



Executive Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 14, 2012, 8:00pm
Robertson Recreation Center
1641 Preuss Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90035

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 8:10.

Board Committee Members Present: Martin Epstein, Brian Kite, Terrence Gomes, Doug Fitzsimmons

Community Committee Members Present: Barry Levine

Committee Members Absent: none

II. General Public Comment

Doug reported that Meredith Levine had resigned her At Large seat, as meetings would conflict with her new job.

Doug also talked about website hosting, and that moving to SASNet would have advantages in cost and speed.

Doug will talk to Gary Garcia about future of Hamilton Safety Phone program.

III. Old Business

Recap of 2012 SoRo Festival.

General consensus was that the Festival was a huge success. The Neighborhood Association development effort was particularly fruitful: Beth Ryan had more than 50 solid inquiries throughout SORO.

IV. New Business

Committee vote to add discussion of budget cuts to agenda. **Vote passed: 4/0**

Code of Conduct in Board and Committee meetings.

Discussion of Mike Lynn's concerns with the tenor of the May Board meeting. He felt that community comments and asides (booing, hissing, etc.) created an atmosphere of fear in the room. Doug argued that while that some bad behavior by the public occurred early, it faded after rebukes by the Chair. The Board also conducted itself admirably in the meeting, Doug noted, and there were two LAPD officers present. As Mike left the May meeting during discussion and before Board vote on the item, he cannot move to reconsider the issue. Terry suggested that we should be more willing to clear the room, or at least call a short recess. Doug promised to use recesses more liberally.

Terry expressed concern that some non-Board posts to the Neighborhood email distribution list were clearly against the 7-Eleven project. Terry also was concerned that some Board members had expressed opinions on the project to constituents using SORO email. Doug said that it was our duty as representatives to listen to the public and let them know how we felt.

Noted by all that in every meeting and public interaction the Board should conduct themselves in a way that is respectful to each other and the public and makes

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everyone feel welcome. Doug will redistribute copies of the Code of Conduct at the June Board meeting.

2012 Election.

Martin will begin preparation for October election and will co-ordinate with Outreach. Committee reviewed term expirations and observed that per the Bylaws, any Board seat currently filled by a member appointed by the Board would be open.

Committee reviewed draft election stipulation worksheet with suggestions from Marj Safinia, co-chair of Outreach. Doug noted that timing did not allow the full Outreach Committee to weigh in. Marj's suggestions received favorably, but Committee felt that benefits of vote-by-mail were compelling. Committee suggests that participation goals for election be increased by 10% over 2010. **Vote to bring stipulation recommendations before the Board, including vote-by-mail: 4/0**

Contact sheet for Board members.

Suggested by Jon Liberman. Terry said that an up-to-date contact list would be required by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) as part of the election process anyway.

Fiscal Year 12-13 budget.

Budget due to DONE on July 15, so will be presented to the Board in June. Budget priorities set by Finance Committee in March were against an annual budget of \$38,000, although actual funding for FY 12-13 has come in at \$1000 less. Committee recommends reducing competitive NPG fund, rather than reducing committee commitments. **Vote to bring amended budget before Board: 4/0**

Westside Regional Alliance of Councils.

Terry will bring a motion recommending periodic evening meeting for City Council and for their Education & Neighborhoods Committee.

June Board agenda.

Pico Glatt Kosher Mart may attend the meeting; Terry will confirm.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.