



# Mar Vista Community Council



## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 7:00pm

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### Minutes

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

Board Member	Present	Absent
Ambriz	x	
Curry	x	
Hill	x	
Hruska	x	
Inouye	x	
Kadota	x	
Krupkin	x	
Proctor		x
Rubin (left 9:46)	x	
Shure	x	
Stemar	x	
Tilson	x	
Watkins	x	
Wheeler	x	
Hanna	x	

3. **Community Memorial Observations**-none
4. **Announcements**-[7:04] Annie Bickerton announced that Westside Friends is seeking volunteers to work a children’s art festival for foster and low income children in partnership with Allies for Every Child. Will be a drive through event happening Oct 17-18. Interested parties can contact her at [westsidefriendsla@gmail.com](mailto:westsidefriendsla@gmail.com)  
Tyler Le Ferriere (Renter’s Committee Co-Chair) announced the next meeting of the committee on Sat Oct 17 2020 at 2:00PM. Also mentioned that voter registration online and by mail is Oct 19<sup>th</sup> and the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is Oct 27. All mail in ballots need to be postmarked by Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Also mentioned Stay Housed LA is a new resource from the LA County Dept of Consumer Business [stayhousedla.org](http://stayhousedla.org)  
David Lee (Venice High School Band Director and Articulation and Outreach Chair. Mentioned that eChoices is

open for any parents/students wishing to attend Venice High School, there are Q&A sessions now available. Information on the Venice High School website or contact him directly at [david.w.lee@lausd.net](mailto:david.w.lee@lausd.net) Ambriz announced that MVCC Ad-Hoc Covid Committee will resume meetings in the near future.

5. **Public Comment for Items NOT on this Agenda**-[7:09PM] Kalani Whittington/Andrea Ambriz/Helen Fallon/Vanessa D./ Krishna Curry
6. **Ex-Parte Communications and Conflicts-of-Interest**-[7:18] Each board member shall declare any ex-parte communications or conflicts-of-interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda. Shure mentioned discussions regarding agenda item 14.4. Hanna mentioned discussions with Tilson regarding budget items. Tilson concurred.
7. **Adoption of the Agenda**- Motion to approve (Tilson/Stemar) Agenda approved without objection.
8. **Approval of Minutes** –[7:20PM] Approval of minutes for prior meetings of the MVCC Board of Directors (July 14<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, and September 9<sup>th</sup>).  
Motion to approve (Wheeler/Hruska).

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Ambriz		x		
Curry			x	
Hill			x	
Hruska	x			
Inouye		x		
Kadota	x			
Krupkin	x			
Proctor				x
Rubin	x			
Shure	x			
Stemar	x			
Tilson	x			
Watkins	x			
Wheeler	x			
Hanna			x	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Motion</b>	<b>Carries</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Fails</b>	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

9. **Reports [7:25PM]**

9.1. **Elected Official and City Department Reports** – Reports from elected officials, their representatives, or representatives of city departments.

Freddy Cupen-Ames (Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment) : Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Is seeking input from all Neighborhood Councils (NCs) on a Draft Social Media Policy. Deadline for input is January 2021. Will forward Draft Social Media Policy. Exhorted Board members to promote the Census currently under way. Will also forward Neighborhood Council Election Handbook, Information Worksheet and Outreach Webinars on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> and Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 2020. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners passed a motion requiring anyone serving on an NC Planning and Land use Committee Is now required to take Planning 101 Courses provided by the Dept of City Planning. These will be held on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and Oct 17 2020. Deadline for such training is Dec 17, 2020.

