



MISSION HILLS



NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Special Points of Interest :

* **MHNC Board of Governors and Stakeholders Meeting,**
Thursday May 5, 6:30pm.

* **Happy Cinco de Mayo !!! Be safe, don't drink and drive.**

* **Volunteer as our Recording Secretary on the first Thursday of each month. Send us an email if you are interested.**

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Special Senior Event

On Friday, May 13, 2011 from 1 to 4 pm, the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council -Senior Outreach Committee will be hosting a wonderful indoor event at the Valley Inn located at 10621 Sepulveda Blvd in Mission Hills. This event will be held at the Valley Inn Conference Center located alongside the Valley Inn (formally Guest House Inn).

In a genuine effort to "bring something special" to the Seniors in our community, the newly formed Senior Outreach Committee is inviting all those 60+ residents to join us for an afternoon of food, fun and music. There is no charge.

Entertainment



Henry Samuel, a Senior himself, is a super versatile entertainer who does wonders with his mastery with chromatic harmonica. He is also a vocalist and adds humor to his program. He made his first California appearance in Los Angeles on the Law-

We recognize that all Seniors still have ambitions, capabilities, creativity and a desire to remain independent in society. So join us May 13th and learn what's in store for 2011. If you are over 60 and would like to attend this event please call (818) 902-2361.

Our New Public Safety Chairperson



"My name is Doug Stolhand and I'm proud to be the new Public Safety Committee Chair for the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council. I have been a resident in Mission Hills since 2008. I'm committed to doing all I can to help make our area the best it can be. I look forward to working with the police and fire departments as well as the

Neighborhood Watch, Community Police Advisory Board, the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council and you the stakeholder. I want to make sure that everyone in Mission Hills is safe, that services are available and stakeholders know where to go to get the help they need. I want to make sure that the communication between the stakeholders and the police/fire departments is as open and direct as possible. I encourage you to attend both the MHNC Board Meetings and the Public Safety Committee meetings as often as possible. I am a strong advocate of individual rights as long as they don't infringe on the rights of anyone else. One of my first priorities is to have Neighborhood Watch signs posted throughout Mission Hills., and, keep Mission Hills graffiti-free. I hope to see you at the meetings soon.

ZONING & LAND USE COMMITTEE REPORT

Case No. ZA-2009-4028-CU-ZV-ZAA-F - Applicant's Name: St. Ephraim Syriac Orthodox Church

After extensive outreach to the community and careful consideration of the many Stakeholder concerns and issues brought before the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council (MHNC), a final vote by the MHNC Board of Governors re the above referenced case was taken at the February 3, 2011 MHNC meeting as follows:

- 1) **Support** the Zoning Variance to allow the construction of a two story senior apartment with 28 rental units.
- 2) **Support** the requested Zoning Variance for setbacks.
- 3) **Support** a Zoning Variance for a front fence to exceed current code of 3-1/2 feet.
- 4) **Oppose** a Zoning Variance to allow the total height of the church bell tower and church dome to exceed 45 foot current code.
- 5) **In addition**, it is the recommendation of the MHNC and ZALUC to include the following conditions to the Conditional Use Permit:
 - (a) No bell in tower or sounds emitted from this structure
 - (b) No cell tower located on the property
 - (c) Sound proofing the All-Purpose room
 - (d) No operable windows on West side of building.
 - (e) Conditions to "Run with the Land"
 - (f) CUP to be attached to and become part of the approved General Building Construction Plans and Construction Documents.
 - (g) The Mission Hills Neighborhood Council, herein known as the MHNC, shall be advised of any changes to approved site plan and floor plan prior to execution of such changes.
 - (h) In the event that availability of neighborhood parking and traffic at the intersection of Woodman Avenue and Chatsworth Street are negatively impacted due to church use, The Planning Commission will review the CUP and may, at their discretion, take action to remedy the negative impact to the neighborhood.
 - (i) At the request of the MHNC, church representatives agree to meet with the MHNC as may be required to resolve any stakeholder complaints or issues of concern to the community. Such meetings shall be scheduled in a timely manner and at the convenience of both parties. Such meetings shall be scheduled within two weeks of a request by the MHNC.

On March 11, 2011 the MHNC sent a letter to the Chief Zoning Administrator at the Office of Zoning Administration outlining the above MHNC vote.

