

**MISSION HILLS
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**
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Minutes of the
MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 4, 2014

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

1. Call to Order/Introductions

President Jesse Martinez introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by the Secretary. Ten of the 11 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jose Arevalo, Maribel Carrillo, Richard Flores, Raymond Garcia, Mooshy Ghassedi, Tom Johnson, Jesse Martinez, Borzou Rahimi and Clint Scott. Board Member Richard Tocher arrived later. One Board Member was absent: Guillermo Salamanca (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. Eleven of the 14 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). Three Board Seats were vacant: At Large, Business Owner and Youth. Also attending: 17 Stakeholders and Guests.

4. Approval of Minutes for July 7, 2014 meeting.

MOTION (by Mr. Flores, seconded by Mr. Garcia): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its July 7, 2014 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

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

5. Report from LAPD Senior Lead Officer, 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 on the latest crime statistics.

6. Executive Officer Report.

Mr. Martinez reported on President's activities.

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

Ruben Zaragoza, Senior Area Director for L.A. City District Seven Councilman Felipe Fuentes (office 818- 485-0600; Ruben.Zaragoza@LACity.org), reported about District Seven and City Council issues and events.

Melvin Canas, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (213-978-1551; Melvin.Canas@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org) reported about upcoming events including the August 16th Budget Day and the September 20th Congress of Neighborhood Councils.

[There was no Item #8 or 9.]

Board Member Richard Tocher arrived by this time, making ten Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

10. Briefing on Committee activities.

Outreach: Jose Arevalo

Mr. Arevalo reported there will be a Back to School Health Fair August 9th from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at El Cariso Park. Mr. Arevalo will be stepping down as Outreach Chair; a Board Member volunteer is needed.

Zoning and Land Use: Ray Garcia and Borzou Rahimi

Mr. Garcia reported that a new medical marijuana business opened at 15422 Devonshire St.; he sent photos of it to Officer Ruiz, and the City Attorney's Office at MedicalMarijuana@LACity.org.

Public Safety: Betty Ley & Tom Johnson

Mr. Johnson reminded that the next free Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair will be Saturday, September 27th, 10:00-2:00 at Fire Station 87 [10124 Balboa Blvd., just south of Devonshire St., Granada Hills].

Beautification and Cultural Affairs: Richard Tocher

Mr. Tocher reported that the summer cleanup was a success. The Committee is considering having one cleanup every quarter (three months).

**11. Briefing on Budget & Finance and other operational/administrative matters.
Approve MHNC July expenditure report.**

Treasurer: Ms. Carrillo reported on the latest matters.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carrillo, seconded by Mr. Johnson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves its July 2014 Monthly Expenditure Report as presented.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Flores, Garcia, Ghassedi, Johnson, Martinez, Rahimi, Scott and Tocher).

12. Motion [see below].

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council allocates \$3,000.00 from Category 200 Outreach for branding/marketing material including banners, magnets, etc.

DISCUSSION: The Committee will advise the Board on what specific material is being considered for purchase.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote of the ten eligible voters present with nine in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Tocher, Garcia, Ghassedi, Johnson, Martinez, Rahimi and Scott); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”) (Flores).

New Business

13. Presentation and Action by Tim Fremaux “LADOT”: The project involves the reconfiguration of Devonshire St. from Haskell Ave. to Sepulveda Blvd. (0.4 miles) to add bike lanes and reduce through vehicular lanes from 3 to 2 in each direction to create continuous bike lanes along Devonshire St. from Chatsworth to Arleta across the San Fernando Valley.

L.A. City Planning Dept. Planners Tim Fremaux (Tim.Fremaux@LACity.org) and Steve Gaur (Steve.Gaur@LACity.org) presented about the latest work as part of the L.A. City Bicycle Master Plan. Mr. Martinez encouraged the MHNC Zoning and Land Use Committee to Agendize and Stakeholders to attend a Committee Meeting about this. Information is available on the MHNC website [www.MHNConline.org] and the Board can be emailed. Stakeholders expressed concerns about bike lane markings and education needed for young bicyclists to follow the rules.

14. Motion [see below].

MOTION (by Mr. Flores, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council Zoning and Land Use Committee will take up outreach on adding bike lanes on Sepulveda connecting to the already established bike lanes on Devonshire.

MOTION PASSED by a hand vote of the ten eligible voters present with eight in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”); one opposed (“No” or “Nay”); one abstained.

15. Motion by Richard Tocher: To support Beatification Committee on mural rework project located on Chatsworth Ave at the 405 fwy. Project to take place on Saturday Sept. 27, 2014 and funding of \$400.00 for supplies, event and committee meeting refreshments, and outreach materials. [See the below Motion].

Mr. Tocher explained this is to “re-work the mural on Chatsworth . . . it’s really dilapidated.”

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Tocher, seconded by Mr. Rahimi): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council supports its Beautification Committee on a possible mural re-work project located on Chatsworth at the 405 Freeway, possibly on September 27, 2014, the cost to be determined.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Tocher described the need. Mr. Zaragoza encouraged the MHNC to discuss the right of ownership of the mural and the MHNC's ability to work on it.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the 10 eligible voters present with all 10 in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Arevalo, Carrillo, Flores, Garcia, Ghassedi, Johnson, Martinez, Rahimi, Scott and Tocher).

Board Member Borzou Rahimi left at this time, making nine Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

Old Business

16. Discussion of assignments for the National Night Out event. Event scheduled for August 5th from 5-7pm.

Mr. Martinez said that setup would start at 4:00. Mr. Arevalo, Ms. Carrillo, Mr. Flores, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Scott and Mr. Tocher volunteered.

17. Housekeeping/Council Business.

Mr. Rahimi requested to Agendize to request that Metro extend rail service to Mission Hills "or a dedicated bus" from downtown.

18. General Public Comments

Mark Reed, 27th Congressional District Candidate, introduced himself.

Board Member Tom Johnson left at this time, making eight Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

Mr. Reed encouraged voting for him at the November 4th Election. He described his views and issues.

19. Adjournment

MOTION (by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Arevalo): to **ADJOURN** the Meeting.

MOTION PASSED with no objection.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:43 p.m.

Minutes written by DL.