



Mar Vista Community Council



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REMOTE MEETING MINUTES

Board of Directors

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Wednesday, January 26, 2022 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

PUBLIC WELCOME

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:35pm

2. ROLL CALL WITH EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Roll Call shall include each board member declaring any ex parte communications outside of their duties and conflicts of interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda. All present. Paul arrived at 6:45pm. No board member claimed any ex parte communications outside of their MVCC duties or conflicts of interest.

3. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNITY MEMORIAL OBSERVATIONS

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - See Supporting Documents for details

4.1. December 15, 2021 – Moved by Rubin, seconded by Marton; Approved without objection.

5. GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES UPDATES (15 MINUTES) - Timely information from and interaction with elected officials/representatives or city agents regarding matters affecting Mar Vista. – West/Metro Field Deputy for LA County Supervisor (Sheila Kuehl), Zachary Gaidzik; Mayor Garcetti's West Area Representative, Vishesh Anand; DONE (Department of Neighborhood Empowerment) representative, Atziri Camarena; Field Representative for Senator Kamlager (District 30), Josef Siroky; Field Representative for Assembly Member Bryan (District 54), Michelle Persoff; President of BONC (Board of Neighborhood Commissioners), Eli Lipmen.

6. SPECIAL ORDERS

6.1. Appointments to the Westside Community Plans Advisory Group (WCPAG) - Approval of appointments to the City's newly formed (1/19/22) Westside Community Plans Advisory Group. – Moved by Rubin, seconded by Tilson, approved 8 to 4 (Blakey, Greenwald, Myhra, Sharma), 3 abstentions (Laferriere, Ruesch, Wheeler), abstentions do not count in vote tally. Appointments: Primary, Mary Hruska; Alternate, Kathryn Wheeler.

6.2. New Beginnings Presentation - Short presentation regarding the Neighborhood Council System, Stakeholder Input, MVCC Official Statements, Positions, and Duties. – [Postponed till next month's meeting.](#)

6.3. MVCC Financial Review - If requested, brief explanation of the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), Budget Adjustments, and potential fiscal outcome if any funding agenda items are approved.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR - *Items deemed to be routine, non-controversial. Any officer may ask a clarifying question instead of or before pulling item(s).* - [SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS – Item 7.2 pulled by Laferriere. Moved by Marton, seconded by Laferriere; approved without objection excluding Item 7.2.](#)

7.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] Monthly Expenditure Report - Discussion and possible action regarding the most recent Monthly Expenditure Report(s) [MER] - December 2021

7.2. [ADMINISTRATIVE][ELECTIONS & BYLAWS] MVCC Standing Rules Revisions - Discussion and possible action regarding changes to the MVCC Standing Rules. – [Moved by Ruesch, seconded by Tilson to remove Standing Rule 9.3 from revisions and send back to committee for proper placement; approved without objection. Amended motion moved by Marton, seconded by Laferriere, approved without objection.](#)

7.3. [POLICY][PLUM] Conditional Use Permit for Tara's Market, 12131 Washington Place - Discussion and possible action regarding support for on-site sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption in conjunction with the operation of an existing market/coffee shop.

7.4. [POLICY][PLUM] Conditional Use Permit for Thai Restaurant, 11688 Gateway Blvd. - Discussion and possible action regarding support for sale and service of beer and wine for on-site consumption with an existing restaurant.

7.5. [POLICY][PLUM] Conditional Use Permit for Art Bar, 12017 Venice Blvd. - Discussion and possible action regarding support for on-site sale and service of a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption with an existing bar.

7.6. [POLICY][PLUM] Conditional Use Permit for Modern V, 2535 Barrington Avenue - Discussion and possible action regarding support for sale and service of beer and wine for on-site consumption with an existing restaurant.

8. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

[\[Current Time: 8:24 pm\] - Motion to extend meeting to 9:15 pm. Moved by Wheeler, seconded by Laferriere; approved without objection.](#)

9. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS (30 MINUTES) - *Discussion must be confined to the merits of the motion, focus on issues, not personalities, avoid questioning motives, and remember our job is to represent Mar Vista, not our personal or political agenda - READ SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND COME PREPARED.*

9.1.[POLICY][PLUM] Opposition to Demolition and Construction on 12759-12761 Caswell Avenue - Discussion and possible action regarding opposing the demolition of two existing single-family

homes to build a five-story, 14-unit apartment building with a height increase of 25% (i.e., 45' to 56'), reduction of side yard from by 15% (i.e., 8' to 7'), and increase FAR by 5.5% (i.e., from 3.0 to 3.16). It will include 11% (i.e., 1.54 unit) low rent units. – Moved by Laferriere, seconded by Marton; approved without objection. Rubin left meeting at 8:32 pm and was not part of vote count.

10. REPORTS (30 MINUTES)

10.1. Officer Reports

- Chair: Kathryn Wheeler – Report given
- Vice-Chair: Andrew Marton – None
- 2nd Vice-Chair: Jordan Paul – None
- Secretary: Charlene Samiley – None
- Treasurer: Drew Ruesch – Not present; Left meeting at 9:02 pm

10.2. Zone Director Reports

- Zone 1: Tyler Laferriere – Report given
- Zone 2: Martin Rubin – Not present; Left meeting at 8:32 pm
- Zone 3: Andrew Marton – None
- Zone 4: Jennifer Rafeedie – Report given
- Zone 5: Drew Ruesch – Not present; Left meeting at 9:02 pm
- Zone 6: Holly Tilson – Report given
- Zone 7: Faith Myhra – Report given

10.3. Committee Reports

- Elections & Bylaws: Martin Rubin, Chair – Rubin not present; Left meeting at 8:32 pm; Report given by Tilson, Committee Vice-Chair.
- Outreach: Carolyn Honda, Chair – Report given
- PHS & Homeless: Andrew Marton, Chair – Report given
- Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM): Drew Ruesch, Chair – Not present; Left meeting at 9:02 pm; Report given by Laferriere, Committee 2nd Vice-Chair.
- Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I): Jordan Paul, Chair – Report given
- Ad-Hoc Committees: – None
 - Newsletter
 - Educational Election Event

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA (15 MINUTES) - 3 minutes per speaker, if time permits.

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12. ADJOURNMENT – 9:16 pm

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