoped they would promote it.

Without objection the motion was approved.

Wheeler moved to hear items 14.2 and 15.1 next and together.

Without objection the two items were heard next together.

NOTE: For document structural purposes the agenda has been left in its original order.

- ~~15.6 [FUNDING][INOUE] Appropriation for the Use of a Paid Online Survey Service for an Approved MVCC Survey~~ Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure, not to exceed \$1,000, for the use of a paid online survey service to host the approved MVCC Transportation survey for input to the Palms Mar Vista Del Rey Community Plan Update
- ~~15.7 [POLICY][T&I][GREAT STREETS] String Light Installation on Great Streets Venice Blvd~~ Discussion and possible Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding the String Light installation on Great Streets Venice Blvd. (Council File 18 1124.)
- ~~15.8 [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.
- ~~15.9 [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.

~~15.10 [POLICY][T&I] Longer Form MVCC Transportation Survey~~ Discussion and possible motion regarding an optional longer form MVCC Transportation survey to be linked to the Board approved short MVCC Transportation survey for input to the Palms—Mar Vista—Del Rey Community Plan Update.

16. Adjournment

Hill move to adjourn the meeting. **Rubin** seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.