

**MISSION HILLS
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**
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Minutes of the
**MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING Monday, June 5, 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 introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

b. Roll Call

Ten of the 11 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dean Anderson, Ricky Angel (President), Jose Arevalo, Maribel Carrillo (Treasurer), Jose Castillo, Mooshy Ghassedi, Savannah Pinedo, Ed Sentowski, Melissa Serrano and Marsha Soash. Mercy Silva (Secretary) was absent (excused). Pamela Cardillo (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 <https://lacity.quickbase.com/db/bj3apxsp3?a=q&qid=32&qskip=0&qrppg=1000&dlt a=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 [Vice-President; and Business Owner #1 and #2]; to apply, see <http://mhnonline.org/about-mhnc/board>. Also attended: 17 Stakeholders and Guests.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Dean Anderson volunteered to be the timekeeper. Mr. Angel explained procedures, including the use of Rosenberg's Rules of Order, copies of which were distributed. Claudia Cardenas of Primestor [310-652-1177; MissionHillsPlaza@Primestor.com; <http://www.primestor.com>] reported that "we're starting to deliver the premises to the tenants"; Target, The Habit, WingStop, Chipotle, Menchies, 24-Hour Fitness and others are scheduled to open between early September and mid-October. Glenn Bailey, of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9953; Glenn@EmpowerLA.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), announced the September 9th Congress of Neighborhoods at City Hall; all are invited, register in early August. VANC (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils; VANC@EmpowerLA.org; <http://empowerla.org/vanc-2>) meets second Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. at Sherman Oaks Hospital. VANC will host a Planning Forum November 9th, probably at CBS Studios in Studio City. He encouraged the MHNC to join the Neighborhood Councils Sustainability Alliance.

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), reviewed crime statistics; crime in the Division is down 4.6% from last year, though "the crime that's most popular [is] cars getting broken into." He said "the majority of calls" are regarding homeless people on sidewalks and in motor homes. He noted that L.A. Municipal Code 85.02 "allows motor homes . . . in some cases can stay all day and all night"; some areas only allow parking from 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. He described enforcement work. Information is at www.LACity.org/VehicleDwelling.

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 250 "No trespassing" signs in Spanish and English soon will be installed by Freeway ramps. July 28th there will be a Movie Night co-sponsored by the MHNC. Semee Park, Director of Operations, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818-374-9898; Semee.Park@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), reported that the Mayor supports City Council File #17-0274, the Affordable Housing Linkage Fee, to help pay for affordable housing. Also, Council File #17-002-S86 supports State Assembly Bill 1393, which would require a mandatory 30-day vehicle impound for reckless driving.

d. Community Organizations

No representative was present; there was no report.

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM MAY 1st.

MOTION (by Mr. Sentowski, seconded by Ms. Serrano): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 1, 2017 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

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

V. TREASURER’S REPORT – STATUS OF FUNDS

Ms. Carrillo reported that the balance is -\$2,095.21.

VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.

Copies were distributed of a list of approved Board expenditures and of the MHNC “May Monthly Expenditure Report.” Ms. Carrillo reviewed expenses. Ms. Park, of DONE, did not know why DONE authorized a \$1,590 “Web Master” expense; Ms. Carrillo explained that she was not involved in that. Ms. Park said “if service was rendered, we have to pay for it.” Mr. Castillo and Mr. Anderson expressed concern about what services were rendered and why that was paid. Mr. Angel noted that \$3,000 was approved for flyers which were not sent. Also, among the Board-approved expenditures were \$2,000 as proposed by Outreach for “Walk men flyer” and \$1,000 for tools and equipment. “311 day” was to reimburse [now former] Board Member Pamela Cardillo. There were no snacks, so \$30 was not spent. Mr. Angel encouraged to “develop really well” funding items from Committees.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Serrano): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves its May 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report with a clarifying question of the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to investigate the \$1,590 expenditure for Webmaster expenses.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bailey encouraged putting the concern on the Monthly Expenditure Report in the “NC Additional Comments” section.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Soash, accepted by Ms. Serrano): to add the wording “with a clarifying question to the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment” to the Motion.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Arevalo, Carrillo, Sentowski, Serrano and Soash); zero opposed; one abstained (MHNC abstentions are counted as “yes” votes) (Castillo). Ms. Ghassedi was ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training. 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 BOARD MEMBER PAMELA CARDILLO AND DECLARE POSITION OF HOMEOWNER STAKEHOLDER SEAT VACANT.

