



# MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Special Meeting Minutes

## Special Elections and Bylaws Committee with the Board of Directors

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 From 7:15pm to 8:30pm

Windward School, 11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, Ca 90066 Room 410

### Public Welcome

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**2. ROLL CALL AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS/CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST** - roll call shall include each attending board member declaring any ex parte communications outside of their duties and conflicts of interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.

Jakob Meuser no/no

April Peterson no/no

Caroline Honda no/no

Robin Doyno no/no

Dorothy Houston

Megan P.

**ABSENT: Martin Rubin**

#### 3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harriet is no longer chair, Jakob is the new chair.

#### 4. CHAIR REPORTS

a) CHAIR – Jakob Meuser

b) VICE-CHAIR – Martin Rubin

#### 5. SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE 6. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NEW - SEE [SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#) FOR DETAILS

6.1. **[POLICY] BYLAWS AMENDMENT: TI&S.** Discussion and possible action regarding motion to correct the name of the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Sustainability Committee in the bylaws.

Discussion

- Stakeholders raised the point that the PHS committee includes homeless in the name on the website.
- Robin raised the point that homelessness in the PHS committee name is prejudiced against the unhoused. There should be a separate committee about the unhoused.
- April raised the issue of needles at encampments and how that relates to public health.

April moved to **approve the motion as written**, Jakob seconded. Vote was **6-0-0**.

6.2.[POLICY] **STANDING RULES AMENDMENT: STAKEHOLDER VOTING.** Discussion and possible action regarding motion to remove a provision allowing for stakeholder voting at committee meetings from the standing rules of the MVCC.

#### Discussion

- April likes that MVCC is unique and allows community members to get involved.
- Megan thinks that stakeholders should be allowed to vote but board members who come to committee meetings should save their vote for the full board meeting.
- Robin thinks that there shouldn't be classes delineated between those elected to the board and those serving on committees. He suggests that direct democracy here is the better bet.
- Dorothy likes stakeholder voting and this is the most direct democracy we have. This is better than emailing Traci Park's office. Also points out that sometimes the board votes differently at the main meeting than stakeholders do at committees. Board members have multiple hats because they are stakeholders as well.
- Caroline thinks taking away the vote from board members at committees would be strange because they are coming as a stakeholder.
- Dorothy mentioned that voting in elections for the MVCC is too challenging.

Megan moved to **reject the motion as written**, April seconded. Vote was **5-0-1**.

6.3.[POLICY] **BYLAWS AMENDMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE GRANTS.** Discussion and possible action regarding motion to add new bylaws changing the way the MVCC handles neighborhood purpose grants.

#### Discussion

- Caroline thinks the opportunity for NPG funding is not very transparent and thinks this is a good idea.
- April is concerned that if people are asking for a certain amount, they need to approve that amount or they might not be able to do the project at all.
- Robin points out that this would be a complex process but grant meetings are like that.
- Caroline brought up how in a previous board \$8000 went to removing a tree stump.

Jakob moved to **approve the motion as written**, April seconded. Vote was **6-0-0**.

## 7. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - OLD 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA

- Dorothy is concerned about how difficult it is to vote for community council, people are disenfranchised.
- Caroline agrees that it is unclear on where and when to vote.

- *The Brown Act provides for a "part of the meeting where the public can comment on any item of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency." The MVCC is an advisory board to the Los Angeles City Council and, as such, its jurisdiction is restricted within Los Angeles and most importantly, the Mar Vista Community. Therefore, please keep public comments within the MVCC jurisdiction. Thank you.*

## 9. ADJOURNMENT Jakob moved to adjourn, Robin seconded. Vote was 6-0-0.

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