



MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MEETING AGENDA - MINUTES

Board of Directors

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Thursday, March 21th, 2024 from 6:30pm - 9:30pm

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Windward School, 11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066

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1. **CALL TO ORDER 6:30 pm**
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.**

[Wheeler has a conflict of interest on item 13.1](#)

[Excused Absence: Samiley, Rubin](#)

[13 community participants](#)

Agenda #	Roll call	Exparte	Conflicts
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large	PRESENT	None	None
(Z7) Derl Clausen	PRESENT, 6:35p	None	Potential conflict on item 13.2. Self elected to recuse due to not contacting the City Attorney, and living within 500 feet of proposed development.
(Z1) Kelsey Figone	ABSENT	N/A	N/A
Shaia Greenwald - At Large	PRESENT, 6:40p	None	None
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director	PRESENT	None	None
Greg Kopelow - At Large	PRESENT	None	None
(Z3) Andrew Marton	PRESENT	None	None
Jakob Meuser - At Large	PRESENT	None	None
Steve Paddock - At Large	PRESENT, 6:35p	None	None
April Peterson - At Large	PRESENT	None	None
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie	PRESENT	None	None
(Z2) Martin Rubin	ABSENT	N/A	N/A
(Z5) Drew Ruesch	PRESENT	None	None
Charlene Samiley - At Large	ABSENT	N/A	N/A
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler	PRESENT	None	Yes, conflict on item 13.1 per consultation with the City Attorney

3. WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNITY MEMORIALS

Arrived at 6:35: Clausen, Paddock - no conflicts, no ex parte.

4. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE, GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Michelle Persoff - Assembly Member Isaac Bryan office, senior field rep; Monday - Town Hall.

AT&T landline issue - encouraged people to make voices heard about whether they want landlines discontinued.

Seven out of 12 insurance companies have left California. Log a complaint with the Department of insurance if you have concerns. - Assembly Member Bryan's office can be a resource.

Chair of Natural Resources

Bill 27.16 - if you are producing less than 15 barrels a day in the last two years, you have to cap or clean up the oil well, or you will be fined.

Director Greenwald at 6:40 arrived: no ex parte or conflicts.

Matt Halden - Field deputy for Mar Vista for Traci Park's office. Tabled an event at the Farmer's market and is getting to know the community. Updates on the Mural project are upcoming.

Mary Ensley - Mayor Bass' office- share concerns about community safety - QR code available. Interim Chief of LAPD has been sworn in. 1,200 applications have come into LAPD. Inside Safe- they are receiving calls regarding homelessness and RV encampments. Deputy Mayor of Homelessness has been brought on. Highlighted 311, they are doing overhaul. Mayor just returned from Paris regarding small business growth as it relates to the 2028 Olympics.

Janet Turner - sent an update from Ted Lieu's office. Rep. Lieu secured over \$11 million for local community projects for FY24. Of these,

- \$840,000 was for the remodeling of the Venice Beach Bathrooms.
- \$500,000 was for the Lincoln Neighborhood Corridor Safety enhancements that includes bike lanes and pedestrian safety measures.
- \$1million for homeless housing projects.

Last year the projects had to have an infrastructure element. it was required that any request be submitted through a government agency or department. The project needs to be able to go forward even if the funding does not come through. We have alerted your City Council Office that soon we will be asking them to submit requests. We are still waiting guidelines for FY25 projects. We suggest that if there are projects that your community would like them to consider submitting to us that you reach out to them.

Prabjhot Chamber - training updates: anti bias training, gender expression/gender identity training are mandated now; 90 days to complete. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners update code of conduct policy. Training on Cornerstone Account. Women's leadership even on March 28th at City Hall. Registration is closed.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion moved by: Greenwald

Seconded by: Kopelow

Vote: 12-0-0-0

Motion passes/fails: passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large	x		1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large		x	1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large			1				
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large			1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			12	0	0	0	3

6. SPECIAL ORDERS

6.1. Neighborhood Council Homelessness Liaison Appointment - Homelessness

Liaisons will serve as the bridge between your council and the broader community efforts to combat homelessness. They will participate in our upcoming meetings, share insights from your neighborhood, and collaborate with others to develop and implement effective strategies.

