



Mar Vista Community Council



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Minutes

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Tuesday, March 9, 2021, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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Zoom Electronic Meeting Webinar

Webinar ID 946 5647 6371

1. **Call to Order**-meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Chair, Elliot Hanna
2. **Roll Call** – Call of the roll and certification of a quorum

Board Member	Present	Absent
Ambriz (left 10:05PM)	x	
Curry	x	
Hill	x	
Hruska	x	
Inouye	x	
Kadota	x	
Krupkin (7:08PM)	x	
Proctor	x	
Rubin (left 10:08PM)	x	
Shure	x	
Stemar	x	
Tilson	x	
Watkins	x	
Wheeler	x	
Hanna	x	

3. **Community Memorial Observations** -none

4. **Announcements** [7:02PM]:

Hanna: mentioned the end time of 10PM on the agenda which will be the protocol for this and future meetings

Martin Rubin: Mentioned joint meeting between North Westdale Neighborhood Association and Concerned Citizens Against Airport Pollution on March 14 at 6:30 PM. Mayor of Santa Monica will be in attendance.

Tyler La Ferriere (Renters' Committee Co-Chair): announced next committee meeting on March 20 at 2PM. Eviction Moratorium has been extended until June 30 2021, and the Stay Housed LA website has been updated to reflect this.

No word from the city yet on a potential second round of emergency rental assistance with new round of stimulus funds. Encouraged any who are interested to sign up for the Housing and Community Investment Department (HCID) updates.

Stacy Shure: mentioned next meeting of the Western Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC) on March 15 at which Ted Lieu will be a guest.

Holly Tilson: Mar Vista Community Council (MVCC) will be having an election on June 8 2021. Candidate Registration Window ends March 23. All voting will be by mail, and stakeholders need to register in order to get a ballot.

Drop box for Mar Vista will be at the Mar Vista Library, counter to what was requested by MVCC, Mar Vista Rec Center.

5. **Public Comment for Items NOT on this Agenda (30 min., maximum) [7:08PM]**
David Lee, Kalani Whittington, Faith Myra, Melissa Erhardt, Helen Fallon, Robin Doyno
6. **Ex-Parte Communications and Conflicts-of-Interest –[7:17PM]** Each board member shall declare any ex-parte communications or conflicts-of-interest pertaining to items on or related to this agenda.
Hanna: communicated with Tilson re: Monthly Expenditure Report (MER), budget adjustments and Newsletter and with Krupkin on agenda items 14.5 and 14.6

Kathryn Wheeler : Point of Order: requested that agenda item 14.9 be ruled Out of Order by the Chair and stricken due to its conflict with the MVCC By-Laws.

Hanna: stated that Chair prefers to address this issue when the Board considers the item.

Tilson requested, in light of guest speakers, that Zone Reports be moved to after New Business.

Approved without objection.

7. **Adoption of the Agenda-[7:23PM]**
Motion to approve(Rubin/Shure)
Shure requests that, for reasons of timeliness, item 14.11 be moved up so that it can be heard prior to adjournment at 10:00PM. Hanna suggested making the request as adjournment time grew nearer. Shure concurred.
Amended agenda approved without objection.
8. **Approval of Minutes**– Approval of minutes for prior meeting of the MVCCBoard of Directors (*February 9th*).
Motion to approve (Wheeler/Stemar).
Public Comment: none
Feb 9 2021 Minutes approved without objection (Hanna/Tilson-Abstentions)
9. **Reports**
 - 9.1. **Elected Official and City Department Reports** – Reports from elected officials, their representatives, or representatives of city departments.[7:24PM]
Vishesh Anand (CD11) : Thanked participants at Downtown Mar Vista Beautification Project public Meeting, who voted on various projects.
Continuing to work with Congressman Bass on resolving Mar Vista Post Office service issues. Have requested no further budget cuts and have written to PostMaster General.
Rent Relief Program has been expanded by the City Council. Application window opens March 15.
Additional information on the HCID website.
LA Sanitation, due to budget cuts and hiring freezes, has moved weekly street sweeping to biweekly.
Josef Siroky (Senator Kamlager-Dove): senator has 2 bills pending: AB458 which would allow the State to import prescription drugs upon Federal Approval and AB555, which would mandate pet Insurance providers to cover spaying and neutering.
Brad Fingard (Mayor’s Office): Vaccine update: total of 527,409 administered as of the current week. Added an additional fixed site at USC, for a total of 7 fixed sites and 8 mobile clinics. Vaccines are also being administered at skilled nursing facilities and various fire stations. Vaccines are also available now for teachers, child care workers, agricultural and emergency workers. Americorp City announced a new program to administer vaccines to LA residents who are homebound. The pilot program aims to vaccinate 300 people this week, and to expand to public housing, senior centers and other long term care facilities.
LA ADU Accelerator Program is partnering with homeowners to rent their ADUs to older adults needing housing. Priority Review Deadline for the program is March 21. (<http://adu.lacity.org/>)
Lily Sofiani (Supervisor Holly Mitchell): Mitchell transitioning into her new role as County Supervisor. Mar Vista may be getting new representative.

Upcoming food drive at El Camino College. Will forward information

9.2 Officer Reports [7:35PM]

- Chair – Elliot Hanna-*none*
- First Vice-Chair – Stacy Shure-*WRAC meeting on March 15 will have Ted Lieu as guest speaker*
Encouraged all to attend Neighborhood Council Sustainability Council meetings.
- Second Vice-Chair – Christine Stemar-*[Secretary's Note: See Committee Reports]*
- Secretary – Mary Hruska-*see written report*
- Treasurer – HollyTilson-*see written report. Additional update: replacement card received today.*
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9.3 Zone Director Reports -*Deferred to next meeting*

- Zone 1 – Stacy Shure
- Zone 2 – Martin Rubin
- Zone 3 – Mary Hruska
- Zone 4 – Rob Watkins, M.D.
- Zone 5 – Michelle Krupkin
- Zone 6 – Holly Tilson
- Zone 7 – Krishna Curry

9.4. Committee Reports – Reports from MVCC Standing and Ad Hoc Committees [7:56PM]

Public Health & Safety- Stemar: Lots of meetings going on this time of year. Stay tuned.

Planning and Land Use- Shure: Attended working group meeting with Dept of City Planning (DCP) at which it was announced that Policies and Procedures Ordinance is proceeding to City Planning Commission (CPC) on March 25 for review. This ordinance still contains provisions which would diminish the impact that neighborhood Councils have on project review. Will be bringing this to WRAC and request that CPC delay this hearing.

Ad Hoc Covid Committee- Ambriz: will be holding a joint meeting with Education Arts & Culture Committee on school reopening on March 13 at 1PM. Attendees will include Councilmembers Kortez and Bonin, LA Unified Board Vice President Nick Melvoin, Community of Schools Administrator, Eric Hansen, Children’s Hospital Infection Prevention Director Marisa Glucoft, and A representative from the LA Dept of Public Health.

Homelessness Issues Committee- Watkins: see committee webpage for tent counts where trends can be monitored, and other valuable links. [Secretary’s Note: see also , Supplemental Materials for written report]

Education Arts & Culture-Hill: will be hosting second installment of STEM virtual presentation on March 13 at 3PM. Regular EA&C meeting at 2:30PM, same day.

Transportation & Infrastructure- Krupkin/Curry: Great Streets meeting (March 10 7:PM). Continuing to do Outreach to Venice Blvd businesses. Some have closed, but have seen some new ones. Has heard from state representatives that another round of Covid relief funding for businesses has been released.

Elections & ByLaws- Rubin/Tilson: formulating questions for the MVCC Candidate Forum at next Committee meeting on March 24.

10. Special Orders [7:56PM]

10.1. “Listening Tour” presentation from D.O.N.E. – Brief “Listening Tour” presentation from Raquel Beltran, D.O.N.E. General Manager (not to exceed twenty minutes).

