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SPECIAL BYLAWS & ELECTION COMMITTEE Thursday September 25th, 2014 at 6:30pm

Historic Mayer Building
5500 Hollywood Blvd 4th Floor – West Wing, Los Angeles, CA 90028
4th Floor Conference Room

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Items are listed for reference only and may be discussed out of order

1. **Meeting called to order**, welcome remarks by chair 6:30pm
Meeting called to order at 6:35pm
 - a. Introduction of stakeholders/visitors
No visitors present
2. **Roll Call** 6:35pm
Orletha Andersen – Present
Jing Wan – Absent
Christian Beck – Present
Don Durkee – Present
Luke Vincent – Present
Jirair Tossunian – Present
Leslie Perg – Absent
3. **Approval of Minutes from 8/19/2014 Meeting** 6:40pm
Motion to approve minutes as is by Don Durkee, 2nd by Jirair Tossunian approved unanimously
4. **Public Comments** on Non-Agenda items 6:50pm
Comments made regarding the Hollywood Forever cemetery creating challenges for nearby residents due to traffic congestion and lack of proper flow of cars into cemetery during events
5. **Discussion & Possible Action** to make recommendations to the Board for application 7:00pm
from John Collucio to fill a vacant board seat
John stated this is a perfect time for him to join the Board. He has been living in this neighborhood for 13 years now and is very active in his community already. He actively helps cover/remove graffiti in his area, works as the property manager for the property he lives in. There is a small lot subdivision going on near him which caused him to get

more involved in the community and that is how he learned about the neighborhood council. He loves his neighborhood and wants to be more involved and help his community.

Questions/comments for John:

- Erick Sanchez vouches for him and says he is definitely a very active guy in the neighborhood and a great advocate for the neighborhood
- Jirair asked if without the subdivision situation would he be as involved? John answered by saying he did not know about the NC before this situation. Jirair followed that up with John hadn't taken the initiative to find out about the NC and how the City can help him. John started a neighborhood association within the last 2 weeks and admitted he was naive prior. Jirair also asked what experience does John have helping the City/neighborhood? John answered he has been using 311 to get rid of dumped items, got halogen bulbs for the neighborhood signage updated.
- Christian asked would you have favored cessation or staying together? John said he didn't know they both had implications, but we should do something or let life pass you by. Christian then asked if he thought that keeping the NC's together was a good idea. John said yes he thought so unless he learned information that made him feel otherwise.
- Jirair asked which committees he would be interested in? John said outreach because he likes to do footwork. Jirair said Public Safety would probably be a good idea as well.
- Orletha asked which other languages he speaks, he said a little bit of Spanish. Orletha also asked which skills he has that he thinks would be valuable to the NC? He answered public speaking, talking to people, amateur photographer, and gardening.
- Don made a motion to recommend him for approval to the Board, Luke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Discussion & Possible Action to make recommendations to the Board for application from Erick Sanchez to fill a vacant board seat 7:15pm

Erick read aloud his candidate statement which was emailed to the Board and distributed with his application. He continued by commenting that he was amazed by how many people were not at the first PLUM meeting he went to. He remembers early in his life how much more involved people were. He is fluent in Spanish and said the parking issues in the community are important to him.

Questions/Comments for Erick:

- Christian asked which business he owns? Erick owns a boutique production company and works out of his house so he is around all day everyday, he also does a lot of graphic design and marketing stuff for clubs.
- Jirair asked which committees he would be interested in? He said Outreach would be perfect for him and that he is also really good at 1-2 minute video clips for marketing purposes. Jirair also asked how reliable he can be with his Spanish speaking skills/the needs of the Board for bilingual members; he followed with which other committees he would be interested in? Erick said possibly the youth committee, he grew up in a political activist family and likes the idea of being a younger person who can connect with the younger generation. He wants to start taking an active role in political activism.
- Jirair asked how long he plans to live in the HSDNC boundaries? Erick said he has been here since Feb 2012 and loves the community. He has been here in other parts of our neighborhood most of his life.

- Christian asked how he feels about the runaway production? Erick has seen a lot of jobs and things leave our area, but it hasn't impacted his business yet. He also mentioned that he shoots everything locally. Christian followed up with asking if he has done any web live streaming before? Erick said he has done a lot of different things including the Image Awards live streaming.
- John asked if Erick can also do websites? Erick said yes and he can also help with other things, pretty much anything tech related he can help the Board with.
- Jirair asked if he can help even if he is not appointed to the Board right now? Erick said yes.
- Erick commented that he wants to help people become more neighborly.
- Someone also asked what the Facebook page is for their neighborhood association, it is Beachwood Gardens Neighborhood Association
- Don made a motion to recommend him for approval to the Board, Luke 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Discussion & Possible Action to make recommendations to the Board for application from Homer Alba to fill a vacant board seat 7:30pm

There was initial conversation on whether or not we should take a vote in his absence. Don injected the fact that he saw them building at Hollywood Forever and wondered if that was a conflict of interest; we determined the only conflict would occur if something related to Hollywood Forever comes up for a Board vote/discussion. Orletha discussed an email which Homer sent and the information on his application and said she thinks we should take the vote even in his absence because he will still have the opportunity to be present and answer questions when the Board takes their vote.

Comments regarding Homer:

- Luke remembers him being a very good member of the Board in the past and that he was very helpful. He frequently gave us the printed materials for the meetings and also meeting space for our meetings. Luke finished by making a motion to appoint Homer, and Don 2nd the motion.
- Jirair pointed out that we already have Jenny in Erick/John's neighborhood area and Homer is in a different area (4) which Christina represents, but neither of the 2 live in area 4.
- Don added that he doesn't think a person needs to have a residence stake in the area to represent it.
- Jirair disagreed with Don and said that City Council members are required to live in the area they represent.
- Motion to recommend approval to the Board was previously made by Luke and 2nd by Don, it passed unanimously.

8. Discussion & Possible Action to make recommendations to the Board for amending our current bylaws section 6 vacancies 7:45pm

The committee voted to add the following additional language to the end of the previously approved language for Section 6:

Notwithstanding the above, the Board may approve new members without first having them present themselves at the Bylaws & Election Committee until the Committee Chair and enough committee members to obtain quorum have been officially approved by the Board.

The motion to approve was made by Jirair, 2nd by Christian approved unanimously.

9. Discussion & Possible Action to make recommendations to the Board for amending our current bylaws section 7 absences 7:55pm

Item was tabled

10. Discussion & Possible Action to make recommendations to the Board for amending our current bylaws Article VII – Committees and Their Duties 8:05pm

- Luke asked if on Item F of this Section which relates to removal of a committee member did we want to maintain the same language that is present for removal of a board member. Orletha pointed out that the committee members are removed the same way they are appointed which is by approval from the board so that change is not necessary. Jirair said he likes that Section F as is.
- Jirair said we should add language that each Board Member should be on at least 1 committee, Orletha pointed out that currently Article V Section 5 says each board member must “attend & participate” in at least 1 committee.
- It was noted and discussed we should consider increasing that to more than 1 committee membership per board member
- It was noted we should consider adding language to define what an absence is related to committee meetings and membership or non-participation.
- Item was tabled

11. Announcements/New Business 8:25pm

Don informed us that at the Congress of Neighborhoods every month there is a Treasurer’s report and our Board meetings should have them too. Orletha pointed out with the new treasurer it has been delayed but should resume soon and our Bylaws do have a section identifying that as a part of the Treasurer’s duties.

12. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm

8:30pm

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