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## MCWCC Board Meeting of 06/10/08

### MINUTES

Submitted by Joyce Kleifield, Administrative Manager  
Subject to approval of the Board on 07/15/2008

1. **Call to Order/Introductions:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, Rickie Avrutin called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m. Of thirty-seven members, nineteen were present.
2. **Opening Remarks:** Ms. Avrutin welcomed stakeholders and expressed appreciation for their patience in waiting for the meeting to start.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** It was asked whether the May meeting really adjourned at 11:15 pm as stated in the minutes. This was confirmed. It was asked that the Land Use agenda item 10.c. identify the restaurant as "Cube @ Divine Pasta". **Minutes of May 13, 2008 were approved as amended.**
4. **Public Comment Period:**
  - Chris Denson introduced himself and stated he would be running for the board in the minority category.
5. **Financial Report:** Treasurer, David Strouse was not in attendance. **Steve Kramer moved to table report until the next meeting.** Pierson Blaetz seconded and it passed unanimously.
6. **Announcement from City Representatives:** No representatives were present.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS / MOTIONS:**

(It was requested that items dealing with money be moved up on agenda in case a quorum was lost, so item 10 was moved up.)

#### 10. **Education Committee:**

a. Judy Perez explained the following motion which was seconded by Yuval Kremer:

**The Education Committee moves that the MCWCC board approve a \$3,990.00 budget allocation to provide matching funds for an after school "Reading Tigers" program at Hancock Park Elementary School.**

After brief discussion, the board voted with seventeen (17) in favor; zero (0) opposed and three (3) abstaining.

b. Pierson Blaetz explained the Fairfax High beautification project and provided before and after pictures of the first phase for which MCWCC had allocated \$1,000.00. He then made the following motion, which was seconded by Steve Kramer:

**The Education Committee moves that \$4,000.00 of the MCWCC special project budget be allocated to expand the Fairfax High School Melrose Avenue Entryway Beautification project.**

The board voted to approve the motion with eighteen (18) in favor; zero (0) opposed and two (2) abstaining.

12. **Public Safety Committee:** (This item was also moved up on the agenda) Tara Brown updated the board on the success of the Emergency Preparedness Fair. The board is still waiting for \$500.00 from CD4 then all financial issues will be handled.
7. **Arts & Recreation Committee:** Rebecca Ver Straten-McSparran announced that the next Art Walk would be held on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, handed out flyers and asked for more volunteers for future art walks.

At this point, the Chair, Andrew Lachman arrived and provided a brief update to the board regarding upcoming changes to the Brown Act and instructions regarding public access to information.

8. **Election Committee:** Chair, Charles Lindenblatt announced that the second candidate information session brought in new people, including 38 candidates for 19 seats. There are 8 categories that are still open. Vote By Mail applications are due by June 24<sup>th</sup>. The Candidate Forum will take place on June 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 pm at Hancock Park Elementary School. Elections are July 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:00-8:00 pm at Hancock Park. DONE will be holding a follow up meeting to discuss the new election process and Mr. Lindenblatt will attend.
9. **Land Use Committee:**

a. Chair, Brad Seiling provided the following motion regarding 643 North Hayworth, which was seconded by Teresa Feldman.

**Mid City West supports the application to permit (1) a 5-foot rear yard instead of the 15 feet required, (2) a 5-foot side yard instead of the 6-feet required, (3) a 5-foot passageway instead of the 10-feet required, (4) reduced building separation from the required 10 feet to zero, and (5) increase of 20% from the allowable 30 feet to 36 feet.**

The Owner's architect gave a presentation and explanation of the project and answered board member's questions. The board voted with seventeen (17) in favor; zero (0) opposed; two (2) abstaining.

b. Andrew Lachman explained why this item was on the agenda and Brad Seiling further explained the number of steps in the planning process. They wanted to investigate ways to be able to offer comment throughout the EIR process when time frames don't allow the committee to bring items to the full board. After board and public comment Brad Seiling **withdrew the proposal** to delegate authority to the Land Use Committee to respond to environmental impact reports and other environmental documentation.

Brad Seiling then reported that projects on Burton Way and La Cienega would be heard at the June 25<sup>th</sup> LUC meeting. All were invited.

11. **Executive Committee:**

a. Andrew Lachman explained that the July 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting would fall just after the annual elections and before the election results were certified. There was discussion as to whether or not to move the board meeting. **Ken Draper moved to change the meeting to July 15<sup>th</sup>. Babette Dickerson seconded.** The board voted with nine (9) in favor; five (5) opposed and four (5) abstaining. **THE BOARD MEETING FOR JULY WILL BE MOVED TO JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

13. **Public Comment Period:**

- Jenny Wood from Assembly member Karen Bass' office provided an update from her office
- Stakeholder, Paul Lerner introduced himself and announced his candidacy for the MCWCC board.

14. **Board Member Comments:**

- Judy Perez announced that this was her last board meeting as a board member but that she would like to continue to serve on the education committee.
- Tara Brown asked for people to consider joining the Public Safety Committee.
- Brad Seiling expressed deep regret to see Dr. Perez leave the board.
- Pierson Blaetz praised Tara Brown for her organizing of the emergency preparedness event at the Trading Post and announced that a new play, "The Last Seder", was coming to Greenway Court.
- Tamar Andrews asked some questions about making MCWCC more visible such as hanging banners, renting space on bus benches.
- Yuval Kremer mentioned the new super graphic on Fairfax, Julie Kleinick stated they were already being cited.
- Andrew Lachman provided some comments about the past year and thanked the board members for all their hard work, especially the committee chairs. He also announced that Joyce Kleifield would be leaving at the end of June as Administrative Manager to pursue other endeavors.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.**