

**MISSION HILLS
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS
PRESIDENT: Brad Klimovitch
VICE-PRESIDENT: open
TREASURER: Roberto Martin
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Minutes of the
MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 4, 2013

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

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1. Call to Order/Introductions

President Brad Klimovitch introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member John Samuelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Board Members in attendance at the Roll Call were: Debra Dalton, Raymond Garcia, Brad Klimovitch, Roberto Martin, Jesse Martinez, John Samuelson and Clint Scott. Craig Forry arrived later. Board Member absent: Jerrilyn Hayashi. Five Board Seats were vacant. Also attending: 29 Stakeholders and Guests.

Seven of the nine Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting. The MHNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven, so the Board could take such votes.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Martin requested the following correction to the Minutes: page three, Item #9, the last sentence, “Mr. Klimovitch clarified that the “Credit Card Charge . . . was for an LAPD Officer Appreciation Day reimbursement to Ms. Ley, not for a Board Meeting”

should be “Mr. Klimovitch clarified that the “Credit Card Charge . . . was not for an LAPD Officer Appreciation Day reimbursement to Ms. Ley.”

MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Ms. Dalton): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its February 4, 2013 Board of Governors Meeting as corrected.

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

5. Reports/announcements from Public Officials, Community Representatives, Board Members.

Ashley Meachem, Metro consultant (213.438.1755; Ashley.Meachem@consensusinc.com; www.consensusinc.com), of the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor study [see <http://www.metro.net/projects/east-sfv>], announced that EIR (Environmental Impact Report) Review writing and Meetings are starting. She announced upcoming Meetings. Greg Bartz, Neighborhood Council Liaison, DWP (L.A. Dept. of Water and Power) (213-367-2800, Greg.Bartz@ladwp.com), reviewed an “LADWP Information Resources List for Local Community Participation.” He reported that “you can ask for an adjustment on your sewer service charge” and “payment assistance programs are available.” Mr. Bartz described ongoing DWP projects and that “water conservation measures are still in place.” Their “solar incentive program” is ongoing and can save money. Mr. Klimovitch encouraged voting in the March 5th City Primary Election and read aloud a note from L.A. City District Seven Councilman Richard Alarcon (818-485-0600; Richard.Alarcon@LACity.org; <http://CD7.LACity.org>) encouraging reporting broken sidewalks, etc.

6. Report from LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Phil Ruiz, Basic Car 19A43.

Philip Ruiz, LAPD Mission Division Senior Lead Officer (mobile/text 818-634-0519; office 818-838-9843; 31524@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station), reported “15% in crime reduction from the prior year.” Burglaries are slightly down, while vehicle theft is up in the Division. He cautioned and reminded to lock home and vehicle windows and doors, even if you’ll only be away a short time; “Lock It, Hide It, Keep It.” Officer Ruiz described the coordination of witness reports and law enforcement in the recent apprehension of two serial burglary suspects. Decoy vehicles are still being used to catch thieves. Copper wire, plumbing and piping theft still happens.

7. Executive Officer Report(s).

President: Mr. Klimovitch said “the newsletter is on hold” until someone volunteers to be the new Outreach Committee Chair. The Board Vice-President and Secretary Seats are also open. He thanked Ms. Dalton for her Outreach work.

Treasurer: Mr. Martin distributed and reviewed the “MHNC 2012-2013 Profit & Loss Detail July 1 through March 1, 2013” and reported “no significant changes . . . [or] charges.” He described the usual website and Webmaster payments. Mr. Martin reported that DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] e-mailed him that Fiscal Year 2009-2010 first and second quarter Budget Reconciliations were not submitted and are due.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Mr. Garcia): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council **[RM/BK: INSERT THE RESOLUTION HERE __ OR SAY “see the attached Resolution.”]**.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Martin said the previous Treasurer Fred Ginsberg said he “had no recollection” of the [Fiscal Year 2009-2010 first and second quarter Budget Reconciliations] documents and that they are from a previous Treasurer. Mr. Klimovitch indicated that he looked and the documents are not in the storage at City Council District Seven, and that he and Mr. Martin “had no control over this.” Recent Reconciliations are on the website [www.MHNCOline.org]. Mr. Martin added that “DONE is tightening their restrictions and policies” regarding Neighborhood Council Budgets.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote of all seven Board Members present.

8. Briefing on Committee activities.

Public Safety: Betty Ley

Ms. Ley reported that the LAPD Blood Drive was rescheduled to Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00 p.m. here. RSVP at 818.838.9860 to make a blood donation appointment. The Neighborhood Watch Meeting will be at the same time at the Bermuda Mobile Home Park, 10812 Langdon in the Clubhouse.

