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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

FINAL JOINT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES April 18, 2017

Condon Center, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Chaminade College Preparatory High School, 23260 Satcoy St., West Hills, CA 91304

ATTENDANCE:

Present Aida Abkarians, Sandi Bell, Simone Best, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Anthony Brosamle, Bob Brostoff, Margery Brown, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Barry Seybert, Ron Sobel, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck, Ed Young and Joanne Yvanek-Garb

Arrived Late: Reeyan Raynes and Brad Vanderhoof (7:40 p.m.)

Absent: Myrl Schreibman, Michael Teitelbaum and Bobbi Trantafello

OPENING BUSINESS:

President and Co-Chair Dan Brin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Secretary Carolyn Greenwood called roll and established quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

Board member Aida Abkarians recused herself and left the room.

Board Member Bob Brostoff left at 7:36 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

17-0025 - Discussion and possible action regarding a motion to rescind board action on item 17-0025 approving a neighborhood purpose grant (NPG) to Pomelo Elementary School in the amount of \$2400 for publishing a quarterly magazine showcasing student accomplishments

Recommendation to rescind passed with 20 ayes, 1 recused and 4 absent.

NEW BUSINESS

17-0034 – Discussion and possible action regarding a motion and possible action on new item 17-0034, approval of a neighbourhood purpose grant for Pomelo Elementary School in the amount of \$2400 for publishing a quarterly magazine showcasing student accomplishments.

Recommendation passed with 20 ayes, 1 recused and 4 absent.

Aida Abkarians rejoined the meeting at this point.

17-0035 – Discussion and possible action on recommendations relating to Neighborhood Council elections.

Charlene Rothstein explained that it was brought to the board's attention that the board must respond to a survey on the Resolution on Timing of the Neighborhood Council 2020 Elections by May 1. The Ad Hoc Election Committee's recommendation is to choose option 2 of the three choices provided in the survey. This option would extend current board terms expiring in 2018 by one year to 2019. In addition, board terms expiring in 2020 would be extended by one year to 2021. The board also comments: "Furthermore, the WHNC believes the Neighborhood Councils of Los Angeles were not properly consulted in selecting the alternatives that were provided, nor were we properly notified in a timely manner of this survey."

Recommendation approved with 21 ayes and 4 absent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Council Resolution on Timing of the Neighborhood Council 2020 Elections

The Neighborhood Council elections for 2020 are currently set to be conducted from March through June. Because the timing of the 2020 Neighborhood Council elections will conflict with the municipal elections transferring to the Los Angeles County Clerk, the Office of the City Clerk will not be able to administer the Neighborhood Council elections simultaneously. This conflict requires shifting the Neighborhood Council 2020 elections to odd number years.

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (EmpowerLA) and the Office of the City Clerk are requesting Neighborhood Councils in your March and April meetings to discuss and complete this resolution on which of the following options your Council recommends. Some considerations would include: board members may not want to extend terms and will resign; stakeholders may not want board member terms to be extended; budget impact on general fund could be less or more; if online voting and voter registration moves forward, there would be more or less time to build out; if EmpowerLA's recommendations in its online voting report back for Neighborhood Council systemic changes are approved, there would be more or less time to implement any changes to Neighborhood Council bylaws if applicable.

Please complete this form and submit with a Board Vote Count Form to elections@empowerla.org by May 1, 2017. The board may recommend another option in detail on the back of this form instead of the ones below.

The WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Council
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY AT A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 18th, 2017.
recommends the following action for the Neighborhood Council elections timing:

- Conduct 2018 Neighborhood Council elections as scheduled. Board members elected would have 3 year terms. For boards with staggered terms, this would also require the term extension of board seats ending in 2020 by 1 year for 2021 elections at which time the entire board would be up and would have to restagger with 2 and 4 year terms. Other changes:
- Subdivision applications would be open again at its current scheduled October 1, 2018 and would have to go through a selection process for its permanent board. There would be another application round opening on October 1, 2020.
- Extend current board terms up in 2018 by 1 year and conduct elections in 2019. For boards with staggered terms, this would also require their terms to be extended in 2020 by 1 year for 2021 elections OR shortened by 1 year to 2019 at which time the entire board would be up and would have to restagger with 2 and 4 year terms. Other changes:
- The bylaw amendment deadline would be extended from May 1, 2017 to at least April 1, 2018.
 - Subdivision applications would be reopened on October 1, 2017 instead of October 1, 2018.
- Conduct 2018 Neighborhood Council elections as scheduled and then conduct elections again in 2019 with all board members up for election at which time the entire board would be up and would have to restagger with 2 and 4 year terms. Board members elected in 2018 would have 1 year terms and board members with staggered terms could either be extended in 2020 by 1 year for 2021 elections OR shortened by 1 year to 2019. Other changes:
- No election related bylaw amendments or subdivision applications from May 1, 2017 to May 1, 2020.

Other recommendation:

THE WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL WOULD PREFER TO CONDUCT ITS ELECTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS ON THE CITY AND COUNTY LEVELS.

FURTHERMORE, THE WHNC BELIEVES THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS OF LOS ANGELES WERE NOT PROPERLY CONSULTED IN SELECTING THE ALTERNATIVES THAT WERE PROVIDED NOR WERE WE PROPERLY NOTIFIED IN A TIMELY MANNER OF THIS SURVEY.