## 9.2. Officer Reports

- Chair – Elliot Hanna-*none*
- First Vice-Chair – Stacy Shure-Great American Shake Out on Nov 15, 2020. Presented Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA)sustainable Development Standards at the Congress of Neighborhoods on Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. NCSA’s working group will present to all NCs including MVCC next year. Will also be Sustainability Checklists for businesses on all City materials. New leadership at the Western Regional Alliance of Councils: (WRAC) Mat Wersinger will be Chair. Chris Spitz will continue Vice-Chair. Robin Greenberg is Secretary. WRAC’s Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) will also be selecting new leadership at its next meeting because current Co-Chair, Sharon Commins will be stepping down.
- Second Vice-Chair – Christine Stemar-*written report*
- Secretary – Mary Hruska-*written report*
- Treasurer – Holly Tilson—*written report*

## 9.3. Zone Director Reports

- Zone 1 – Stacy Shure-*none*
- Zone 2 – Martin Rubin-North Westdale Neighborhood Association will be setting up a Zoom meeting to introduce new CD11 Field Deputy, Vishesh Anand. Homeless encampments in Zone 2 continue to be a problem. Working with Homeless Committee to address.
- Zone 3 – Mary Hruska-*written report*
- Zone 4 – Rob Watkins, M.D.-*written report*. Added that many Zone 4 residents have voiced objections to the upzoning of Mt View, Grand View and Ocean View blocks in Zone 4 contained in the Dept of City Planning’s recently released Draft Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Plan. At a recent meeting with Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), asked Associate Director of Access and Engagement, Elizabeth Heger for a cost analysis of housing for the homeless, including support services. Was informed such an analysis has not been done. She also could not provide a report on successful Outreach efforts on the part of LHASA. His estimate: \$50,000/year per homeless individual. Multiplied by the current estimate for the homeless population in Los Angeles (40,000) produces a the figure of 2 Billion dollars per year.
- Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin-crime, particularly relating to thefts from cars. Gang graffiti on SE corner of Inglewood and Washington Place. City attempting to work with the owner of the building to address this. NE corner of same intersection has beautiful new mural on the side of a private business. Homeless encampments have increased near Post Office and in the general area of Grand View and Pacific Avenues.  
Mar Vista Library has been doing curbside pick up service. La County Ballot Box there as well. Residents of Zone 5 , particularly in the Oval and along Mc Laughlin are extremely concerned about the proposed zoning changes in the Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey Community Draft Community Plan. Has requested guidance from DONE on whether MVCC can post a map of businesses that are currently open in Mar Vista.
- Zone 6 – Holly Tilson-Residents were glad to receive flyers regarding the upzoning in the new Draft Community Plan. Only one letter in support of it. The rest express shock that their single family neighborhood is being upzoned without notice.
- Zone 7 – Krishna Curry-ADA violations by the developer on a project on Zone 7. Will address this through requisite channels. Requested a stop sign at Wade and Matteson via Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. Street Sweeping resumes on Oct 15. Learning Garden has been awarded A 3K grant from the Rootwork Initiative, which provides mental health therapy through garden-based activities. Did outreach with local businesses regarding Covid-related grants. Construction continues at Venice High School. Met with Zone 7 residents and Dept of City Planning regarding Draft Community Plan. Six RSO buildings in Z7 up for sale. Increased catalytic converter thefts in Z7. This is done vis a skateboarder who reconnoiters followed by the perpetrators of the actual theft. They work very quickly.

**9.4. Committee Reports** – Reports from MVCC Standing and Ad Hoc Committees.

Inouye: Covid Committee will be finishing minutes and resuming meetings. Committee page has web links to CD11 and CD5 Web pages on Covid.

Awaiting decision on whether voter rolls can be used to outreach to community on Covid.

Hill: Education Arts & Culture hosted productive meeting with Learning Garden, LAUSD and community stakeholders. VHS Town Hall tomorrow [Oct 14] regarding the Learning Garden, pool and auditorium.

Shure: Over 20 RSO building for sale in Mar Vista. Six others have already sold. 1600 Charnock has been in default since May. Will monitor. Have given Pacific Division a list of vacant buildings in the neighborhood

In order for them to monitor any illegal usage. Five story development on National which has not yet reached PLUM. Other filings will be agendized. SB1120 and SB 902 will be re-submitted in Dec 2020.

Eviction moratorium for both residential and commercial in effect until March 2021. DCP has agreed to revise Draft Community Plan and return to Western Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) in Jan of next year.

Wheeler: referenced written quarterly report. Outreach Community Plan Survey also posted on Committee webpage.

Krupkin: Great Streets Committee meeting tomorrow [Oct 14]. Will discuss Venice Placemaking Project.

