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Minutes of the
**MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING Monday, March 6, 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.

Ricky Angel called the Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and explained procedures. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

b. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken. Twelve of the 14 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, Melissa Serrano, Amir Shiraz, Mercy Silva (Secretary), Marsha Soash and Elizabeth Zamudio. Michell Cook and Jeff Pierret were absent. 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?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. All 14 of the 14 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). No Board Seats were vacant. Also attended: 26 Stakeholders and Guests.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS.

Gene Pelmo wants to develop land by Holy Cross Hospital. Kathleen Quinn, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (SFV 818-374.9893; Kathleen.Quinn@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), clarified that public comments can be made on election Measures and by candidates or representatives.

III. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Reports and Brief presentations only.)

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), reported that the Mission Division has eight Senior Lead Officers. He described his jurisdiction and role, including quality of life issues. He said “our biggest issue is homeless[ness],” wherever they live; “it’s a citywide, statewide issue.” L.A. Municipal Code 5611 is “a tool that we can enforce . . . we can request a cleanup . . . it’s just a citation . . . it’s not an actual physical arrest . . . they just go back and forth . . . [it takes] four to six weeks for Sanitation Services . . . to clean it up.” Regarding Municipal Code 8502, “you’re allowed to live in a residential area . . . the only exception is if you’re near a park” or school “within 500 feet daytime or nighttime.” He described recent enforcement, saying “we have been citing them . . . call the non-emergency number [1-877-ASK-LAPD] . . . and we’ll enforce it.” If you see suspicious activity, call 9-1-1. He explained the City services procedure and enforcement challenges. The Police are not allowed to touch homeless people’s belongings. He and others have offered services; many homeless people do not want them. He explained why using a park-and-ride lot for homeless people did not work. Regarding illegal vendors, “the City of LA has pretty much told us `hands off.’” Rather than Stakeholders directly contacting the Captain, he encouraged to “reestablish the connection” between the MHNC and himself. The Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meets here on third Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

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>), described Assembly Bill 332 regarding illegal dumping and the legislative process. Ruby Chavez, Chief of Staff for LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff (ofc. 818-252.5445; Ruby.Chavez@lausd.net; <http://Ratliff.LASchoolBoard.org>), reported that Ms. Ratliff “authorized resolutions to better coordinate grants.” Booths are available for an April 28th job fair. Occupational training information is available at www.NVOC.com.

d. Community Organizations

No organizations were represented; there was no report.

IV. 311 APP INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION BY VICE PRESIDENT.

Ms. Cardillo noted City services requests from the Bermuda Mobile Home Park area and encouraged more. Services are available by calling 3-1-1 or accessing the “MyLA311” phone application.

V. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

a. Election of Board Officer as stipulated under the Bylaws, Article VI.

i. Secretary

Mr. Anderson nominated himself. Ms. Soash nominated Ms. Silva. Ms. Quinn read the Secretary’s responsibilities from the MHNC Bylaws. Mr. Angel described his experience as Secretary before he became President. Mercy Silva was elected Secretary by a unanimous hand vote of all 12 Board Members present.

b. Board designation of NC Liaisons to City Departments.

i. Purposeful Aging

Ms. Quinn described the position, which interacts with the L.A. City Dept. of Aging. Mr. Angel noted that Stakeholders also can volunteer for it. Ms. Serrano nominated herself; Ms. Carrillo seconded. Melissa Serrano was elected Purposeful Aging Liaison by a unanimous hand vote of all 12 Board Members present.

ii. Film LA Liaison

Ms. Quinn described the position, which is to be the MHNC contact person with movie filming activity in the MHNC area. Mr. Anderson nominated Ms. Zamudio, who declined. Mr. Angel nominated Mr. Castillo. Ms. Quinn noted that Stakeholders also can volunteer for it. Stakeholder Erin Martin nominated herself, seconded by Ms. Soash. Erin Martin was elected FilmLA Liaison by a unanimous hand vote of all 12 Board Members present.

c. Appoint Community Impact Statement Filers (up to 5).

Ms. Quinn explained that the Statements (CIS’s) “go with [City] Council Files” to “voice the opinion of your neighborhood . . . it’s the entire Board’s opinion . . . you need to be keeping track of this.” Mr. Angel appointed himself, Mr. Castillo and Ms. Pinedo as CIS Filers.

