

MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Education, Arts, and Culture Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER - 7:56pm

2. ROLL CALL AND EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS/CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST -

Present: Delaram Ahmadyveasi, Aaron Vanek

Stakeholder: Nancy Schmidt

No ex parte or conflicts declared by any committee members.

3. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR DETAILS

4.1. APPROVAL OF August 13, 2024 MINUTES

Motion to change August 13 minutes to add Della's last name (from Richland School Booster) from Della XXXX to Della Laira and approve minutes.

APPROVED - Motioned by Ahmadyveasi, seconded by Vanek. No objections. Motion passed.

3-0-0 (Ahmadyveasi yes, Vanek yes, Schmidt yes)

5. CHAIR REPORTS

a) CHAIR – Delaram Ahmadyveasi

No budget for this year to the EACC for NPG grants. Any remaining NPG grants will be deferred to 2025-2026.

b) MEMBER – Aaron Vanek - NONE

6. SPECIAL ORDERS – NONE

7. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS - NEW

7.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Discussion and potential action regarding Tap Card Art Contest

Ahmadyveasi: have not heard back from Metro. We want to have an art contest for the Mar Vista community to design our own art for the Tap Card, part of Metro's ability to make local Tap Cards. Tabled for the next meeting.

8. STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS – OLD

8.1 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Discussion and potential action regarding Walking Tour

Ahmadyveasi: Reiterated purpose of walking tour: to highlight art and culture pieces around the neighborhood, with a printed pamphlet but also have a digital version for at-home printing.

We have a list of art and architecture in the area. Core pieces were Lori Powers sculptures, but they have been moved and not relocated, and there is not a budget for printing.

Vanek: Volunteered his spouse, a professional art production designer, to do a mock up of the pamphlet. Possible to make a digital version without any budget. Will start with entries by Yulie Mack. Vanek will present later.

8.2 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Discussion and potential action regarding Mar Vista Stairs annual clean up.

Ahmadyveasi: We previously motioned to do a neighborhood cleanup at the Mar Vista stairs. All cleanups are partnerships with MVCC and another entity. Before passing motion to the Transportation Committee, we are amending our motion to include a partner. This could be an ongoing partnership with Windward.

Ahmadyveasi motions to amend the previous committee motion of setting up a Mar Vista stairs annual cleanup to add a partnership with the owners of the local business Lost & Found, who have been doing a cleanup on their own for years and could use more help. Vanek seconds. Motion passes 3-0-0 - Ahmadyveasi-Yes, Vanek-Yes, Schmidyt-Yes

Note that North Venice Little League is offered as a secondary option if business is unable to partner.

8.3 [ADMINISTRATIVE] Discussion and potential action regarding Mar Vista Community Council Fall Fair

Ahmadyveasi: Official fair planning is tabled until 2025-2026 year due to budgeting.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA -

Nancy Schmidt, a neighbor who wants to help artist Lori Powers, talked about Lori's metal sculpture art that was installed on utility poles. With Lori's approval, LADWP has carefully taken them all—about 20-24 pieces—down due to code violations, and they are in her yard. Lori feels very strongly that this is free public art and needs to be in public space. LADWP pointed her to "Adopt a Median Program."

The Office of Community Beautification has a partnership program, with an application process to "Adopt a Median": find street medians and people who want to sponsor the art in that space. They are looking for sponsors and support.

Nancy suggests this could be a model for future neighborhood councils to do art for big events in LA, like the Olympics.

Ahmadyveasi motions to adjourn. Schmidt seconds. Passes 3-0-0

Ahmadyveasi-yes, Vanek-yes, Schmidt-yes

Meeting adjourned 8:42pm.