

**MISSION HILLS
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Discussion notes (no quorum was present) of the
MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
Monday, November 2, 2015

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** -- Per the L.A. City Attorney's Office, since no quorum was present, there was no call to order and no Meeting was held; this only was a discussion at which comments were heard. No Motions were made or votes taken. President Jesse Martinez started the discussion at 6:51 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** – Boy Scout Troop #104 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Martinez, for the MHNC, and Bill Ulmer, Field Representative for State 39th District Assemblymember Patty Lopez (818-504-3911; William.Ulmer@asm.ca.gov; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a39>), presented Certificates of Appreciation to Boy Scout Troop #104.
- 3. Roll Call**
Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Five of the 11 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jose Arevalo, Raymond Garcia, Tom Johnson, Jesse Martinez and Clint Scott. One Board Member arrived later: Borzou Rahimi. Five Board Members were absent: Maribel Carrillo, Christopher Jacobo, Guillermo Salamanca, Richard Tocher 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). Three Board Seats were vacant: Business Owner, Organizational, and Renter. [To apply, see <http://mhnconline.org/about-mhnc/board>.] Also attending: 35 Stakeholders and Guests.

4. Executive Officers Report.

Mr. Martinez indicated that there was no report.

5. Approval of Board Minutes for October 5, 2015 Meeting.

No Motion was made of vote taken because there was no quorum.

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), reported that “we’re up 10% in crimes from a year ago . . . the hottest crime is Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicle.” He reminded to not leave valuables in vehicles or shopping carts. Senior Lead Officer Paul Lopez of the LAPD Transient/Homeless Detail (mobile/text 424-702-2653; 33620@LAPD.LACity.org) has worked the Mission Division since 2008. He described work with homeless people, of whom around 200 who live in the Mission Division “were felons with outstanding warrants.” He said that most of those arrested returned to the area. He explained that Proposition 47 reduced crime punishments and released prisoners early.

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

Officers Ruiz and Lopez described work to help homeless people. Officer Ruiz said 90% of homeless people refuse services.

7. Briefing on Committee activities.

Outreach: Richard Tocher

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #14.*] Mr. Tocher was not present and there was no report at this time.

Zoning and Land Use: Borzou Rahimi

Mr. Rahimi reported that the Committee will meet Monday, November 16th.

Public Safety: Tom Johnson

Mr. Johnson indicated that there was no report at this time.

Beautification: Richard Tocher

Mr. Tocher was not present and there was no report at this time.

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

Approve MHNC October expenditure report.

Treasurer Ms. Carrillo was not present; no report or Motion was made or vote taken.

New Business

9. **Discussion on status of LAFD station 75:** Update from Irene Tovar.
Mr. Martinez indicated for Ms. Tovar that there was no response from the LAFD about Fire Station 75.

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

10. **Presentation** by Silicon Constellations: How to make our cross walks safer for our stakeholders.

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #11.*] Michael Deklotz, Technical Account Manager [949-521-2336; Mike@SiliconConstellations.com], demonstrated a sample lighted crosswalk sign. He said they've been in business since 2001 and "we have these all over the country" including "in harsh weather environments" with the military, hospitals and schools. He said "these are the brightest . . . on the market today" and can work "in unison" with stoplights. The wireless signs, costing around \$3,500 each, are warrantied for five years and "designed to last 10 years."

11. **Presentation** on 1% Art Development Public Art Projects: Brief description on contextual benefits of creating public art projects in our community, Recommendation letter from the community development Agency (CRA).

Andrea Wilson, Executive Director of a non-profit organization, explained that developers can partner with the L.A. Department of Cultural Affairs to do a community project.

12. **Primestor with an update** on the new Olivo at Mission Hills shopping center: Developer keeping us up to date with project.

Primestor representative Travis Erwell (888.722.3702; MissionHillsPlaza@Primestor.com; <http://www.primestor.com>) said "we're still working on new tenants . . . all the plans have been submitted to [the L.A. Dept. of] Building and Safety." They expect to start construction around March 2016. He said "some tenants have their own refuse service" that work at inappropriate hours. They expect the center to be 90% filled before opening. Mr. Rahimi indicated the Zoning and Land Use Committee will again review the project in December.

