

**MISSION HILLS
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Discussion notes (no quorum was present) of the
MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
DISCUSSION, Monday, November 5, 2018

at LAPD Mission Area Police Station, Timothy M. Falco Community Room
11121 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345

[This event was a “discussion,” not a “meeting,” because no quorum was present.]

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I. WELCOMING REMARKS:

a. Call to order & Flag Salute

President Kritzer began the discussion at 7:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

b. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Six of the 10 Board Members were present at the Roll Call: David Kritzer (President), Dean Anderson (Vice-President), Mangwi Atia (Secretary), Joseph Fuchs, Niranjala Tillakaratne and Duke Eric Smith. Four Board Members were absent: Jose Arevalo (excused), Andrew Charlton (excused) and John DiGregorio (Treasurer excused). Marisol Salazar Rodriguez (unexcused). 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 only take public comments. The Board could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes. Ten of the 14 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Four Board Seats are vacant [Residential (2), At-Large (1) and Youth (1)]; to apply, see <http://mhnonline.org/about-mhnc/board>. Also attended: ~25 Stakeholders and Guests.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Stakeholder Jon stated a walkway has not been built near the Mission Hills Fire

Station, so it is not ADA [Americans with Disabilities] assessible and must be addressed. He also reported that on the other side next to the church there's dirt and trash. Jon recommends that a sidewalk and safety ramp be built for easy accessibility to Mission Hills Fire Station. To address sanitation issues, transients/homeless people with pets should receive assistance in getting pet vaccinations and dog tags.

III. COMMUNITY/GOVERNMENT REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. LA City Council District Representative

Juan Solorio, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Seven Councilmember Monica Rodriguez (office phone: 818-756-8409; Juan.Solorio@LACity.org; <http://CD7.LACity.org>), presented the following: Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez introduced the motion to the Housing Committee to implement individual development accounts for first-time homebuyers in June. It was approved in November 2018 by the City Council to instruct the City to work with the Housing and Community Investment Department, Chief Legislative Analyst, and City Administrative Officer to report on creating the individual development accounts program. A report will be published within 60 days to explain how the partnership will work. Copies of motion are available on the table. Also, Juan Solorio announced Councilmember Monica Rodriguez is hosting a Veterans breakfast on Veteran's Day, followed by a parade. RSVPs must submit their name, military branch, rank and years in service to receive location information and so on.

b. LAPD Senior Leads

Philip Ruiz, an LAPD Mission Division Senior Lead Officer (mobile/text 818-634-0519; office phone: 818-838-9843; 31524@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station), presented the following:

- Crime in Mission Hills has increased. There were 505 reported crimes in 2017 and 556 in 2018. Burglars are up by 20% (59 in 2017 to 71 in 2018). Aggravated assault increased from 51 in 2017 to 79 in 2018 due to homeless disputes and domestic violence. The new Capitan brought back the bicycle units to monitor the shopping center and park.
- Search warrants executed by police at two marijuana clinics resulting in materials and equipment confiscated. Clinics were closed temporarily. A court order, in turn, was given to the Department of Water and Power (DWP) to shutoff services. A separate marijuana clinic that had the permits to operate tampered with water meters to reduce costs. The Department of Water and Power (DWP) responded by shutting off their services.
- Homeless community are victims of crime too. Someone threw acid at homeless couple sleeping at the Devonwood Park. Victims had to be rushed to the hospital. Same victims reported that someone poured gas on them another time.
- RV caught fire due to electrical issues. The City is working on towing it. This may take 4-5 weeks for it to be moved.
- Theft by trick: The Department of Water and Power scam led to two individuals wiring funds over \$800 to fraud account. Contact Juan Solorio, Field Deputy for L.A. City District Seven Councilmember Monica Rodriguez (office phone: 818-756-8409; Juan.Solorio@LACity.org) if you want to confirm DWP

correspondence.

- Neighborhood Watch volunteers do not follow through with the commitment in response to Stakeholder Jon's inquiry.

c. Other Government Departments/Agencies

Jude Hernandez, Field Representative from Assemblymember Luz Rivas (office phone 818-504-3911; <https://a39.asmdc.org>):

You can contact District Office if homeless are on state property. District Office can expedite requests. Cal Trans has 311 (customer service request) to report homeless encampments. It also is working on the reflectors on land stripping (e.g. Highway 118 to the 5 Freeway). District Office must give individuals living in homeless encampments a 72-hour notice to move off state property. In collaboration with the Sun Valley Neighborhood Council, it will provide citizenship class for individuals that lived in the United States for a minimum of five years with green card status on November 17, 2018.

