

RULES & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

June 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:08pm

DeOcampo is absent

2. Hyams introduced the meeting and outlined committee's short and long-term goals – Analyze and amend bylaws, create documents to memorialize all rules, policies and procedures

3. Public Comments

- Masi comments about starting on time and, if not, the Chair should put money into a fund that would eventually be used to buy everyone drinks

4. Approval of Minutes from January 2010

-Mauceri moves to approve January minutes

-Kornberg seconds

-Motion passes by concensus

Approval of Minutes from August 2009

-Kornberg moves to approve minutes from August 2009

-Mauceri seconds

-Motion passes by concensus

5. Discussion of most effective strategy to analyze and amend existing bylaws.

-Ostrow reports that Charley Mims said the President of the GGPNC Board should serve on every committee. In order to do this, there must be a bylaw change indicating ex-officio status to make President able to serve on all committees

-John F John spoke on LANCC bylaw group possibly creating a guideline document for all NC's

-B. Ferris suggested we separate Rules and Bylaws

Committee discussion

-Tor moves to assign staff – no second

-Kornberg – suggests comparitive analysis for LANCC and NCRC report

-Mauceri – gives historical perspective and states willingness to make notes on bylaws and/ or edits to consolodate

-Mauceri moves “to appoint staff to help facilitate the vetting of the current bylaws.”

-Kornberg seconds

-motion passed by concensus

Mauceri moves to “appoint Barbara Ferris as staff to the committee to help vet the bylaws and other issues that may arise reagrding the work of the committee”

-Kornberg seconds

-Motion passes by consensus

6. Plan for creation of codified GGPNC's Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures document. Discussion and action as appropriate

-Mauceri comments that standing rules don't exist

Public comment

-Ostrow comments about Rules Doc. He states our standing rules do exist and provides documentation to that effect.

-Ferris comments that all rules, policies, etc need to be culled into one document

Mauceri moves

"Barbara Ferris, staff to committee, be assigned the responsibility of coordinating the research and aggregation efforts to fulfill the goal of creating a codified GGPNC standing rules, policies and procedures document"

-Kornberg seconds

-Motion passes by consensus

7. Guidelines for business cards. Discussion and action as appropriate.

Public comment

-Ostrow suggests to establish a unified way of disseminating business cards

-Masi suggests that no one should have business cards because there is too much opportunity to do bad

-Ferris speaks on history of issue

Committee Discussion:

-Mauceri moves the following

MOTION: ADOPT A STANDING RULE:

Board members and Committee Chairs shall be entitled to receive and otherwise utilize city-issued business cards of a standard format currently in use. When applicable, the date a board member's term ends shall be indicated on the card. A committee chair may recommend to the Executive Committee the issuance of special GGPNC business cards (without city seal) for committee members who have regular interaction with city officials, city employees, and other stakeholders at large in the course of acting on committee-related business.

The Executive Committee shall determine whether such cards are warranted at the time of the request by a majority vote of those committee members present.

The Secretary shall coordinate the ordering and deliver of any city-issued business cards related to the neighborhood council

No second

-DeMonte-committee members shouldn't have business cards.

-Kornberg suggests that anyone issued a business card should be required to pass the ethics exam.

Kornberg moves

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-Mauceri seconds
Rosemary objects

Public comment

-Masi doesn't like the inclusion of the ethics training
-Ostrow prefers Phil's language and suggests we need guidelines to get a card
-Ferris echoes Ostrow's idea on Guideleines

Mauceri moves to vote
Kornberg seconds

Mauceri and Kornberg are YES votes
DeMonte is a NO vote
Hyams abstains

Motion passes by majority
Mauceri moves to reconsider
Kornberg seconds

Mauceri moves to amend motion

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Kornberg seconds

DeMonte objects

Kornberg moves to vote

Mauceri seconds

Mauceri and Kornberg are YES votes

DeMonte is a NO vote

Hyams abstains

Motion passes by majority vote

8. Policies and procedures for web site updates. Discussion and action as appropriate.

Hyams introduces discussion

-Mauceri explains the history of web site and how it came together

Public comment

-Ostrow suggests that one person only should have the responsibility to update the web site

-John F John disagrees with Ostrow

-Ferris asks for clarification

-Masi suggests we hire a web master to help.

