

**MISSION HILLS
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Notes of the
MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)
Discussion on Monday, March 7, 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. Discussion began at 6:47 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance** -- The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- 3. Roll Call** -- Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Five of the 11 Board Members were present at the Roll Call, which is not a quorum: Jose Arevalo, Raymond Garcia, Jesse Martinez, Guillermo Salamanca and Clint Scott. Tom Johnson arrived later. Five Board Members were absent: Maribel Carrillo (excused), Christopher Jacobo (unexcused), Borzou Rahimi (excused), Richard Tocher (unexcused) and Mayra Torres (unexcused). 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: 20 Stakeholders and Guests.

4. Executive Officers Report.

Gloria Leon and Tony Torres of Primestor (888.722.3702; MissionHillsPlaza@Primestor.com; <http://www.primestor.com>) reported that they have a March 10th Hearing.

Board Member Tom Johnson arrived at this time, making six Board Members present, one short of the MHNC quorum of seven.

5. Approval of Board Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, Mr. Martinez requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

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

[*This Agenda Item was addressed after Item #12.*] Philip Ruiz, LAPD Mission Division Senior Lead Officer (mobile/text 818-634-0519; ofc. 818-838-9843; 31524@LAPD.LACity.org; http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station), reported that Captain Chamberlain was promoted to Commander and was replaced by Captain Robert Marino. There's been more loitering and panhandling at the Devonshire and Sepulveda shopping center; more "No Trespassing" signs will be posted. Officer Ruiz reminded to keep your valuables with you and lock your doors. He encouraged contacting him to start Neighborhood Watches. Mr. Martinez added that there will be a Youth Job Fair Saturday April 23rd at L.A. Mission College.

7. Briefing on Committee activities.

Outreach: Richard Tocher

Mr. Tocher was not present and there was no report.

Zoning and Land Use: Borzou Rahimi

Mr. Rahimi was not present and there was no report.

Public Safety: Tom Johnson

Mr. Johnson reported that he is working on the next Disaster Preparedness Fair. Mr. Martinez will Agendize that for the next Meeting.

Beautification: Richard Tocher

Mr. Tocher was not present and there was no report.

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

Due to the lack of a quorum, Mr. Martinez requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

New Business

9. **Discussion and possible Board action** on approval of the Oct 2015 outreach mailer: Purpose to cover a prior expenditure.
Due to the lack of a quorum, Mr. Martinez requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

10. **Discussion and possible Board action** on MP Printing and Mailing services (as Vendor) for mailer distribution for the Oct 2015 Mailer: Purpose is to cover a prior expenditure.
Due to the lack of a quorum, Mr. Martinez requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

11. **Discussion and possible Board action** on Approval of postage deposit for the amount of 1,111.25 to MP printing and mailing, and payment of remaining balance of 983.10 (with all funds deducted from outreach): purpose is to cover prior expenditure Oct 2015.
Due to the lack of a quorum, Mr. Martinez requested and it was agreed to TABLE this Item.

12. **Candidate Forum 2016 NC Elections:** Candidates to introduce themselves to the Stakeholders.
Candidates for the MHNC Election Saturday, April 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Chapel of the Cross Church, 10000 Sepulveda Blvd., spoke. Ricky Angel, Michelle Cook, Elizabeth Zamudio, Gevork "Daniel" Danielian, Susan Milne, Clint Scott and Jesse Martinez described their backgrounds, desires to serve and goals.

13. **Reports/announcements from Public Officials, Community Representatives.**
 - * Mayor Eric Garcetti office East Valley Field rep.
[*This report was given after Mr. Ulmer's below report.*] Brian Gavidia, Northeast Valley Representative for Mayor Eric Garcetti (cell 213.713.0960; ofc. 818.778.4990; Brian.Gavidia@LACity.org; <http://LAMayor.org>), reported that the Mayor has updated Neighborhood Councils about the DWP's proposed increase.

 - * 39th State Assembly District Patty Lopez: Field rep for Mission Hills.
[*This Agenda Item was continued after Item #15.*] 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 the Assemblymember submitted 23 bills to the State legislature.

 - * 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), reported that “over 600 people” attended the March 1st Town Hall Meeting with new Superintendent Michelle King and Ms. Ratliff. Also, the School Board will allocate funding to buy musical instruments.

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

* CD7 Councilmember Felipe Fuentes Office.
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>), offered City services help. The Councilman is working to reform the DWP; she encouraged writing a Community Impact Statement to support such legislation. Staff are working to ensure that stormwater drains are clear to avoid flooding.

* Any other Officials or reps that may have been left out.
Lydia Grant, BONC [L.A. Board of Neighborhood Commissioners] Commissioner [818.470.6629; LydiaJeanGrant@gmail.com; www.EmpowerLA.org], reported that the Commission soon will vote on whether Neighborhood Councils must write and post Board Meeting Minutes.

Monica Rodriguez, Vice-President, L.A. City Board of Public Works (BPW; <http://bpw.lacity.org>), described work on a small business assistance program that will start again in September. She encouraged reporting “decapitated” trees, which the DWP did to many trees.

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

14. Housekeeping/Council Business – Mr. Martinez noted this.

15. General Public Comments

Stakeholder Susan Milne noted that the Draft Environmental Impact Report of the Pacoima Spreading Grounds project is available. Elvia Hernandez, Outreach Chair, Mission City Health Services (818-895-3100; <http://mccn.org>), announced that healthcare and social services are available.

16. Adjournment

The discussion finished at 8:16 p.m.

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