Minutes of the
MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, Monday, May 7, 2018
LAPD Mission Area Police Station, Timothy M. Falco Community Room
11121 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345

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This Special Meeting was immediately preceded by a General Meeting. [See separate General Meeting Minutes.]

I. WELcoming Remarks
   a. Call to order & Flag Salute
      President David Kritzer called the Meeting to order at 9:26 p.m.

   b. Roll Call
      Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Seven of the 11 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Dean Anderson (Vice-President), Jose Arevalo, Mangwi Atia (Secretary), Jose Castillo, Joseph Fuchs, David Kritzer (President) and Niranjala Tillakaratne. Andrew Charlton (excused), John DiGregorio (Treasurer) (excused), Savannah Pinedo (excused) and Marisol Salazar (Rodriguez) unexcused) 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 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. Eleven of the 14 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Three Board Seats were vacant [Residential (2) and Organizational]; to apply, see http://mhnconline.org/about-mhnc/board. Also attended: approximately five Stakeholders and Guests.

II. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items
   Stakeholder Ronnie Velez (http://bit.ly/sfvpride2016; #SFVPride) reported an intruder at his home and his vehicle was vandalized. Mr. Velez called 9-1-1; the response was slow, though the intruder was arrested. Mr. Velez offered to translate fliers into Spanish.
III. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A NEIGHBORHOOD PURPOSE
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $5,000.00 AS SUBMITTED BY PARENTS,
TEACHERS/EDUCATORS & STUDENTS IN ACTION (PESA).

Seymour Amster, Executive Director, Parents, Educators / Teachers & Students in Action
[800-894-7201; pesaemmee@gmail.com; http://parentsinactionforbetterschools.org],
explained that “minors in your community come into the Program . . . the money is going to be
used . . . for chaperones . . . [and] transportation” to the Museum of Tolerance and for
California Association of Youth Courts participation. “We monitor the minors . . . you have
direct referrals from law enforcement” and others. “We have our training programs for the
jurors, who’re fellow high schoolers. He described other PESA activities. Funding is from L.A.
County and private sources. Mr. Amster said “we have 42 schools in the County,” including
San Fernando High School. The Pacoima NC allocated $500. He noted that “I have over 60
students coming every month.”

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Anderson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves a
Neighborhood Purposes Grant in the amount not to exceed $500 as submitted by Parents,
Teachers/Educators & Students in action (PESA).

FUNDING MOTION FAILED for lack of a second.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Ms. Tillakaratne): The Mission Hills
Neighborhood Council approves a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) in the amount not to
exceed $2,500.00 as submitted by Parents, Teachers/Educators & Students in Action (PESA).

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Ms. Tillakaratne): The
Mission Hills Neighborhood Council adds the phrase “subject to the NPG guidelines” to the
above Motion.

AMENDMENT to the FUNDING MOTION PASSED with five in favor; one opposed; zero
abstained.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present
with five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Atia, Castillo, Kritzer and Tillakaratne); one
opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Anderson); zero abstained. Mr. Fuchs was ineligible to vote due to
not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

IV. ADJOURN

MOTION to ADJOURN (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Mr. Anderson).

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED; zero opposed; zero abstained.

The Meeting was ADJOURNED at 9:48 p.m.

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