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Minutes of the
**MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING, Monday, June 4, 2018**
at LAPD Mission Area Police Station, Timothy M. Falco Community Room
11121 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345

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I. WELCOMING REMARKS

a. Call to order & Flag Salute

President Kritzer called the Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

b. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Seven of the 11 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: Jose Arevalo, Jose Castillo, Andrew Charlton, Joseph Fuchs, David Kritzer (President), Savannah Pinedo and Niranjala Tillakaratne. Dean Anderson (Vice-President) and Marisol Salazar (Rodriguez) arrived later. Mangwi Atia (Secretary) (excused) and John DiGregorio (Treasurer) (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 the Bylaws at

<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 [Residential (2) and Organizational]; to apply, see <http://mhnconline.org/about-mhnc/board>. Also attended: 29 Stakeholders and Guests.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Evanne Holloway explained the June 24th CicLAvia event.

Board Member Dean Anderson arrived at this time (7:06), making eight Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

Resident Cliff Lobell reported that a City trash truck leaked hydraulic fluid on the 10100 block of Wisner; his service request has not received a response. Joe Shammas, Candidate for Congress, commented. Resident John Samuelson suggested having American flags displayed on Sepulveda Blvd. on Memorial Day. Between Item #'s Vi. and VII., Randy Melendez, State Senate Candidate, commented.

III. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS.

a. LA City Council District Representative

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>), reported that “about 2,000 trees were serviced” in Mission Hills and nearby areas; “we’re in conversation with Urban Forestry” to remove stumps. The City is “installing” and “increasing lighting” at Brand Park.

b. LAPD Senior Leads

Philip Ruiz, an 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), did not report.

c. Other Government Departments/Agencies

Benita Trujillo, District Director for L.A. County District Three Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (818-901-3831; BTrujillo@bos.LACounty.gov; <http://www.lacounty.gov/government/supervisors/sheila-kuehl>), reported on their June 14th job fair and June 21st “Homeless Connect Day.” She noted that many homeless people have been housed, but more arrived. Saturday, September 22nd, L.A. Opera’s “Don Carlo” will be simulcast from El Cariso Park; attendees can picnic there. Anthony Garcia, District Representative for State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; Anthony.Garcia@sen.ca.gov; <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>), reported that Governor Brown signed SB606 and AB1868 legislation requiring “stricter water efficiency and conservation standards.” Mr. Garcia offered help on “state-related issues” such as the DMV and Caltrans.

d. Community Organizations

There were no other reports or announcements.

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

a. General Board Meeting April 2, 2018

MOTION (by Mr. Charlton, seconded by Mr. Fuchs): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its April 2, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

b. General Board Meeting May 7, 2018

MOTION (by Mr. Charlton, seconded by Ms. Tillakaratne): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 7, 2018 General Board Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

c. Special General Board Meeting May 7, 2018

MOTION (by Mr. Charlton, seconded by Mr. Fuchs): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its May 7, 2018 Special Board Meeting as written.

Board Member Marisol Salazar arrived at this time (7:25), making nine Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

d. Special Board Meeting May 22, 2018

MOTION to TABLE (by Mr. Kritzer): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council TABLES approval of the Minutes of its May 22, 2018 Special Board Meeting.

MOTION to TABLE PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES:

- a. Organizational Stakeholder/Employee Stakeholder x1 -- Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who participate in a religious institution, educational institution, community organization, nonprofit 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.
Manuel DeLaRosa, of Chapel of the Cross Church, 10000 Sepulveda Blvd., expressed interest, saying "our goal is to see how we can help." He was encouraged to submit an application.
- b. Residential/Renter Stakeholder Board Member x1 – Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who rent a residence located within the NC boundaries

c. Residential Stakeholder Board Member x1 – Open to Stakeholders eighteen (18) years of age or older who rent a residence located within the NC boundaries
Mr. Kritzer noted the above; there were no appointments.

VI. PRESENTATION FROM CENTINELA YOUTH SERVICES AND THE EVERYCHILD RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CENTER.

Wendy Castro and Sonya presented about the juvenile diversion program. They serve “usually non-violent criminals” diverted to “community-based organizations . . . instead of the traditional justice system . . . the kids . . . are four times less likely to re-offend . . . we’re going citywide by the end of 2018 . . . we hold mediations . . . they talk about what happened”; they “really hear from the victim how that crime impacted them . . . we serve all of the Valley area.” The program needs Spanish-speaking and other volunteers, including Mediator, Translator and Surrogate Victim Advocate, who are expected to serve “at least two times per month.” Sonya described her “rewarding” work and that “the training is amazing.”

VII. PRESENTATION FROM STANDING TOGETHER AGAINST NEIGHBORHOOD DRILLING COALITION.

Presenter Gisela Tarifa opposed the “enormous impacts that have been happening” due to oil drilling in the City. They are “asking for the [MHNC]’s support for a 2,500-foot setback.” She noted that 620,000 Angelinos live within one mile of drilling sites and “the City of L.A. has almost no zoning regulations” regarding them. She believed that many families do not know that until they feel bad health effects and observed that “air travels; it doesn’t just stay in one location.” She encouraged the MHNC to submit a Community Impact Statement (CIS) for City Council File 17-0447 or to write to the Mayor regarding “a public health study” and setback. More than 30 Neighborhood Councils have submitted CIS’s.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO [see the below Motion].

Mr. Kritzer explained that there was a concern about the previous Motion and vote.

MOTION to RECONSIDER (by Mr. Fuchs, seconded by Mr. Charlton): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will RECONSIDER the Motion and vote from its immediately preceding Board Meeting of May 7, 2018, regarding its Item #XII approval to allocate funds up to \$200.00 to purchase food, water, etc. for beautification projects.