Mr. Angel explained that Pamela Cardillo “sent in an email a couple of weeks ago” to him. Mr. Anderson “spoke with her . . . she’s not coming back.” A Stakeholder said Ms. Cardillo “was a very dedicated person.” Mr. Angel noted that a Public Records Act request can be used to see the email.

MOTION (by Ms. Soash, seconded by Mr. Angel): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council accepts the resignation of the Board Member Pamela Cardillo and declares the position of Homeowner Stakeholder Seat vacant.

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

VIII. 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.

Mr. Angel explained the qualifications for the two Business and one Homeowner Seats that are available. Mr. Castillo suggested forming an ad hoc Committee for Board Seat nominations “for vetting” and for candidates to “understand the amount of work to get done.” He will post vetting questions on the website.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Mr. Anderson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council TABLES Item #VIII.

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

- b. Residential Homeowner Stakeholder (Term up in 2020) – Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who own a residence located within the NC boundaries.

See above Item #VIII. a.

IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ITEMS FOR MOVIE NIGHT EVENT:

- a. Partner with the State Assemblyman’s Office

Mr. Angel explained that July 28th and 29th are being considered.

- b. Change the location from Brand Park to Pico Adobe

Mr. Angel explained that the change is “because of the cost” and “safety issues.” The State Assembly Office is handling it.

- c. Change the date of Movie Night

See above Item #IX. a. Mr. Angel explained possible arrangements. He said that two years ago 700 people attended. Ms. Carrillo noted that Pico Adobe is

enclosed and believed it is safer for children than Brand Park. Mr. Sentowski described Brand Park's facilities, which he said are "much bigger than Adobe."

MOTION (by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Sentowski): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will partner with Assemblymember Raul Bocanegra's Office for the Movie Night event for the month of July 2017.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with six in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Anderson, Angel, Carrillo, Ghassedi, Pinedo and Sentowski); zero opposed; four abstained (MHNC abstentions are counted as "yes" votes) (Arevalo, Castillo, Serrano and Soash).

X. PRESENTATION FROM ELIZABETH VALERIO REGARDING THE NEW STARBUCKS ON 11109 SEPULVEDA BLVD.

Ms. Valerio, of Valerio Architects, reported that the Starbucks opened today and that customers would like the operating hours to be 5:00 a.m. – midnight, not the current 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. She discussed this with the MHNC Zoning and Land Use Committee (ZLUC), which did not vote on it due to lack of a quorum. She said "we have exits on both Sepulveda and San Fernando Mission" Blvds.

XI. PRESENTATION FROM GENE PALENO AND STEVE ZIPP FROM ARROW TAIL LLC REGARDING THE 28 ACRE DEVELOPMENT AT 11109 MISSION HILLS ROAD NORTH OF THE HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL.

Mr. Anderson reported that there will be a presentation to the ZLUC on Monday.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council TABLES Item #XI.

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

XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT NEW VICE PRESIDENT TO THE MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD.

Mr. Castillo nominated himself. Mr. Sentowski nominated himself. Mr. Anderson nominated Ms. Soash. Ms. Soash nominated Mr. Anderson. Mr. Angel reminded that a majority vote is needed by the winning candidate.

Ms. Soash received four votes; Mr. Castillo and Mr. Anderson each received two votes; Mr. Sentowski received one vote. In runoff vote #1, Ms. Soash received four votes; Mr. Castillo and Mr. Anderson each received two votes.

Mr. Angel reminded that the Vice-President chairs the Meeting if the President is not available and "you would be taking part in Agenda setting." In runoff vote #2, Ms. Soash received five votes; Mr. Castillo received three votes; Mr. Anderson received zero votes. In runoff vote #3, Ms. Soash received six votes; Mr. Castillo received three votes. Mr. Angel declared Ms. Soash as the new Vice-President.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT NEW CHAIR OF THE BEAUTIFICATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DUE TO RESIGNATION.