Beautification and Cultural Affairs: Jesse Martinez

Mr. Martinez reported that the Mission Hills sign/monument design process is nearly finished. He described design options. Mr. Klimovitch explained that the Committee has been working on this for more than a year and that City Council District Seven has \$10,000 in funding that must be allocated this month.

Board Member Craig Forry arrived at this time.

Mr. Klimovitch continued that possible sign/monument sponsors are still deciding whether to sponsor the project and, if so, in what funding amount. Stakeholder Jim Reed encouraged using the MHNC funding for an expanded website instead of a monument. Mr. Martinez related that it was a Committee decision to fund the monument and encouraged working together for additional community projects. Maintenance would depend upon various factors. Stakeholder Phyllis Brevich would like more information about community services; Mr. Klimovitch volunteered to help her.

9. Briefing on Budget & Finance.

See Item #7 above.

Old Business

There was no old business at this time.

New Business

10. Report and discussion on possible action [see the below Motion].

Mr. Klimovitch explained the Motion. Mr. Reed repeated his opposition to the monument. Mr. Martinez reported that the project was unanimously approved by the Committee. He is “confident that the Committee is representing Stakeholders” and reminded that the Committee is composed of Stakeholders. Mr. Martin said the project is “financially feasible.”

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Ms. Dalton): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council reallocates \$10,500 from the MHNC Budget line item 48 Newsletters to line item 58 Community Improvement Projects for contractor construction of a Mission Hills Monument Sign.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with six in favor.

Mr. Klimovitch explained that MHNC funds will be reallocated for the monument.

11. Presentation and Action [see the below Motion].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Mr. Garcia): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council requests of City Council District Seven Field Deputy Jose Sandoval that CD7 transfer its \$10,000 CD7 Community Improvement Bequest to Elmiko Signs on behalf of the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council as a down payment towards construction of a Mission Hills Monument Sign.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Klimovitch confirmed that at least two other bids were sought for the monument work. The City estimated \$52,000 to do the work.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with seven in favor.

12. Presentation and Action [see the below Motion].

MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Ms. Dalton): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will place a Mission Hills Monument Sign (see the separate Elmiko Signs picture) at the northeast corner of Sepulveda and Brand Blvds. (the tri-corner median).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Klimovitch explained that donor plaques would be on the side of the to-be-installed Mission Hills monument.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote with seven in favor.

13. Stakeholder comment and discussion on MHNC Board Member Jerrilyn Hayashi's decorum as an MHNC Member.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #8.*] Mr. Klimovitch described working with Ms. Hayashi regarding Board participation. He emphasized “this isn't a browbeating” but Ms. Hayashi “hasn't allowed him” to work further with her. Stakeholder Pamela Goldfinger noted that seven former Board Members were in

attendance at this Meeting; she was concerned that Ms. Ley was “silenced” by two Board Members at the previous Board Meeting and urged not letting anything like that happen. Ms. Goldfinger described incidents that she said occurred in the MHNC Land Use Committee when Ms. Hayashi was that Committee’s Chair. Amelia Herrera-Robles, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Amelia.Herrera-Robles@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), indicated that the number of Stakeholders needed to recall a Board Member varies with each Neighborhood Council; the MHNC can revise its Bylaws, which must be approved by DONE. Mr. Klimovitch noted that the Bylaws Committee will meet. Mr. Reed encouraged Board Members to review their training and ensure that Stakeholders are heard.

Stakeholder Tom Mole, an MHNC co-founder, encouraged the Board to keep “principles before personalities” and urged working with Stakeholders. Mr. Scott was concerned that, at the last Board Meeting, a Committee Report was used to comment on a Board Member. Mr. Klimovitch explained that this Item was Agendized because “feelings were running high” regarding Ms. Hayashi. Mr. Samuelson reminded that “this is not a court of law . . . we’re not here to put people on trial.” He encouraged Tabling the discussion until Ms. Hayashi was in attendance and handling personal differences in private, using Meeting time for community issues.

There was a brief recess at this time.

Mr. Klimovitch noted that a number of Stakeholders wanted this Item Agendized.

14. Housekeeping/Council Business.

Mr. Martinez would like to have MHNC database, e-mailings and website effectiveness reviewed.

Board Member Craig Forry had to leave at this time.

15. General Public Comments.

Nicole Chase, Candidate, City Council District Seven (Info@NicoleMChase.com; http://NicoleMChase.com), described her community service experience and goals, and encouraged voting in the March 5th City Primary Election.

16. Adjournment

MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Ms. Dalton): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

MOTION PASSED without any objections.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:39 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.