

I've gone ahead and highlighted the Motions and Votes. Let me know if there are any errors in what I've captured.

082323 - RULES AND SELECTION

Minutes postponed, moved by LISA, seconded by CHRISTOPHER

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

LIZ: Who can have how many votes during elections? Would like to explain at some point to why the VNC election voting is the way it is

ERICA: Deadline for by-law changes is April 1st

STEVE: Rules need to be changed, hopefully there's thoughtfulness and practicality as opposed to strict interpretation of the rules that currently exist. If we don't like a rule, let's change it rather than live by the rule or constantly add new rules.

ITEM 1:

- Ability to only vote for 1 community officer big issue during election AND desire to vote by neighborhood
- CHRISTOPHER looking at HOW we want to define neighborhoods IF we are electing officers by neighborhood. Do we go by neighborhood (current) or by population (based on population)?
- CJ possibly districting by real estate parcel number

MOTION forwarded by HELEN, seconded by CHRISTOPHER

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ERICA: Agrees motion should be brought to the Board, lots of concerns around the election by neighborhood, slates, etc. 1.) Would like to have us bring to the Board sooner. 2.) Suggesting creating an Election Town Hall through Outreach Committee, as soon as March

LIZ: Disagrees, would like to withdraw the motion; R&S should be doing all the groundwork and making a case to the Board

STEVE: Supports the motion, does not see harm in letting the Board know our intentions, couple of caveats - important whether in the Motion or during Board comment, approaching this with no bias, that the current plan can stay and there's interest in looking at alternatives to be brought to the Board for consideration. Believes this brings opportunity for a Town Hall which may be a clusterf***. Along with non-bias, do we use extra community officer seats to address neighborhoods with more population, or are they at large, or another alternative? Possible consideration of candidates by category.

HELEN: We are one of the few NCs that does not have neighborhood representation. Would like to see population numbers are relatively equal. There's a lot of issues that come up and no one is clear who is responsible for them since all candidates are at large.

LISA: More for equitable/equity based voting. Several agenda items were unable to be voted on due to too much concentration of Board members in a single geographic area. Important to have public say in this. Larger meeting perhaps should be held at Oakwood, no later than November.

REVISED MOTION: Request the Board to direct the Rules & Selections Committee to bring forward proposals to revise the Board Community Officer Composition.

AMENDED VOTE 4-0-0

VOTE 4-0-0

ITEM 2:

- review of proposed bylaw modifications by HELEN, voting Article by Article

MOTION: Submit change to Article I as proposed to the Board by HELEN, second by CHRISTOPHER

VOTE: 4-0-0

STEVE: Article II, correct to “interests,” strike “neighborhood” for “community.” Article IIA seems written to the interest of the Council, not the community. Article IIB, unclear what ENS is, should we post the website?

LIZ: Article II needs specificity on who the advisory role is to. Seeking clarification of Stakeholder vs stakeholder.

HELEN: May add (as defined in City Charter) to Article II, if language is in the Charter (specifically re: Council vs community), opting to leave it as Charter dictates

PROPOSED:

Article II: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council is to promote more citizen participation in government and make government more responsive to local needs. Neighborhood councils shall include representatives of the many diverse interests in communities and shall have an advisory role of concern to the community (as defined by City Charter 900).

A: The MISSION of the Council is:

1. To provide an inclusive and open forum for public discussion of issues of interest to the community and to advise the City on issues of interest including City governance, the needs of the community, the delivery of City services to the Council area, and other matters of a City-wide nature;

[REMAINDER UNCHANGED]

HELEN moves, LISA second

VOTE 4-0-0

Article III: No change except format.

LISA moves, HELEN seconds

VOTE: 4-0-0

Article IV: STAKEHOLDER

Neighborhood Council membership is open to all Stakeholders. A “Stakeholder” shall be defined as any individual who:

- (1) Lives, works, or owns real property within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Council; or**
- (2) Is a Community Interest Stakeholder, defined as an individual who is a member of or participates in a Community Organization within the boundaries of the Neighborhood Council.**

A “Community Organization” is an entity that has continuously maintained a physical street address within the boundaries of the neighborhood council for not less than one year, and that performs ongoing and verifiable activities and operations that confer some benefit on the community within the boundaries of the neighborhood council. A for-profit entity shall not qualify as a Community Organization. Examples of Community Organizations may include Chambers of Commerce, houses of worship or other faith-based organizations, educational Approved by Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment 7.1.22 5 institutions, or non-profit organizations.

[The definition of “Stakeholder” and its related terms are defined by City Ordinance and cannot be changed without City Council action. See Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.801.1]

[Remaining changes stay]

LIZ: Suggesting that we include what a Stakeholder can do.

STEVE standing by LIZ’s assertion; ERICA suggesting we include a dictionary definition of stakeholder; NICK indicating that stakeholders should be encouraged to participate

HELEN moves, LISA seconds

VOTE: 4-0-0

ITEM 3:

- LISA’s proposed update to standing rule regarding application based positions

ERICA concerned about the vacant Community Officer seat; NICK curious to change committee name to the Rules, Revisions, and Amendment; STEVE clarifying - was Rules & Selection responsible for the application process or not?; LISA indicating too many parties are involved; STEVE suggesting we clarify all involved parties; ERICA requesting a system for approval/rejection of application

HELEN moves, LISA seconds

VOTE: 4-0-0

ITEM 4:

- letter for VNC Officers to provide a list of their responsibilities

HELEN suggesting to have Officers review the bylaws and have Officers add/strike duties that they do/do not do.

CJ ANNOUNCEMENT: Request VNC Officers as stated in the bylaws to let us know if there are additional duties they are responsible for or duties they are no longer responsible for, with a response by October 1st.

NO MOTION, NO VOTE

ITEM 5:

- task force for bylaws/standing rules revision

CJ appointing task force, using the committee

NO MOTION, NO VOTE

ITEM 6:

- committee discussion
- social media policy needs to be included in the bylaws, clarify BONC policy
- additional meetings via the task force before deciding on additional meetings as a committee

MOVING FORWARD:

- HELEN, LISA addressing Article V, without changing composition and look at other Articles that need to be cleaned up, address possible term limits, clarify term start/end times
- CHRISTOPHER, CJ to start looking at possible alternatives to present to Board

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