**10. Special Orders** -None

**11. Consent Calendar** [8:23PM]

**11.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] Monthly Expenditure Report** – Approval of the most recent Monthly Expenditure Report(s).

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

**11.3. [FUNDING][TILSON] Appropriation for Accessories for Neighborhood Watch Signs** - Approval of an appropriation, not to exceed \$200, for supplies such as banding straps, nuts, bolts, etc. needed to mount neighborhood watch signs.

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Shure).

Approved without objection

**11.4. [FUNDING][TILSON] Appropriation for Printing Expenses** - Approval of an appropriation, not to exceed \$1,000, for printing expenses for the purpose of informing stakeholders of issues related to planning, land use, and the community plan.

Motion to approve(Wheeler/Hruska)

Approved without objection

**11.5. [FUNDING][TILSON] Appropriation for Election Expenses** - Approval of an appropriation, not to exceed \$3,000 (Elections budget category) for printing expenses for outreach expenses for the upcoming MVCC election.

Motion to approve items 11.1, 11.2 and 11.5 (Wheeler/Hruska)

Public Comment-none

Board Comment: Ambriz/Wheeler

Approved without objection

**12. Excluded Consent Items**- 11.3 and 11.4 (Ambriz)

**13. Unfinished Business and General Orders [8:37PM]**

**13.1. [POLICY][T&I][PUBLIC SAFETY] Infrastructure; Open Space, Health and Safety Concerns, Mobility and Post-COVID Mobility Needs and Limitations** – Discussion and possible action regarding a proposal for purchase/lease of school parcels in Zone 1 for the creation of Open Space and a proposal for open Space creations along flood control channels for pedestrian and bike usage.

Motion to postpone indefinitely (Shure/Stemar)

Motion to postpone indefinitely approved without objection

**13.2. [POLICY][PUBLIC SAFETY][HOMELESS ISSUES] Consistent and Obvious Police Presence** – Discussion and possible action regarding a request for the Los Angeles Police Department to provide Mar Vista with a continuous and obvious police presence.

Motion to remove phrase “with no reduction in police funding” (Hill/Curry)

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Ambriz	x			
Curry	x			
Hill	x			
Hruska		x		
Inouye	x			
Kadota	x			
Krupkin			x	
Proctor				x
Rubin	x			
Shure			x	
Stemar			x	
Tilson		x		
Watkins		x		
Wheeler		x		
Hanna			x	
Total	6	4	4	1
Motion	Carries	x	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

Motion of the Second Order to add he phrase “ de-escalation and racial bias training” at the end of the motion (Watkins/Rubin)

Motion approved without objection.

Motion to change “Mar Vista” to “Pacific Division” (Inouye/Curry)

Motion Approved without objection.

Motion to add “ and not reduce the number of police officers in Mar Vista “

Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion to approve item as amended (Rubin/Wheeler)

Public Comment: Kalani Whittington/Ken Alpern/Jason Fineis/Katherine Monkersh/  
Ashley Zeldin/Annie Bickerton/April Petersen/Helen Fallon

Board Comment: Curry/Hill/Kadota/Ambriz/Watkins/Inouye

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Ambriz		x		
Curry	x			
Hill	x			
Hruska	x			
Inouye	x			
Kadota	x			
Krupkin	x			
Proctor				x
Rubin	x			
Shure	x			
Stemar	x			
Tilson	x			
Watkins	x			
Wheeler	x			
Hanna			x	
Total	12	1	1	1
Motion	Carries	x	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

**13.3. [POLICY][PUBLIC SAFETY][T&I] MVCC Position Regarding New Los Angeles Sign Ordinance** – Discussion and possible action regarding MVCC’s position regarding a new Los Angeles City Sign Ordinance as recommended by the City Planning Commission in Version B+ of the proposed sign ordinance as approved by the City Planning Commission on 10/22/2015, Council File 11-1705.

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Shure)

Public Comment: Kalani Whittington/Helen Fallon/ken Alpern

Board Comment: Ambriz/Shure

Motion to add “food trucks and buildings” (Rubin/Stemar).

