

**MISSION HILLS  
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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.

*The first paragraph of some Items, Motions/Resolutions and other wording may have been copied from the Agenda. Minutes written by DL, possibly edited by MHNC. The MHNC Minutes page is <http://mhnconline.org/agendas-minutes>.*