



# Mar Vista Community Council



## Minutes

### Special Meeting of the Board of Directors for the Purpose of Considering Bylaws Amendments

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Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 7:00pm

PUBLIC WELCOME

Zoom Electronic Meeting

Webinar ID 940 1575 5757

1. **Call to order**-meeting called to order by Chair, Elliot Hanna, at 7:00PM

2. **Roll call – in attendance were:**

Elliot Hanna

Martin Rubin

Michelle Krupkin

Mary Hruska

Holly Tilson

Kathryn Wheeler

Stacy Shure

Christine Stemar

Gabriel Hill

Robert Watkins

Selena Inouye (7:05)

Rob Kadota

Andrea Ambriz

3. **Public comment for items NOT on this agenda**-none

4. **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.

Hanna, Tilson, Wheeler and Hruska mentioned that they'd spoken to other board members regarding clarification on the NPGs.

5. **Adoption of the agenda**-agenda approved without objection

6. **Special Orders** – None

7. **Consent Calendar** – None

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

9. **New Business**

9.1. **[ADMINISTRATIVE][SPECIAL BYLAWS] Revisions to MVCC Bylaws** – Discussion and possible action regarding proposed revisions to the MVCC Bylaws (postponed from May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting)

Wayne Wheeler mentioned his significant concerns reading proposed committee structure at a previous meeting and how this reduces public participation to those chosen by the Board. Stated that this politicized the process. Having gone over the document in more detail mentioned several other concerns of his: changes remove some privileges for people who work in the community. By far the most

significant concern he has with the remainder of the By-Laws changes were that the changes contain approximately 2600 words relating to how we fight. Rules for removal, censure, repercussions for absences. This, he felt will not be conducive to making the work of the Council go more smoothly.

Motion to approve item 9.1 (Hruska/Rubin) Approved without objection

Motion to go into a Committee of The Whole for the discussion. (Wheeler/Second: Hruska) Motion approved without objection.

Secretary's Note:

When the Board goes into a Committee of the Whole, it functions as a committee, which permits freer discussion. Votes on amendments during this discussion are by a simple majority. When the committee rises, the Board will resume as a Board, and a vote on the item will be by 2/3 majority.

During "Committee of the Whole," a discussion arose regarding *Section 3: Official Action, C*, with the addition of "an appointed committee member."

Wheeler: I think the problem is, "the appointed member." I don't think anybody has a problem with Committee Chair, it is now having "appointed members." Remember, I gave you this whole long list? "Appointed members" is all intertwined. So, if you leave "member" in there, then it's like now we have "appointed members."

Wheeler: I would like that if we are not going to have "committee membership," that all references to "committee members" be struck.

Hanna: Does anybody have any objection if, when we get further down, and we do not institute appointed committee members that we just go back and Administrative strike "or member?"

There was no objection and Committee membership was not approved. All references to Committee Membership were struck from the Bylaws.

Following discussion the Committee rose and presented the results of its work.

The Board then reconvened and voted on the Amended By-Laws.

The Bylaws were approved (7Y/0N/3Abstentions/3Absent)

Secretary's Note:

Final product approved sent to the Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). Following DONE approval, amended bylaws will be posted to the MVCC Elections & By-Laws Committee page.

**9.2. [ADMINISTRATIVE][INOUE] Removal of Board Director by Stakeholder Recall -**

Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed amendment to Article V, Section 9 of the MVCC Bylaws, adding provisions for the Removal of a Board Director by Stakeholder Recall (postponed from May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting)

Motion to approve (Inouye/Krupkin).

Hruska: Clarifying question: why was this not considered as part of item 9.1?

Hanna: this is because the By Laws committee did not submit this and so it had to be considered as a separate item.

Inouye presented background: This is something that stakeholders have been requesting since 2017. It is a right guaranteed by the City Charter. Did a compre-

hensive review of the Neighborhood Councils' By-Laws, and 74 of 99 have addressed this in their By-Laws. Has been done either via a stakeholder petition which the Board then votes on or by stakeholder petition followed by an election. Hill: felt uncomfortable with this and urged board members not to approve. Wheeler/Ambriz concurred. Hanna requested that motion be amended to consider one option only. Inouye suggested the stakeholder/board vote option. Motion Fails (4Y/3N/3Abstentions/3Absent)

## 10. Adjournment

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