In order to bring this proposed development to the attention of Mission Hills stakeholders, the following outreach methods and means were diligently carried out: Noticed/posted and on agenda at MHNC ZALUC meetings; Noticed/posted and on agenda at MHNC Board meetings, promoted/posted and presented at a community meeting held on September 23, 2010 with a presentation to stakeholders by the applicant and their representatives; A survey (identifying applicant, stating scope of work, site location and space to indicate support for or opposition of development along with comments) was circulated through out the community at large and posted to the MHNC web site; Prior to the September community meeting a full page announcement was noticed in the MHNC newsletter mailed to approximately 8,000 stakeholders and also posted on the MHNC web site; E-mail blasts announcing the September community meeting; Door to door area canvassing around immediate neighborhood of proposed development.*

Throughout this process, many issues of concern were raised, addressed and discussed as stakeholders moved quickly to identify their top priorities. Along with the above conditions, this is what stakeholders told us: We are not anti-development. We simply want a development that is a good fit and that will contribute to the quality of life in Mission Hills, not detract from it.*

The ZALUC has not yet received information on when the **Public Hearing** regarding this case will be held before the Zoning Administrator. Stakeholders within a 500 foot radius will be notified by the City via post mail prior to such Public Hearing. Stakeholders are welcome and encouraged to attend the upcoming hearing to express your views on this case.

The following cases are currently on the Zoning & Land Use Committee calendar. Community input is an integral part of our decision making process regarding these and other important land use issues that come before the committee.

Case No. ZA-210-2968 Applicant: Dean Anderson, 10355 Columbus Ave. Primary zoning R1. Project Description: Build 8'0" masonry fence around perimeter of property with some decorative iron work with masonry fronting property.

Case No. ZA-2011-530-CUB Applicant: King Woods, 14666 W. San Fernando Mission Blvd. Project Description: Conditional use to allow continued sale of beer and wine for consumption in an existing mini-market/gas station.

Case No. ZA-2010-337-CUB Applicant Stanley Szeto, 11274 N. Laurel Cyn. Blvd. Primary zoning (Q)C2-1VL. Project Description: Proposed sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption in an existing convenience store/gas station, having proposed alcohol sales between the hours 8:00am to 10:00pm daily.

To volunteer and/or request additional information re Zoning & Land Use Committee issues, please call Jerilynn Hayashi at 818-624-0346 or email Jerrilyn@mhnconline.org

Point of View - Volunteering

"The American City should be a collection of communities where every member has a right to belong. It should be a place where every individual feels safe on his street and in his house. It should be a place where each individual's dignity and self respect is strengthened by the respect and affection of his neighbors".

~Lynden Johnson

Thanks to Committee Chairperson, Jerilynn Hayashi and committee volunteers, the MHNC Zoning & Land Use Committee is growing and developing into a valuable asset to Mission Hills. What is your value to your community? What does community mean to you? In order to continue to grow and remain successful, the Zoning & Land Use Committee needs community participation. In a big way or a small way, please support this effort by joining the few who are so dedicated and committed to keeping Mission Hills a safe and decent place to live. Volunteering helps build social capitol and community good, this in turn enriches our lives and strengthens the fabric of our *families and community*. It's the right thing to do.

Pamela Goldfinger, Zoning & Land Use Committee Volunteer



Hello from SLO Phil Ruiz

It's important that the community is aware of what's going on around them. And it is so very important that the community continues to watch for suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Remember, it is the partnership between the community and the Police Department that can solve problems and reduce the fear and incidence of crime. Please get involved in Neighborhood Watch and attend the next meeting. I also want to thank all the neighbors who are working together to report suspicious activity in their areas. Because of these neighbors we were able to stop and question someone who had been lurking in the area and found that he was on parole plus had a warrant and we arrested him.

Report ALL crimes and suspicious activity. To catch the criminals, we have to know where they're at!

Senior Lead Officer Phil Ruiz

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Business Spotlight

North Valley Anger Management



North Valley Anger Management Consultants is committed to providing community based services designed to help each participant maintain and enhance their interpersonal relationships. Using an evidence based anger management model that provides some necessary tools to effectively manage stress, improve communication skills with other people, and cope with difficult or stressful situations.

Located in Mission Hills, group anger management education classes for adults and teens are offered. Individual coaching sessions are also available for family conflict resolutions services, stress management, and organizational anger management education, Brad Klimovitch is the Managing Director with a commitment to share his experience with the residence of Mission Hills and the surrounding North San Fernando Valley.

Brad currently serves on the Mission Hills Neighborhood Council as the Community Outreach Committee Chairperson. A Southern California native and U.S. Army Veteran, Brad received several commendations for meritorious service as an Army Maintenance Specialist. After returning home in 1978, a 32 year career in the automotive industry began. Brad has several years of experience working with a local youth baseball leagues in the San Fernando Valley. As a youth baseball league director, umpire, and coach Brad witnessed some terrible fits of anger from adults who were supposed to be setting the example for their family. Learning to redirect and defuse this negative behavior patterns became a coaching experience for the whole team. This served as an inspiration that helped launch a career helping people to identify and learn positive communication skills management.

Our mission statement: “Better Tomorrows Begin Today” embraces the philosophy of keeping a positive attitude and keeping our neighborhoods safe for everyone.