Board Members Tom Johnson and Clint Scott left at this time, leaving four Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

13. **Discussion and Possible board action** on being part of and providing \$500.00 in funding in form of an NPG for the November 2015 Veterans Day Parade: Presentation by the Veterans Day Parade Committee.

Fred Flores (818.645.5699) announced the November 11th Parade. Mr. Martinez noted that the MHNC previously has funded it. He asked whether and more than half the attending Stakeholders indicated that they supported it. No Motion was

made or vote taken.

- 14. Presentation** by Heroes of Life: Heroes of Life, a non-profit organization in Pacoima, is proud to invite your Neighborhood Council to consider taking the opportunity to co-host (Not sponsor) the following event scheduled for December 12, 2015. Our goals, with this event, are to make the holiday season extra especial for those kids with special needs and/or Homeless youth within your community and also a special way to say thanks to those who served in our military and their families.

Shane and Paula Coleman, Co-Founders of Heroes of Life [818-890-5082; <http://www.heroesoflifeinc.org>; <https://www.facebook.com/HeroesOfLife>; heroesoflife@yahoo.com], and Edwin Ramirez, Pacoima Neighborhood Council Board Member, presented. Mr. Ramirez explained that one event would be for “military, one for children with special needs.” They are requesting \$2,000. Mr. Coleman explained “Love One Another Day” and its value for youth and the community. There was extensive discussion of how to identify which and the number of Mission Hills youth that could be helped. Mr. Martinez will re-Agendize this Item. No Motion was made or vote taken.

- 15. Discussion on the 2016 NC Elections: Update on NC 2016 Elections that will be held April 2, 2016.**

Mr. Martinez noted that the elections will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016

- 16. Reports/announcements from Public Officials, Community Representatives.**

- * Mayor Eric Garcetti office East Valley Field rep. – No representative was present and there was no report.
- * Bill Ulmer, Field Representative for State 39th District Assemblymember Patty Lopez (818-504-3911; William.Ulmer@asm.ca.gov; <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a39>), reported that Assemblymember Lopez will start her second year in January. “Four new laws” initiated by Ms. Lopez were signed into law by Governor Brown. Task Forces including Veterans and Education will start. A Pacoima Wash cleanup included 45 people. A Mobile Homeowners’ rights workshop was held. In November there will be a horse riding Meet and Greet and a November 12th housing law event. They are working with Fred Flores on the Veteran’s Day Parade.
- * 29th District Congressman Tony Cardenas Field rep. -- No representative was present and there was no report.
- * 18th District California State Senate Field rep. -- No representative was present and there was no report.
- * 6th District LAUSD Board Member Monica Ratliff Field Rep.
David Gonzalez, Field Representative for Monica Ratliff, L.A. Unified School District Six Board Member (213-241-6388; David.Gonzalez3@lausd.net), reminded

that they represent San Jose Elementary School and the North Valley Occupational Center.

- * NC Budget Advocates [<http://BudgetAdvocatesLA.com>]. Mr. Martinez encouraged completing the City services survey that is available on various MHNC media [<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/servicereportcard2015>]. Mr. Martinez said there soon will be a Sustainability Workshop in Pacoima; see www.NortheastStrategy.org and/or call 818-577-5491.
- * CD7 Council-member Felipe Fuentes Office. -- No representative was present and there was no report.
- * Any other Officials or reps that may have been left out. -- There were no other reports.

Old Business:

17. Housekeeping/Council Business

Mr. Martinez encouraged sending Agenda item requests to him at least one week before Board Meetings and to submit street repair requests. Krisna Crawford-Velasco encouraged establishing a Veterans Committee.

18. General Public Comments

Joel Fajardo, Mayor of the City of San Fernando, introduced himself as a candidate for the 39th State Assembly District. Stakeholder Ronnie Velez invited everyone to the Saturday, November 14th 12:30-6:00, "Pride March & Conference" gathering at Laurel Canyon and Van Nuys Blvds. Stakeholder Pamela Cardello announced a Tuesday, November 17th cleanup on Woodman Ave. from Chatsworth to Devonshire. Mr. Martinez reminded about the "MyLA311" phone application to report City services needs.

19. Adjournment

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

MOTION PASSED with no opposition.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:16 p.m.

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