



Mar Vista Community Council



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Minutes

<http://www.marvista.org/minutes-and-agendas.php>

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

Zoom Electronic Meeting

1. **Call to order**-Meeting called to order, by Chair Elliot Hanna, PM at 7:00
2. **Presentation of flag and pledge of allegiance**-dispensed with by unanimous consent
3. **Roll call – present were:**
 - Elliot Hanna
 - Martin Rubin
 - Michelle Krupkin
 - Mary Hruska
 - Holly Tilson
 - Kathryn Wheeler
 - Christine Stemar
 - Stacy Shure
 - Robert Watkins
 - Rob Kadota
 - Gabriel Hill
 - Selena Inouye (7:07)
 - Andrea Ambriz
4. **Community memorial observations**-Hruska mentioned the passing of Saeed Ali, whom she described as a titan of community involvement, wisdom and compassion to whom we are all indebted. She stated that he devoted his life to public service both at the state and city level, and serves as a model for us all. He will be sorely missed. Hanna concurred. Tilson stated that more information on Saeed can be found at the West Mar Vista Residents Association website (wmvra.org), of which Saeed was President. Condolences to Mary, his wife may also be sent via the website. Hanna added that Saeed was extraordinarily knowledgeable and was very generous in sharing his knowledge. Moreover no one knew the Mar Vista community like Saeed did. He was the definition of community service. Tilson added that Saeed's wife mentioned that his cause of death was a silent heart attack. He died, peacefully, in his sleep.
Shure mentioned the passing of Millicent Skloot, an artist and concert pianist who has been a friend of Westside Village for over 30 years. She will be greatly missed.
5. **Announcements**-Rubin mentioned that April 22 of this year marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Added that what more important issue can there be beyond taking care the planet. Added that, if we focus on taking care of the planet, we would be in a better position for dealing with events like the Covid19 health emergency. Hanna thanked all for participating in the new meeting format, and reminded all that the recording is a public forum, and would like to move through the agenda as efficiently as possible. As there is no time limit to the format, asked that the Board work towards clearing the entire agenda this meeting.
6. **Public comment for items NOT on this agenda**- Kalani Whittington referenced article she'd recently sent to some board members. Stated that, the problems Los Angeles had before the COVID19 emergency will still be with us after it's over. Mentioned that a situation in her home state of Hawaii, which implemented deportation

of visitors (who'd arrived in order to take advantage of the COVID-generated drop in air fares) in addition to lockdown. This same policy could be used to justify the removal of all homeless in Los Angeles who have come here because regulations enable living on the streets. Added that this is a public health measure.

Vic Pacheco complimented the MVCC for setting up Zoom effort. As a teacher currently engaged in Zoom, he admired the effort.

Stakeholder Spencer mentioned that he lives on Mt View and has, at his own expense, 50,000 masks from Asia and has been distributing the, to the hospitals and doctors he knows at cost and continues to have them available.

- 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.

Shure stated that she'd spoken with Dept of City Planning/CD11 and the City Attorney regarding item 14.4, with Councilmember Nuri Martinez's staff, CD11 and HCIDLA regarding item 14.9 and with City Attorney, CD11, staff of Councilmember Monica Rodriguez, Nuri Martinez's staff, Sen Skinner's , Weiner's and Portantino's Legislative Analysts. None pose a conflict.

Inouye disclosed that she's signed up to be a volunteer with Westside Friends and has had discussions with Annie Bickerton (Westside Friends Director and Renter's Engagement subcommittee co-chair regarding item 15.3

Hanna mentioned that he'd spoken with Tilson regarding items 12.1 and 12.

- 8. Adoption of the agenda**-Inouye moved to consider items 15.1, 15.2 and 15.3 before Unfinished Business.(Second: Krupkin).
Motion approved (7Y/5N/1Abstention)

Secretary's Note: Items will be left in their original order.

- 9. Approval of minutes**- March 6 (Special Meeting #1) and March 10 2020 minutes approved without objection.

10. Reports

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

Nick Sundback (CD11) stated that CD11 is looking for local business to reach out to during the Covid 19 emergency. Have already contacted the Mar Vista Chamber of Commerce but requested any other suggestions. Also asked that any information on businesses not complying with the Stay at Home order would be appreciated. Kadota mentioned that the Mar Vista Farmer's Market has information on farmers taking online orders and Ciclavia has done the same for businesses on Venice Blvd. Hill mentioned that Celestine's Tailor on Venice Blvd is making masks. Asked if a list of the local businesses open in Mar Vista could be posted in the Weekly Roundup. Wheeler responded that that is up to the Chair.

Kalani Whittington asked what safety measure are being taken to ensure that Farmer's Markets are remaining open. Shure responded that 6 ft distances are being enforced, there are limits on entrants at one time, and no customer is allowed to touch produce.

Krupkin updated on businesses on Venice Blvd : Rasselbach is closed, Grand View Market, is open, Sunny Grill is open, Morpheus (making masks).

10.2. Officer Reports

10.2.1.

Chair – Elliot Hanna-Thanked participants. Mentioned that this venue might be something to consider even once restrictions are lifted in order to encourage more participation. Mentioned that he has spent the City-approved emergency funds distributed to Neighborhood Councils (5K) to the LAFD Foundation for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for Fire Station 62, and, if their needs are satisfied, to the Dept as a whole. Added that, since the current emergency has result in the prevention of MVCC making several of its previously approved expenditures, there will probably be extra funds available for any other worthy disbursements during the emergency. Mentioned the approval of the creation of a Temporary Advisory Election & ByLaws Committee by the Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment. Deadline for submission of By-Laws amendments has been pushed back to June 5, 2020. Chair can appoint such a

committee, which will be composed of less than a quorum (for MVCC this would be 3), be composed only of board members, and must be dissolved when its task is complete. Such a committee is not subject to the Brown Act. Stated that he will appoint members to such a committee and asked for volunteers. Inouye, Wheeler, Tilson and Rubin applied. The committee will then review and forward proposed By-Laws revisions to the full board for review.

Kalani Whittington asked if the end of the fiscal year has been extended. Hanna responded no.

- 10.2.2. 1st Vice-Chair** – Martin Rubin-no report
- 10.2.3. 2nd Vice-Chair** – Michelle Krupkin-still hasn't received the key to St Andrews that is outstanding. Hanna stated that he would follow up on it.
- 10.2.4. Secretary** – Mary Hruska- still working on receiving contact information on several of the motions passed at the last few Board meetings.
- 10.2.5. Treasurer** – Holly Tilson- Both the Feb and March MER need to be approved. All routine expenses. Sent both the Treasurer's Report and Revised Budget to all Board members for review. Had to budget for the 5K emergency funds and took 1.6K from Office Expenses, 2K from the Bike Rodeo, which was to have happened at local schools which are now closed), and 1.4K from NPG allotment. There are funds in both Miscellaneous Office supplies and Outreach funds for any NPGs that might still be desired. Asked that Board members who sponsored any previously approved funding motions and now feel those funds will not be able to be spent contact her. Haven't yet received the insurance check covering the storage unit burglary, and, if 10K ceiling on amount that can be carried over is not changed, it might not be worthwhile to receive it before the end of the fiscal year and MVCC would lose it.

10.3. Zone Director Reports

- 10.3.1. Zone 1** – Stacy Shure- Kingsland Ave stairs have been closed due to lack of ability to enforce social distancing regulations. Local homeowners association is reaching out to seniors and the infirm to assist them in shopping.
- 10.3.2. Zone 2** – Martin Rubin-no report.
- 10.3.3. Zone 3** – Mary Hruska- Hilltop Neighbors has donated 200+ N95 masks to Cedars. She has noticed (along with others) people using the basketball hoops and otherwise congregating in Mar Vista Park. Has informed CD11 regarding this. Nick Sundback responded that this seems to be happening in other LA parks as well and CD11 has submitted a list (to Parks & Rec) of locations (including Mar Vista park) where hoops need to be removed. Will keep MVCC updated.
- 10.3.4. Zone 4** – Rob Watkins- mentioned that anticipated Covid19 case surge in CA has not yet happened and he is impressed with social distancing and other protocols which have been enacted and enforced. Offered his professional advice (as an MD) to anyone who's family has been impacted by Covid19 who has not been able to obtain answers to questions they have.
- 10.3.5. Zone 5** – Michelle Krupkin-mentioned that The Wood restaurant did a food giveaway 4/13 to people in need of food through the South Mar Vista Neighborhood Association. Will try to coordinate any future such events in Zone 5 being posted via MVCC as well. Crime as been up (taser incident at Venice Blvd & Inglewood), phone thefts. Has noticed some parties taking place and has called this to the attention of Pacific Division.
- 10.3.6. Zone 6** – Holly Tilson-West Mar Vista Residents Association has sent out a notice offering to help anyone in need, including one referred via the MVCC information portal. Neighbors in the zone have been great offering anyone over 65 extra help. Felt that most people were ordering in.

10.4. Committee Reports - None

11. **Special Orders** – None

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.

12.1 **[FUNDING][EXFIN] Approval of February, 2020 and March, 2020 M.E.R.** – Action regarding approval of the indicated Monthly Expenditure Reports.

12.2 **[FUNDING][EXFIN] Approval of FY2019-2020 budget adjustments** – Action regarding approval of adjustments to the FY2019-2020 budget.

14. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- 14.1 [FUNDIND][Transportation & Infrastructure] Appropriation for the use an online service to host the MVCC approved transportation survey** - Approval of an appropriation, in the amount of \$1,500, for the use of an online service to host the T&I Committee's MVCC Board-approved Transportation Survey

for input on the Mobility Element of the Palms – Mar Vista – Del Rey Community Plan Update.

Hanna: Miss Wheeler, you had an objection, did you not?

Wheeler: Yes, I need to clarify some things. I was taken aback by supposedly there is a disagreement between T&I and Outreach regarding getting them an online survey using Google Forms versus SurveyMonkey. They have never come to me.

Well, let's first say that the Outreach Committee is in the Bylaws and it is a Committee. And, it's designed to tell Stakeholders what's going on with all of the MVCC, their individual committees, their Ad-Hoc committees, and everything else. And, if every committee works outside of the Outreach Committee, it really isn't one whole, it is like having 16 different organizations. And, about five different committees have wanted to utilize surveys. And, Google Forms is not as easy as SurveyMonkey to get the same reports to show the Board what is going on. And, to provide information, you have to know how to use API, which is custom development, and I'm not sure everybody knows how to do that.

T&I put in a link from Zapier that stated Google Forms was the same as SurveyMonkey. Not true, Zapier, you actually have to pay for their service to give you the same kind of integration and output that SurveyMonkey gives, so you're still paying for it. If you want that kind of output for people. SurveyMonkey and Google Forms are completely different. There are other options available. Did not continue the conversation [with SurveyMonkey] due to March 12, 2020 our being shut down due to COVID. It was stated at the last Board of Directors meeting that we cannot enter into a contract with SurveyMonkey, that isn't true. Lots of NCs use SurveyMonkey.

Google Forms will not be usable to many people, and if we are going to do this as the entire MVCC, we need a product that anybody can walk into and any person can use. What happens if the next person that comes into T&I and doesn't know Google Forms? And, to get the analytics from Google Forms, you have to export it into something like Excel. So, just like with Mailchimp, anybody can take it over. SurveyMonkey is easy to use. Also, Google Forms does not work well with Mailchimp; whereas, SurveyMonkey does. There are a lot of advantages to using SurveyMonkey.

Motion amended to read:

"Approval for the use of Google Forms to host the MVCC-approved Transportation & Infrastructure Survey for input to the Mobility element of the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan update"

Motion approved (11Y/1N/1Abstention)

- 14.2 [ADMINISTRATIVE][Inouye] Committee Access to Web Postings and e-Mails** - Discussion and possible action regarding MVCC Standing Rules, Section 2 Communications, item 2.2.1 regarding committee access to web postings and emails to the full MVCC stakeholder list for items related to committee agendas, minutes and other calendar items.

Motion committed to the Executive & Finance Committee.

- 14.3 [POLICY][PUBLIC SAFETY][HOMELESS ISSUES] Re-prioritization of Homeless Housing Strategy**- Discussion and possible action regarding calling on the City of Los Angeles to re-prioritize homeless housing strategy.

Motion approved (10Y/0N/3 Abstentions)

Secretary's Note: Rob Kadota left meeting at 10:29 PM

- 14.4 [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Dwelling Unit Capacity** - Discussion and possible action

regarding the inclusion of Calculated Dwelling Unit Capacity for Mar Vista in its second input document to the Los Angeles Dept of City Planning.

[Motion approved \(9Y/0N/3Abstentions/1Absent\)](#)

- 14.5 [ADMINISTRATIVE][ELECTIONS & BYLAWS] Community Outreach Efforts** - Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed amendment to Article V, Section 11 of the MVCC Bylaws requiring all directors to participate in community outreach efforts.

[Motion Failed \(5Y/4N/3Abstentions/1Absent\)](#)

- 14.6 [ADMINISTRATIVE][Transportation & Infrastructure] Modification to MVCC Board-Approved Transportation Survey** - Discussion and possible action to approve an additional demographic question asking participants to provide their Zip + 4.

[Motion approved without objection.](#)

[Secretary's Note: Martin Rubin left meeting at 10:45 PM](#)

- 14.7 [ADMINISTRATIVE][Transportation & Infrastructure] Outreach Plan for the MVCC Board-Approved Transportation Survey** - Discussion and possible action regarding the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's outreach plan to promote and distribute their MVCC Board approved Transportation Survey.

[Motion approved \(8Y/0N/3Abstentions/2Absent\)](#)

[Secretary's Note: Rob Watkins left meeting at 10:59 PM](#)

- 14.8 [POLICY][PLUM] Letter to Councilman Bonin regarding SB330 implementation** - Discussion and possible action regarding a letter to Councilmember Bonin requesting an Ordinance for the City of Los Angeles to address problems of a procedural nature concerning implementation of SB 330, including but not limited to issues involving a) Plans on File for a Parcel prior to commencement of Ellis Act removal; b) extended residency protections; c) definition of Commencement of Construction; and d) interpretation in alignment with the legislative intent that SB 330 covers both ministerial and discretionary developments.

[Motion approved without objection](#)

- 14.9 [POLICY][PLUM] CIS regarding additional tenant protections** - Discussion and possible action regarding a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in SUPPORT of the Recommendations made by HCIDLA, dated February 4, 2020 to the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Council concerning enforcement of additional protections for tenants pursuant to AB 1482. (Council File No. 19-1305). Motion passed by unanimous vote at the 3/2/2020 PLUM meeting.

[Motion approved without objection](#)

- 14.10 [POLICY][Inouye] Special Meetings of the MVCC Board of Directors** - Discussion and possible action regarding the use of Special meetings as described in the MVCC Bylaws, Article VIII: MEETINGS, Section 1: Meeting Time and Place, Item D: Special meetings.

[Motion committed to Executive & Finance committee.](#)

15. New Business

- 15.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE][INOUEY] MVCC COVID-19 community response plan** - Discussion and possible action regarding the creation of a Mar Vista Community Council Community Response Plan to the COVID-19 outbreak.

[Motion amended to creating an Ad Hoc COVID19 Community Response Committee and committing the motion to said committee.](#)

[Motion approved \(11Y/0N/2 Abstentions\)](#)

- 15.2 [ADMINISTRATIVE][INOUE] Outreach to seniors in Mar Vista regarding the COVID-19 outbreak -**
Discussion and possible action regarding telephone and eblast outreach to the senior citizens in Mar Vista regarding the COVID-19 outbreak using the CD 5 and 11 Voter Rolls and/or other resources.

Motion amended to state:

The MVCC supports the use of voter rolls to outreach to seniors in the community, pending the Ad Hoc Committee's verification of the validity of their use with the City Attorney and said committee's presentation of the details of implementation to the Board"

Amended motion approved without objection.

- 15.3 [ADMINISTRATIVE][INOUE] Collaboration with Westside Friends during the COVID-19 outbreak -**
Discussion and possible action to establish a formal working relationship with Westside Friends during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Motion made to commit this motion to Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion approved (9Y/2N/2Abstentions)

16. Adjournment- meeting adjourned at 11:15 PM

* **PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS** – The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please

note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

- * **PUBLIC POSTING OF AGENDAS** - MVCC agendas are posted for public review at Mar Vista Recreation Center, 11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA 90066
Subscribe to our agendas via email through L.A. City's Early Notification System at <http://www.lacity.org/subscriptions> or via at our website, <http://www.marvista.org>
- * **THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT** - As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and, upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities, including sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices and other auxiliary aids and/or services. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting chair@marvista.org.
- * **PUBLIC OBSERVATION AND COMMENT** – Any member of the public may observe all or part of the meeting by following the link toward the top of this agenda. Members of the public may participate during general "Public Comment" or during the public comment period on any agenda item. Participants may signal their intent to speak and will be recognized by the Chair.
- * **SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION** - Si requiere servicios de traducción, favor de avisar al Concejo Vecinal 3 días de trabajo (72 horas) antes del evento. Por favor contacte a chair@marvista.org para avisar al Concejo Vecinal.
- * **PUBLIC ACCESS OF RECORDS** – In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at our website, <http://www.marvista.org>, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact secretary@marvista.org.
- * **RECONSIDERATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS** - For information on MVCC's process for board action reconsideration, stakeholder grievance policy, or any other procedural matters related to this Council, please consult the MVCC Bylaws. The Bylaws are available at our Board meetings and our website, <http://www.marvista.org>.