Dept of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) did several surveys and 52% of NCs considered Operational Support a primary need from DONE. Dept changes: down to about 25 employees. Loss of Seme Park and Jasmine Elbarbary. Seven positions will remain vacant. Budget cut by about 500K over the next 2 fiscal years. Base budget of about 2.8 M. Not anticipating any of that being restored. One focus of the Dept will be ensuring consistency in Policies and Procedures. Looking at new ways to manage conflicts. 15% of NCs drain about 60% of resources. Need to find new ways of addressing this. Will still have 4 Directors : Armando Ruiz (Administrative Services), Tom Soon (Outreach & Communications), Julien Antelin (Innovation), Mike Fong (Policy & Government Relations). 99 NCs will be assigned equally to each Field Deputy, so each will have 33 NCs. Each is averaging about 9 NCs. Also focusing on elections. There has been a 368% increase in the number of people expressing interest in the NC system as candidates.840 people have signed up for the Candidate Information session. Working with City Attorney’s Personnel Dept and Civil and Human Rights and Equity Dept on mandatory training for NCs. Will be suspending implementation of the Planning and Land Use trainings until after the election. Will pick up with it in August. Completed workshop in Digital Media policy and will be submitting report to Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. AB992 Is a new bill has gone into effect which modified the Brown Act as it applies to Social Media. Will also be revisions in code of conduct which was last revised in 2016. Will be substantial changes there. Empowered Virtual Governance Version 3 will take up a lot of time. Has been a tremendous interest in continuing virtual meetings after pandemic and are looking into how to accomplish this.

City Council has created a Youth Council and DONE will administer it. Still awaiting guidance on that. Councilmember Lee is the chair of the committee.

- 10.2. Appointment(s) to Ad-Hoc Translation Committee** – Possible action regarding appointment(s) to the newly created ad hoc translation committee. Chair announced that he'd sought out volunteers for this and none applied, and so this item will not be addressed.
- 11. Consent Calendar [8:22PM]**
- 11.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] Monthly Expenditure Report** – Approval of the *February, 2021* Monthly Expenditure Report(s).
- 11.2. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EXFIN] FY2020-2021 Budget Adjustments** – Approval of adjustments to the FY2020-2021 budget.
Motion to approve (Wheeler/Rubin). Consent Calendar approved without objection
- 12. Excluded Consent Items**-none
- 13. Unfinished Business and General Orders** – None
- 14. New Business [8:23PM]**
- 14.1. [FUNDING][EXFIN][OUTREACH]Appropriation for an Election Newsletter** – Discussion and possible action regarding an expenditure, not to exceed \$14,000, for costs related to EITHER a printed newsletter OR mailing a postcard to all dwelling units, trailers, and businesses within the MVCC boundaries and for other related purposes.
Motion to approve (Wheeler/Rubin)
Public Comment: Tyler La Ferriere (for Mailer), Ashley Zeldin (for Mailer)
Clarifying Questions: Ambriz, Hill, Tilson
Board Comment: Hill, Shure, Ambriz, Curry, Inouye, Tilson, Hruska, Rubin, Watkins, Hanna, Wheeler

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	8	4	2	X
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

- 14.2. [ADMINISTRATIVE][ELECTIONS & BYLAWS][OUTREACH] Advertisements, Banners, Lawn Signs, etc. for the 2021 MVCC Election** – Discussion and possible action regarding advertisements, banners, lawn signs, etc. promoting the 2021 MVCC election and for other related purposes.

[Motion to approve \(Wheeler/Shure\)](#)

[Clarifying Questions: Ambriz, Shure.](#)

[Public Comment: Ashley Zeldin, Helen Fallon, Kalani Whittington](#)

[Board Comment: none](#)

[Call the Question \(Shure/Wheeler\)](#)

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	10	5		
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

[Original Motion:](#)

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	9	5	1	
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

- 14.3. [POLICY][PLUM][COMMUNITY PLAN] Community Impact Statement in Opposition to City Council Motion CF-20-1042** – Discussion and possible action regarding CF-20-1042 which seeks to update the zoning codes of the City of Los Angeles via ballot initiative, despite the Community Plan Update process currently underway.

