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SPECIAL JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday March 16, 2017 Chaminade High School, West Hills Revised March 21, 2017

Those in attendance were: Simone Best (left 6:50), Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Aida Abkarians, Thomas Booth, Dan Brin, Tony Brosamle, Marge Brown, Carolyn Greenwood (arrived 7:05), Bonnie Klea (arrived 6:55), Steve Randall, Michelle Ritchie-WHNC Executive Director (arrived 6:55), Char Rothstein, Myrl Schreibman (arrived 6:57), Ron Sobel (arrived 6:49), Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck (arrived 6:46), and Brad Vanderhoof.

Committee Co-Chair Joanne Yvank-Garb called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. A quorum was established.

Numbers refer to agenda items:

3. Chair Comments: None

4. Public Comments: None

5. CF15-1022-S2 Online Voting and Neighborhood Council Elections:

The chairs distributed the following documents:

Item 5a--Motion; a city council motion presented by Councilmember Krekorian stamped RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS JUN 29 2016 Item 5b-Amendment; a city council motion presented by Councilmember Krekorian stamped 5A DEC 02 2016

Item 5d--CIS Recommendation; Community Impact Statement Recommendation

Joanne read background information concerning the council file to the group. Simone explained the 'CIS RECOMMENDATION to the Board' only includes the first paragraph and the comments in response to DONE's report are not part of the proposed CIS. Char expressed the opinion that the WHNC should not recommend a uniform voting age requirement for all neighborhood councils. She also questioned the definition of 'required documentation' and objected to registration in perpetuity. Joanne explained that in her experience as an election worker it is an individual's responsibility to notify the registrar of a change in status, such as a move, that affects voting eligibility. Thomas proposed NC elections be held concurrent with but separate from city general elections. Tony stated he is opposed to any requirement to send copies of documents with personal information and wants an accounting and status from DONE of the data collected during the registration process for the last election. Steve suggested the DONE letter is comprehensive and addresses all concerns and that the group review it. Char pointed out that anyone can vote with identification at the polling place and the documentation issue only applied to online voting. Steve proposed a vote on the CIS and to have the Election Committee draft a response to the DONE report. