



Mar Vista Community Council



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Minutes

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Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 7:00pm

PUBLIC WELCOME

Zoom Electronic Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**-meeting called to order at 7:01 by Chair, Elliot Hanna
2. **Roll Call** – Call of the roll and certification of a quorum

Present were:

Elliot Hanna
Martin Rubin
Michelle Krupkin
Holly Tilson
Mary Hruska
Kathryn Wheeler
Stacy Shure
Christine Stemar
Robert Watkins
Selena Inouye
Gabriel Hill
Rob Kadota
Andrea Ambriz

3. **Community Memorial Observations**-Kalani Whittington mentioned George Floyd
4. **Announcements**-none
5. **Public Comment for Items NOT on this Agenda**-Ambriz: stated that the Board should reflect where we are as a community at this time of pandemic and civil unrest, the injustices suffered by communities of color and how we can support them and promote healing by promoting equity, diversity and inclusion.

Kalani Whittington wanted to submit a Community Impact Statement : “we the Mar Vista Community Council, representing a diverse and inclusive and proud Westside community supports humane Policing for all, especially black lives, who have endured injustice far too long. We submit this to ensure that the senseless lynching of George Floyd in Minnesota does not pass without effecting positive change. We urge our leaders to find a way to live with malice towards none and justice for all.”

Watkins: appreciates 2 previous statements. Noted that this should allow us to get in touch with our humanity. There is racial injustice systemically. Look forward to working with everyone

in this respect.

Hanna mentioned that this is probably one of the few things this Board can agree on.

6. **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.
7. Hanna: spoke with Tilson regarding 11.1, 12,2 and 12.3 and Wheeler Regarding 15.1, 15.2 and 15.3. Hill stated that he's spoken with some persons regarding the Mar Vista Kid's Zoo. Krupkin: discussed 11.1, 15,1, 15.3 with others. Tilson spoke with other regarding funding items. Watkins mentioned that he's spoken with many people regarding 15.4 and 15.5.
8. **Adoption of the Agenda**- agenda approved without objection
8. **Approval of Minutes** – Approval of minutes for prior meetings of the MVCC Board of Directors (April 14th, May 12th, May 27th, and May 28th). Motion to approve (Wheeler/Hruska). Wheeler submitted Minutes corrections regarding 5/27./20 meeting (Community Membership) and 5/28/20 regarding Outreach items. Minutes approved without objection.
9. **Reports**
 - 9.1. **Elected Official and City Department Reports** – Reports from elected officials, their representatives, or representatives of city departments
Vanessa Serrano (Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment, DONE):
DONE has received the MVCC's amended By-Laws Application and the Board Change Form (regarding the addition of a new Zone and at large seat change) and submitted it to the Board of Neighborhood Councils (BONC), who will meet on June 15 2020. Suggested that Chair and First Vice Chair attend this meeting. Will forward agenda as soon as she receives it.

Nick Sundback (CD11): Requested feedback on new vegetation that was installed on parts of Venice Blvd in Mar Vista. Krupkin mentioned that one area of Venice Blvd, the area in front of Bowlero is severely lacking same and asked why some effort to get the homeless person currently installed a place to live via the RoomKey program.
 - 9.2. **Officer Reports**
 - Chair – Elliot Hanna- none
 - First Vice-Chair – Martin Rubin-none
 - Second Vice-Chair – Michelle Krupkin-none. Thanked Wheeler for assisting her in holding her first Zoom meeting
 - Secretary – Mary Hruska-submitted written report (see attached supplemental materials)
 - Treasurer – Holly Tilson-read written report. (see attached supplemental materials)
 - 9.3. **Zone Director Reports**
 - Zone 1 – Stacy Shure-attended Zoom meeting with Councilmember Koretz and reported That he supports full funding (42K/year) to Neighborhood Councils and he is actively Promoting it with the City Council. Added that he will personally supplement NCs in His district to help make up the difference between the recent reduced funding and 42K. More large TOC developments in Zone 1 on Overland, as well as the Sepulveda-Palms project, which is a disaster (ordinance to remove TAMP fees from this project has not been pulled, and she has made Kortez aware that the community is against it. Discussions with the developer are not going well. PLUM has successfully transitioned To ZOOM meetings. Has worked with City to secured Vons/CVS parking lot for Safe Parking.
 - Zone 2 – Martin Rubin-mentioned that the June 2020 North Westdale Association Newsletter is out in both print and online versions. Freymer development at National & Barrington, which MVCC and local community did not support is almost complete but is still creating a considerable amount of noise. Took photos of the portion of the back portion of the project (which faces its immediate neighbors in the community), and it is homely not homey. Could pose both noise and other environmental impacts to the community. Added that mixed used design has, in the wake of the recent social unrest, could be a dangerous design concept. Slow Streets, which came on abruptly in Zone 2 is, in his opinion, not well thought out, unsafe, and it divides the community on a number of levels.
 - Zone 3 – Mary Hruska-submitted a written report (see supplemental materials)
 - Zone 4 – Rob Watkins, M.D.-submitted a written report (see supplemental materials). Additionally thanked Wheeler for all the assistance she's provided with respect to Conducting ZOOM meetings. Are looking for speakers at Homeless Committee

- Meetings and asked for suggestions.
- **Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin**-Has not heard back yet from the South Mar Vista Residents' Association on when their next meeting will be. Has had some stakeholder concerns (negative feedback) regarding Slow Streets. No damage to Zone 5 businesses recently. Demetrious Mavromichalis, who owns several businesses in Zone 5, has been doing an outstanding job of providing food donations through his collaboration with NourishLA at his restaurant, The Wood. Also thanked Watkins for working in this endeavor as well. This presents a good model for other NCs as well. Zone 5 would like to have a representative from Operation Room Key attend a Homeless Committee meeting.
- **Zone 6 – Holly Tilson**-Homeless encampment at Venice & Wasatch has increased. Surrounding residents took it upon themselves to plant the median there. Would like to have these homeless folks housed somewhere. Transitional Housing on Mitchell is still having issues with the local community. Had one person contact Her about Slow Streets, regarding doing it on his street. Referred the request to several organizations, but haven't heard back from any of them.

10. Committee Reports – Reports from MVCC Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

Hill: Education, Arts & Culture committee : Cigdem has stepped down as Chair. Will be working on creating a Mar Vista Kid's Zoo. This will not have live animals. Will be animals made by kids in the community. Will be partnering with the Director Mar Vista Rec Center and asked for any suggestions that Board members can give as well. Thanked Whittington, Ambriz and Watkins for their earlier remarks. And thanked Kathryn for her assistance with ZOOM Meetings.

Wheeler: thank all for their thank yous. Outreach's March quarterly report is out. June will also be coming out on time.

Inouye: T&I Committee discussed Slow Streets at May meeting, and there was no motion to move on it. Mentioned that she is now an active member of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA). Still trying to get the T&I Survey out. There is a motion regarding this on this agenda and so will discuss at that time. Covid19 Committee passed 2 NPGs in support of Mar Vista Family Center and Westside Pacific Villages, and are moving on to other projects, one of which is an item on this agenda.

Shure: had a very well attended PLUM meeting and approved a motion on rent & mortgage moratorium which is on the agenda. Had a guest speaker on the subject as well as a representative from the Tenant's Union. Thanked Hill and Renter's Committee Tyler La Ferrier.

As far as 2512 Centinela: high density development in Zone 2. Developer is meeting With PLUM to address density issues and may come back with reduced height. TOC , 7 story on Overland across from Oakmont that recently filed. Predicted that Overland would become a Wilshire Corridor.

Zone 1 is working on getting CVS parking lot on Sepulveda& National as a Safe Park area. Also looking at parking lots at Sepulveda & Palms for this purpose.

Asked for suggestions from Board for other locations.

Thanked Kathryn for all her assistance in making PLUM meetings run flawlessly.

11. Special Orders

11.1. Election of Officers for FY2020-2021 – Nominations for and election of Chair, First Vice-Chair, Second Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for FY2020-2021.

Hanna suggested that Serrano conduct these rather than Elections & by Laws, to which said committee members concurred.

Serrano gave an overview: will read duties of each office, then open nominations, allow 1 minute for candidate statements, questions from the Board, and questions from the public. Only Board members can vote.

Chair:

Hanna nominated by Wheeler
Kadota nominated by Ambriz

Vote: Hanna : 9 votes
Kadota : 3 votes
1 Abstention

Hanna elected Chair

First Vice Chair:

Shure nominated by Stemar
Ambriz nominated Hill. Hill declined.
Wheeler nominated Rubin. Rubin declined in favor of allowing someone else to have an opportunity.

Vote: 12 votes for Shure
1 Abstention

Shure elected First Vice Chair

Second Vice Chair:

Shure nominated Stemar
Wheeler nominated Krupkin
Rubin nominated Inouye and Wheeler.
Inouye accepted/Wheeler declined

Vote: Stemar : 7 votes
Krupkin : 1 vote
Inouye : 5 votes

Stemar elected Second Vice Chair

Secretary:

Wheeler/Shure nominated Hruska
Rubin nominated Ambriz
Ambriz nominated Hill. Hill declined

Vote: Hruska : 9 votes
Ambriz : 4 votes

Hruska elected Secretary

Treasurer:

Elliot nominated Tilson
Ambriz nominated Watkins. Watkins declined

Vote: 13 votes for Tilson

Tilson elected Treasurer.

11.2. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] FY2020-2021 Administrative Packet – Discussion and possible action regarding the FY2020-2021 Administrative Packet.

Motion to approve (Rubin/Wheeler)

Hanna mentioned that Officer names elected at this meeting will be added to this.

Ambriz: asked where the Approved NPG (Neighborhood Purpose Grants) appear here. Hanna stated that this is the budget that begins in July 2020, so there are no approved NPGs yet. Ambriz stated that she saw \$500 on page 10 of 12 and asked if this was the allocation for NPGs. Tilson stated that this line is a required input and \$500 is all that is left over for the time being. There may be more available at a later time (after MVCC receives it's 2020-2021 allocation). Ambriz stated MVCC should prioritize NPGs over a Newsletter. Tilson responded that The Newsletter is a report to the public of what MVCC has done over the past Year. Shure: Asked to confirm that these numbers are placeholders. Tilson: yes. Shure: added that Newsletter is also a venue for promotion of the elections, as was done last year and which was quite successful at increasing voter turnout.

Ambriz:” I would like to amend Newsletter number at the top of page 9 of 12 from \$6500 and I would then like to add an additional \$2500 to Page 10 of 12”

Tilson: with the understanding that a Newsletter costs \$6500
No second was made. Amendment fails.

Motion approved (10Y/1N/2Abstentions)

12. Consent Calendar

Ambriz requested to pull both consent items.

12.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE] [EXFIN] Approval of May, 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) – Approval of the May, 2020 MER.

Ambriz stated that some of the amounts seemed different than those previously discussed. Stated that previous discussions had listed 9K remaining and the net available in this MER is 13K.

Tilson: that was the previous month's MER where the net available was 17K.

Ambriz asked where the difference between 9K and 13K came from.

Ambriz asked if this includes NPGs approved at the last meeting. Tilson replied yes, They appear under Commitments.

Hanna mentioned that the MER is a report of not what was committed but what was actually spent.

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Krupkin)

Hill stated that he was confused because it seemed that there is more money available than he thought was the case at the last meeting. Ambriz concurred.

Wheeler stated that the 13K net available has already been encumbered.

Secretary's Note:

Per 6/9/20 Treasurer's Report:

"When you read the MER and see the column labelled "net available" this just means this is the amount of money that has not yet been spent, all is allocated to some line items.

May 31, the net available was \$13,309

Shure mentioned that the 32K we have been assigned for the next fiscal year is still fluid and could go up or down. Suggested addressing encumbrances first.

Hanna stated that Tilson had asked board members with encumbered but unspent funds if they would release them and all have said no. We have a finite amount of money to spend and we have to make choices.

Watkins: concurs with previous statements. Suggested awaiting the July balance sheet to decide on new funding.

Wheeler mentioned that, per Treasurer's report, the new budget will not be out until August

Tilson: the running balance changes weekly. She gave the most accurate estimate available at the time the NPGs were discussed. These discussions weighed not only the funds available but the individual merits of the applicants. Moving forward MVCC should set goals.

Hill: stated that some board members cried wolf at the last meeting

Ambriz: stated that board was working under incorrect assumptions and MVCC should prioritize needs of the community in the future

Hanna: if a (Funding) motion is passed and the money is not expended, it is committed and it is fenced. If the maker of the motion does not wish to release it can't be touched. does not believe the information provided was incorrect.

Tilson: Board approved \$3,600 in NPGs. What remains is \$5,400. If one subtracts \$5,400 from \$13,000 we would be where she'd said we be: with not enough money to do any projects next year.

Motion approved (11Y/0N/2 Abstentions)

12.2. [ADMINISTRATIVE] [EXFIN] FY2020-2021 Budget Adjustments – Approval of adjustments to the FY2020-2021 budget.

Hanna stated that this item was incorrectly identified on the agendas. Should have

been 2019-2020 Budget Adjustments and therefore was out of order. Will be addressed at next meeting

13. **Excluded Consent Items**-none

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

15. **New Business**

15.1. **[FUNDING][OUTREACH][EXFIN] Appropriation for Website Upgrades** - Discussion and possible action regarding an appropriation, not to exceed \$5,000, for upgrades to the <http://www.marvista.org> website.

Wheeler stated that the Web Corner will do all requests on the front end plus some more, as well as back end adjustments and will give us a discount from 6K to 5K. Will also create a test area that Board can view as changes are made. Will lose no information in the transition. Back end is much easier to negotiate and she feels that this is a good package.

Ambriz: will future upgrade be included in this price?

Wheeler: she's requested that the format be such that the Board can do a lot of the Work on its own. Any changes before it goes live will be included in this price, but once the new site goes live, any changes would either have to be part of the monthly service or be a separate invoice.

Rubin: how long will the test site be live. Wheeler responded that By-Laws specify 30 days. Rubin: is this in writing? Wheeler: yes, have a quote

Ambriz: does the cost include a translation button? Wheeler: site already has a translation function. This will not change.

Motion to approve (Rubin/Wheeler)

Inouye: cannot support this motion given the budget issues MVCC has at this time. Stated that motion should be tabled until a better idea of finances is available.

Watkins: webpage is important. Provides Outreach, which is one of the most important services MVCC provides and supports the motion. Hanna concurred. Stated that the website is the Primary Outreach tool. This is an investment that will pay off. Rubin concurred.

Ambriz: felt decision should be deferred until a clearer budget picture is available

Hanna: rollover of unencumbered funds is limited to 10K. Everything above that is lost and Board should keep that in mind.

Tilson: this project was begun in 2016 and never completed. We need it and now have a person who is capable to accomplishing it. We will have a budget of 32K for next year. We'll carry over any money we don't spend, which, at this point will be 5 and 7-8K.

Shure: agreed that this has been in the works for a long time. The website, especially now that it is holding virtual meetings, is the face of the MVCC. It is a legacy project.

Hill: supports website upgrade but is confused about how much money will remain after this. Supports postponing for 1-2 months. Hanna: that will be a different budget.

Tilson: offered to explain budget in detail to Hill. Hill declined.

Motion approved: (8Y/3N/2Abstentions)

15.2. **[ADMINISTRATIVE][OUTREACH] Website Designs** – Discussion and possible action regarding designs, updates, and fixes to the MVCC website.

Wheeler referred to material already presented on this.

Motion to approve (Watkins/Hruska)

Rubin: asked what the action was here. Hanna : this is to approve continuation of upgrades presented.

Inouye objected because changes made so far are not online. Hanna: will see them

online and have the opportunity to comment. Wheeler concurred. Asked if Inouye still wanted to retain her objection. Inouye: yes, because project should have started online.

Motion approved (10Y/1N/2Abstentions)

15.3. [ADMINISTRATIVE][OUTREACH] Bus Bench Advertisements – Discussion and possible action regarding designs for bus-bench advertisements.

Wheeler referred board to the online designs for benches in Mar Vista.

Ambriz: asked if these will be available in different languages. Wheeler stated that that would increase the cost. No plan to do this at present.

Kadota: asked if both the QR code version and the Citizen Participation version were being done. Wheeler: yes, because the former appeals to a younger audience and that latter to an older one.

Kadota suggested embedding the QR code in the blue. No objection

Shure : can this be translated Spanish and then alternate the times each language Version is posted. Wheeler: cannot discuss this until we submit designs.

Rubin: made motion to include PO box (second: Inouye)

Inouye: stated that she didn't see an amount for this funding motion.

Wheeler: the finding was already approved. Hanna stated that this is a simple approval.

Tilson: the original motion was for \$1500 of which \$300 has already been spent.

Inouye: how long, for \$1200, do these ads remain. Wheeler: \$1200 isn't all for Bus bench Ads. This is a City program and their algorithm is that, prior to any discussion of details, a design needs to be submitted.

Kadota felt that PO Box was not workable. That phone number was Sufficient. Rubin concurred and removed PO box from the motion.

Vote on amendment : approved without objection.

Ambriz : motion to include Spanish translation. Offered to assist with this. (second: Hill)

Wheeler: per DONE we cannot provide our own translation and doing so will require another funding motion. Also, do not have a choice of where the bus benches are, and such Spanish ads might not be places in areas where they would be of use. Stated that she's included the QR code because this is not language dependent and would take people to the MVCC website where translation is available.

Vote on amendment: 7Y/4N/2 Abstentions. Passes.

Inouye: does not like the wording.

Kadota: concurred with Inouye.

Inouye: motion needs to go back to committee for re-wording

Ambriz: suggested changing Citizen to Community.

Wheeler: This was developed over 2 committee meetings. Was a collaboration- of many people, and should not be micro-managed at Board meeting.

Stated that sending this back to committee, given budget constraints, will kill it for the entire community.

Hanna: concurred. If we are proud of our committee structure, we should respect it products.

Shure concurred with Wheeler.

Hill: suggested Community instead of Stakeholder

Wheeler: this about design. It has already been discussed in committee.

This is an experiment. Let's try it now and expand later.

Watkins: amendment to change Citizen to Community

Vote on amendment : 8Y/1N/3 Abstentions. Passes.

Motion as amended, passes (8Y/3N/2Abstentions)
Wheeler moved to adjourn (second: Tilson)
Motion approved (7Y/5N/1Abstention)

- 15.4. **[POLICY][HOMELESS ISSUES][PH&S] Recommendations for Changes to L.A.M.C. 41.18** – Discussion and possible action regarding recommended changes to L.A.M.C. 41.18 (SIDEWALKS, PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS – LOITERING). [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.5. **[POLICY][HOMELESS ISSUES][PH&S] Housing Solutions** - Discussion and possible action regarding proposed solution to the City of Los Angeles’ housing crisis. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.6. **[POLICY][PLUM] Rent and Mortgage Moratorium** – Discussion and possible action regarding a position statement in support of rent and mortgage forgiveness. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.7. **[POLICY][PLUM] Conditional Use Permit Regarding 3407-3409 Overland Avenue** – Discussion and possible action regarding a letter of support for the Doughroom restaurant’s plans for expansion, sale of alcohol, expanded hours of operation, and support of decreased (shared) parking at the site. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.8. **[POLICY][PLUM] Support for CF #20-189 Requiring an Increase in Affordable Housing Units in TOC Projects** – Discussion and possible action regarding support for a proposal to modify the Transit Oriented Community (TOC) Project guidelines to increase the number of affordable units required to obtain bonuses in TOC developments. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.9. **[ADMINISTRATIVE][COVID-19] MVCC COVID-19 Resources List** – Discussion and possible action regarding the use of the COVID-19 resources posted on the websites of, and highlighted in the communication from, CD 11 and CD 5 as part of the Ad Hoc COVID-19 Community Response Committee's Resource List published on their committee's MarVista.org webpage. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.10. **[ADMINISTRATIVE][T&I] Implementation of the T&I Outreach Plan for the MVCC Transportation Survey** – Discussion and possible action regarding *suspending the rules* to give the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee access to MailChimp and Facebook so the committee can implement its board-approved outreach plan for its board-approved MVCC Transportation Survey. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.11. **[POLICY][T&I] Support for Proposed Limitation of Parked Motor Vehicle Idle Time** – Discussion and possible action regarding support for Councilmember Koretz's motion (CF #19-0604) to limit parked motor vehicle idling time. [Deferred to next meeting](#)
- 15.12. **[ADMINISTRATIVE][INOUE] Stakeholder Town Hall about the TreePeople WaterTalks Program** – The MVCC agrees to co-sponsor with TreePeople a Zoom virtual Town Hall meeting for Mar Vista stakeholders on water-related issues. [Deferred to next meeting.](#)

16. Adjournment-meeting adjourned at 10:18PM

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