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Minutes of the
**MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING Monday, August 7, 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 – Vice-President Soash welcomed everyone.

a. Call to order & Flag Salute

Ms. Soash called the Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. She explained the MHNC’s role and rules, and announced that several Board Seats are available. Copies were available of the MHNC Standing Rules. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

b. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Seven of the 11 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dean Anderson, Jose Arevalo, Maribel Carrillo (Treasurer), Jose Castillo, Mooshy Ghassedi, Marsha Soash (Vice-President) and Niranjala Tillakaratne. Ed Sentowski arrived later. Ricky Angel (President) (excused), Savannah Pinedo (unexcused) and Melissa Serrano (Secretary) (excused) 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&dlta=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: Organizational Stakeholder; and Business Owner #1 and #2; to apply, see <http://mhnconline.org/about-mhnc/board>. Also attended: 17 Stakeholders and Guests.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Joe Shammass, Candidate for Congress (www.JoeShammass.com), described his background and interests.

Board Member Ed Sentowski arrived at this time (7:08), making eight Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

Mr. Shammass believed that representatives are not paying enough attention to constituent needs.

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

Kathleen Quinn, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9893; Kathleen.Quinn@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), encouraged the Board “on making a lot of progress . . . the removal from Exhaustive Efforts will most likely happen soon.”

d. Community Organizations

Mireya Valencia, of Pacoima Beautiful [<http://www.pacoimabeautiful.org>], announced free monthly Urban Gardening Workshops at Lopez Canyon Park near the 210 and 118 Freeways every fourth Saturday, 9-11:00 a.m. [*The following report was made after Item #XV.*] 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>), offered help. He gave land use project information to Umberto Quintana, CD7 Planning Deputy.

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

a. General Board Meeting July 10th

MOTION (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its July 10, 2017 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

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

MOTION (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its July 31, 2017 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

Board Member Ed Sentowski stepped out at this time, making seven Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

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

Board Member Ed Sentowski returned at this time, making eight Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

b. **MOTION** (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its April 17, 2017 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

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

c. **MOTION** (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 15, 2017 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

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

V. STATUS OF FUNDS

Treasurer Ms. Carrillo reported that the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 ending balance was \$5,711.60 which Ms. Quinn confirmed. Year-end funding requests were said to be “incomplete”; Ms. Quinn is trying to facilitate reinstatement of the funding. Approximately \$25,000 was returned to the City after the last Fiscal Year. Ms. Carrillo explained the Treasurer’s need for supporting documents from Board Members to justify allocations. There was discussion of what the Treasurer needs and how the finance system works.

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Copies were distributed of the MHNC “June Monthly Expenditure Report,” the “[MHNC] Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.”

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

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Arevalo, Carrillo, Ghassedi, Pinedo, Sentowski and Soash); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Castillo); zero abstained.

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT/REMOVE MEMBERS OF THE BEAUTIFICATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

It was explained that the maximum of three Board Members (Mr. Sentowski, Ms. Tillakaratne and Ms. Pinedo) are on the Committee. Mr. Sentowski explained the Committee's purpose as "to keep the streets . . . nice." The Committee will meet August 10th. No Motion was made or vote taken.

VIII. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION** TO APPOINT/REMOVE MEMBERS OF THE ZONING AND LAND-USE COMMITTEE

Mr. Anderson wanted to remove Pamela Cardillo from the Committee, which includes Mr. Anderson, Ms. Tillakaratne and Mr. Castillo; he wanted to add Nellie Gonzalez and Betsy Eger.

MOTION (by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Castillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council removes Pamela Cardillo from its Zoning and Land Use Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

MOTION (by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Castillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council appoints Nellie Gonzalez and Betsy Eger to its Zoning and Land Use Committee.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

IX. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION** ON DRAFTING THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS

a. Value Capture Ordinance – Increases Density by 33% and creates more low income housing.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council TABLES Agenda Item numbers IX. a. and b.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

b. Portable Housing Linkage Fee
See above Item #IX. a.

X. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION** TO APPOINT NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES.

a. Business Owner Stakeholder x2 (Terms 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.

There were no volunteers. Ms. Soash encouraged Stakeholders to apply. She urged more Board Member representation at community events. No Motion was made or vote taken.

b. Organizational Stakeholder/Employee Stakeholder (term up in 2020) - Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who participate in a religious institution, educational institution, community organization, non-profit organization,

neighborhood association, school/parent group, faith based group, senior group, youth group, arts association, service organization, boys or girls club, cultural group, or environmental group within the NC boundaries.

See above Item #X. a.

XI. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION** ON MHNC PARTICIPATING IN LAPD'S MISSION DIVISION'S OPEN HOUSE AND CLASSICAL CAR SHOW ON SATURDAY AUGUST 19TH FROM 9AM-2PM

MOTION (by Ms. Soash, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will participate in LAPD's Mission Division Open House and Classical Car Show on Saturday August 19th from 9am-2pm.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with seven in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (MHNC abstentions are counted as "yes" votes) (Arevalo).

XII. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION** TO APPROVE THE FY 17-18 BUDGET PACKAGE: a. Strategic Plan b. Outreach Survey as recommended by the Outreach Committee c. Self-Assessment

Ms. Quinn asked questions from the Strategic Plan form, to which Board Members gave answers.

MOTION to TABLE (by Ms. Soash, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council TABLES Agenda Item number XII.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

XIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Public Safety Committee

Mr. Castillo stated that "there haven't been any meetings because I believe the Committee needs to be an ad hoc." He reported that he has not received any feedback to his reports. He said that he is an Administrator for the Facebook group Mission Crimebusters.

b. Zoning and Land-Use Committee

Mr. Anderson encouraged becoming a Committee Member. He reported that the Committee voted to write Community Impact Statements opposing projects at 11211 Sepulveda Blvd., and at 15418 Bermuda St. / 10824-10841 Sepulveda Blvd. Mr. Sentowski added that Stakeholders are creating petitions opposing the projects.

c. Budget and Finance Committee

Mr. Castillo described his work as an MHNC Budget Representative and encouraged participating. Ms. Quinn noted that the Committee has not met.

d. Beautification and Cultural Affairs

Mr. Sentowski reported that he submitted street maintenance requests. Also, the sundial was removed from Brand Park; L.A. Recreation and Parks is checking

about it. Regarding MHNC banners, he stated that “it’s a mess”; the vendor was “not licensed and not registered as a vendor” with the City. The vendor “cashed the check and refuses to give back the money . . . we’re looking at another vendor” while DONE and the City Attorney work on it. Ms. Quinn added that L.A. “Bureau of Street Services said it wouldn’t be installed . . . since they weren’t considered a City vendor . . . the Bureau of Street Services blocked it.”

e. Outreach Committee

Committee Member Rodney Gonzalez indicated that there was no report at this time.

f. Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

Ms. Soash reported on the Standing Rules.

XIV. LIAISON REPORTS

a. FilmLA Liaison – Karen Martin

Ms. Martin was not present; there was no report.

b. Homelessness Liaison – Laura Rathbone

Ms. Rathbone was not present; there was no report.

c. Planning Liaison – Dean Anderson

Mr. Anderson will bring to the next meeting a project for consideration.

XV. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Castillo is working to get crime statistics.

Board Member Jose Castillo left at this time (8:38), making seven Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

XVI. ADJOURN

Ms. Soash declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.; zero opposed.

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