Motion Moved by: Kopelow

Seconded by: Honda

Vote: 12-0-0-0

Motion passes/fails: passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director		x	1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large	x		1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large			1				
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large			1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			12	0	0	0	3

- 7. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA** - 1 minute per speaker, if time permits, more time will be given. The MVCC is built on Stakeholder participation and input; especially through our committees (see MarVista.org > Council > Committees). 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 and on matters that the MVCC may act upon in future meetings. Thank you for your involvement with the MVCC. Please feel free to contact us (info@MarVista.org) if we may be of service.
- 8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** - 2 minutes per speaker, if time permits, more time will be given. board members may make very limited comments and briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights (no action may be taken on matters brought up during general public comment).
- 9. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
- 9.1. February 15th, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**
- Motion Moved by: Peterson**
- Seconded by: Paddock**
- Vote: 12-0-0-0**

Motion passes/fails: Motion Passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large			1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large			1				
Steve Paddock - At Large		x	1				
April Peterson - At Large	x		1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			12	0	0	0	3

10. CONSENT CALENDAR - *Items deemed to be routine, non-controversial. Any officer may ask a clarifying question instead of or before pulling item(s).* - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS

10.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE] [FUNDING] Monthly Expenditure Report - Discussion and possible action regarding the Monthly Expenditure Report [MER] for February 2024

10.2. [ADMINISTRATIVE] [FUNDING] Budget Adjustments - Discussion and possible action regarding the budget adjustments for March 2024

Motion Moved by: Meuser

Seconded by: Marton

Vote: 12-0-0-0

Motion passes/fails: passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				

(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large			1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton		x	1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large	x		1				
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large			1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			12	0	0	0	3

11. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

12. OLD BUSINESS - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS.

12.1. [ADMINISTRATIVE] [DIRECTORS MOTION: A. MARTON, S. GREENWALD, C. SAMILEY] Censure of Board Member Martin Rubin - Discussion and possible action regarding Censure of Dir. Rubin.

Director Rubin is absent, thus, this motion will not be heard.

12.2. [POLICY] [DIRECTOR MOTION: J. MEUSER] Youth Board Seat Bylaws Amendment - Discussion and possible action regarding motion to add a Youth Board seat to the MVCC.

Motion Moved by: Meuser

Seconded by: Kopelow

Vote: 8-2-2-0

Motion passes/fails: passes by 2/3 votes per requirement of MVCC bylaws

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large				1			

Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director					1		
Greg Kopelow - At Large		x	1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large	x		1				
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large					1		
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie			1				
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler				1			
			8	2	2	0	3

13. NEW BUSINESS - PLEASE SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS.

13.1. [FUNDING] [EACC] North Venice Little League NPG - Discussion and potential action regarding a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) in the amount of \$5,000 for North Venice Little League.

Motion Moved by: Kopelow

Seconded by: Marton

Vote: 10-0-0-1

Motion passes/fails: passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large	x		1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton		x	1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large			1				
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large			1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie							1
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				

Charlene Samiley - At Large								1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler							1	
			10	0	0		1	4

Amendment: Additional sources of funding to include: Pacifica High School - \$8000, North Venice Little League - \$1150

Motion Moved by: Ruesch

Seconded by: Marton

Vote: 10-0-0-1

Motion passes/fails: passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large			1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton		x	1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large			1				
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large			1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie							1
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch	x		1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler						1	
			10	0	0	1	4

13.2. [POLICY] [PLUM] 12749 W Mitchell Ave – Discussion and possible action regarding the development at 12749 W Mitchell Ave requesting a Conditional Use Permit for a Density Bonus of Greater than 35% for a new 19-unit Multifamily Residential Building. [Link to application and plans.](#)

Motion Moved by: Wheeler

Seconded by: Peterson

Vote: 8-1-1-1

Motion passes/fails: passes

Rafeedie Left at 8pm

Clausen recused himself from discussion and voting

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large				1			
(Z7) Derl Clausen						1	
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large			1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large			1				
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large		x	1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie							1
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch					1		
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler	x		1				
			8	1	1	1	4

13.3. [ADMINISTRATIVE] In-Person With Hybrid Option for the Public at Quarterly In Person Board Meetings - Discussion and possible action regarding holding quarterly in In-Person With Hybrid Option for the Public.