Mauceri feels we can reach a conclusion and suggests we should write up procedures.

Mauceri moves:

“The secretary be given interim authority to have complete access to the web site to facilitate the business of the GGPNC”

DeMonte seconds

Motion passes by consensus

9. Define “Excused Absence(s)” – Discussion and action as appropriate.

Kornberg moves:

MOTION: ADOPT A STANDING RULE:

It is incumbent on Governing Board members to contact the President and/or Secretary to advise of an anticipated board meeting absence before said meeting, as soon as reasonably possible, preferably by e-mail.

The President shall determine excused absences in concordance with the bylaws. Immediately after the meeting is called to order, a roll call attendance will be taken, and the President shall announce which board members have been excused and the reason(s) provided.

Any absence without prior notice shall be considered “unexcused” in concordance with the bylaws.

In the event of unanticipated circumstances (e.g., emergency, sudden illness, act of God, etc.), the President may also grant or rescind an excusal at the next governing board meeting. The Board may appeal and overrule the President’s excusal, whether granted or rescinded, by a two-thirds majority vote of those board members present at the time.

Mauceri seconds

DeMonte objects – Feels like this motion is like “big brother”

Kornberg moves to vote

Mauceri seconds

No objection

Kornberg and Mauceri vote YES

DeMonte votes NO

Motion passes by majority

10. Ethics training requirements for GGPNC Board members and Committee Chairs. Discussion and action as appropriate.

Hyams Moves:

MOTION for new BYLAW under Article XIV:

Effective June 16, 2010, any Board member or Committee Chairperson who has not satisfactorily completed the course currently entitled "Ethics and Open Government Training for Neighborhood Councils" within 30 days of being seated, confirmed in any council position, or after previous certification has expired, shall be prohibited from voting or participating in discussion on any issues coming before the Board and/or individual committee (s), until this mandatory training is completed. Non-participation due to failure to obtain certification shall constitute an unexcused meeting absence.

Mauceri seconds

DeMonte objects

Public comment

-Ostrow wants to clarify 30 days

-John F John feels motion is absurdly stiff

DeMonte thinks 30 days is too short and suggests 60 days

Mauceri speaks for the motion

Kornberg moves to amend to

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DeMonte seconds

Motion passed by consensus

11. Appointment process for May 2011 appointments – Discussion and action as appropriate.

Mauceri moves the following

ARTICLE IX SELECTION OF THE BOARD

Existing (shown amended by ~~striketrough~~ and **bold**)

D. Selection of Appointed Board Members. The Board shall establish procedures for selection of Appointed Board Members consistent with the provisions of

Article VIII above. Appointed Board Members serving at the time these Amended Bylaws become effective shall serve for a term expiring upon the next selection of Appointed Board Members. Thereafter, each two year term of the Appointed Board Members shall commence on the date of their selection at the regularly scheduled general Board meeting falling closest to twelve months after the last meeting at which the elected District Representatives were seated. Selection of Appointed Board Members shall be made by a majority of the ~~entire board~~ **District Representatives.**

Existing (shown amended):

F. Board Vacancies. The Board shall fill Board vacancies by majority vote after an outreach effort.

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In the event of a District Representative vacancy, a majority of the Board shall determine whether to fill the vacancy to finish out the original term, and if so, the Board shall fill ~~Board vacancies~~ the vacancy by majority vote after an outreach effort.

Kornberg seconds
DeMonte objects

Public comment

-Ostrow points out the shorter terms of appointed Board members
-John F John suggests this motion would form a class system on the board

DeMonte agrees with John F John

Mauceri moves to vote on the motion
No one seconds

12. Other Comments and Announcements

Hyams explains how he wants meetings to have less contention and personal stabs.

13. Adjourn