

**MISSION HILLS
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Minutes of the
MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING Monday, May 1, 2017
LAPD Mission Area Police Station, Timothy M. Falco Community Room
11121 Sepulveda Boulevard, Mission Hills, CA 91345

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I. Welcoming Remarks

a. Call to order & Flag Salute

President Ricky Angel called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He explained procedures and rules. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

b. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Mr. Angel. Eight of the 10 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dean Anderson, Ricky Angel (President), Jose Arevalo, Pamela Cardillo (Vice-President), Maribel Carrillo (Treasurer), Jose Castillo, Savannah Pinedo and Marsha Soash. Michelle Cook, Jeff Pierret, Amir Shiraz and Elizabeth Zamudio had resigned. Melissa Serrano arrived later. Mercy Silva (Secretary) (excused) was absent. New Board Members Mooshy Ghassedi (At Large) and Ed Sentowski (Renter) were appointed to the Board during below Items #VIII. b. and c. The MHNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see [https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?](https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt=su46~)

[a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt=su46~](https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt=su46~)), so the Board could take such votes. Eleven of the 14 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment).

Three Board Seats were vacant [Renter; At Large; and Business Owner]; to apply,

see <http://mhnconline.org/about-mhnc/board>. Also attended: 28 Stakeholders and Guests.

II. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items

Kelly Gonez, L.A. School Board Candidate, introduced herself and described her background and desire to serve. Linda Pogacnik, Bermuda Mobile Home Park resident, would like a sound wall between the Park and the Freeway. Priscilla and Soledad were concerned about safety regarding homeless people, trash and stolen vehicles, and parking taken by the Honda dealer.

III. Community/Government Reports & Announcements

a. LA City Council District Representative

No representative was present; there was no report.

b. LAPD Senior Leads

Philip Ruiz, LAPD Mission Division Senior Lead Officer (mobile/text 818-634-0519; ofc. 818-838-9843; 31524@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station), was not present; there was no report.

c. Other Government Departments/Agencies

Rosemary Jenkins, Field Representative for State 39th District Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra (818-365-2464; Rosemary.Jenkins@asm.ca.gov; <https://a39.asmdc.org>), reported that a May 31st "Scamstopper" workshop would be held at the Mobile Home Park.

d. Community Organizations

No representative was present; there was no report.

IV. Vector Control Presentation

Wesley Collins, Operations Supervisor (free inspections and help: 818-364-9589; <https://www.glacvcd.org>), described Zika Virus and West Nile Virus transmission and prevention work. It is important to keep stagnant pool, fountain and other container water either clean or emptied; "make sure there's no standing water." Some mosquitoes bite people day or night.

Board Member Melissa Serrano had arrived by this time (7:30), making nine Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

V. Treasurer's Report – Status of Funds

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XXII.*] See below Item #VI.

VI. Discussion and possible action on Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports.

a. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for March.

Ms. Carrillo reported that \$564.85 was spent; she reviewed expenses.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves its March 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report as

presented.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Pinedo was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

- b. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for April.
Ms. Carrillo reviewed expenses.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves its April 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report as presented.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Pinedo was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

VII. Discussion and possible action to Accept the Resignation of the Following Board Members: Elizabeth Zamudio, Amir Shiraz, Michelle Cook, Jeff Perriet and Declare Positions Vacant.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #XX.]

MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council accepts the resignations of Board Members Elizabeth Zamudio, Amir Shiraz, Michelle Cook and Jeff Perriet and declares their positions vacant.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained.

VIII. Discussion and possible action to appoint New Board Members to the Following Vacancies.

Stakeholders Mooshy Ghassedi and Ed Sentowski expressed their interest in becoming Board Members.

- a. Renter Stakeholder Board Member (Term up in 2020) - Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who rent a residence located within the NC boundaries.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #VIII. b.]

MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Ed Sentowski to its Renter Board Member Seat.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Ghassedi was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

New Board Member Ed Sentowski was Seated with the Board at this time, making 11 Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

- b. At-Large Stakeholder Board Member (Term up in 2020) – Open to Stakeholders at least eighteen (18) years of age who live, work or own real property in the neighborhood and also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood as a community interest stakeholder.

MOTION (by Ms. Cardillo, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Mooshy Ghassedi to its At-Large Board Member Seat.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained.

New Board Member Mooshy Ghassedi was Seated with the Board at this time, making 10 Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

- c. Business Owner Stakeholder (Term up in 2020) – Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who work or own a business or business property within the NC boundaries.
Mr. Angel urged qualified candidates to apply for the Business Owner Seat. No Motion was made or vote taken.

MOTION (by Ms. Cardillo, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council moved to appoint Mooshy Ghassedi and Ed Sentowski to the Board for the At-Large and Renter Seats.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained.

IX. Discussion and possible action to Approve Bylaws as recommended by the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee. (An amendment to these bylaws requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board members present at a duly noticed general or special meeting. All changes shall then be forwarded to the Department for review and approval.)

Mr. Angel explained proposed Bylaws changes. There many comments by Board Members and Stakeholder in support of and opposed to lowering the Neighborhood Council voting age from 18 to sixteen.

MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves its draft Bylaws as recommended by its Bylaws Committee.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano and Soash); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Anderson); zero abstained. Ms. Ghassedi and Mr. Sentowski were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

Mr. Angel announced that, with the passage of the Bylaws, the MHNC was “officially out of exhaustive efforts.”

- X. Discussion and possible action** to Approve Printing & Mailing up to \$3,000.00 for the purposes of Printing and Mailing Outreach Materials as recommended by the Outreach Committee.

