

**MISSION HILLS
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**
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Minutes of the
**MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, February 3, 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 6:49 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. Eight of the ten Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jose Arevalo, Richard Flores, Raymond Garcia, Jerrilyn Hayashi, Brad Klimovitch, Jesse Martinez, John Samuelson and Clint Scott. Tom Johnson arrived later. Board Members absent: Mooshy Ghassedi (excused). The MHNC quorum (the minimum number of Board Members needing to be present to take binding votes on Agendized Items) is seven (see <http://empowerla.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Mission-Hills-NC-Bylaws.pdf>), so the Board could take such votes. Mr. Klimovitch announced that Craig Forry resigned. Ten of the 14 Board Seats were filled. Four Board Seats (At-Large, Business, Homeowner and Youth) were vacant. Also attending: 26 Stakeholders and Guests.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Mr. Martinez): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 6, 2014 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

5. Executive Officer Report(s).

Mr. Klimovitch reported that the DWP promised to take action regarding the property owner of 14825 Fox St. who is “continuing to use a DWP electrical transmission right-of-way adjacent to their property to run a construction demolition business.” Mr. Klimovitch read aloud a letter the DWP sent to the property owner that says the owner does “not have any authorized use of [the] DWP property.” He said the owner “has already been cited for this”; the case is “ongoing” for many years. L.A. City District Seven Councilman Felipe Fuentes (818-485-0600; Felipe.Fuentes@LACity.org; <http://CD7.LACity.org>) said at this Meeting that he “would like to have all correspondence on the property; he will discuss it with DWP Interim General Manager Marcie Edwards. He will later also update the MHNC about tree trimming funding. Mr. Klimovitch reported that the MHNC will not have a Board Meeting on March 3rd due to the March 8th Election. The next Board Meeting will be April 7th. The MHNC’s Saturday, March 8, 2014 Election will be held at the Bermuda Mobile Home Park [see <http://empowerla.org/mhnc/mission-hills-nc-2014-elections>]. Contact BKlimovitch@MHNCOnline.org for information. Stakeholder Pamela Goldfinger noted that the MHNC was certified in April 2005; she would like “a small celebration” at the April Meeting.

6. Briefing on Budget & Finance and other operational / administrative matters.

Treasurer: Mr. Martinez distributed and reviewed copies of the “Monthly Expenditure Report” for January 2014 and reported that there were “no big expenses.” Volunteers are needed for the barbeque and as Election Poll Workers. There will be a Poll Workers Training February 18th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Fire Station 87 [10124 Balboa Blvd., just south of Devonshire St., Granada Hills]; contact JMartinez@MHNCOnline.org for information.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Klimovitch, seconded by Mr. Garcia): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves its January 2014 Treasurer’s Report as presented.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Klimovitch reminded that all Board Members need to complete the Ethics Training [see <http://Ethics.LACity.org/Education/Ethics2007/?audience=done> and <http://empowerla.org/funding>. If Funding Training is not completed, the Board Member(s) will not be eligible to vote on funding matters; if Ethics Training is not completed, the Board Member(s) will not be eligible to vote on anything.]

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

7. Briefing on Committee activities.

Outreach: Mooshy Ghassedi

Ms. Ghassedi was not present and there was no report.

Zoning and Land Use: Ray Garcia and Brad Klimovitch

Mr. Garcia indicated there was no report for this area.

Elections: Jesse Martinez

Mr. Klimovitch indicated that this report was already covered.

Public Safety: Betty Ley and Tom Johnson
Mr. Klimovitch reported that “overall crime is down.”

8. State of Mission Hills Community Report from LAPD Mission Division Captain Todd Chamberlain.

Captain Chamberlain reported. 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), assisted. Captain Chamberlain said that he tries to meet quarterly with Neighborhood Council Presidents to discuss and get feedback about community issues. There are approximately 235,000 people in the Mission Division, including around 120 repeat offender criminals. He described crime trends and activity, and crime-fighting efforts and statistics. He stated that “we’re always fighting quality of life issues.” They have “reached out,” with the City Attorney’s assistance, to repeat offenders about consequences. He described the recent apprehension of a serial home burglar.

9. Community question and answer period for Captain Todd Chamberlain.

Captain Chamberlain and Officer Ruiz responded that the Police are targeting repeat illegal fireworks offenders to reduce it. Twenty illegal marijuana dispensaries have been identified and are being targeted in the Mission area. He described efforts to hold parents accountable for their children’s illegal behavior. Most property crimes are to get money to buy illegal drugs, especially meth and heroin.

10. Reports/announcements from Public Officials, Community Representatives.

Ruben Zaragoza, Senior Area Director for L.A. City District Seven Councilman Felipe Fuentes (818-919-8315; Ruben.Zaragoza@LACity.org; <http://CD7.LACity.org>), reported that the Councilman introduced a Motion to the City Council about how the City Attorney “can combat some of those problems” in hotels and other places along Sepulveda. Franklin Ochoa, Field Representative for State 39th District Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra (818-504-3911; Franklin.Ochoa@asm.ca.gov; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a39>), offered help.

Old Business

There was no old business at this time.

New Business

10. Presentation from each of the 2014 [MHNC] Election Candidates.

[This was the second Item #10 on the Agenda.] DONE [L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment] IEA (Independent Election Administrator) Jose Sandoval (JoseS@EmpowerLA.org; 213.978.1551; www.EmpowerLA.org), thanked Candidates for participating now and in the MHNC’s Saturday, March 8, 2014 Election. [See <http://empowerla.org/mhnc/mission-hills-nc-2014-elections>]. He introduced Candidates Jose Arevalo and John Samuelson, who described their community service and interests.

Board Member Tom Johnson arrived at this time.

Mr. Sandoval continued introducing Candidates: Jerrilyn Hayashi introduced herself; Richard Flores and Brad Klimovitch described their community service and interests;

and Richard Tocher and Borzon Rahimi, who described their community interests and skills.

11. Housekeeping/Council Business

Mr. Klimovitch announced that the April Meeting will celebrate the MNHC's 10th anniversary; officials will be invited. There will be a Board Retreat, possibly on the second or third Saturday in April. He encouraged losing Candidates to continue participating in the MHNC. Stakeholder Debra Dalton, and Board Members Mr. Garcia and Mr. Scott volunteered to help with the March 8th Election. Ms. Hayashi distributed copies of a letter that Mr. Klimovitch had sent to the DWP on behalf of the MHNC; she was concerned that the Board had not voted to send the letter and requested that, in the future, Mr. Klimovitch agendaize such items. Mr. Klimovitch responded that the issue had previously been agendaized in 2011 and that the letter was a follow-up to "an ongoing land use issue." Mr. Scott was concerned that the L.A. Bureau of Street Services may not include Mission Hills in its latest pothole repair effort and that more curb cuts are needed. Mr. Martinez reminded that City services can be requested through the MyLA311 mobile phone application, through which photos of illegal dumping, graffiti, potholes, etc. can be sent. Ms. Hayashi noted that DONE has additional funding available for Neighborhood Councils.

12. General Public Comments

Jack Lindblad, State Senate 18th District candidate, asked for support.

13. Adjournment

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

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a hand vote.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.