Congressman Tony Cardenas Representative (office phone: 818-221-3178; <https://cardenas.house.gov/>):

District Office assists Veterans with their services (e.g., pensions, military records, medals), help individuals interested in visiting The White House, provide nomination for United States service academy, and offer small business loans and grants. District Office is hosting a Veteran's Day event with limited seating for Veterans and their families.

Anthony Garcia, District Representative from Office of Senator Hertzberg (office phone: 818-901-5588; Anthony.Garcia@sen.ca.gov; <https://sd18.senate.ca.gov>): Senator Hertzberg is still at the Valley Glen Neighborhood Council. He wants to address homelessness and their pets as they are reluctant to take services that won't admit their pets. Senator Hertzberg wants to expand Brace and Bolt program, which provides grants for a specific "building-code-compliant" seismic retrofit, statewide. Additional legislative efforts include storm water capture. You can contact the District Office to report homeless encampments on state property and seek assistance with state agency and department issues.

d. Community Organizations

There were no other reports.

IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

a. General Board Meeting September 17, 2018

b. General Board Meeting October 1, 2018

No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE MONTHLY EXPENDITURE REPORTS (MER)

a. August 2018

b. September 2018

c. October 2018

No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

VI. 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, 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.
- 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
No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

VII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION re: Neighborhood Purpose Grant application in the amount of \$5,000.00 proposed by Valle Vida for Nature Parkway expansion.
No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE re: preparation of Community Impact Statement re: graffiti removal at Olivo
No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

IX. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE re: preparation of Community Impact Statement re: RV Parking situation
No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

X. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE re: preparation of Community Impact Statement re: homelessness
No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

XI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION re preparation of Community Impact Statement in support Council File 18-0467 to reform and improve the Neighborhood Council system.
No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

XII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION re: update on design of new MHNC logo.
No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION re: update on design of new MHNC banners.
No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

XIV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION re: approval of election worksheet
No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

XV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION re: reimbursement of reimbursement of \$42.22 to Niranjila Tillakaratne for purchase of snacks

and water for Clean Up on October 13, 2018

No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

XVI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION to approve the following Office Expenditures up to the following amounts:

- Up to \$200 for post office box account.
- Up to \$500 for postage fees.
- Up to \$1,000 for meeting expenses.
- Up to \$1,200 for purchase of a laptop computer/Chromebook for meetings.
- Up to \$2,100 for storage facility costs
- Up to \$2,000 for temporary staff/minutes writer.
- Up to \$550 for website hosting and maintenance.

No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

XVII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION to approve the following Outreach Expenses up to the following amounts:

- Up to \$375 for outreach flyers
- Up to \$500 for outreach brochures.
- Up to \$850 for event exhibitor expenses.
- Up to \$100 for Board Member nametags
- Up to \$250 for Board Member polo shirts
- Up to \$500 for MHNC custom table cloths
- Up to \$500 for MHNC custom canopy cover
- Up to \$500 for MHNC stand up banner

No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

XVIII. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION to approve up to \$1000 for 100 more beautification t-shirts.

No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

XIX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION re: assigning duties to Board Members

No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

XX. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION to appoint and/or search for a new MHNC Treasurer.

No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

XXI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION to appoint a new second signer.

No Motion was made (or vote taken), because there was no quorum.

XXII. COMMITTEE REPORTS (~2min per Committee):

- a. Public Safety Committee
- b. Zoning and Land-Use Committee
- c. Budget and Finance Committee
- d. Beautification and Cultural Affairs
- e. Outreach Committee
- f. Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee

No reports were made, since there was no quorum.

XXIII. LIAISON REPORTS (~2min each):

- a. FilmLA Liaison
- b. Homelessness Liaison
- c. Planning Liaison

No reports were made, since there was no quorum.

XXIV. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made, since there was no quorum.

XXV. ADJOURN

Mr. Kritzer ended the discussion at 8:08 p.m.

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