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**MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
BEAUTIFICATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Approved October 19, 2021

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I. Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Stephanie Ruiz-Perez called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Four of the six Committee Members were present at the Roll Call: Susan Fuchs, Miran Kalaydjian, Rebecca Ruiz-Penuela and Stephanie Ruiz-Perez (Chair). Joe Cabrera and Mandy Jacobsen-Hicks were absent. The MHNC quorum (the minimum number of Committee Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) was four (see the Bylaws at <https://empowerla.org/mhnc>), so the Committee could take such votes. Also attended: at least four Stakeholders and Guests, including Board Member Joshua Ascencio; Julissa Hernandez, a Field Representative for State 39th District Assemblymember Luz Rivas (504-3911; Julissa.Hernandez@asm.ca.gov; <https://a39.asmdc.org>); and Stakeholders Jeff, Jill Akahoshi and Alma Nava.

II. Discussion and possible action to approve the August 17, 2021 Beautification and Cultural Affairs Committee minutes.

MOTION (by MMs. Ruiz-Penuela, seconded by MMK): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council Beautification and Cultural Affairs Committee approves the Minutes of its August 17, 2021 Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the four eligible voters present with all four in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Fuchs, Kalaydjian, Ruiz-Penuela and Ruiz-Perez); zero opposed; zero abstained.

III. Discuss and possible action to prioritize the list of ideas/projects for committee generated from August 17, 2021 meeting.

Ms. Ruiz-Perez reviewed the list, which included partnering with other government agencies to have Beautification Days; educating the community about how to report illegal dumping; and enhancements to Mission Hills. Ms. Ruiz-Penuela noted that survey [<https://www.mhnconline.org/mhnc-conducts-community-survey>] responses still are being received. Ms. Ruiz-Perez relayed from Dominique Vitti, a Field Deputy for L.A. City District Seven Councilmember Monica Rodriguez (ofc. 818-756-8409; Dominique.Vitti@LACity.org; <http://CD7.LACity.org>) information regarding improvements at Brand Park including lighting, signage and cleaning. Bulky item trash at the Devonshire/405 Freeway intersection was cleaned. Ms. Hernandez encouraged coordinating cleanup work with Assemblywoman Rivas' office. No Motion was made or vote taken.

IV. Discuss and possible action to identify community groups to partner with for beautification events/projects.

Ms. Fuchs recommended consulting with the Granada Hills [South] Neighborhood Council regarding their work. No Motion was made or vote taken.

V. Discussion and possible action to do tree planting.

Mr. Kalaydjian described a City program regarding tree planting and maintenance; he will bring more information. Ms. Ruiz-Penuela noted that some trees are in dangerous condition. No Motion was made or vote taken.

VI. Discussion and possible action to collaborate with Council Office and Department of Cultural Affairs for Utility Art Box Project.

Mr. Kalaydjian described a City program for this and that LAUSD can help; he will bring more information. Mr. Ascencio will ask people if they want to participate. No Motion was made or vote taken.

VII. Discussion and possible action to request the separation of Beautification and Cultural Affairs into two separate committees.

Committee members discussed and unanimously agreed to request the Board to separate Beautification from Cultural Affairs to create two separate Committees: a Beautification Committee and a Cultural Affairs Committee, to allow the Committee to focus its attention on beautification tasks per the MHNC survey. No Motion was made or vote taken.

VIII. Discussion and possible action set standing meetings.

Committee members discussed and decided to meet monthly on the third Tuesday each month at 7:00 p.m. No Motion was made or vote taken.

IX. General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

a. Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's jurisdiction

Ms. Fuchs proposed having a Beautification Day in October. The Committee discussed dates and decided on October 16th. The Committee decided to host this first event and conduct a community assessment (walk/drive by) to assess areas that may require cleaning, etc., for future Beautification Days. Mr. Kalaydjian recommended that the Committee reach out to the City's StreetsLA Department for tools and guidance to be used for future Beautification Days.

X. Adjournment

Ms. Ruiz-Perez noted that the next Committee meeting will be October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Ruiz-Perez declared the Meeting ADJOURNED at 8:12 p.m.

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