

SORO NC Officer Candidate Statements

15 July 2010

Gerald Chavarria

Candidate for Secretary

The position of the Secretary is both a challenging and rewarding venture. Although the bulk of the task relates to note taking and handling the administrative functions of the board, it is no merely a rote response of regurgitating what is said at the meetings. As a candidate for Secretary, I vow to capture the essence of what was intended by the decision-making authority of this council. I do not however, intend on emulating the great work accomplished by our previous Secretary. But rather, provide my own talent and diligence in making our council more responsive to our stakeholders by way of sound record keeping.



Motion to change Bylaws from a standing to an ad hoc committee

Agenda Item: GB071510-4
Date: 15 July 2010
Proposed By: Doug Fitzsimmons

Since Bylaws meets on an as-needed basis to complete a specific task, it's more properly defined as an ad hoc committee.

Full Proposal

At the Bylaws meeting in July, the attendees talked about the role and structure of the committee itself.

It was unanimously agreed that since the committee only meets when it's needed and had a very defined task to complete, it could and should be changed to an ad hoc committee, as defined in the bylaws and in the Brown Act. That would mean it could be comprised of Board members only, have no more than 6 voting members, and could meet casually—without restrictions on location or requirements for posting.

The advantage would be that as an informal working group, it could hash out recommendations more easily, all of which would be formally presented to the Board for public review and vote.

It was also mentioned that the committee may in fact have been created as an ad hoc committee originally, but that somewhere along the way our institutional memory became confused.

Proposed Motion

- I. That the Bylaws committee be reconstituted as an ad hoc committee, per the guidelines set forth in the Bylaws and Brown Act.

Considerations

Pro

Will make it easier to tackle Bylaws restructuring—and everything will still be publicly reviewed, debated, and voted upon by the Board

Con

Since it's not subject to the Brown Act's provisions about posting agendas, an ad hoc committee could be considered less publicly transparent.

Is probably a more appropriate structure for the committee as defined in the Brown Act

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Board Notes

Votes For: **Against:** **Abstain:**

Proposed Amendments:



Motion to fund up to \$650 to remove and re-install 4 banners on Robertson

Agenda Item: GB071510-5
Date: 15 July 2010
Proposed By: Marjan Safinia

We may need to take down and re-hang 4 banners on Robertson because of a conflicting banner permit to Chabad

Full Proposal

The permit for our existing banners on Robertson expires in July. While we were getting ready to re-new our banner, Chabad submitted a permit request for the same banners for a one month period from end July to end August.

The cost for AAA Flag and Banner to take down all our banners, clean and re-hang would have been \$10,000. Thanks to our field deputies, we were able to arrange an agreement with Chabad that they would only use 4 poles for that one-month period, and they prefer the poles just south of Pico near Walgreens.

Accordingly, we need to pass a funding motion to pay for the 4 SORO banners to come down, be cleaner, be re-hung and also a permit fee for the renewal of the original banners, and the re-hang of the 4 banners one month later.

We are attempting to secure a City Council fee waiver motion for the permit fee portion (\$100 per permit, we need two) but in case we are unsuccessful, we are allowing for \$200 of permit fees in the total of \$640 mentioned above.

Proposed Motion

To fund up to \$650 to remove and re-install 4 SORO NC banners on Robertson as required by a conflicting permit request from Chabad.

Considerations

Pro

The banners are our single highest impact outreach tool

We're lucky to have been able to work out a deal instead of losing all the banners

Con

Cost

We could just leave those 4 poles empty

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