

**MISSION HILLS
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Minutes of the
**MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
BOARD OF GOVERNORS GENERAL MEETING
Monday, January 4, 2016**

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 Jesse Martinez introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** -- Mr. Jacobo led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call.**

Roll Call was taken by Mr. Jacobo. Seven of the 11 Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jose Arevalo, Maribel Carrillo, Raymond Garcia, Christopher Jacobo, Jesse Martinez, Clint Scott and Richard Tocher. One Board Member arrived later: Tom Johnson. Three Board Members were absent: Borzou Rahimi (excused), Guillermo Salamanca (unexcused) and Mayra Torres (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 the Board could take such 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: 28 Stakeholders and Guests.

4. **Executive Officers Report.** – Mr. Martinez indicated that there was no report.
5. **Approval of Board Minutes.** November.

MOTION (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Arevalo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its October 5, 2015 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED unanimously by a roll call vote; zero opposed; zero abstained.

MOTION (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Scott): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its November 2, 2015 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

MOTION PASSED by a roll call vote; zero opposed; two abstained (Carrillo and Tocher).

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

Mr. Martinez explained that 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 available and there was no report.

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

7. **Briefing on Committee activities.**

Outreach: Richard Tocher

Mr. Tocher reported that the Committee will meet Thursday.

Zoning and Land Use: Borzou Rahimi

Mr. Martinez explained that Mr. Rahimi was not available. Mr. Garcia announced Hearings tomorrow about 10306-10440 Sepulveda and 15342-15354 San Jose St. There also will be a Hearing Jan. 20th about 14666 San Fernando Mission Blvd.

Public Safety: Tom Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported that the next Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair will be in "late September or early October" 2016. [See <http://ValleyDisasterFair.com>; Info@ValleyDisasterFair.com] at Fire Station 87 [10124 Balboa Blvd., just south of Devonshire St., Granada Hills].

Beautification: Richard Tocher

Mr. Tocher reported that the L.A. Bureau of Street Services will be doing pothole repairs in the area on January 22nd; he encouraged submitting requests.

- 8. Briefing on Budget & Finance and other operational/administrative matters:**
Approve MHNC expenditure reports.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #14.] Treasurer Ms. Carrillo reviewed November expenses of \$1,513.58; the balance was \$35,452.67. Mr. Tocher clarified that the “JOTFORM” entry on the Monthly Expenditure Report was for the street repair requests database and that the funding came from the “Outreach” Category.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jacobo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves its November 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report as presented.

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

Ms. Carrillo reviewed December expenses of \$165.96. Kathleen Quinn, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818.374.9898; Kathleen.Quinn@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), is available to help and agreed that \$61.11 should not have been charge for a bank transfer.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Tocher): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves its December 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report as presented.

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

New Business:

- 9. Primestor with an update on the new Olivo at Mission Hills shopping center:**

Developer keeping us up to date with project.

[This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #17.] Vanessa Delgado, Primestor Director of Development (888.722.3702; MissionHillsPlaza@Primestor.com; <http://www.primestor.com>), reported that the first Hearing will be tomorrow, saying ‘this is the first of four Hearings’ through April. She stated that “we’re going to keep the existing spine of the shopping center” from Bank of America to Millie’s Restaurant; “the Chase [Bank] is going to stay . . . the bowling alley is going to stay.” There also will be a Target Express (the first in Los Angeles); a 24-Hour Fitness; Menchie’s Frozen Yogurt; The Habit; Chipotle; a vitamin shop; and an optometrist. She said they “don’t know who will go in the bowling alley”; 24-Hour Fitness will be next to the bowling alley.

Ms. Delgado reported that Primestor filed a General Plan Amendment and a Conditional Use Permit Application for the gym, Target Express and the Chipotle, and are requesting a Variance for the parking and the sign. The sign will be 42 feet high, an “artistic representation” of an Olive tree. The site is 12 acres and 150,000 square feet. The two small homes on San Jose St. that Primestor owns “will be transitioned into commercial zoning.” Access in and out of the shopping center to Columbus Ave. and San Jose will be closed. There will be an L.A. Planning Commission Hearing in February; then an L.A. Planning and Land Use Management Committee Hearing; then a City Council Hearing. She said that “if all goes well” construction will start in June this year. Ms. Carrillo and Mr. Martinez relayed that a tenant was given notice in late November to leave by December 10th; Ms. Delgado indicated that that tenant’s store may be owned by Bank of America, not Primstor.

10. Discussion on the Pacoima Spreading Grounds Improvement Project:

Update on project and on the public meeting that will be held January 28, 2016 (7:00pm). Meeting will be held at the Laborers Union 14800 Devonshire St Mission Hills Ca, 91345.

