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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

November 16, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.
Los Feliz Community Police Center
1965 n. Hillhurst Ave. (2nd floor of Citibank)
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1. Call to Order.

6:10pm

Present: Ostrow, Hyams, Nubaravacharyan, Kornberg

Excused: Khanjian

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Ostrow: Clarifying ruling last meeting putting committee into executive session. Roberts' Rules asks that a committee vote to go into executive session. The ruling last meeting followed past precedent but did not conform to this rule. In the future the practice should be to follow the rule.

3. Business Committee Chair Appointment

Ostrow: 2 applicants, Rosemary DeMonte and Robert Menz. Noting that DeMonte submitted a statement, which was distributed to the committee.

Menz: Introducing himself and reviewing history of business committee, including co-founding the committee, planning to expand outreach, establishing committee webpage, and contacting 100 businesses. Hoping to work with Rosemary not usurp her. Open to being a co-chair.

DeMonte: Reviewing history of the committee, that Menz suggested it, that the idea of co-chairs was discussed, but never acted on. Noting the importance of the BID in our community and the desire to incorporate more businesses on Hyperion and Hollywood Blvd. into the BID.

Question Period:

Nubaravacharyan: Asking candidates about their planned outreach efforts?

Menz: Planning to recruit committee members and hold regular meetings. That was always the plan, but we need to bring it to fruition.

DeMonte: Agreeing.

Hyams: Asking Menz about the efforts undertaken thus far – whether they were joint efforts?

Menz: Explaining that he did the walking door-to-door, but that Rosemary gave support by getting copies made.

Hyams: Expressing view that the purpose of the business committee is to connect to local businesses and involve them in the work of the council.

Menz: Agreeing. Committee meetings should review what's happened in council since the last meeting. Committee members will connect with the council through the website as well.

DeMonte: Interested in using a survey to connect with local businesses.

Kornberg: Asking if either candidate sees a downside to being co-chairs.

Menz: No.

DeMonte: No.

Ostrow: Asking if both candidates plan to join committee regardless of who is appointed to the chair.

Menz: Yes.

DeMonte: Yes.

Ostrow: Asking how the state of the committee will be different than the current situation, in which the committee has fallen dormant.

DeMonte: Explaining that the election was disruptive and that Menz traveled for business and that that also prevented them from moving forward. Two will be better than one in terms of getting the job done.

Ostrow: Reiterating that the question is will co-chairs be more or less efficient.

DeMonte: Suggesting that if it is a co-chair situation then the co-chairs will need to work together.

Menz: There were often lapses in communication and that left him unauthorized to act on his own. Being a co-chair would presumably prevent that.

Hyams: Following up on Ostrow's question and asking about Menz's military background and why a co-chair relationship is preferable to a clear command structure.

Menz: Explaining that the military also encourages taking initiative, and many leaders share rank with equal delegations. So teamwork is essential.

DeMonte: Agreeing.

Point of Order: Kornberg – Nominations need to happen before discussion begins

Hyams nominates Menz. Kornberg seconds.

Kornberg nominates DeMonte. Ostrow seconds.

Public Comment:

Gardner: Suggesting that both candidates would make a good team

Discussion Period

Nubaravacharyan: This committee needs to start fresh. There should be a single committee chair.

Kornberg: A problem that this committee has been dormant under current leadership. But having a title can obligate a person to take responsibility.

Hyams: Agreeing that there has been a problem and that Menz has taken initiative and proven himself.

Ostrow: Explaining that we are at a moment of confusion about the role appointed members are expected to chair committees. This is defined for Executive, Budget, and Rules committees, but no other committee has this clear directive. Expressing inclination to support a formal structure. But noting that current leadership has been ineffectual. In favor of the compromise position of co-chairs which allows the appointed representative and the person who has been most active to both participate as leaders.

Discussing the voting options. Hyams and Nubaravacharyan in favor of a choice between two candidates. Kornberg favors choice of three options. Ostrow ruling the majority position will prevail and the vote will be taken between the two candidates.

In favor of Menz: Nubaravacharyan, Hyams, Kornberg

Menz appointed Chair of the Business Committee by Majority Vote.

4. Presentation by Mark Mauceri Regarding Creation of Religious & Faith-Based Community, Recreational Interests, and Non-Residential/Charitable Groups Committees. Discussion and Action as Appropriate.

Ostrow: Tabled, because Mauceri unable to attend.

5. V.P. Administration Report on Committees & Appointed Representatives (MOU Rep., Neighborhood Improvement, Animal Welfare, and others). Discussion and Action as appropriate.

Hyams: Withdrawn.

6. Thank You to LFIA for Use of Citibank Space

Kornberg Moves to send note to LFIA. Nubaravacharyan. Motion passed by Consensus.

7. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Hyams moves to adopt both September and October Minutes as written. Nubaravacharyan seconds. Motion passed by Consensus.

8. Other Comments and Announcements

Kornberg: Announcing Big Blue M ceremony on Dec. 16th 10 am.

Hyams: Asking for clarification on PROS meeting schedule.

Kornberg: Explaining Gerry Hans has indicated the meeting will be on Dec. 6th but that no announcement has come out yet.

9. Adjourn

Hyams moves to adjourn. Nubaravacharyan seconds. Adjourned 6:50pm.