

**MISSION HILLS  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
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Minutes of the  
**MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
Monday, January 6, 2014**

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 6:51 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Samuelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken by the Assistant Secretary. Seven of the eleven Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jose Arevalo, Richard Flores, Raymond Garcia, Jerrilyn Hayashi, Tom Johnson, Brad Klimovitch and John Samuelson. Mr. Klimovitch announced that Alex Funes resigned from the Youth Seat. Board Members absent: Craig Forry, Mooshi Ghassedi, Jesse Martinez and Clint Scott (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 the Board could take such votes. Eleven of the 14 Board Seats were filled. Three Board Seats (At-Large, Homeowner and Youth) were vacant. Also attending: 21 Stakeholders and Guests.

**4. Approval of Minutes for BOG/Stakeholders meeting.**

**MOTION** (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Mr. Johnson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its December 11, 2013 Board of Governors Special Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with four in favor; Mr. Arevalo, Mr. Garcia and Ms. Hayashi abstained.

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

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Captain Bustamonte's report in Item #9.]* Mr. Klimovitch reported that the "MyLA311" mobile phone application is available to download to report City services needed, including graffiti removal. [You can also call 3-1-1.] He reported that the Land Use Committee met and he read aloud a letter he wrote to a City Engineer, with copies to a number of other City officials, about the 14825 Fox St. property owner "continuing to use a DWP electrical transmission right-of-way adjacent to their property to run a construction demolition business . . . This has been going on for ten years." Mr. Klimovitch noted the danger of operating under transmission lines.

**6. Briefing on Budget & Finance and other operational / administrative matters.**  
**Approval of MHNC Budget.**

Mr. Klimovitch distributed and reviewed the "Monthly Expenditure Report" for December 2013 and reported that "about 100 people" attended the Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> "Toys for Tots" event at the Mission Hills Bowl and it had "a tremendous outpouring of generosity." He described Election outreach ad placements.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Mr. Garcia): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves its December 2013 Monthly Expenditure Report as presented.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present with all six in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Arevalo, Flores, Garcia, Johnson, Klimovitch and Samuelson).

Mr. Klimovitch reported that the contract for the Mission Hills sign/monument at the corner of Brand and Sepulveda is "completely approved" and installation is expected by Spring 2014.

**7. Briefing on Committee activities.**

Outreach: Mooshy Ghassedi

Mr. Klimovitch noted that Ms. Ghassedi was not present and there was no report.

Zoning and Land Use: Ray Garcia & Brad Klimovitch

There was no report.

Elections: Jesse Martinez

Mr. Klimovitch noted that Mr. Martinez was not present and there was no report. [See Item #9.]

Public Safety: Betty Ley & Tom Johnson

There was no report.

**8. Report from LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Basic Car 19A43.**

*[This Agenda Item was addressed after Mr. Santana's report in Item #9.]*

Copies of a "State of the Valley Public Safety Town Hall Wednesday, January 29, 2014 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m." flier were distributed for the event at Van Nuys City Hall, 14410 Sylvan St., Van Nuys. LAPD Mission Division Senior Lead Officer Lee Perry reported for Senior Lead Officer Philip Ruiz (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)), that crime in Mission

Hills is down “almost 5%” from last year. The “biggest problem” is theft, especially along Sepulveda Blvd. He distributed copies of and reviewed the monthly crime report; graffiti has increased. He described Police tracking of parolees and prosecution of taggers. Officer Perry encouraged calling 9-1-1 if you see unauthorized car repairs; catalytic converters can be cut off and stolen within five minutes and sold as scrap metal for \$500.

