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Bylaws Committee Minutes

Thursday, February 23, 2017 7:00pm
Robertson Recreation Center
1641 Preuss Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90035

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Board/Committee Members Present: Ken Blaker.

Board Members (Not Committee Members) Present: Charlie Stein.

Community Committee Members Present: None

Committee Members Absent: TBD (2 years have passed since last meeting, so membership is unclear at this time)

Guests: None

II. General Public Comment

None.

III. Old Business

None.

IV. New Business

Item 1. Committee Officers. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Item 2. Meeting Frequency. Ken stated that he plans to meet each month on the Thursday following the General Board Meeting between now and July.

Item 3. Quick read-through of Bylaws to establish baseline for discussions. Ken stated that the purpose of this item was to generate an initial list of issues that warrant discussion and possible bylaws changes. The list of items generated follows:

Article V:

Section 1. What is a Stakeholder group? Not sure what the final paragraph means. Clarification required.

Section 3. Should we consider allowing proxy voting in any circumstances?

Section 3. Should we allow a member to recuse without stating the reason (what if the explanation is potentially embarrassing or the member wishes to recuse without creating a public record of their reason?)

Section 4. Amend to note that Election Group A is next elected in 2020.

Section 4. What about election of appointed members at next election – don't those dates supersede the 2 set groups.



Article VI:

Section 3. Shall we explicitly require that Board officers must be board members?

Section 6 A. When board vacancies occur, should we continue requiring that applicants apply 10 days before the next meeting. Should we reduce to a shorter period, but sufficient to include the applicant name on the General Board Agenda.

Section 6 C. Shall we amend to allow or require the tabling of appointment if no applicants appear in person.

Section 9. Consultation with the City Attorney's office is currently required during removal process. Shall we remove that requirement?

Article VII:

Is there a need to create a committee for Great Streets?

Section 3 C. If a committee member who is a board member loses their board seat does their committee membership without action. Should we amend to extend committee memberships for 30 or 60 days to allow re-affirmation?

And what if a stakeholder stops attending? At what point do they lose committee membership, if ever?

Article VIII:

Section 2 & 3. Shall we clarify to allow for placeholder motions, and delayed posting of motions and other attachments?

Section 3. Shall we amend so that posting to the website covers the Brown Act, thereby allowing posting of agendas over weekends and holidays when the 5 posting partners may not be available.

Section 4. Shall we clarify whether motions for reconsideration, on agenda for the meeting after the original motion was heard, may be tabled for the subsequent meeting?

Article X.

Board election and member term issue. If a zone representative moved out of their zone, but remains within SORO, there is no requirement that they resign. What if they move to a zone that has a different election cycle? Can they run in their new zone while still holding the old zone seat? If so, at what point are they removed from their old zone seat? How would this rule apply to members wishing to move from a zone seat to a non-zone seat – or vice versa.

Article XI.

Clarification is needed regarding the forming of the Ad-Hoc Panel. Why only non-board members? Do these people require ethics training (since they are likely adjudicating an issue that involves ethics)? What if 5 such stakeholders cannot be found? Isn't this adverse selection? Clearly a



grievance process should be included – but the process currently required is questioned.

Article XIII.

Don't A & B contradict each other?

Regarding C & D we should validate against the City Charter.

Item 4. Standing Rules.

2008 rule on Minimum Time Requirement For Board Notification. Should we change to allow posting of agenda without motions. When should motions be required?

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm