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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BYLAWS AD HOC COMMITTEE/BOARDMEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2021, Telephonic and Online

Approved May 26, 2021

Attendance: Bob Brostoff, Brad Vanderhoof, Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Sandi Bell, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Carolyn Greenwood, Marie Javdani, Bonnie Klea, SaifMogri, Daniel Osztreicher, Steve Randall, Charlene Rothstein, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, and Alec Uzameck.

Co-chair Bob Brostoff called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. A quorum was established. The September 2021 minutes were approved as amended.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

1. Addition of Committee Members:

Floor motion to add Myrl Schreiberman as a voting member of the committee;

Yes -- 14, No -- 0, Abstentions -- 0

The motion carried, Mr. Schreiberman is eligible to vote at this meeting and will be added to committee roster.

Floor motion to add Marie Javdani as a voting member of the committee;

Yes -- 14, No -- 0, Abstentions -- 0

The motion carried, Ms. Javdani is eligible to vote at this meeting and will be added to committee roster.

Floor motion to add Daniel Osztreicher as a voting member of the committee;

Yes -- 14, No -- 0, Abstentions -- 0

The motion carried, Mr. Osztreicher is eligible to vote at this meeting and will be added to committee roster.

2. Comments from the Chairs: None

3. Public Comment: None

4. Standing Rules for Vacancy Committee Selection:

Sample Proposed Standing Rule for Article 5, Section 6, Part A

In selecting the members for the committee, the President shall give first consideration to eligible Board members who express interest and who did not serve on the last previous Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee or the last previous Election Ad Hoc Committee. To be considered eligible a Board member must be current in all required neighborhood council training.

Charlene said it would be good to consider some new people for the committee but they need to be familiar with the WHNC Bylaws. Steve said experience should be a major factor in selecting committee members and the President only appoints the committee chair who then determines membership. Aida said she does not see the need for a change. Thomas questioned why the Bylaws Committee is referenced in the sample text. Brad answered that is a mistake and should be the Vacancy Committee. Thomas also said there should be more transparency and not the same committee members making the preferred candidate selection every time there is a vacancy. Daniel O. said he thought some of the Board members appointed to fill recent vacancies should be included. Carolyn said the President selects the committee chair and the sample text should read the Chair instead of President selecting committee members. Myrl said the chair should not be restricted in committee member selection and some Board members may not have served long enough to be on the Vacancy Committee. Saif said he

thought the Vacancy and Elections Committee were the same. Marie said the vacancy Committee has tremendous power and rotating the membership would provide more transparency and the committee chair should also rotate. Dan said the Vacancy Committee Chair should be considered part of the duties of the Board Vice President. Joanne said the confidential information like home addresses reviewed by the Vacancy Committee is not made public for Board members and needs to be kept private for vacancy applicants.

By consensus the sample text was changed to;

In selecting the members for the committee, the ~~President~~ Committee Chair(s) shall give first consideration to eligible Board members who express interest and who did not serve on the last previous ~~Bylaws~~ Vacancy Ad Hoc Committee or the last previous Election Ad Hoc Committee. To be considered eligible a Board member must be current in all required neighborhood council training.

Bob moved to amend the proposed standing rule. Marie seconded.

In selecting the members for the committee, the Committee Chair(s) shall ensure the committee has two (2) members who did not serve on the last previous Vacancy Ad Hoc Committee or the last previous Election Ad Hoc Committee. To be considered eligible a Board member must be current in all required neighborhood council training.

Brad moved to amend further to remove the Election Committee. Bob seconded.

In selecting the members for the committee, the Committee Chair(s) shall ensure the committee has two (2) members who did not serve on the last previous Vacancy Ad Hoc Committee ~~or the last previous Election Ad Hoc Committee~~. To be considered eligible a Board member must be current in all required neighborhood council training.

Yes -- 16, No -- 1, Abstentions -- 0

The amendment is adopted,

Vote on the amendment presented by Mr. Brostoff;

Yes -- 7, No -- 7, Abstentions -- 3

The amendment fails.

Charlene moved to table the item until the next meeting. Faye seconded.

Yes -- 15, No -- 1, Abstentions -- 1

The motion carried,

Dan moved to adjourn the meeting. Faye seconded.

Yes -- 16, No -- 1, Abstentions -- 0

The motion carried,

Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof adjourned the meeting to order at 8:54 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of this committee is March 25, 2021 online at 7:00 PM.