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CREATE A NEW GOOGLE VOICE NUMBER FOR MHNC.

Mr. Angel explained the need. Mr. Castillo offered help. Mr. Arevalo urged trying to retain the current number.

MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Cardillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will have discussion and possible action to create a new Google voice number for the MHNC.

AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will allow 72 hours from now to work to reset its Google voice number.

AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT to the MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will allow 72 hours from now to work to reset its Google voice number; after that, the MHNC will create a new number.

AMENDMENT to the AMENDMENT to the MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of all 12 Board Members present.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of all 12 Board Members present.

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT – STATUS OF FUNDS

Treasurer Ms. Carrillo reported that the balance was \$29,344. Mr. Angel said that “we have until the end of June” to allocate the funds. Ms. Quinn noted that seven Board Members currently were eligible to vote on funding Motions: Ricky Angel, Jose Arevalo, Pamela Cardillo, Maribel Carrillo, Melissa Serrano, Marsha Soash and Elizabeth Zamudio.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS.

- a. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for October.

MOTION to TABLE (by Ms. Carrillo, seconded by Mr. Angel): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council TABLES approval of its October 2016 through January 2017 Monthly Expenditure Reports until its April Board Meeting.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED unanimously by a voice vote.

- b. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for November.
See above Item #VIII. a.
- c. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for December.
See above Item #VIII. a.
- d. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report for January.
See above Item #VIII. a.

IX. Discussion and possible action to [see the below Motion].

Mr. Angel explained the need. The previous Webmaster is “no longer eligible to be the Webmaster,” according to the City. The Committee discussed costs and logistics.

MOTION (by Mr. Arevalo, seconded by Mr. Anderson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will approve its Outreach Committee recommendation to have the Neighborhood Council be responsible for contact lists, website maintenance and content of the MHNC website.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a voice vote of all 12 Board Members present.

Ms. Quinn reminded that an ad hoc Committee must have two or three Board Members. Mr. Angel reported that the previous Webmaster turned over “everything” except the calendar he, the previous Webmaster, created. Mr. Angel appointed Mr. Anderson, Ms. Carrillo, and Mr. Castillo as Chair of an ad hoc Website Committee.

X. Discussion and possible action to re-establish the following standing committees:

a. Public Safety Committee

i. Chair – Appointed by President, must be a Board Member per Bylaws.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #X. f.*] Mr. Castillo and Ms. Zamudio nominated themselves as Chair. Mr. Angel appointed and Elizabeth Zamudio was confirmed as the Public Safety Committee Chair unanimously by a roll call vote of all 11 Board Members present (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano, Shiraz, Soash and Zamudio).

ii. Members

Mr. Angel appointed Jose Castillo as a member of the Public Safety Committee, who was confirmed unanimously by roll call votes of all 12 Board Members present (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano, Shiraz, Silva, Soash and Zamudio).

iii. Set meeting Date

It was agreed that Committee meeting dates will be determined.

b. Zoning and Land-Use

i. Chair - Appointed by President, must be a Board Member per Bylaws.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #X. e.*] Dean Anderson nominated himself, Mr. Angel appointed and he was confirmed as the Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair unanimously by a roll call vote of all 12 Board Members present (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano, Shiraz, Silva, Soash and Zamudio).

ii. Members

Mr. Angel appointed and Jose Castillo and Pamela Cardillo were each confirmed as Committee Members unanimously by roll call votes of all 12 Board Members

present (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano, Shiraz, Silva, Soash and Zamudio). Stakeholders Rodney Gonzalez, Nellie Gonzalez, Jeffry Portillo, Niranjala Tillakaratne, Lokubanda Tillakaratne, Karen Martin volunteered, Mr. Angel appointed and they were confirmed as Committee Members unanimously by a roll call vote of all 12 Board Members present (see above).

iii. Set meeting Date

It was agreed that Committee meeting dates will be determined.

Board Member Elizabeth Zamudio left at this time (9:36), making 10 Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

c. Budget and Finance

i. Chair- Appointed by President, must be a Board Member per Bylaws.