Mr. Angel explained the above. Outreach Committee Member Rodney added that the expected cost is up to \$2,800.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Mr. Anderson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves printing and mailing up to \$3,000.00 for the purposes of printing and mailing outreach materials as recommended by the Outreach Committee.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Pinedo was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters. Ms. Ghassedi and Mr. Sentowski were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- XI. Discussion and possible action** to Approve ‘The Walk Men’ up to \$1,000.00 for the purposes of Flyer Distribution as recommended by the Outreach Committee.

Mr. Angel explained the Motion.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves ‘The Walk Men’ up to \$1,000.00 for the purposes of flyer distribution as recommended by the Outreach Committee.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Pinedo was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial

matters. Ms. Ghassedi and Mr. Sentowski were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

XII. Discussion and possible action to Approve Funding for a Movie Night Event up to \$4,000.00 for the Following as recommended by the Outreach Committee.

Mr. Angel explained the Motion.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Mr. Anderson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves funding for a Movie Night event up to \$4,000.00 as recommended by the Outreach Committee.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Pinedo was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters. Ms. Ghassedi and Mr. Sentowski were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- a. Refreshments (such as popcorn and soft drinks) for purchase at Smart and Final or similar vendor up to \$500.00.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Mr. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves funding up to \$500.00 for a Movie Night event for the following as recommended by the Outreach Committee: refreshments (such as popcorn and soft drinks) for purchase at Smart and Final or similar vendor.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Pinedo was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters. Ms. Ghassedi and Mr. Sentowski were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

- b. Movie Rights through agency such as Swank Motion Pictures \$1,000.00.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Serrano): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves funding up to \$1,000.00 for movie rights through an agency such as Swank Motion Pictures.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Angel clarified that the funding would just be for this movie.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Pinedo was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters. Ms. Ghassedi and Mr. Sentowski were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

c. Projector screen and audio rental up to \$2,500.00.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Mr. Anderson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves funding up to \$2,500.00 for projector screen and audio rental.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained. Ms. Pinedo was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters. Ms. Ghassedi and Mr. Sentowski were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

XIII. Discussion and possible action to appoint and Approve New Members of the Beautification and Cultural Affairs Committee.
Savannah Pinedo and Melissa Serrano already are Committee Members.

MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council appoints Linda Pogacnik and Ed Sentowski to its Beautification and Cultural Affairs Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with all nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; zero abstained.

XIV. Discussion and possible action to Approve An Additional 6 MHNC Banners to Be Placed on Light Poles Within the MHNC Bounds In the Amount of \$2,365.20 as recommended by the Beautification and Cultural Affairs Committee.
Copies were distributed of a price quote.

Mr. Angel requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

XV. Discussion and possible action to Approve the Funding of 200 Flags to Be Placed Near MHNC Banners on Light Poles up to \$6,147.14.
Copies were distributed of price quotes.

Mr. Angel requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

XVI. Discussion and possible action to Approve Funding for ‘311 Day’ up to \$200.00 May 27th as recommended by the Beautification and Cultural Affairs Committee.

Mr. Angel requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

XVII. Discussion and possible action to Approve Beautification of Medians by American Heritage Within the MHNC Bounds up to \$15,000.00 as recommended by the Beautification and Cultural Affairs Committee.

Copies were distributed of price quotes.

Mr. Angel requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

XVIII. Review Website Maintenance appointment and Possibly Identify New appointment.

Mr. Angel requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

XIX. Discussion and possible action Regarding Primestore Lights Around Area of Construction.

Mr. Angel requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

XX. Discussion and possible action to Purchase 25 Anti-Theft Devices for Community Distribution for An Amount up to \$400.00.

Ms. Jenkins explained that the devices are vehicle steering wheel clubs; \$366.99 is the expected cost.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Mr. Anderson):
The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council refers this Item to its Public Safety Committee.

MOTION to REFER to COMMITTEE PASSED by a roll call vote of the nine eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; one abstained (Carrillo).

XXI. Committee Reports

a. Public Safety Committee

Mr. Castillo reported that the Committee will meet May 12th.

b. Zoning and Land-Use Committee

Mr. Anderson reported that the Committee will meet May 8th at Keyes Hyundai. He described proposed projects.

c. Budget and Finance Committee

Ms. Carrillo reported that the Committee met and updated Ms. Serrano.

d. Beautification and Cultural Affairs

Ms. Cardillo reported that the Committee met and discussed the street banners project; t-shirts; cleanup equipment and the Sepulveda median; 17 new service requests were received. The Committee again will meet May 11th.

e. Outreach Committee

Mr. Angel reported that the Committee met last week and discussed having a newsletter and survey. The Committee again will meet May 9th at Keyes Hyundai.

- f. Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee
Mr. Angel reported that the Committee met and discussed possible revisions.

XXII. Liaison Reports

- a. FilmLA Liaison – Karen Martin
Ms. Martin was not present; there was no report.
- b. Homelessness Liaison – Jose Arevalo and Ricky Angel
Mr. Angel reported that Stakeholder Laura will report on this.
- c. Planning Liaison – Dean Anderson
See the above Committee report. He urged submitting Community Impact Statements.

XXIII. Discussion and possible action to appoint New DWP Liaison.

Mr. Angel requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

XXIV. Board Member Announcements

There were no announcements at this time.

XXV. Adjourn

Mr. Angel indicated that there would be a Special Board Meeting in two weeks.

Mr. Angel declared and it was agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:16 p.m.

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