

**MISSION HILLS
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Minutes of the
MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
Monday, July 6, 2015

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

Best Friends Animal Society, 15321 Brand Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345

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1. **Call to Order/Introductions** -- President Jesse Martinez introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** -- Mr. Martinez' daughter “Daisy” led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call**

Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Six of the 12 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jose Arevalo, Maribel Carrillo, Raymond Garcia, Jesse Martinez, Clint Scott and Richard Tocher. Board Member Christopher Jacobo arrived later. Five Board Members were absent: Mooshy Ghasedi, Tom Johnson, Borzou Guillermo Salamanca and Mayra Torres (all 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://mhnconline.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Mission-Hills-NC-Bylaws.pdf>), so at this time the Board could only take public comments and could not have any official discussions, and could not make any Motions or take any votes. Eleven of the 14 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment) [See the below Item #8 Outreach Committee report.] Three Board Seats were vacant: Business Owner, Employee and Renter.

[To apply, see <http://mhnconline.org/about-mhnc/board.>] Also attending: approximately 97 Stakeholders and Guests.

4. Executive Officers Report.

Mr. Martinez indicated there was no report at this time.

5. Approval of Board Minutes June 1st & 15th, 2015 Meetings.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #9.*] Mr. Martinez explained that Board-approved Meeting Minutes are at www.MNHConline.com.

MOTION (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its June 1, 2015 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote; one abstained (Garcia).

MOTION (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Scott): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Board Minutes portion of its June 15, 2015 Joint Board of Governors -- Zoning and Land Use Committee Meeting, Item #'s 9 - 16 (separate from the Zoning and Land Use Committee's Item #'s 1 - 8 portion of the Meeting) as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with all seven in favor ("Yes" or "Aye") (Arevalo, Carrillo, Garcia, Jacobo, Martinez, Scott and Tocher); zero opposed; zero abstained.

6. 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), was not present and there was no report. Mr. Martinez explained that LAPD Captain Chamberlain holds Neighborhood Council President Meetings and that he (Mr. Martinez) is the only President consistently attending.

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

* Mayor Eric Garcetti office East Valley Field rep.
No representative was present and there was no report.

* 39th State Assembly District Patty Lopez: Rep for Mission Hills.
Ricardo Benitez, Field Representative for State 39th District Assemblymember Patty Lopez (818-504-3911; Ricardo.Benitez@asm.ca.gov; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a39>), encouraged contacting him for help and reported that information is available about small business, student loans and mobile home owners' rights. There will be a July 18th meeting about the

California High Speed Rail project, which Assemblymember Lopez opposes. Mr. Benitez encouraged contacting Caltrans (the California Dept. of Transportation) (www.dot.ca.gov) about cleaning freeway ramp areas. Mr. Martinez added that the Assemblymember's office "really helped out" in getting the 5 Freeway ramp area cleaned at Brand and Laurel Canyon.

- * 29th District Congressman Tony Cardenas Field rep.
Jacqueline Serrano, Field Representative for U.S. 29th District of California Congressman Tony Cardenas (ofc. 818-781-7407; cell 818-821-4684; Jacqueline.Serrano@mail.house.gov; <http://cardenas.house.gov>), encouraged contacting her for help. They are co-sponsoring, with Assemblymember Lopez, the annual Government Day August 15th 10:00 – 2:00 at Panorama City Mall.
- * 18th District California State Senate Field rep.
Marco Santana, District Representative for State 18th District Senator Bob Hertzberg (818-901-5588; Marco.Santana@sen.ca.gov; <http://senate.ca.gov/hertzberg>), reported that the Senator helped allocate \$3 million to health programs. Mr. Martinez added that the Senator's office also helped with the Freeway ramp cleanup.
- * CD7 Council-member Felipe Fuentes Office items.
No representative was present and there was no report.
- * Any other Officials or reps that may have been left out
No representative was present and there was no report.

8. Briefing on Committee activities.

Outreach: Richard Tocher

Mr. Tocher encouraged participating at the next Committee Meeting, with the Beautification Committee, July 11th at Chapel of the Cross Church, 10000 Sepulveda Blvd. Mr. Martinez announced that Board Member Mooshy Ghassedi resigned.

Zoning and Land Use: Borzou Rahimi

Mr. Scott reported that the next Committee Meeting will be July 15th at Best Friends Animal Society.

Public Safety: Tom Johnson

Mr. Martinez indicated for Mr. Johnson that there was no report at this time. Mr. Martinez later asked Stakeholders if illegal fireworks were worse this year than last; almost all of the more than 90 Stakeholders present raised their hands.

Beautification: Richard Tocher

See the above Outreach Committee report.

9. Briefing on Budget & Finance and other operational/administrative matters. Approve MHNC June expenditure report.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #14.*] Treasurer Ms. Carrillo reviewed expenses, noting “these are all pre-approved . . . that have now cleared the bank.” The \$3,259.40 was for the ice machine for the Fire Station.

FUNDING MOTION (by Ms. Carrillo, seconded by Mr. Scott): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves its June 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report as presented.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with all seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Garcia, Jacobo, Martinez, Scott and Tocher); zero opposed; zero abstained.

New Business

10. Status report on the meeting with the personnel of Fire Station 75.

Mr. Martinez will update when more information is available.

11. Update by USPS representative on post offices in Mission Hills: Update on the post offices in the Mission Hills Area.

