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PROPOSED MINUTES OF ENC BY-LAWS COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 19, 2009, 7:00 P.M. Encino Chamber of Commerce Conference Room 4933 Balboa Blvd

Meeting is called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Sherman Gamson-Chair

Sharon Brewer and Peter Noce, voting members

Excused Absences: Joel Simon and Chuck Hand

A quorum is established as 3 of 5 voting members are present.

Guest: Lyn Klein-Elected Alternate: Condo/Apt Rep

Sherman Gamson made a motion to appoint Lyn Klein as a voting member, eligible to vote commencing 3/19/09.

Motion is seconded and passed unanimously 3-0

Lyn Klein volunteers to take the committee minutes for this meeting only.

Sherman Gamson passed around the By-laws change to Article IV Section 2A.

A copy of Current By-laws (amended 2008) was passed to members for review. A copy of the Standing Rules is not available.

I-OLD BUSINESS:

The following motions are on the floor for further discussion and vote:

*(A) Motion re: Article IV: Selection and Election of Representatives,
Section 2: Representatives*

Subsection A: Elected Organization Representatives and Alternates.

Background Discussion:

The members of the committee felt that to separate one category organization to be treated unlike any other category was unfair to the other organizational representatives. (e.g. should those who run for the Education Rep, Safety Rep, Planning and Land Use, etc. have only the stakeholders who are working/employed/volunteers in that field vote for them? How would it be enforced? Who is to be the enforcer?)

The Paragraph Subsection A (as amended in 2008) reads as follows:

Elected Organization Representatives and Alternates,

Nine (9) Representatives and Alternates to serve on the Council shall be elected from each stakeholder category other than as provided in Section B, below, as listed and designated in Appendix “A” attached hereto. *All eligible Stakeholders may vote, except that, for Business Representatives, only Stakeholders working within the Neighborhood may vote.* Candidates must be an eligible stakeholder member of an organization fitting the category in which the candidate is running, *and Business Representative candidates must work in the neighborhood.*

A Motion is on the floor from the previous meeting to have Business Representatives voted for by any verified stakeholder. The matter is discussed and a Motion is made to strike the following sentences from the Subsection A Paragraph as follows: “...except that, for Business Representatives, only Stakeholders working within the Neighborhood may vote.” and the following sentence: “... and Business Representative candidates must work in the Neighborhood.”

Motion is approved by a unanimous vote. (4-0).

The By-laws recommended change of Article IV, Section 2, Subsection A Paragraph will now read as follows:

Elected Organization Representatives and Alternates,

Nine (9) Representatives and Alternates to serve on the Council shall be elected from each stakeholder category other than as provided in Section B, below, as listed and designated in Appendix “A” attached hereto. All eligible Stakeholders may vote. Candidates must be an eligible stakeholder member of an organization fitting the category in which the candidate is running.

(B) Motion to delete the Election Committee and (C) Motion to designate the Outreach Committee to be responsible for all election-related functions :

These motions were discussed at length , and after reviewing the By-laws section re: committees, finds that since the individual committees are not named in the By-laws but in the Standing Rules, the Bylaws Committee decided that it is not the By-laws Committee’s jurisdiction to make such amendments to the By-laws as requested in (B), also. discussed was Article VII, Section 1 titled “Committees” which states :“The Council by resolution may designate or terminate one or more committees and provide for the manner of appointing members for each committee.” Since this section describes the manner in which committees are formed or eliminated, the Bylaws committee agreed that it is this body, and not the Bylaws Committee, which would terminate the Elections Committee and/or designate the Outreach Committee to subsume the Elections Committee as a sub committee or an ad-hoc committee, etc.

The motion to delete the Elections Committee and to designate the Outreach Committee to be responsible for all election-related functions is not approved due to the above reasons.

II-NEW BUSINESS

(A) Consider Standing Rule that Organization Representative to be the chair of any Committee named for the elected Representative and (B) Chairs of Committees to have experience as a prior member of that Committee

Both (A) and (B) were discussed at length. It is the opinion of the Bylaws committee that the Vice President, in both Article V Section 2B (Responsibilities of Vice President) and in Article VII (Committees)Section 3: Chairperson, has the discretion and the responsibility to be able to make the chairperson appointments using the above criteria.

There are no Public or Member Comments.

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. (in the Chamber's Conference Room if available).

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.