Motion to approve (Hruska/Wheeler)

Public Comment: Kalani Whittington (For), Ashley Zeldin (For), Helen Fallon (For)

Clarifying Questions: Ambriz, Inouye

Board Comment: Shure, Ambriz, Hruska, Hanna

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	13	1	1	
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

- 14.4. [POLICY][PH&S][HOMELESS ISSUES] Letter Regarding Safe-Camping and Safe-Parking Sites** – Discussion and possible action regarding a letter requesting that the City of Los Angeles, in collaboration with the County of Los Angeles, immediately fund and create appropriate safe-camping and safe-parking sites, with readily available on-site supportive services.

Motion to approve Watkins/Krupkin)

Public Comment: Dorothy (For), Kalani (For if amended), Ashely Zeldin (For if Amended)

Board Comment: see amendments

Motion to amend [1st Rank] (Proctor/Watkins), adding “in appropriate locations”

Approved without objection

Motion to amend [2nd Rank](Krupkin/Ambriz) adding “to include religious organizations’ parking facilities”

Vote on amendment , 2nd Rank:

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	2	10	3	
Motion	Carries		Fails	X
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

Motion as amended approved without objection

[9:50PM]

Shure moved that item 14.11 be moved up due to timeliness issue. Approved without objection

Wheeler moved to extend meeting in order to hear item 14.10 (Second: Stemar) Approved without objection.

Krupkin moved to extend meeting in order to hear item 14.6 (Second: Shure). Approved without objection.

Shure moved to extend meeting in order to hear item 14.5 (Second: Stemar) Approved without Objection.

- 14.5. [POLICY][T&I] MVCC Position on WRAC Motion Regarding the Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP)** – Discussion and possible action regarding a WRAC motion regarding the City of Los Angeles Sidewalk and Transit Amenities Program (STAP)(CF 20-1536).

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Shure)

Public Comment; none

Board Comment: none

Approved without objection

- 14.6. [POLICY][T&I] L.A. Metro Congestion Pricing** – Discussion and possible action regarding L.A. Metro’s proposed congestion pricing on the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10).

Motion to approve (Wheeler/Hruska)

Public Comment: none

Board Comment: none

Approved without objection

- 14.7. [POLICY][EACC] Statement in Support of Equality and Human Rights** – Discussion and possible action regarding a statement in support of equality and human rights for the LGBTQ+ and transgender community.

Deferred to next meeting.

- 14.8. [POLICY][EACC] Update to EACC Mission Statement** – Discussion and possible action regarding an update to the EACC mission statement.

[Deferred to next meeting.](#)

- 14.9. [ADMINISTRATIVE][EACC] MVCC BoD Agenda Format** – Discussion and possible action regarding altering the MVCC BoD agenda format to include a section for reports from At-Large Directors.

[Deferred to next meeting](#)

- 14.10. [POLICY][SHURE] Solutions to State’s Affordable Housing Crisis** – Discussion and possible action regarding proposed positive solutions to the state’s affordable housing crisis, specifically as it relates to workforce and low to moderate income housing.

[Motion to approve \(Shure/Wheeler\)](#)

[Public Comment: Ashley Zeldin \(For\)](#)

[Clarifying Questions: Krupkin, Ambriz, Wheeler, Kadota](#)

[Board Comment: Rubin](#)

[Motion to amend with addition of “WRAC’s position on”. \(Kadota/Shure \)Approved without objection.](#)

[Amended Motion](#)

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	9	0	3	3
Motion	Carries	X	Fails	
Abstentions not counted in tallies				

- 14.11. [POLICY][SHURE] Opposition to Increase in the City’s Appeal Fee** – Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed increase in the Department of City Planning’s appeal fee from \$89 to \$16,097 [CF 09-0969-S3].

[Motion to approve \(Shure/Hruska\)](#)

[Public Comment: none](#)

[Board Comment: Hruska](#)

[Motion approved without objection.](#)

[Motion to adjourn \(Wheeler/Shure\)](#)

[Meeting adjourned at 10:18PM](#)

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