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**RULES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING DRAFT MINUTES**

December 8, 2011 – 7:15 p.m.
Los Feliz Community Police Center
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1. Call to Order. (7:24 PM) Roll Call.

PRESENT: Demmers, Mauceri, Ferris

ABSENT: De Ocampo

PUBLIC: Rafik Ghazarian, Caitlin Price

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

3. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: November 3, 2011

MOTION (Ferris): to approve

SECOND (Demmers)

PASSED by consensus

MOTION (Demmers): to approve agenda as presented

SECOND (Mauceri)

PASSED by consensus

4. Demmers/Mauceri report on Arts, Parks and Neighborhood Committee Special Meeting November 30, 2011.

Demmers and Mauceri attended AP&N Committee meeting. Mauceri spoke. Three out of four council members on committee were not present, Krekorian (Chair) was there. The City Clerk reported on need to cancel the NC elections since the department has no budget for the elections.

Mauceri: explains how the elections came to be cancelled. Reports that Krekorian gave the impression that he was not in agreement with simply extending current board members' term. At meeting, a few NC representatives commented that they'd like to go back to the old system. Other NC representatives said no, it's better to have the City Clerk's Office run the election. Mauceri feels that all this hinges on the wide variance in voter turnout from one NC to another. One NC had a voter turnout of 12 voters. On the other end of the spectrum was the GGPNC with over 1,500 voters.

Ghazarian: Asking what are the options for funding?

Mauceri: Feels that there may be a range of ways that NCs handle the elections in 2012. Some will do the Town Hall type of election and NCs with high turnout may be allowed to go ahead and hold regular elections. Thinks the City will open up the window for elections to allow leeway for some councils to hold regular elections. So, the timetable may be different than what we expected.

Demmers: feels that whatever happens in 2012 will set the precedent for what happens in 2013. As of that meeting, only five NCs had submitted surveys. These surveys will be used by the City to make a roadmap for how the City handles the election. Each NC election costs from \$5,000 to \$20,000 (multiply by 94 and you begin to see why funds are needed).

Ferris: (asks about funding carry over and the window for elections straddling the City fiscal year which starts on July 1.)

Mauceri: would like to see 2,012 GGPNC voters in 2012. In his view the greater the turnout the more City Hall will listen to the GGPNC and we'll get more of the services we need.

5. Discussion and Action as appropriate on NC Elections 2012 alternatives to election cancellation and stakeholder participation in survey.

Demmers: Wants to look at how we get higher stakeholder response to the election survey.

Mauceri: There's one stumbling block with the survey. It's very "inside baseball" and most stakeholders won't know what it's about. He feels we should network with our immediate friends and family and move it out from there.

Ghazarian: Let's supply blank copies of the survey along with a sample of the GGPNC survey for informational purposes only. Can we supply hardcopies to the board for distribution?

Demmers: Yes, this can be brought up during the VP Admin report to the board.

6. Motion: Adopt as part of SRPP documentation, "GGPNC Committee Protocols – Draft."

MOTION (Mauceri): to approve as written

SECOND: Ferris

DEMMERS: Objects (for the purpose of discussion)

MOTION (Mauceri): let's limit discussion to 15 minutes.

SECOND (Ferris)

PASSED by consensus

DISCUSSION

Freeform discussion revealed committee not ready to review document in depth.

Mauceri: Criticizes writing style.

Demmers: Suggests focusing on the substance Ferris: The whole point of this document is to provide operating guidelines for committee chairs and committee

members. Without a set of guidelines the learning curve for new chairs is too steep.

Demmers: Offers specific amendments that she'll send in writing to Ferris.

Demmers calls the question re further discussion

Ayes 0 Nays 3

Document to be brought back with amendments.

7. Motion: Place previously resolved GGPNC boundary adjustment on the GGPNC Governing Board's December agenda for consideration; discussion and action as appropriate.

Committee reiterated support for this action approved at a previous meeting for submittal at future date.

MOTION (Demmers): Forward to Governing Board for approval.

SECOND (Mauceri)

PASSED by consensus

8. Recommend adopting a Standing Rule: Any and all wide-distribution correspondence (origination and responses thereof), including e-mail, between a Board Member, Committee Chair, or Committee Member and the Council's Governing Board and/or Committee Chairs and vice versa, or to any number of sitting Board Members totaling five (5) or more shall be facilitated through the Vice President, Communications with no exceptions.

MOTION (Demmers): to approve as stated and forward to Governing Board.

SECOND: Mauceri

Mauceri: addresses serial communications and that this motion attempts to remedy this.

Demmers calls the question

Ayes 3, Nays 0

PASSED by consensus

9. Residency requirements for election of District Representative candidates; discussion and action as appropriate.

Mauceri: Explains that under our current bylaws anyone can run for board seats, there is no residency requirement. The standard is that NC board members who represent a geographical area actually live there.

DISCUSSION

Free ranging discussion revealed that several points need settling before this topic is ready for full committee vetting. Concerns include which and how many Board seats should require residency and whether the R&E committee should only address the seats applicable to the coming election cycle. No conclusion or

agreement was reached.

MOTION (Ferris): to continue at next meeting

SECOND: Demmers

PASSED by consensus

10. Other Comments and Announcements

None

11. Adjourn: 9:46 PM

MOTION (Ferris)

SECOND: Demmers