Ms. Serrano described Congressman Cardenas’ letters to Post Office headquarters in Washington. She encouraged feedback about Post Office location, hours of operation and more. There will be a meeting about it here on July 21st. Mission Hills postal services will be relocated to the Sepulveda Annex.

12. Primestor representatives to give an update on Mission Hills Plaza: Update for the community to be followed by a Q&A.

Primestor/Mission Hills Plaza CEO and Co-Founder Arturo Sneider (888.722.3702; MissionHillsPlaza@Primestor.com; <http://www.primestor.com>), and Vanessa Delgado, Primestor representative, updated. They displayed site plans, which are on their website, that include “job hiring” information. They hired Historic Resources Group (HRG) to assess historic elements of the Plaza. Paul Travis of HRG described their citywide work and that the L.A. Conservancy and the City also are working with Primestor.

Mr. Sneider explained that barricades are in the parking lot at this time to block street racers gathering there. He noted there were “700 respondents” to a recent community survey. Primestor plans to have a 30,000 square-foot building in the Plaza. One section “will have a mezzanine level”; the rest will be one story tall. The shopping area will be increased 10,000-15,000 square feet, including “adding to an outdoor seating area . . . right in the middle next to Millie’s.” He said “we’re creating a major remodeling of the existing center . . . the bank is staying there, Millie’s is staying there.” He indicated that Chipotle and The Habit restaurants have expressed interest.

They would “maintain” external bowling alley architectural features “where and how they are” while “enhancing an outdoor seating area . . .” and “enhance parts of the

project.” He explained that the bowling alley interior “has no historical significance”; “we’re going to gut the interior of the building.” They are open to the Post Office relocating in the Plaza. Ralph’s declined to renew and will be replaced by a Target Express grocery store. “There’ll definitely be” a yogurt store, possibly Menchie’s or Yogurtland. He indicated that “it’s a very strong possibility” but unconfirmed that a gym will be there. No pet store has requested to be there.

He said that “the site is too small” for a movie theatre. The current drive-through next to the bowling alley will be moved to the middle of the Plaza. The City wants and they will “close off” the driveway on San Jose next to Sepulveda. Primestor owns the two houses next to the Plaza; the land “will be incorporated into the project.” “There will be a charging station” for electric vehicles and many bicycle racks. He said “the project definitely will include Wi-Fi.” There is no plan to include a community room.

He said the new name, “Olivo at Mission Hills,” recognizes the history of the area. They hope that construction will begin “within 12 months.” Stakeholder John Samuelson encouraged prominent display of the American flag. Mr. Martinez noted Primestor’s cooperation with the community. Mr. Sneider will ask the MHNC for a letter of support.

Board Member Christopher Jacobo arrived around this time, making a quorum of seven Board Members. Now the Board could take binding votes on Agendized Items.

13. Discussion and Possible Board action on changes to previously approved project at the Ararat Home: Some parking changes needed to be made to the proposed project located at 15105 Mission Hills Rd Mission Hills ca, 91345.

A representative said “we’re building another assisted living facility on our campus.” He described previous MHNC support and is requesting a letter of support for a “waiver of a Public Hearing.” He indicated that City Planning approved the project. Representative Lee Ambers described the project and parking changes that include 41 tandem parking spaces; there were 36 before. He said “we’re not going to use the [DWP] easement at all.”

MOTION (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Garcia): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council supports parking changes to a previously approved project at the Ararat Home, 15105 Mission Hills Rd., Mission Hills, CA 91345.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with all seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Garcia, Jacobo, Martinez, Scott and Tocher); zero opposed; zero abstained.

14. Discussion and possible Board action on Participation with the 8th Annual Valley Disaster Fair: This year’s fair will be held Saturday, October 3rd 2015.

Dave Brown, North Hills West Neighborhood Council Board Member, announced the free admission, food and emergency supplies event from 10:00 – 2:00 at Fire Station 87, 10124 Balboa Blvd. [just south of Devonshire St.], Granada Hills. You

can online register to attend at <http://www.ValleyDisasterFair.com>. He explained that the event is organized by the Southern California Preparedness Foundation [www.SoCalPrep.us].

MOTION (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will participate in the 8th Annual Valley Disaster Fair Saturday, October 3, 2015.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with all seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Garcia, Jacobo, Martinez, Scott and Tocher); zero opposed; zero abstained.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Scott): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council allocates up to \$750 to the Southern California Preparedness Foundation toward the 8th Annual Valley Disaster Fair Saturday, October 3, 2015.

FUNDING MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote of the seven eligible voters present with all seven in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Garcia, Jacobo, Martinez, Scott and Tocher); zero opposed; zero abstained.

Old Business -- There was no old business at this time.

15. Housekeeping/Council Business – Mr. Martinez indicated there was none.

16. General Public Comments

A Boy Scout described his Eagle Scout project to provide 100 boxes of pizza to homeless people and the need for financial donations. There was discussion of possible funding by individuals and organizations. Mr. Samuelson encouraged the Board to have an ad hoc Homeless Committee. Mr. Arevalo reported that the June 27th City Budget Day encouraged to “improve the transportation services” and “help the seniors.” Ms. Carrillo reported that the City “is going to start fixing our sidewalks.” Mr. Tocher added that the MHNC Beautification Committee will create a sidewalk-fixing list; he encouraged feedback to identify needs.

17. Adjournment

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

MOTION PASSED with no opposition.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 8:38 p.m.

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