Flyers were distributed announcing the above. Stakeholder Elizabeth Marx reported that in spring 2017 a huge amount of dirt will be moved over two years. She and Stakeholder Pamela Goldfinger expressed concerns regarding traffic, dust and “particulate matter.” A Mitigated Negative Declaration will be released January 11th; there will be 45 days through Feb. 25th for public comment. They noted that trucks will make 240 trips per day six days per week from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

11. Discussion and possible Board action on moving 3,000.00 from category 300 Outreach to category 400 NPG: This will allow the Board to cover some previous expenditure.

Mr. Martinez explained this allows an allocation to Chapel of the Cross Church.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Garcia): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will move \$3,000.00 from its Budget Category 300 Outreach to Category 400 Neighborhood Purposes Grants.

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

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

Mr. Martinez reminded that Candidates must apply by Feb. 2nd; see www.MHNCOOnline.org and www.EmpowerLA.org, and that all Board Members need to help outreach. He reported that the MHNC has outreached about its Election

Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Chapel of the Cross Church, 10000 Sepulveda Blvd., on Facebook, Twitter and more.

13. **Discussion and Possible Board action on moving the 5,000.00 in unallocated money from category 900 to category 500 Elections:** Funds will be used to increase community awareness and draw a larger pool of voters/potential candidates.

There was discussion of the need for the reallocation to demonstrate MHNC Election outreach.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Johnson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will move \$5,000.00 in unallocated money from its Budget Category 900 [nine hundred] to Category 500 Elections.

AMENDED FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Martinez, accepted by Mr. Scott): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will move \$5,000.00 in unallocated money from its Budget Category 200 [two hundred] to Category 500 Elections.

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

14. **Discussion and possible Board action on participating with Region 1 on placing full page ad on the Daily News for 2016 Elections, up to 1,000.00:** Daily News ad will give us more outreach for our Elections.

FUNDING MOTION (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Johnson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will allocate up to \$1,000.00 for participating with Region 1 on placing a full page ad in the Daily News for 2016 Elections.

DISCUSSION: The funds will be allocated from Budget Category 500 Elections.

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

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

* Mayor Eric Garcetti office East Valley Field rep.

Brian Gavidia, Northeast Valley Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti (213.713.0960; Brian.Gavidia@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>), announced that he no longer works for Congressman Tony Cardenas. Mr. Gavidia urged to prepare for expected El Nino Winter rains; see www.EINinoLA.com. Applications are being

accepted for the Mayor's Youth Council for students in grades 10 through 12. Scholarship applications are available for college students. He described the Mayor's work to help homeless people.

* 39th State Assembly District Patty Lopez: Field rep for Mission Hills.

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>), described legislation being considered by the State legislature.

Board Member Clint Scott left at this time of 8:14, making seven Board Members present (the MHNC quorum is seven).

Board Member Maribel Carrillo left at this time of 8:16, making six Board Members present, one short of the MHNC quorum of seven.

Mr. Ulmer described issues and projects worked on last year and now. Mr. Martinez noted that Assemblymember Lopez' kept communicating and working while dealing with a family emergency.

* 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>), reminded that help with federal issues such as veterans' services, healthcare, mortgages, Social Security and more is available. The IRS will receive tax returns January 19 – April 18 this year; see www.irs.gov for help. More tax help is available January 29th 2:00 – 4:30 at San Fernando Middle School. She encouraged to "sign up for the Affordable Care Act . . . the deadline is January 30th."

* 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), reported that they are looking for a new Superintendent. He encouraged contacting him with education questions.

* NC Budget Advocates. – No representative was present and there was no report.

* CD7 Felipe Fuentes Office update on medians in Mission Hills and other action items.

Tania Soto, Deputy District Director for L.A. City District Seven Councilman Felipe Fuentes (818-756-8409; Tania.Soto@LACity.org; <http://CD7.LACity.org>), described work on sanitation and homeless issues, including the encampment at Chatsworth St. and the 405 Freeway. She encouraged contacting her for help. Mr. Martinez encouraged taking the City services survey that is available on various MHNC media and at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/servicereportcard2015>.

* Any other Officials or reps that may have been left out. -- No representative was present and there was no report.

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

16. Housekeeping / Council Business. – Mr. Martinez encouraged contacting him with possible Agenda Items.

17. General Public Comments.

Stakeholder Alex Perez believed that the proposed DWP rate hike is not necessary. Lydia Grant, BONC [L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] Commissioner [818.470.6629; LydiaJeanGrant@gmail.com; www.EmpowerLA.org], encouraged Election outreach and preparation, including distributing a flyer, and allocation of \$10,000 for the Election. The IEA (Independent Election Administrator) assigned to the MHNC is Terrance Gomes.

18. Adjournment.

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

MOTION PASSED with no opposition.

The Meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 9:04 p.m.

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