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1. Call to Order. 7:33 PM

Roll Call.

Present: Demmers (Chair), Mauceri, Ferris
Absent: De Ocampo

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

3. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: October 6, 2011

ACTION TAKEN

MOTION (Demmers): to approve

SECOND: Ferris

OBJECTION (Demmers): for the purpose of discussion

Demmers: [amendments] Fix typos; in Item #5 re Elections: strike "for three years"; Mauceri quote should read "He suggested each NC could possibly..."

MOTION to amend as stated (Demmers)

SECOND: Mauceri

PASSED by consensus

4. Consideration of and action on, the following: Comments received from DONE on October 18, 2011 Bylaws package submittal.

Demmers: no comments were received in time for this meeting. Chair declares no action necessary until we receive comments from DONE.

NO ACTION TAKEN

[Chair takes Item #7 out of order]

5. Motion: Adopt as part of SRPP documentation, "Suggested Protocols for GGPNC Board Communications".

TABLED

MOTION (Ferris): to table until next meeting

SECOND: Mauceri

PASSED by consensus

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

MOTION (Demmers): to approve

SECOND: Ferris

OBJECTION: (Mauceri): for the purpose of discussion

DISCUSSION

Demmers: Speaks to the difficulty committees are having complying with just the basics such as posting agendas, up to date minutes, updating web pages, etc. She' working with various chairs to bring them into compliance and she thinks having a set of protocols would be valuable.

Ferris: Agrees and adds that it helps with consistency from committee to committee. This is meant to be a committee operation manual.

Demmers: The bylaws have just been rearranged according to DONE specifications so the references in these protocols need updating.

Mauceri: the protocols document under consideration has several items that should be considered separately because they rightfully belong in Rules and Regulations.

MOTION withdrawn.

7. Consideration of an action on the following: Election Survey review and Rules and Election Committee position of NC elections for GGPNC Board adoption.

ACTION TAKEN

MOTION (Mauceri): to enter discussion on this item and formulate recommendations to take forward to the board for the NC Board version of the survey.

SECOND: Demmers

PASSED: by consensus

Chair suspends Roberts Rules of Order for purposes of discussion and formulation of recommendations.

DISCUSSION

Demmers: explains the two survey forms come from the City Clerk's Office, one for is NC Boards and one is for stakeholders. NCs have the option of disseminating the stakeholder survey to all stakeholders, if they choose.

Mauceri: first paragraph on both surveys make a declaration of postponement but the next paragraph gives another option. Mauceri volunteers to contact the

City Clerk to get clarification on the Department's position and the City Council position. The NC form indicates that the whole board must vote on how to complete the form for official submission of the NC Board version.

ACTION TAKEN

MOTION (Mauceri): recommend that the board post the form or a link to the form to the stakeholder version on the GGPNC website.

SECOND: Demmers

OBJECTION (Demmers): (for purposes of discussion)

AMENDMENT (Demmers): to expand survey access beyond GGPNC website.

SECOND: Mauceri

AMENDMENT PASSES by consensus

MAIN MOTION: PASSES by consensus

COMMITTEE RECOMENDATIONS (for NC Board survey per above ACTION)

Questions below are in the order of appearance on survey

- 1) Is your NC willing to postpone elections until 2014, as determined by the City's 2011-2012 Budget and Administrative Code restrictions placed on the City Clerk?**

Committee recommends: No

(Explanation Field) Eliminating the 2012 elections would negate everything this board has worked toward to legitimize the democratic process in our neighborhood.

- 2) If your NC Board would like to hold a non-City Clerk election prior to 2014, what is your Board willing to consider in terms of cost of the election? Please check all that apply.**

Committee recommends first option: Contribute a limited amount of funds toward the cost of the election (e.g., outreach)

- 3) Who would your NC Board prefer to administer your elections in the future? Please rank the options below in the order your NC would most prefer.**

Committee recommendation

1st Option: B)

2nd Option: E)

3rd Option: F)

Committee formulated pros and cons for subsections are listed immediately below.

A) Your NC (using a Town Hall Selection Process)

Pros: Possibly lowest cost of all the listed options

Cons: Not appropriate for our NC and its history; taints the process and undoes the hard work done to legitimize the NC election process; can be seen as disenfranchising the voters; having developed the neighborhood expectation of biennial elections this type of process destroys continuity.

B) The Office of the City Clerk

Pros: Institutional knowledge and a proven process; provides impartial third party legitimacy

Cons: Cost; complexity

C) The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

Pros: None the committee could think of

Cons: Unrealistic; DONE has severe challenge handling current workload, adding load of DONE handling elections is not practicable.

D) Independent Election Administrator (Supervised by the City Clerk or DONE)

Pros: Provides a degree of objectivity

Cons: the term "supervision" is undefined; insufficient data as to what entity would serve as IEA [refer to note under C) above].

E) Hybrid administrator (Explain in blank field)

City Clerk (planning, oversight, logistics, rulings, final certification) / IEA (poll administration)

Pros: City Clerk has the institutional experience; benefit of reduced cost as opposed to option B).

Cons: Insufficient data on what entity will function as IEA; increased complexity of coordination with two entities.

F) Other (Explain in blank field)

IEA* (*Supervised by the City Clerk.)

4) Which method does your NC Board prefer for electing board members?

Opt for At-Polls Elections (ONLY)

None of the other options have specificity as to control mechanisms.

5) As an alternative to the methods above, would your NC Board prefer a Town Hall Election or Town Hall Selection?

Mark will ask City Clerk's Office: If GGPNC Board doesn't want either alternative should we leave it blank?

6) Please include specific comments from your stakeholders or Board

Members that you feel would be valuable as part of this survey:

Committee recommends attaching Board minutes.

8. Other Comments and Announcements

None

9. Adjourn: 10:55 PM

MOTION to adjourn (Ferris)

SECOND: Demmers

PASSED by consensus