Pulled

13.4. [POLICY] [T&I] Council File 24-0055 (Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers / Fiscal Year 2022-23 Complaints And Citations / Enforcement / Education Program) - Discussion and possible action regarding [Council File 24-0055](#) regarding data collection, improved enforcement, and educational outreach on gas-powered leaf blowers.

Motion Moved by:

Seconded by:

Vote: 7-3-1-0

Motion passes/fails: passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large				1			
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large		x	1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large	x		1				
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large				1			
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie							1
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch					1		
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler				1			
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13.5. [POLICY] [T&I] **Street Hump Application Cycle** - Discussion and possible action regarding the [2024 residential speed hump application cycle](#).

Pulled

13.6. [POLICY] [DIRECTOR MOTION: J. MEUSER] **CF 24-0116 Clean Energy / Local Water Sources / Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) / 2035 Goals / Evaluation** - Discussion and possible action regarding [Council File 20-0116](#).

Pulled

13.7. [ADMINISTRATIVE] [EACC] **Outreach at CicLAvia Event** - Discussion and potential action regarding MVCC booth at CicLAvia – Venice Blvd. Presented by Metro.

Motion Moved by: Ahmadyveasi

Seconded by: Kopelow

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Motion passes/fails: passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large	x		1				

(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large		x	1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
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Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large			1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie							1
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			11	0	0	0	4

13.8. [ADMINISTRATIVE] [DIR. AHMADYVEASI] Partnership with Mar Vista Farmers

Market for Bike Repair - Discussion and potential action regarding a partnership with Mar Vista Farmers Market leading up to the Ciclaviva event on April 21st, at locations TBD. Locations may include Mar Vista Park, Mar Vista Library, and elementary schools where Mar Vista Farmers Market will set up Bike Repair Pop-ups throughout the month of April.

Motion Moved by: Clausen

Seconded by: Kopelow

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Motion passes/fails: Passes

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Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen	x		1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large		x	1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				

Jakob Meuser - At Large			1				
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large			1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie							1
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler			1				
			11	0	0	0	4

13.9. [FUNDING] [DIR. AHMADYVEASI] Outreach Expenditures for Ciclavia Event -
 Discussion and potential action regarding an outreach expenditure for children’s books (Frank and Bert: The One Where Bert Learns to Ride a Bike & The New Bicycle) and MVCC logo stickers not to exceed \$600.

Motion Moved by: Kopelow

Seconded by: Wheeler

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Motion passes/fails: passes

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(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large	x		1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large			1				
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large			1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie							1
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch			1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler		x	1				

			11	0	0	0	4

14. REPORTS

Officer Reports

- Drew Ruesch - Chair
- Andrew Marton - 1st Vice Chair
- Carolyn Honda - 2nd Vice Chair
- Jennifer Rafeedie - Secretary
- Greg Kopelow - Treasurer

Zone Reports

- Zone 1 - Kelsey Figone
- Zone 2 - Martin Rubin
- Zone 3 - Andrew Marton
- Zone 4 - Jennifer Rafeedie
- Zone 5 - Drew Ruesch
- Zone 6 - Kevin Wheeler
- Zone 7 - Derl Clausen

Committee Reports

- Elections and Bylaws
- Outreach
- Public Health, Safety and Homelessness
- Planning and Land Use Management
- Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability
- Education Arts and Culture
- WRAC, WRAC Committees and Other Liaisons

15. ADJOURNMENT: 9:07

Motion Moved by: Ruesch

Seconded by: Kopelow

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Motion passes/fails: Passes

	Move	2nd	Y	N	Abstain	Recuse	Absent
Delaram Ahmadyveasi - At Large			1				
(Z7) Derl Clausen			1				
(Z1) Kelsey Figone							1
Shaia Greenwald - At Large			1				
Carolyn K. Honda - Community Director			1				
Greg Kopelow - At Large		x	1				
(Z3) Andrew Marton			1				
Jakob Meuser - At Large			1				
Steve Paddock - At Large			1				
April Peterson - At Large			1				
(Z4) Jennifer Rafeedie							1
(Z2) Martin Rubin							1
(Z5) Drew Ruesch	x		1				
Charlene Samiley - At Large							1
(Z6) Kevin Wheeler							1
			10	0	0	0	5

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