Mr. Angel explained that former Board Member Pamela Cardillo, who resigned, was the Committee Chair. He reminded that the Chair must be a Board Member and explained that a Co-Chair “would be a partnership.”. Members are Ms. Pinedo and Mr. Sentowski.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council TABLES Item #XIII.

Mr. Angel noted that the Committee can meet but has no Chair at this time.

MOTION to TABLE FAILED by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with three in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Castillo and Soash); seven opposed (Anderson, Angel, Carrillo, Ghassedi, Pinedo, Sentowski and Serrano); zero abstained.

MOTION (by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Ghassedi): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council appoints Board Member Ed Sentowski as Chair of its Beautification and Cultural Affairs Committee.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Angel, Carrillo, Ghassedi, Pinedo, Serrano, Soash and Sentowski); zero opposed; two abstained (MHNC abstentions are counted as “yes” votes) (Arevalo and Castillo).

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

Mr. Angel explained that former Board Member Pamela Cardillo, who resigned, is a Stakeholder on the Committee, however, she did “officially” resign from the Committee.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council TABLES Item #XIV.

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

XV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT/REMOVE MEMBERS OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE.

Mr. Angel explained that he, Mr. Arevalo, Ms. Silva and Mr. Sentowski are Committee Members, and that Ms. Silva indicated that she wanted to resign from the Board and the Committee.

MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Serrano): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council removes Board Members Ed Sentowski and Mercy Silva from and appoints Board Member Marsha Soash to its Outreach Committee.

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

XVI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE NEW HOMELESSNESS LIAISON.

Stakeholder Laura Rathbone expressed interest in the position and noted recent homeless services closures. She believes the recent homeless count was too low. Mr. Angel noted Ms. Rathbone’s service.

MOTION (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Ms. Serrano): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council appoints Stakeholder Laura Rathbone as its Homelessness Liaison.

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

XVII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT NEW BUDGET REP.

Mr. Angel explained that there was no need for this.

XVIII. DISCUSSION AND NO ACTION ON THE USE OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS BY MHNC MEMBERS.

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Ms. Soash): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council TABLES Item #XVIII.

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

XIX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Public Safety Committee

Mr. Castillo noted his “Public Safety Chair JUNE Report” and “Technology AdHOC Committee Chair May Report,” and “LAPD’s Suggestions of Suspicious Activities to Report.” He encouraged joining the “Mission Crimebusters” and using the MyLA311 app to report City services needs; if they are not taken care of, contact Luz Rivas, L.A. Board of Public Works Commissioner (213-978-0252; Luz.Rivas@LACity.org).

b. Zoning and Land-Use Committee

Mr. Anderson reported that the Committee will meet June 12th and noted proposed projects to discuss.

Board Member Jose Castillo left at this time (9:11), making nine Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

c. Budget and Finance Committee

Ms. Serrano encouraged participating with the Budget Advocates [<http://BudgetAdvocatesLA.com>].

d. Beautification and Cultural Affairs

Mr. Sentowski reported that “Brand Park, all of it, is a historic landmark.” He reminded the Police that homeless people are not allowed in the Park while children are present. He is working with the Mayor’s Office to get signs for the Park saying “No camping or loitering in the Park.” He will coordinate with Ms. Pinedo on Committee communications and meetings.

e. Outreach Committee

Mr. Angel reported that the Committee meets third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Keyes Hyundai.

f. Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

Bylaws and Standing Rules: Mr. Angel reported that the MHNC “still need[s] Standing Rules”; he will work on it.

XX. LIAISON REPORTS

a. FilmLA Liaison – Karen Martin

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

b. Homelessness Liaison – Jose Arevalo and Ricky Angel

New Liaison Laura Rathbone will be reporting.

c. Planning Liaison – Dean Anderson

Mr. Anderson indicated that there was no report.

XXI. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

XXII. ADJOURN

MOTION (by Mr. Angel, seconded by Ms. Soash): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

MOTION PASSED by a voice vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:18 p.m.

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