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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BYLAWS AD HOC COMMITTEE/BOARDMEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2021

Telephonic and Online

Approved October 27, 2021

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Bonnie Klea, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Anthony Scearce, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck, Brad Vanderhoof, and Christina Walsh

Absent: Carolyn Greenwood, Marie Javdani, and Daniel Osztreicher

Other WHNC Board Members in Attendance: Tariq El-Atrache

Co-chair Bob Brostoff called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM, A quorum was established.

Tariq El-Atrache asked to join the committee. The Co-chairs said he will be added when he meets the attendance requirements in the standing rules.

The Committee shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the committee members present at a duly noticed regular or special Bylaws Committee meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

Numbers refer to agenda items.

2. Approval of August, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Roll Call Vote;

Aida Abkarians – Yes, Faye Barta – Yes, Sandi Bell – Yes, Dan Brin – Yes, Bob Brostoff – Yes, Carolyn Greenwood – Absent, Marie Javdani – Absent, Bonnie Klea – Yes, Saif Mogri – Yes, Daniel Osztreicher – Absent, Steve Randall – Yes, Char Rothstein – Yes, Anthony Scearce – Yes, Myrl Schreiberman – Yes, Joan Trent – Yes, Alec Uzemeck – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes, Christina Walsh – Yes

Yes – 15, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3, Recusal -- 0

The August 2021 minutes were approved as amended.

3. Comments from the Chairs: None

4. Public Comment: None

5. Amend the **Bylaws Committee Operating Rules** on how action is taken and abstentions are counted.

Proposed amendment is based on the WHNC Bylaws for determining how the Board takes action.

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Proposed amendment -- The Committee shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the committee members present at a duly noticed regular or special Bylaws Committee meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

Dan Brin moved to approve. Bob Brostoff seconded.

Roll Call Vote;

Aida Abkarians – Yes, Faye Barta – Yes, Sandi Bell – Yes, Dan Brin – Yes, Bob Brostoff – Yes, Carolyn Greenwood – Absent, Marie Javdani – Absent, Bonnie Klea – Yes, Saif Mogri – Yes, Daniel Osztreicher – Absent, Steve Randall – Yes, Char Rothstein – Yes, Anthony Scearce – Yes, Myrl Schreiberman – Yes, Joan Trent – Yes, Alec Uzemeck – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes, Christina Walsh – Yes

Yes – 15, No – 0, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3, Recusal -- 0

The Committee Operating Rules amendment was approved.

6. Amend WHNC Board Decision from September 3, 2020 and Require Recording of Meetings to Continue after In-person Meetings are Resumed: Brad Vanderhoof explained this item needs to be tabled until the WHNC receives instructions from DONE regarding AB 361.

7. Standing Rule Change or Board Resolution Requiring Recording of the WHNC Operations Committee Meeting:

Roll Call Vote;

Aida Abkarians – No, Faye Barta – No, Sandi Bell – No, Dan Brin – No, Bob Brostoff – Yes, Carolyn Greenwood – Absent, Marie Javdani – Absent, Bonnie Klea – No, Saif Mogri – No, Daniel Osztreicher – Absent, Steve Randall – Yes, Char Rothstein – No, Anthony Scearce – Yes, Myrl Schreiberman – No, Joan Trent – No, Alec Uzemeck – No, Brad Vanderhoof – No, Christina Walsh – Yes

Yes – 3, No – 12, Abstain – 0, Absent – 3, Recusal -- 0

The proposal fails.

8. Standing Rule Change or Board Resolution Requiring Recording of all WHNC Standing Committee Meetings: Based on the result of item 7 the Co-chairs tabled this item.

9. Standing Rule Change or Board Resolution Requiring Recording of the WHNC Ad Hoc Committee Meetings: Item tabled.

10. Standing Rules for Vacancy Committee Selection:

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

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

Steve Randall moved to amend as follows:

The Committee Chair(s) shall be appointed by the WHNC President. In selecting members for the committee, the Chair(s) shall give consideration to eligible Board members who express interest and who did not serve on the previous Vacancy Ad Hoc Committee. To be considered eligible, a Board member must be current in all required neighborhood council trainings and must currently be a member of the Board for at least two (2) years.

Joan Trent seconded.

Roll Call Vote;

Aida Abkarians – Yes, Faye Barta – Yes, Sandi Bell – No, Dan Brin – Yes, Bob Brostoff – No, Carolyn Greenwood – Absent, Marie Javdani – Absent, Bonnie Klea – Absent, Saif Mogri – Yes, Daniel Osztreicher – Absent, Steve Randall – Yes, Char Rothstein – Yes, Anthony Scearce – No, Myrl Schreiberman – Yes, Joan Trent – Yes, Alec Uzemeck – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes, Christina Walsh – Abstain

Yes – 10, No – 3, Abstain – 1, Absent – 4, Recusal -- 0

The amendment is approved.

Roll Call Vote on the Amended Standing Rule;

Aida Abkarians – Yes, Faye Barta – Yes, Sandi Bell – Yes, Dan Brin – Yes, Bob Brostoff – No, Carolyn Greenwood – Absent, Marie Javdani – Absent, Bonnie Klea – Absent, Saif Mogri – Yes, Daniel Osztreicher – Absent, Steve Randall – Yes, Char Rothstein – Yes, Anthony Scearce – No, Myrl Schreiberman – Yes, Joan Trent – Yes, Alec Uzemeck – Yes, Brad Vanderhoof – Yes, Christina Walsh – Abstain

Yes – 12, No – 1, Abstain – 1, Absent – 4, Recusal -- 0

The proposed standing rule will be sent to the WHNC Board.

Items 11 – 25 tabled to October.

Co-chair Bob Brostoff adjourned the meeting to order at 8:10 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of this committee is October 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM, Location TBD.