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Minutes of the
MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING Monday, October 2, 2017
Bermuda Mobile Home Park, 15445 Bermuda St, Mission Hills, CA 91345

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1. WELCOMING REMARKS

A. CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

President Ricky Angel introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

Eight of the nine Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dean Anderson, Ricky Angel (President), Jose Arevalo, Maribel Carrillo (Treasurer), Jose Castillo, Savannah Pinedo, Ed Sentowski and Niranjala Tillakaratne. Mooshy Ghassedi (excused) was absent. Melissa Serrano (Secretary), Marsha Soash (Vice-President) had resigned. The MHNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see the Bylaws at

<https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlta=su46~>), so the Board could take such votes. Nine of the 14 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment) [seven Seats were vacant after Item #2]. Five Board Seats were vacant [seven after Item #2]; to apply, see <http://mhnconline.org/about-mhnc/board>. Also attended: approximately 33 Stakeholders and Guests.

2. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Angel announced his immediate resignation. He reported that he set up a Google drive account with all relevant documents, emails and email logins, which were sent to Kathleen Quinn [Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9893; Kathleen.Quinn@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org)]. He “dropped off personal records at the storage bin” and, at this meeting, left the MHNC storage keys on the table. Mr. Angel noted the importance of following rules, advised to “always do your research” regarding Council Files, etc., and reminded to “treat each other with respect.” He noted that the MHNC “email list has roughly 9,000 people.”

Board Member Ricky Angel resigned at this time, making seven Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

Treasurer Ms. Carrillo announced her immediate resignation. She said “Kathleen [Ms. Quinn] has verified that I have not broken any of the Brown Act rules.” Ms. Carrillo left documents, the Post Office box keys and a thumb drive on the table.

Board Member Maribel Carrillo resigned at this time, making six Board Members present, one short of the MHNC quorum of seven.

[See “ADJOURN” below.]

3. COMMITTEE UPDATES/ REPORTS
 - A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
 - B. ZONING AND LAND-USE
 - C. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
 - D. BEAUTIFICATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
 - E. OUTREACH COMMITTEE
4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS
5. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - A. LA CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
 - B. LAPD SENIOR LEADS
 - C. OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES
 - D. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WRITING A COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT ON THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 11211 SEPULVEDA
7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WRITING A COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A BAR AT 9907 N. SEPULVEDA

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WRITING A COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING A LOW INCOME HOUSING PROGRAM/ DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WRITING A COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT ON A DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT 15418 BERMUDA STREET
10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CREATING AN ADHOC NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE
11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTING TWO ALTERNATES FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADDING/REMOVING MEMBERS OF THE ZONING AND LAND-USE COMMITTEE AND APPOINTING A NEW ZLU CHAIR
13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RE:CODE LA LIAISON APPOINTMENT
14. LIAISON REPORTS
 - A. HOMELESSNESS LIAISON — LAURA RATHBONE

ADJOURN

Ms. Quinn announced that the Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:10 p.m.

[After the Meeting adjourned, Ms. Quinn and other public officials commented and answered questions.]

State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; <http://sd18.senate.ca.gov/contact/email>; <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>), explained his coverage area of one million people, State finances, and his long work on housing, transportation, taxes, education, crime and homelessness. He said “we’re not in gridlock in Sacramento . . . we’re getting a lot of things done.” He believed it is important to “seriously” consider that the Federal government may reduce funding to California. He is trying to “devolve power to local governments . . . break it down to smaller units.”

Juan Solorio, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Seven Councilmember Monica Rodriguez (ofc. 818-756-8409; Juan.Solorio@LACity.org; <http://CD7.LACity.org>), announced upcoming events. They are working with the City Attorney and LAUSD “to provide extra lighting . . . to schools . . . to mitigate trespassing and vandalism.” He “brought up to the Councilwoman” regarding increasing lighting for parks.

Christina, Field Representative for State 39th District Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra (818-504-3911; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a39>), will notify about their new office location in Arleta near Laurel Canyon and Branford. They are working with City Council District Seven regarding cleanliness and safety problems at Caltrans locations.

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 “we’re doing better . . . we’re in the minus right now,” though “Laurel Canyon . . . has been having a lot of activity . . . robberies . . . to businesses . . . last week”; the LAPD caught a crew. Regarding “Devonshire and Sepulveda . . . we’re monitoring the location.” He reminded to lock doors and not to leave your purse in a shopping cart. He described monitoring parks and working to have Park Rangers monitor at night. He described enforcement work with homeless people. The Police are working with the new Target Express and other stores [at the Olivo at Mission Hills shopping center expected to open in 2018] about security. Officer Ruiz said “we pleaded with them to have more than one” security guard; Target is deciding. Primestor [the shopping center developer, 310-652-1177; MissionHillsPlaza@Primestor.com; <http://www.primestor.com>] indicated they “are going to have 24-hour security . . . one [guard] to watch each side” in “golf carts if they have to.” The LAPD urged Primestor to have “a [police] sub-station” there; “we have met frequently” and the LAPD requested “parking stalls for police.” Officer Ruiz clarified that people are “not allowed to block sidewalks,” including at a local abortion clinic.

Ms. Quinn facilitated public comments. She explained that “the Board still exists” because there is still a quorum of seven Board Members. A Special Board Meeting could be called. The Board can elect a new Executive Committee.

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