Ms. Carrillo and Ms. Serrano nominated themselves as Chair. Mr. Angel appointed and Maribel Carrillo was confirmed as the Budget and Finance Committee Chair unanimously by a roll call vote of all 10 Board Members present (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano, Shiraz and Soash).

ii. Members

Mr. Angel appointed and Melissa Serrano was confirmed as a Committee Member unanimously by a roll call vote of all 10 Board Members present (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano, Shiraz and Soash). Stakeholders Rodney Gonzalez, Nellie Gonzalez, and Ed Sentowski volunteered, Mr. Angel appointed and they were confirmed as Committee Members unanimously by a roll call vote of all 10 Board Members present (see above).

iii. Set meeting Date

It was agreed that Committee meeting dates will be determined.

d. Senior Committee

Mr. Angel explained the responsibilities

i. Chair- Appointed by President, must be a Board Member per Bylaws.

Mr. Angel appointed and Maribel Carrillo was confirmed as the Senior Committee Chair unanimously by a roll call vote of all 10 Board Members present (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano, Shiraz and Soash).

ii. Members

Ms. Carrillo and Mr. Castillo volunteered as Members. Mr. Angel appointed and Martha Soash and Amir Shiraz were confirmed as Committee Members unanimously by a roll call vote of all 10 Board Members present (Anderson,

Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano, Shiraz and Soash). Stakeholders Ed __ and Nellie __ volunteered, Mr. Angel appointed and they were confirmed as Committee Members unanimously by a roll call vote of all 10 Board Members present (see above).

iii. Set meeting Date

It was agreed that Committee meeting dates will be determined.

e. Beautification and Cultural Affairs

i. Chair- Appointed by President, must be a Board Member per Bylaws..

Mr. Angel nominated and Pamela Cardillo was confirmed as Beautification and Cultural Affairs Committee Chair by a unanimous roll call vote of all 12 Board Members present (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Cardillo, Carrillo, Castillo, Pinedo, Serrano, Shiraz, Silva, Soash and Zamudio).

ii. Members

Mr. Angel appointed and Savannah Pinedo was confirmed as a Committee Member unanimously by a voice vote of all 12 Board Members present.

Stakeholders __ volunteered, Mr. Angel appointed and they were confirmed as Committee Members unanimously by a roll call vote of all 12 Board Members present.

iii. Set meeting Date

It was agreed that Committee meeting dates will be determined.

f. Confirm members of the Outreach Committee

i. Chair- Appointed by President, must be a Board Member per Bylaws.

Mr. Angel noted that himself, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Arevalo and Ms. Silva already were Members and explained the responsibilities. Mr. Anderson resigned as a Committee Member to make room because no more than three Board Members are allowed on a Committee. Ricky Angel is the Committee Chair.

ii. Members

Ricky Angel appointed himself, Jose Arevalo and Mercy Silva and they were confirmed as Committee Members unanimously by a roll call vote of all 12 Board Members present.

Board Member Mercy Silva left at this time (9:33), making 11 Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

Stakeholders __ volunteered, Mr. Angel appointed and they were confirmed as Committee Members unanimously by a roll call vote of all 11 Board Members present.

iii. Set meeting Date

It was agreed that Committee meeting dates will be determined.

XI. Discussion and possible action to create Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee:
To review current Bylaws and make recommended changes per the Department.

i. Chair - Appointed by President, must be a Board Member per Bylaws.

Mr. Angel appointed himself and he was confirmed as Chair unanimously by a roll call vote of all 11 Board Members present.

ii. Members

Mr. Angel appointed Mr. Anderson and Ms. Soash, and they were confirmed as Committee Members unanimously by a roll call vote of all 10 Board Members present.

iii. Set meeting Date

It was agreed that Committee meeting dates will be determined.

XII. Discussion and possible action to appoint an ad-hoc committee consisting of two Board Members for the purposes of identifying possible office space.

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

XIII. Discussion and possible action to set Board retreat.

a. Set date, time and location of retreat

b. Discussion and possible action to approve funding for refreshments not to exceed \$500.00.

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

XIV. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Anderson noted land use projects. Mr. Angel noted that Ms. Quinn is setting the Agendas for now.

XV. ADJOURN

Mr. Angel declared and it was agreed to **ADJOURN** the Meeting at 9:58 p.m.

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