

MHNC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mission Hills Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

January 9, 2012

Mission Area Police Station

Minutes taken by: Doug Stolhand (Secretary)

President – David Guzman

Vice-President/Treasurer – Fred Ginsburg

Secretary – Doug Stolhand

Senior Outreach Chair – Joyce Sipes

Community Outreach Chair – Brad Klimovitch

Board Member - Randy Kuluva

Board Member - Irma Chaidez

Board Member - Clint Scott

Board Member - John Samuelson

Board Member - Jerrilyn Hayashi

Student Representative - Tuesday Sipes

- Meeting called to order at 6:42pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance by John Samuelsson
- Roll call: David Guzman, Fred Ginsburg, Doug Stolhand, Joyce Sipes, Brad Klimovitch, Clint Scott, John Samuelsson and Tuesday Sipes are all present. Excused are Randy Kuluva, Irma Chaidez and Jerrilyn Hayashi.
- David Guzman reads letter he wrote to resign as President of MHNC. Will stay on board as Chair of the Beautification Committee. Brad Klimovitch nominated as new President
- David motions to name Brad Klimovitch as new President – Joyce Sipes seconds the motion. Discussion waived and nomination is unanimous.

- Manny Figueras presents David Guzman with a congratulations and certificate on behalf of Councilman Richard Alarcon.
- Brad Klimovitch takes over as President.
- Brad nominates Doug Stolhand as the Secretary – Fred Ginsburg seconds it and vote is unanimous. Doug Stolhand now the Secretary, no longer Public Safety Committee Chair.
- Brad asks Stakeholders for volunteers for MHNC and specifically the Zoning and Land Use and Public Safety Committees.
- Senior Lead Officer Phillip Ruiz gives monthly report. Bad finish to 2011. Goal was -5% in crime for 2011 but final number was around +2%. Final numbers are not announced and +2% was from around two weeks before end of 2011. Goal for 2012 is to get more people involved in Neighborhood Watch Program. Common crimes in November and December were burglary – auto and burglary – home. Suspect that was targeting this area was arrested in December, 2011. Q&A with board and stakeholders follows.
- Guest speaker: Mike Harmon (Adoption Center Manager of Best Friends Animal Society). Announces that he has three phases to the program – first is turning the Mission Hills Animal Shelter into an adoption agency. Second is a high volume spay/neuter clinic that includes vaccinations. Third phase is training and educational program that will allow people to keep their pets and be responsible pet owners. They hope to adopt out 3,000 animals a year out of this facility and 6,000 spay/neuters. Q&A with board and stakeholders follows.
- Brad introduces Captain Todd Chamberlain who is the new captain for Mission Hills area. He thanks both Brad and David for their service. Captain Chamberlain gives stakeholders his background and some information on what he hopes to accomplish in the next year. Says we ended up at about a +0.7% increase in crime in 2011 but says that part of the reason for the uptick is that the numbers in the past have been so low. Says that Mission Hills area is 23 square miles with 250,000 residents. Q&A with board and stakeholders follows.
- Guest Speaker is Cary Brazeman from LA Neighbors United. Talks to stakeholders about sidewalk issues. Is a Neighborhood Council member from Midcity West. Hands out flyer and sample motion regarding the city’s proposal to make property owners responsible for sidewalk repairs due to street tree root damage including damage from poorly maintained City street trees. Q&A with board and stakeholders follows.
- Treasurer report: We started year with \$40,500 and have spent \$18,238 to this point. Senior outreach in December came in under budget (which was \$1,000). Says that we are looking for a new answering service. Stakeholder asks about going to a machine rather than an answering service and Fred says the difference would only be about \$20 a month. Fred would like to keep the “human touch” and maintain a human answering the phone if possible.

- No public safety report.
- Senior Outreach report: Joyce thanks all the volunteers from the December senior outreach event and says it was a great success. Announces that San Fernando Valley Historical Society has an upcoming event with a Pearl Harbor survivor speaking on January 26th at Pico-Adobe.
- Jerrilyn Hayashi has resigned as Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair. Brad announces that MHNC is actively looking for a new chair for both that committee and the Public Safety Committee.
- Outreach Committee Report: Brad talks about the advertisement that was approved last month for the North Valley Reporter. MHNC has an ad in the paper now and Brad hands out copies of the ad and reads it aloud to the stakeholders. Brad asks that the ad is submitted to the paper as he has written it. Fred asks what the dimensions of the ad will be. Brad answers that it will be 1/8th of a page. Fred believes that it will be very hard to read due to the space and the layout of the text. Brad says that he will work with the editor to see if she thinks this can work or not. Clint asks if she can put something together for us to look at. Brad says that he will submit it and then send the board an e-mail with how it will look. Motion has been tabled until editor can show us how the layout will be.
- Manny Figueras announces that on February 4th there is a dog & cat event at Brand Park. Also addresses the copper theft of street lights which causes the street lights to be dark. He urges people to be on the lookout for that.
- New Business: Sheila works at Holy Cross hospital and has for 26 years. Would like to be involved in the MHNC. Brad tells her that he will get her more information and that executive committee will be in touch with her this month. Fred asks her if she has worked with Betty Ley in the past and she says not really. Fred informs her that Betty is a key person to work with if Sheila does become the Public Safety Committee Chair.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.