

**MISSION HILLS  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

PRESIDING OFFICER: Jesse Martinez  
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Minutes of the  
**MISSION HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (MHNC)  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
Monday, April 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** -- Presiding Officer Jesse Martinez introduced himself and called the Meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** -- Mr. Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Seating of the new Neighborhood Council Board**
  - a. Roll Call  
Kathleen Quinn, Project Coordinator, L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) (818.374.9898; Kathleen.Quinn@LACity.org; www.EmpowerLA.org), conducted the Seating of the new Board.

[*This Agenda Item was returned to after Item #19.*] Roll Call was taken by the Minutes Writer. Seven of the Ten Board Members were present at the beginning of the Meeting: Jose Arevalo, Maribel Carrillo, Gevork Danielian, Jesse Martinez, Susan Milne, Richard Tocher and Elizabeth Zamudio. **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** *Ricky Angel, Michelle Cook, Borzou Rahimi* Three of Ten Board Members were absent: Ricky Angel (excused), Michelle Cook (excused), Borzou Rahimi (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. **Ten** of the 14 Board Seats were filled (by election or appointment). **Four** Board Seats were vacant: Business Owner, At-Large, Youth Rep and Employee Governor. [To apply, see

- b. Neighborhood Council Board Member Oath of Office  
Ms. Quinn read aloud the Oath of Office, to which the Board agreed.

4. **Executive Officers Report.** -- Mr. Martinez indicated that there was no report.
5. **Approval of Board Minutes January, February, March 2016.**

**MOTION** (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its January 4, 2016 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a hand vote; zero opposed or abstained.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Tocher): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its February 1, 2016 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with six in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (Carrillo).

**MOTION** (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Danielson): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves the Minutes of its March 7, 2016 Board of Governors Meeting as written.

**MOTION PASSED** by a hand vote with six in favor; zero opposed; one abstained (Carrillo).

6. **Report from LAPD Senior Lead Officer, Basic Car 19A43.**  
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](http://www.LAPDonline.org/Mission_Community_Police_Station)), was not present and there was no report.

7. **Briefing on Committee activities.**

Outreach: Richard Tocher

Zoning and Land Use: Borzou Rahimi

Public Safety: Tom Johnson

Beautification: Richard Tocher

Mr. Martinez requested and it was agreed to TABLE all Committee reports.

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

Ms. Carrillo requested and it was agreed to TABLE the Treasurer's report.

Copies were distributed of the February and March 2016 MHNC Monthly Expenditure Reports. No Motion was made or vote taken.

## **New Business**

9. **Discussion and possible Board action** on approval of the Oct 2015 outreach mailer: Purpose to cover a prior expenditure.

Mr. Martinez explained that the funding was for the Election, a health fair and the sidewalk repair program.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves funding to cover the prior expenditure for the October 2015 outreach mailer.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the five eligible voters present with all five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Danielian, Martinez and Tocher); zero opposed (“No” or “Nay”); zero abstained. Ms. Milne and Ms. Zamudio were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves funding to cover the prior expenditure for MP Printing and Mailing services (as Vendor) for mailer distribution for the October 2015 Mailer.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the five eligible voters present with all five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Danielian, Martinez and Tocher); zero opposed (“No” or “Nay”); zero abstained. Ms. Milne and Ms. Zamudio were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

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.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Tocher, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council approves a total expenditure of \$2,094.35 for the [**JM/MC CLARIFY MOTION WORDING: \_\_ October 2015 Mailer?**] \_\_.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the five eligible voters present with all five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Danielian, Martinez and Tocher); zero opposed (“No” or “Nay”); zero abstained. Ms. Milne and Ms. Zamudio were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

12. **Discussion and possible Board action** on possible participating on the 9th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair: fair to be held October 1, 2016 at Firestation. Ted Snyder of the Southern California Preparedness Foundation, the Fair sponsor, spoke. A Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG) application of \$850 was submitted for emergency supplies given to attendees, including flashlights, gloves, light sticks, food and tote bags. Last year 27 Neighborhood Councils participated; there were 60-70 exhibitors and 2,000 people attended at Fire Station 87.

**MOTION** (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Tocher): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will participate in the 9th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held October 1, 2016 at Fire Station 87.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the five eligible voters present with all five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Danielian, Martinez and Tocher); zero opposed (“No” or “Nay”); zero abstained. Ms. Milne and Ms. Zamudio were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

13. **Motion** to use 850.00 from NPG to cover expenses for Valley Disaster fair. Mr. Martinez explained the need to transfer funds from Budget category 200 Outreach to category 400 NPGs.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Tocher): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will allocate \$850.00 from a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to cover expenses for the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the five eligible voters present with all five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Danielian, Martinez and Tocher); zero opposed (“No” or “Nay”); zero abstained. Ms. Milne and Ms. Zamudio were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

14. **Motion** to move 850.00 from outreach to NPG: Purpose to cover expenditure of valley disaster fair.

**FUNDING MOTION** (by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Ms. Carrillo): The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council will move \$850.00 from its Budget category 200 Outreach to category 400 Neighborhood Purposes Grants to cover expenditure of the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair.

**FUNDING MOTION PASSED** unanimously by a roll call vote of the five eligible voters present with all five in favor (“Yes” or “Aye”) (Arevalo, Carrillo, Danielian, Martinez and Tocher); zero opposed (“No” or “Nay”); zero abstained. Ms. Milne and Ms. Zamudio were ineligible to vote due to not having current Ethics Training and/or Funding Training.

15. **Discussion and possible Motion** to set date, time, and location for approved Board Retreat.

Ms. Quinn recommended orienting the Board at its next Meeting, then having a retreat in June or July. No Motion was made. It was unanimously agreed by a show of hands to have the orientation on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:30-3:30 at Buon Gusto Restaurant.

16. **Presentation** from LADWP on the Ground Water Replenishment Project: Overview of the planned Groundwater Replenishment (GWR) project (Toilet To Tap) and its EIR.

Yoshiko Tsunehara, DWP Civil Engineering Associate [213-367-8783; Yoshiko.Tsunehara@ladwp.com], showed slides and described water sources, the drought and the project, which is “to diversify our water portfolio” and “increase local supplies.” Jennifer Valdez, Civil Engineering Associate [213-367-8772; Jennifer.Valdez@ladwp.com], described the water treatment process and current

uses of recycled water. The DWP will build a two-mile-long 42” pipeline along Arleta Ave. and a half-mile long pipeline along Van Nuys Blvd. from the Pacoima Spreading Grounds to the Donald Tillman Plant in Van Nuys near Balboa Park. She explained the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) schedule. The Draft EIR will be released this Spring and the final EIR in the Fall. Plant tours are available. They will have a Town Hall Meeting.

#### **17. 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: Field rep

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>), introduced Field Representative

Rita Higa and reported that 23 bills of the Assemblymember are in process, one-third of which are education-related, one-third human services and two veterans bills. One bill would give a tax credit to independent filmmakers. Another bill would move \$250 million from the General Fund to adult education.

\* 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 information about LAUSD Sustainability Initiatives is available at

<http://LearningGreen.LASchools.org>. There will be a balanced budget this year

with no layoffs; next year’s budget also is projected to balance. High School

students can apply through April 25th for a position on the LAUSD Advisory Board.

There will be a May 13<sup>th</sup> Job Fair.

\* NC Budget Advocates.

No representative was present and there was no report.

\* CD7 Councilmember Felipe Fuentes Office.

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.

#### **Old Business:**

**18. Housekeeping/Council Business** – Mr. Martinez encouraged emailing him to request that Items be Agendized for the next Board Meeting. Ms. Quinn explained that Mr. Martinez is handling this until the next President and other Officers are elected by the Board.

#### **19. General Public Comments**

IEA (Independent Election Administrator) Terrance Gomes apologized for and explained problems regarding the MHNC's April 2<sup>nd</sup> scheduled Election. He said "the online reports were inaccurate" and that DONE "found out the Friday night before" that there would not be an Election. He stated that "we'll make sure that from now on this'll never ever ever happen again." He will recommend to DONE to "go back to IEA's registering Candidates" or "IEA's having control of the database." Mr. Martinez described his and other Board Members' work on April 2<sup>nd</sup> to address the situation.

Renato encouraged contacting the LGBT Center at the Pacoima Boys and Girls Club for services. Nancy Woodruff of the Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council said the FTDNC will submit a CIS to the City about including funding for "restoration" of several Fire Stations; she also is a City Council District Seven Candidate. Linda Romney was concerned about Primestor's management of the Olivo at Mission Hills shopping center and about MHNC outreach. Primestor/Olivo at Mission Hills CEO and Co-Founder Arturo Sneider (888.722.3702; MissionHillsPlaza@Primestor.com; <http://www.primestor.com>) introduced Gloria Leon, who will manage the shopping center. Nazar Dhoury, a County Judge Candidate, introduced himself. Bennie Bernal, Candidate for Congress ([BennieBernalForCongress.com](http://BennieBernalForCongress.com)), introduced himself. David Barron opposes the City forcing homeowners to repair their own sidewalks without the public voting on it. Mr. Gomes announced an April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Meeting at City Hall's Ferraro Council Chamber about the DWP transfer fee, rate increase and transparency. [*This comment was made after Item #15.*] Chapel of the Cross Church [10000 Sepulveda Blvd.] will host a May 15th 12:00-3:00 Health Fair with testing and more.

## **20. Adjournment**

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

**MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote; zero opposed or abstained.

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

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