MOTION to RECONSIDER PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Fuchs, seconded by Mr. Charlton): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves payment of up to \$200.00 to pay for pizza and paper goods for National Night Out scheduled for August 7, 2018.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with all eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Arevalo, Castillo, Charlton, Fuchs, Kritzer, Salazar and Tillakaratne); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Ms. Pinedo was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

IX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION to approve proposed Standing Rule Amendments re: MHNC Policy Guidelines for submission of Neighborhood Purpose Grants.

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION to approve proposed Standing Rule Amendments re: Clarification of Administrative Assistant Duties and Reporting Obligations.

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

XI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION re: completion of the MHNC2018-19 Fiscal Year Administrative Packet.

Mr. Kritzer explained the need for a volunteer to inventory the MHNC storage contents. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Fuchs volunteered. Mr. Kritzer will send the Packet to Mr. Fuchs.

XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION re: completion of annual inventory of equipment and NC assets as required by City of Los Angeles.

Mr. Kritzer referred to above Item #XI.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION re: Establishment of a Youth Council Committee.

Ms. Pinedo presented. She visited the Panorama City Neighborhood Council (PCNC) Youth Council Committee. She noted that the MHNC needs youth and recommended that the MHNC also have such a Committee. She clarified that "it will not make any decisions on its own"; the Committee would consult the Board. Ms. Pinedo announced that she will need to resign from the MHNC by September.

MOTION (by Mr. Fuchs, seconded by Mr. Charlton): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will establish a Youth Council Committee.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Castillo noted that "Sunland-Tujunga has a very active Youth Council . . . it's a way to get the young people involved." Ms. Tillakaratne suggested that the MHNC could outreach "during the Movie Nights." Ms. Pinedo added that youth are concerned about safety and homeless encampments, and would like

cultural fairs, farmers markets and volunteer opportunities. Stakeholder Laura Rathbone noted PCNC Youth Council projects.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION re: [see the below Motion].

Mr. Castillo explained that the logo is “to make Mission Hills a destination” and to “brand” Mission Hills. He estimated it would cost \$200-\$300 to design and passed around and displayed a draft design. Ms. Tillakaratne suggested coordinating this with the banner design.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Mr. Anderson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will allocate of up to \$500.00 to pay for design of a new MHNC logo.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Anderson suggested coordinating this with the Webmaster and/or Stakeholder Rodney Gonzalez. Mr. Kritzer clarified that the banners would be on Sepulveda Blvd. There was discussion of MHNC outreach. Mr. Anderson reminded that “it takes the Stakeholders of Mission Hills to get involved.”

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the eight eligible voters present with seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Anderson, Castillo, Charlton, Fuchs, Kritzer, Salazar and Tillakaratne); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Arevalo); zero abstained. Ms. Pinedo was ineligible to vote due to not yet being of age (18) to vote on financial matters.

XV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: update on preparation of Community Impact Statement re: Marijuana Dispensaries within MHNC boundaries.

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

XVI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: preparation of Community Impact Statement in support of City Action to close walkway along Interstate 5 between Brand and San Fernando Mission Blvds. as requested by local homeowners.

Mr. Kritzer explained the issue, noting that “the City Council is taking it up” and that the MHNC may not need to allocate funding. Mr. Fuchs will get the City Council File number after the City designates it, so that the MHNC can file a CIS.

MOTION (by Mr. Kritzer, seconded by Mr. Castillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council directs its Zoning and Land Use Committee to prepare a Community Impact Statement in support of City action to close the walkway along Interstate 5 between Brand and San Fernando Mission Blvds. as requested by local homeowners.

MOTION PASSED unanimously; zero opposed; zero abstained.

XVII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Public Safety Committee

Mr. Anderson indicated that there was no report.

b. Zoning and Land-Use Committee

Mr. Fuchs indicated that there was no report.

c. Budget and Finance Committee

Mr. DiGregorio was not present and there was no report.

d. Beautification and Cultural Affairs

Ms. Tillakaratne reported that “about 30 people” attended the May 19th clean up at the Pacoima Spreading Grounds pathway and “we will schedule another one.” The Committee will, once a month, go around the area requesting 3-1-1 City services. She encouraged using the MyLA311 app to report service needs. The City Streets and Sanitation Dept. has a “tree planting project” in which “any business or resident can request to get a tree . . . [the City] will determine what type . . . residents have to water the tree . . . in the area between the curb and the sidewalk . . . every resident can request up to seven trees.”

e. Outreach Committee

Mr. Kritzer reported that the Committee met and discussed outreach and social media, and summer and other events.

f. Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

Ms. Atia was not present and there was no report.

XVIII. LIAISON REPORTS

a. FilmLA Liaison

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

b. Homelessness Liaison

Ms. Rathbone reported that “50-200 people show up seeking services” at Homeless Connect Day. She clarified that temporary housing means three years. She requested that the MHNC file a Community Impact Statement regarding City Council File #14-0655-S-7, Permanent Supportive Housing and Placement Services. Such housing usually is for seniors and disabled veterans. As Director of the Clean Streets Clean Starts program [818-401-5522; don8819@gmail.com; https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D-_cLeWLOIGFJzZmvs4-M3M1fkLMeE87/view], she explained their work and services cleaning San Fernando Valley areas. They will be in Mission Hills in September; she wants to know which street(s) to clean.

c. Planning Liaison

There was no Liaison or report at this time.

XIX. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board agreed to next meet Monday, July 9th, instead of the usual first Monday of July 2nd, due to the July 4th Independence Day holiday.

XX. ADJOURN

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

MOTION to ADJOURN PASSED unanimously; zero opposed, zero abstained.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:36 p.m.

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