

**MISSION HILLS  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS  
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SECRETARY: open



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Minutes of the  
**MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)**  
**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, September 9, 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 6:53 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Member John Samuelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Nine of the 14 Board Seats were filled. Five Board Seats (Business Property, Homeowner, Organizational, Renter and Youth) were vacant. Eight of the nine Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Debra Dalton, Craig Forry, Raymond Garcia, Brad Klimovitch, Roberto Martin, Jesse Martinez, John Samuelson and Clint Scott. Board Members absent: Jerrilyn Hayashi. 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. Also attending: 11 Stakeholders and Guests.

**4. Approval of Minutes. [This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #7.]**

**MOTION** (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Mr. Garcia): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its July 1, 2013 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a voice vote.

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

Tom Johnson of the Northridge West Neighborhood Council described the Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00-2:00 Disaster Preparedness Fair at Fire Station 87 on Balboa Blvd. and the need to be prepared for a disaster such as an earthquake.

**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](http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station)), explained that tonight's Police response at a local grocery store was to a report of a customer with a gun; no weapon was found. He reviewed the monthly crime report; crime is down from last year. Officer Ruiz described a crime report of a burglary theft from motor vehicle in a cemetery and the recent arrest of suspects at "a tweaker house" for theft. He encouraged contacting the Police if you see suspicious activity [9-1-1 if a crime in progress; 1-877-ASK-LAPD if not]. If a 9-1-1 operator "brushes off" your report, ask for their name and to speak to a supervisor. He asked apartment owners along Sepulveda to increase lighting and do other security measures. Illegal parking by trucks in residential areas is responded to by the L.A. Dept. of Transportation; you can also contact Officer Ruiz about that and illegally-parked food trucks.

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

Mr. Klimovitch introduced Stakeholder Irene Tovar, who is interested in being a Board Member. She described some local issues on which she'd work; including illegal dumping, increasing lighting at the Park; increasing local business; utilizing vacant land "to the benefit of the community"; improving nurseries' appearances, traffic and street repairs. Mr. Klimovitch reported that he wrote to City Council District Seven about reducing blight to reduce crime; CD7 has not responded. He also wrote to a UCLA Professor about using the Mission Hills area for a demographic study

**8. Briefing on Committee activities.**

Outreach: Brad Klimovitch reported.

Public Safety: Betty Ley

Mr. Klimovitch reported for Ms. Ley that there will be a September 17<sup>th</sup> Adopt-a-Block event.

Zoning and Land Use: Craig Forry

Mr. Forry reported that the proposed Street Repair Bond is still being considered by the City Council.

Beautification and Cultural Affairs: Jesse Martinez

Mr. Martinez reported that the "MyLA311" application can be downloaded and used on your mobile phone with a few minutes; responses are quick.

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

Treasurer: Mr. Martinez thanked outgoing Treasurer Roberto Martin and past Treasurer Fred Ginsberg for their help. Mr. Martinez reviewed recent expenditures; Mr. Klimovitch noted they're "pre-approved Budget items." Mr. Martinez will maintain the MHNC's QuickBooks computer software program.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business at this time.

### **New Business**

**10. Certificate of Recognition Presentations** to our dedicated Stakeholders for contributions made to the 2013 Movies in the park event.

Mr. Klimovitch described the successful Movies in the Park event. Mr. Martinez presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mooshy Ghassedi for Mission Hills Auto Center. Mr. Klimovitch read the names of participating businesses to which Certificates were also given.

**11. Certificate of Recognition Presentation** to Roberto Martin for his dedicated service to the MHNC.

Mr. Klimovitch presented a Certificate to Mr. Martin for his service as Treasurer.

**12. Motion for consideration:**

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Ms. Dalton): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council moves \$3,000 from Budget Line 48 newsletters to Budget Line 35 Election Outreach & related costs to cover expenses leading up to and including the MHNC elections tentatively set for Spring 2014.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Klimovitch explained that there was no newsletter this quarter.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote of all eight Board Members present (Dalton, Forry, Garcia, Klimovitch, Martin, Martinez, Samuelson and Scott).

**13. Motion for consideration:**

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Ms. Dalton): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council moves \$500 from Budget Line 48 newsletters to Budget Line 36 Outreach events to cover the cost of the 6th Annual Disaster Preparedness Fair.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote of all eight Board Members present (Dalton, Forry, Garcia, Klimovitch, Martin, Martinez, Samuelson and Scott).

**14. Motion for consideration:** to support the 6th Annual Disaster Preparedness Fair with MHNC members and interested Stakeholders attending to help run the MHNC Outreach table.

Ms. Dalton, Mr. Klimovitch and Mr. Scott volunteered to staff the MHNC table. No Motion was made.

**15. Motion for consideration:** to support and attend the 2013 Congress of Neighborhoods to be held Saturday Sept.28 from 7:45am to 4pm.

Mr. Klimovitch described the Congress and the opportunity to network. No Motion was made.

**16. Headcount of MHNC Members committed to attending the 2013 Congress of Neighborhoods.**

Ms. Dalton, Mr. Samuelson and Mr. Klimovitch volunteered to attend the Congress.

**17. Headcount on volunteers to head up the 2014 MHNC Election Outreach Committee.**

Ms. Dalton and Mr. Martinez volunteered for the Election Outreach Committee.

*[There was no Item #18.]*

**19. Motion for consideration:** Motion by Brad Klimovitch to nominate Craig Forry as the MHNC Vice President.

Mr. Forry requested and Mr. Klimovitch agreed to TABLE this Item.

**20. Motion for consideration:**

**MOTION** (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Ms. Dalton): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the appointment of Board Member Ray Garcia as the MHNC Zoning & Land Use Chairperson.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with no objections; Mr. Garcia abstained.

**21. Housekeeping/Council Business**

Ms. Dalton would like to agendaize discussing the MHNC participating in the Granada Hills Holiday Parade.

**22. General Public Comments**

Mr. Samuelson described needed street repairs and illegal dumping work; Mr. Klimovitch indicated that the Beautification Committee will assist.

**23. Adjournment**

Mr. Klimovitch declared the Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:28 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.