

**MISSION HILLS  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS  
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Minutes of the  
**MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)**  
**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, June 3, 2013**  
at the Best Friends Animal Society, Community Room  
15321 Brand Blvd., 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 6:53 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Member John Samuelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken by the Assistant Secretary/Minutes Writer. Nine of the 14 Board Seats were filled. Five Board Seats (Homeowner, Renter, Organizational, Business Property and Youth) were vacant. Six of the nine Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Raymond Garcia, Jerrilyn Hayashi, Brad Klimovitch, Jesse Martinez, John Samuelson and Clint Scott. Board Members absent: Debra Dalton, Craig Forry and Roberto Martin (all excused). The MHNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven, so at this time the Board could only have discussions without making any Motions or taking any binding votes. Also attending: 24 Stakeholders and Guests.

**4. Approval of Minutes for 5/6/13 General and 5/29/13 Special BOG Meetings.**  
[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #5.] Mr. Klimovitch requested and it was agreed to TABLE this to the next Board of Governors Meeting because there was not a voting quorum.

Mr. Klimovitch reported that revised MHNC Bylaws were submitted to DONE [the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] for their approval.

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

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #3.] Bill Larsen, L.A. City Deputy Attorney, (213.393.5561; William.Larsen@LACity.org; [http://www.atty.LACity.org/our\\_office/CriminalDivision/CNAP/index.htm](http://www.atty.LACity.org/our_office/CriminalDivision/CNAP/index.htm)), explained that he handles all the cases involving boarding houses all over the city, including in Mission Hills at San Jose and Halbern. He works with the L.A. Dept. of Building and Safety and property owners. "They're looking for large houses" and opening everywhere, including Sherman Oaks and Porter Ranch. The houses "typically [have] 20 to 30 people"; there've been up to 130 in the same home. Mr. Larsen reported that one "serial operator had 75 people in their house"; some operators own eight to nine homes. He described the proposed Community Care Facilities Ordinance. The City is still enforcing an Ordinance from the 1940s; "there is a law, it was just not being enforced for a long time . . ." Mr. Larsen is regularly prosecuting and convicting property owners all over the City.

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

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #4.] 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](http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station)), reported that crime is down 3.8% from last year, surpassing the goal of a 2% reduction. He reminded not to leave valuables, including electronic devices, in vehicles; if you must, leave it in the trunk. Independence Day "is usually a maximum deployment day." Typically there are dozens of fireworks calls to which to respond; he encouraged reporting repeat offenders and suspicious activity.

**7. Executive Officer Report(s).**

Mr. Klimovitch reported for Mr. Martin that the MHNC Board Youth Representative Seat for a 16- to 25-year old is available. Mr. Martin probably will soon have to resign due to other increasing responsibilities. Mr. Klimovitch encouraged others who live, work, attend school or belong to a Mission Hills-based community organization to apply for the vacant Board Seats.

**8. Briefing on Committee activities.**

Outreach: Brad Klimovitch / Debra Dalton

Mr. Klimovitch reported that the MHNC Movies in the Park will be June 29<sup>th</sup> at Brand Park. Mr. Martinez displayed an event banner. Free booth space is available for community organizations "as long as they're not selling anything."

Public Safety: Debra Dalton

Mr. Klimovitch reported that Ms. Dalton will report on emergency preparedness. Mr. Martinez announced an all-day June 18<sup>th</sup> "Adopt-a-Block" event to "write down quality of life issues in the community." Contact him at [JesseMartinez1202@yahoo.com](mailto:JesseMartinez1202@yahoo.com) to volunteer.

Zoning and Land Use: Craig Forry

Mr. Forry was not present and there was no report.

Beautification and Cultural Affairs: Jesse Martinez

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #9.] Mr. Martinez announced a June

15<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Watch cleanup east of Woodman and west of Arleta. Cleanup tools have been purchased. Contact him at JesseMartinez1202@yahoo.com to volunteer. He, Ms. Hayashi [JHayashi@mhnconline.org] and Mr. Klimovitch [BKlimovitch@mhnconline.org] encouraged contacting them or the City [call 3-1-1] if maintenance is needed.

#### **9. Briefing on Budget & Finance.**

Mr. Klimovitch reported for Mr. Martin on recent expenditures. June 12<sup>th</sup> there will be a Special Board of Governors Meeting to determine the MHNC Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget.

#### **Old Business**

There was no old business at this time.

#### **10. Report and discussion on possible action:** Motion for consideration to support the “Board of Neighborhood Commissioners” recommendation to amend the City’s Administrative Code regarding Stakeholder status definition. The motion currently before the Commission is as follows:

Resolved, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners recommends that sections of the City’s Administrative Code which touch upon Neighborhood Council Stakeholders be amended as follows:

- (1) remove the requirement that Neighborhood Councils provide Governing Board positions for factual basis Stakeholders;
- (2) allow each Neighborhood Council to determine the number, if any, of Governing Board Seats that be allocated to factual basis Stakeholders;
- (3) remove the current definition of factual basis Stakeholder; and
- (4) allow each Neighborhood Council to adopt its own definition of factual basis Stakeholder.

Mr. Klimovitch explained that the factual basis Stakeholder definition is being reviewed and may be revised. One Stakeholder “started busing in people from their company” to influence a land use decision and fill Board Seats.

#### **New Business**

#### **11. Presentation:** North Valley Military Institute College Preparatory Academy.

Warrant Officer Chris Panellis and Kay Deitch, Parent Coordinator, presented for the NVMI, a free Public Charter School for grades 6-12, middle school through high school. Officer Panellis described the program’s history while three Cadets displayed photos. Nationwide, 20-25% of High School Seniors are accepted to four-year colleges and universities; NVMI graduates 80-85% to four-year schools. It “would be the first public charter high school in Los Angeles that has a military institute.” He described the school’s value to students and the community. Last year they had around 200 students; next year expect to have 300 and want to grow to 500 students. “There’s a morning inspection, every morning, in uniform” and other daily “structure and discipline.” Officer Panellis said “we’re not . . . recruiting them for the military . . . we are a college preparatory academy . . . whatever they would like to do . . . our goal is to get them to college.” One of the Cadets said “the leadership opportunities are just amazing . . . it really builds integrity . . .” Their Color Guard is available for events.

**12. Presentation** by John Johnson with My Masonic Lodge #355 about the free Child Identification Program.

Mr. Johnson, Chair of the Child ID Program, explained that “the State of California says it has to be called the Child ID Program” but the procedure can be done for anyone; they’ve worked with people “five weeks to around 90 years old,” including people with Alzheimer’s Disease. They take a photo, thumb print and more.

**13. Presentation** by Gene Paleno on a Senior Living Community Project being considered for development behind Holy Cross Hospital.

Mr. Paleno displayed a brochure and photos and was accompanied by property owner Steve Zipp. They would like to establish “a community or retirees” with many accessibility and amenities features for people with special needs and physical challenges. They encouraged feedback about what the community wants in such a facility and to help design the project. Services such as hair care and a coffee shop would be included; “it would be a mini-Leisure World.” Ms. Hayashi expressed that she would like the project to be designed in a mission style since it would be in Mission Hills. Mr. Samuelson “would like to see a walking area.”

**14. Request for Stakeholder volunteers** at the June 29, 2013 “Movies in the Park” event at Brand Park.

Mr. Klimovitch encouraged volunteering and listed community partners such as the Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

**15. “Movies in the Park” Roster and assignment of duties** by MHNC members and Stakeholders to include an updated “CELL PHONE CONTACT NUMBER TREE.”

Mr. Klimovitch announced the establishment of the above. Ms. Deitch offered for Cadets to do face painting at the Movie.

**16. Housekeeping/Council Business**

Mr. Klimovitch announced that the July 1<sup>st</sup> Board of Governors Meeting will have speakers from Al-Anon, Proposition “D,” the CSUN TIGER Transportation Team. He reported that the Mission Hills monument/sign Demand Warrant was submitted to the City; Hamer Toyota is contributing; the MHNC is waiting for the City Council to release a “furniture funds” contribution from City Council District Seven. “The contract is signed . . . it’s been approved.”

**17. General Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.

**18. Adjournment**

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

**MOTION PASSED** without any objections.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:37 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.