

MHNC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mission Hills Neighborhood Council Board Meeting

February 6, 2012

Mission Area Police Station

Minutes taken by: Doug Stolhand (Secretary)

President – Brad Klimovitch

Vice-President/Treasurer – Fred Ginsburg

Secretary – Doug Stolhand

Senior Outreach Chair – Joyce Sipes

Board Member – David Guzman

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 6:36pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance by John Samuelsson
- Roll call: Brad Klimovitch, Fred Ginsburg, David Guzman, Doug Stolhand, Joyce Sipes, Jerrilyn Hayashi, Clint Scott, John Samuelsson and Tuesday Sipes are all present. Unexcused are Randy Kuluva and Irma Chaidez.
- Hayashi asks for clarification on previous minutes and correction is made.
- Klimovitch moves to approve minutes from previous meeting. Hayashi seconds. Minutes from previous meeting are approved.
- SLO Phil Ruiz gives crime report and says that crime is up 35%. We had 34 reported crimes between 01/01/11 and 01/28/11. This year we have had 46 reported crimes

between 01/01/12 and 01/28/12. Ruiz urges communities help in reporting suspicious activity in your neighborhood and being diligent about locking your homes and property. Says we ended 2011 at +7% in crime. Q&A with board and stakeholders follows. Number to call for non-emergency reports is (877)ASK-LAPD. Says that bar 'Guys and Dolls' at Lassen & Sepulveda has been closed down. (818)838-9843 is Ruiz' desk number and he's at desk between 8am and 6pm.

- Guest Speaker: Greg Bartz from LADWP who is MHNC Liaison. Discusses upcoming LADWP meeting agenda, water program and gives contact information for board and stakeholder to contact him with any questions or concerns. Discusses proposed rate increase for water usage. Stakeholder asks why bill has gone up and Bartz tells him that he is his advocate at the LADWP and that he will look into it for him. Many stakeholders complain about the bills they are getting and that LADWP does not conduct a proper investigation. Bartz urges all stakeholders to contact him with issues and concerns and vows that he will look into it and respond.
- Treasurer/Vice President Report from Ginsburg: Have spent \$18,545.21 thus far and have \$21,954.79 remaining.
- Senior Outreach Chair Report from J. Sipes: Informs seniors of upcoming class in Northridge about how to avoid losing their home due to medical bills. It's February 25th at Northridge Hospital and it's free. Register at (818)887-3333.
- ZALUC/PS/Outreach Committee Reports from Klimovitch: Submissions for upcoming newsletter are due February 15th and Klimovitch urges stakeholder involvement. Klimovitch urges people to get involved by volunteering to join the board to fill some of the vacancies.
- Klimovitch makes motion to appoint Guzman as Chair of Beautification Committee. J. Sipes seconds. Vote is unanimous and approved. Guzman announces that he plans to have a clean-up MH event by the end of March and urges stakeholders to sign-up for the MHNC e-mails and to read the newsletter for more information.
- Report from Manny Figueras – Councilman Richard Alarcon's Representative: Announces that North Valley Occupational Center might be closing due to budget cuts. Urges stakeholders to call their LAUSD Board Member and tell them to keep it open. Pet Fair was this past Saturday at the Best Friends Animal Society and was a "great event". Sidewalk has been put in at underpass in Rinaldi and Laurel Canyon. Rinaldi was re-paved between Laurel Canyon and Indian Hills Road. Also, alleyways behind Laurel Canyon were cleared up. Urges stakeholders to call 3-1-1 to report bulky items, graffiti, etc. Also urges stakeholders to call him with any questions or concerns.
- Klimovitch tables motion to consider a competitive bidding process for webmaster services due to lack of quorum. (Hayashi, Guzman, J. Sipes and T. Sipes have left meeting early due to personal reasons.)

- Stakeholder complains that house next to his has opened a tax business and wants it shut down. Figueras says that councilman's office is looking into it and that the house has been approved as a "home-based business" but they are looking into revoking that license.
- Stakeholder asks about chances to get a traffic light at Sepulveda and Bermuda. Klimovitch and Figueras tell him to contact them for more information.
- Klimovitch reminds stakeholders to bring any and all issues to him and the board to help MHNC work on behalf of entire community.
- Samuelson raises issue about bank owned property with bulky items and illegal dumping. Urges stakeholders and board to push Figueras to help get something done. Samuelson has taken pictures and brought them to Figueras and Klimovitch. Figueras contacted Department of Building Safety and they are contacting the bank that owns the property about securing and cleaning up the property. Figueras will take fire department to the property to see if it's a fire hazard that can be taken care of.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.