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Vacant - 1	Vacant - 2

Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council (HSDNC)

Special Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2013, 11:00 a.m.

**Assistance League of Southern California,
1360 N. St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles 90028**

I. Call to Order by Chair Steven Whiddon – 11:30 a.m.

II. Roll Call

David Bell
Christina Derenthal - Absent
Don Durkee
Efrain Gonzalez - Absent
Tom Meredith
Charles Puree
Juri Ripinsky - Absent
Jose Torres - Absent
Luke Vincent
Steven Whiddon
Maria Yepremian
Bill Zide
Alex Alferov - Absent
Orletha Andersen
Felipe Corrado – (Arrived 11:55 a.m.)
Sun Yu
Jirair Tossounian
Drew Peterson (Arrived 11:59 a.m.)

III. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None Presented

IV. Submit a letter to BONC and DONE to take a position of the following Factual Basis Stakeholder issues as requested.

Andersen asked if this letter also had a deadline of June 1; Bylaws Committee Chair Tossounian responded, no. The HSDNC Board then agreed, in the interest of time, to postpone discussing the letter.

V. Continued presentation by the HSDNC Bylaws and Election Committee on their recommendations for amendments to the bylaws of the HSDNC. Committee Chair Tossounian led the remainder of the meeting.

A. re Article IV - Stakeholder

Bell pointed out that he rents an office in the District but believes this is his least connection. Andersen said there should be a distinction between a mere Starbucks customer and other ties to the Neighborhood. Bell suggested incorporating the language requiring “demonstrable commitment.” After much discussion, Bell/Andersen moved to amend the bylaw to read: Neighborhood Council membership is open to all Stakeholders. “Stakeholders” shall be defined as those who live, work, own property or have a demonstrable commitment to the community, subject to DONE and/or Board approval, as appropriate. Motion passed 12-0-1. (Abstaining: Peterson)

B. re Article V, Section 1: Composition

Whiddon suggested the Board keep in mind the implications of placing too many restrictions on Board Composition. Tossounian suggested each major category of membership have two (2) members. Andersen suggested modifying the language of A.1. to “Two (2) property owners, commercial or residential.” With that modification, Bell/Meredith moved to also change the requirements to: A.2. “Two (2) owner-occupied residential property owner (including condominiums)”; A.3. “Two (2) residential tenants”; A.4. “Two (2) employees or members of a service organization – e.g., educational, faith-based, non-profit, environmental and/or cultural”; A.5. “Two (2) business tenants (a person who rents a storefront in which s/he conducts his or her business) or business employees”; A.6. “Two (2) At-large Stakeholders”; A.7. “One (1) Youth Stakeholder (between the ages of 16-20)”; and A.8. “Seven (7) Neighborhood Stakeholders – one (1) from each of the seven (7) Neighborhoods set forth in Article III Section 2 above.” Motion passed unanimously.

C. re Article V, Section 10: Resignation

Vincent/Bell moved to retain the current language. Motion passed 11-1-1. (No: Yu; Abstaining: Tossounian)

D. re Article V, Section 4: Term Limits

After discussion, Tossounian/Zide moved to delete the word “Limits” from the Section and amend the language as follows: “There are no term limits. Board Members shall serve a two (2) year term.” Motion passed 11-1-0. (No: Meredith)

E. Re Article V, Section 7: Absences

After much discussion, Andersen/Zide moved to amend the language as follows:

“A Board member may be removed from the board for failure to attend two (2) consecutive unnotified regular meetings or a total of five (5) meetings in a calendar year. After the second consecutive unnotified or fifth unexcused absence within the calendar year, whichever comes first, the Chairperson shall have the designate send, by Certified mail, a letter to the Board member notifying them that the seat has been vacated.

Notification shall be directly to the Chair or Vice Chair of the Board.

If the Board member fails to show for the next regular meeting and receives their second unnotified consecutive absence or fifth absence within the calendar year, the Chairperson shall have the Recording Secretary or designate place the matter on the agenda for a vote of the Board at the next regular meeting.

A member who had been removed will be allowed to speak to the Board, at the meeting and prior to the vote, but shall not take part in the vote.

The Board member may attend the next regular meeting and request reinstatement subject to Board approval.”

Motion passed 12-0-0. (Bell had left)

F. re Article V, Section 9: Removal of Governing Board Members

The Board members considered and discussed this Section, agreeing that it seemed inapplicable to the Board itself. Whiddon commented that it could create a problem that did not currently exist. However, it did appear to provide for Stakeholders to petition to remove a Board member they felt did not represent their interests. Zide/Yu moved to amend the Section Heading to read “Removal of Governing Board Members by Stakeholders.” Motion passed 10-2-0. (No: Tossounian, Whiddon)

G. re Article V, Section 6: Vacancies

The Board agreed that the technical changes proposed by the Bylaws & Election Committee were acceptable. Whiddon commented that if there was a vacancy and someone had been attending regularly, it would be nice to fill that seat. Bylaws & Election Committee member Ziggy Kruse commented that there had to be notice of an open seat in order to satisfy the Brown Act. Zide/Durkee moved to add the following subsections: “G. Vacancies shall be noticed as open for at least 30 days.” And “H. After a vacancy is announced, a minimum of 25 days of outreach shall occur prior to filling vacancy.” Motion passed 12-0-0.

VI. Announcements

There will be an LAPD event at Paramount on June 25, at 7 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

The Special Meeting adjourned at 1:40.

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