

## **Minutes: MSPA Regular Board Meeting August 6, 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 am

Minutes of the 7-9-2026 meeting were approved as written.

President's Remarks: Gigi Garcia reminded all that the MSPA is here for the merchants, marketing and more. Thank you to Mark Pedersen who is stepping down from the MSPA Board. The new "Curb your wheels" stickers are in place. Welcome GPD Chief Williams.

### **Board Members and Guests:**

Gigi Garcia (It Takes A Village Kids) - President; Andre Ordubegian (Copy Network) - Vice President; Kim Kelly (Merle Norman) - Secretary; Maureen Palacios (Once Upon A Time) - Treasurer; Corey Grijalva (Joselito's) Board Member-At-Large; Steve Pierce (MSPA Communications Admin./Film Liaison); Dale Dawson (Business Admin./Events Coordinator); Domenica Megerdichian (CoG); Molly Burke (MVCCC); Armine Sargsyan (CVWD); Carol Clark (resident); Aaron Eggiman (GPD); Brian and Riley Miller (The Chiropractic Place); Steve Miller (resident); Ejmin Hakobian (resident); Jeniffer Fukutomi-Jones (CoG); Kassia Rico (Circular Bench Project); Loreto Lopez (CoG); Austin Scott (Muralist); Pat Anderson (LCF Chamber); Jennifer and Mario Chale (Current Season/A Seasoned Table); Rima and Donald Cameron (Sabrina's); Arda Tchakian and Giuliana Berman (USC/GCC).

### **Invited Guests:**

#### **City of Glendale**

**Asst. City Manager Dom Megerdichian:** Dom and colleagues went to Sacramento to work with the state; GCC cuts to housing vouchers and ESI; trash enclosures were discussed; Filming - Dom is available to help Steve with permits etc.; Permits - reach out to Dom as help is needed; Request from MSPA to replace trash bins; A walk through is needed for placement; the CoG is opposed to the "Wally" delivery service; minimum wage increased to \$16.90 as of July 2026; Digital Kiosks - possible pilot program; EV Program - Dom will get back to the Board; Dom has reached out to Code enforcement regarding businesses that need to comply with a clean organized storefront; let Dom know if issues arise.

#### **Glendale Police Dept.**

**Officer Aaron Eggiman:** Crime report and incidents reported; National Night out recap; Penal Code regarding solicitation in permitted areas like The Farmers Market; Officer Eggiman will be out for next meeting for family reasons.

**MVCCC Director Molly Burke:** Currently prepping for **Oktoberfest 2026**; Molly along with MSPA members attended Chief Williams swearing in Ceremony; the 9-1-26 mixer will be at Mosaic Hair Salon at 6 pm.

**Glendale Library Arts and Cultural - Jennifer Fukutomi Jones:** reported that the new mural ordinance is going forward with an easier permit process; Kassia Rico updated the group on the circular bench project; work is scheduled to begin Jan/Feb 2027; update on the “Beyond the Box” utility box project; 130 art submissions were received; only one box in Montrose.

**GCC/USC - Dr. Ryan Cornner:** Dr. Cornner introduced Giuliana Berman (Events Manager) and Arda Tchakian (Coordinator of Special Project); the group is looking to the MSPA for input on the design process of the new building; start date of construction will be summer 2027.

**Public Forum:** Ejmin Hakobian addressed the MSPA Board on issues of concern.

**CV Water District - Armineh Sargsyan:** the CV Water District is available to consult with the MSPA on future re-planting and a rebate program; a walk thru will be scheduled to identify in what areas grass remains and what areas can be updated with ground cover and native plantings; looking into self-watering hanging baskets; the proposed hydration station on Honolulu Ave in 2 locations with a bottle refill station and dog bowl was discussed; Andre moved \$10,000 to go towards the 2 Hydration stations; Maureen seconded; motion passed.

**LCF Chamber - Pat Anderson:** spoke about the Internship Program with La Canada High School that has been in place for 14 years and is rewarding for employers and students.

**Muralist Austin Scott:** gave a presentation on a proposed mural on the Froyo Life building; other presentations to follow.

### **Contractors Reports:**

**Business Administrator Dale Dawson:** updated Treasurer’s Report provided; reserve balance; \$296.718; assessment funds received & deposited \$168.089; Directory Board updates coming; Full Town Power Wash ordered for August 24-25.

**Events Coordinator Dale Dawson:** FIFA Scavenger Hunt concluded: next year’s Montrose Car Show is scheduled for Sunday July 11, 2027; the Holiday Wine Walk has been moved to 11-14-26; Old Towne Christmas 2026 activities updated.

**Communication Administrator Steve Pierce:** USC/GCC has reached out to MSPA to discuss the design criteria for the future new building; bollards have been installed in Lot 4 for future EV stations; MSPA approved \$300 for an upgraded frame honoring Vito Cannella; Walk this Way owners are retiring; resident complaint that Parkwood is blowing debris into the storm drain rather than raking and placing in green waste bins; graffiti was removed from one of the Directory boards, a postal box and 2 bike racks.

**MSPA Film Liaison Steve Pierce:** CMS Productions Filming 7-22-26. \$7180.; year-to-date film revenue \$8721.

**Committee Reports:**

**Harvest Market Committee:**

Gigi Garcia reported that new tents and misters have been ordered.

**Marketing Committee:**

Discussion to replace Mark Pedersen as Marketing Chair.

**Beautification Committee:** A walk-through TBD with CV Water district.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

Next meeting Sept 3, 2026 at 8:15 am