**9. Reports / announcements from Public Officials, Community Representatives.**

L.A. Fire Dept. Captain Cristobal Bustamonte ([www.LAFD.org](http://www.LAFD.org)) offered help and encouraged feedback. Ruben Zaragoza, Senior Area Director for L.A. City District Seven Councilman Felipe Fuentes (818-919-8315; [Ruben.Zaragoza@LACity.org](mailto:Ruben.Zaragoza@LACity.org); <http://CD7.LACity.org>), reported that the City Depts. of Building and Safety, and Water and Power “issued Orders to Comply” to the owner of the 14825 Fox St. property. The Dept. of Sanitation will pick up Christmas trees and is “working on a policy” about picking up “unmarked shopping carts.” [Call 3-1-1.] The plastic bag ban is in effect; supermarkets no longer offer plastic bags and paper bags cost ten cents. By July 1st smaller markets also will no longer offer plastic bags. Free reusable bags are available at City Council District Offices. He encouraged input about street repairs needed. Mr. Klimovitch was concerned that the local Ralph’s Market needs to retrieve shopping carts and maintain good security.

*[This Agenda Item continued after Item #5.]* Marco Santana, Case Manager for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (818-504-0090; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), reported that legislative information and help for housing, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other issues is available.

DONE [L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] IEA (Independent Election Administrator) Jose Sandoval ([JoseS@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:JoseS@EmpowerLA.org); 213.978.1551; [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org)), encouraged Board Members to recruit at least two other Candidates for the MHNC’s Saturday, March 8, 2014 Election (see <http://empowerla.org/mhnc/mission-hills-nc-2014-elections>). The Candidate application filing deadline is January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The City Clerk’s Office will process the applications. Lydia Grant, BONC [L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] Commissioner [[Lydia.Grant@LACity.org](mailto:Lydia.Grant@LACity.org); [Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org](mailto:Commissioners@EmpowerLA.org); cell 818.470.6629; [www.EmpowerLA.org](http://www.EmpowerLA.org); 213.978.1551] and Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC) Board Member, described the NC system and encouraged veteran Board Members to mentor new Board Members.

**Old Business**

There was no old business at this time.

**New Business**

**10. Motion for consideration** [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Mr. Flores): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will move \$3,500 from Budget Line item 47 Newsletters to Line item 60 Neighborhood Purpose Grants.

**DISCUSSION:** Funding is available within DONE guidelines. Qualifying organizations can apply at any time.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present with all six in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Flores, Garcia, Johnson, Klimovitch and Samuelson).

11. **Presentation** by Major Chuck Gillies from the Salvation Army on the disaster relief efforts being sponsored to assist victims of Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines. Major Gillies described the Salvation Army, an international organization hosting thousands of events per night such as meetings. He described the process of emergency supplies relief, such as for Typhoon Yolanda. Eighty-two percent of their funds are used for social services; 100% for disaster relief. Stakeholders Jose Castillo and Irene Tovar were concerned that MHNC funds would be spent outside of the Mission Hills area.

12. **Motion for consideration** [see the below Motion].

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Flores, seconded by Mr. Samuelson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council allocates \$1,000 from Budget Line item 60 Neighborhood Purpose Grants to the Salvation Army to assist victims of Typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Flores described the need and encouraged supporting the Motion to represent Mission Hills.

**FUNDING MOTION FAILED** by a roll call vote of the six eligible voters present with two in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Flores and Samuelson), two opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Garcia and Johnson) and two abstentions (Arevalo and Klimovitch).

Mr. Klimovitch thanked Major Gillies for his presentation. Ms. Tovar reminded that individuals can donate.

13. **Housekeeping / Council Business**

Mr. Klimovitch suggested and requested Board Members’ feedback about having a Board Retreat in late February on a Saturday or after the March 8th Election.

14. **General Public Comments**

Shonzael Faye, Executive Director of the Imagination Connection (818.624.6237; Shon.F@ImaginationConnection.org; www.ImaginationConnection.org), distributed copies of an information brochure about the non-profit mobile art organization that serves intellectually disabled, at-risk youth, seniors, veterans and more in recovering from trauma and building confidence. Mr. Klimovitch will Agendize the organization to make a full presentation to the MHNC.

15. **Adjournment**

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

**MOTION PASSED** without any objection.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.