Amendment approved without objection

Motion as amended:

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Ambriz			x	
Curry	x			
Hill	x			
Hruska	x			
Inouye	x			
Kadota	x			
Krupkin	x			
Proctor				x
Rubin	x			
Shure	x			
Stemar	x			
Tilson	x			
Watkins	x			
Wheeler	x			
Hanna			x	
Total	12		2	1
Motion	Carries	x	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

**14. New Business [9:28PM]**

**14.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] 2021 MVCC Election Matters** – Discussion and possible action regarding the 2021 Election Information Worksheet and an Election Q&A with a representative of the Office of the City Clerk.

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Tilson)

Public Comment: Vanessa D./Kalani Whittington/Ken Alpern/Ashley Zeldin/April Petersen/  
Helen Fallon

Board Comment: Tilson/Hanna/Shure/Inouye/Rubin/Ambriz/Hill

Motion approved without objection

**14.2. [POLICY][PLUM] MVCC Position Regarding the “Gut and Amend” process in the State Legislature -**

Discussion and possible action regarding a PLUM-passed motion to inform the members of the Los Angeles City Council that the Mar Vista Community Council Encourages the elimination of the “Gut and Amend” process in the State Legislature because it hides the true intent of legislation and reduces transparency

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Stemar)

Public Comment: Helen Fallon/Kalani Whittington

Board Comment: None

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Ambriz			x	
Curry	x			
Hill	x			
Hruska	x			
Inouye	x			
Kadota	x			
Krupkin	x			
Proctor				x
Rubin				x
Shure	x			
Stemar	x			
Tilson	x			
Watkins	x			
Wheeler	x			
Hanna			x	
Total	11	0	2	2
Motion	Carries	x	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

**14.3. [POLICY][PLUM] MVCC Position Regarding “High-Value” Projects** - Discussion and possible action regarding a PLUM-passed motion in OPPOSITION to Los Angeles City Council File #CF 20-1044: High Value Projects, changes procedures at the Los Angeles City Council for approval of “high value” projects by bypassing the PLUM Committee of the Los Angeles City Council.

[Motion to approve \(Stemar/Tilson\)](#)

[Public Comment: Kalani Whittington/Helen Fallon/Ken Alpern/Tyler Le Ferriere](#)

[Board Comment: None](#)

Board Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Ambriz		x		
Curry	x			
Hill	x			
Hruska	x			
Inouye	x			
Kadota	x			
Krupkin	x			
Proctor				x
Rubin				x
Shure	x			
Stemar	x			
Tilson	x			
Watkins	x			
Wheeler	x			
Hanna			x	
Total	11	1	1	2
Motion	Carries	x	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				



**14.4. [POLICY][PLUM] MVCC Position Regarding Enforcement of Tenant Protections** - Discussion and possible action regarding a PLUM-passed motion in SUPPORT of Los Angeles City Council Files #19-0400 and #20-0047 (passed 9/30/2020 at the City Council on Consent) regarding the enforcement of tenant protections in SB 330, procedures for compliance and enforcement.

Public Comment: Kalani Whittington/Ken Alpern

Board Comment: None

Motion to file as a Community Impact Statement (CIS) (Wheeler/Shure)

Approved without objection

Motion to approve original item as a CIS (Wheeler/Stemar)

Motion approved without objection

**14.5. [POLICY][PLUM] MVCC Position Regarding Anti-Harassment of Tenants** - Discussion and possible action regarding a PLUM-passed motion in SUPPORT of Los Angeles City Council File #17-0268-S13 regarding anti-harassment of tenants.

Public Comment: Ashley Zeldin/Kalani Whittington

Board Comment: None

Motion to file as CIS (Wheeler/Shure)

Motion approved without objection.

Motion to approve original item as a CIS

Motion approved without objection

**14.6. [POLICY][PLUM] MVCC Position Regarding Communication with Elected Officials** - Discussion and possible action regarding a PLUM-passed motion regarding communications with ALL elected officials, on the local and state levels in order to fully represent stakeholders in the Mar Vista Community Council area.

Item deferred to next meeting.

## 15. Adjournment-

Motion to adjourn (Wheeler/Stemar)

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 PM

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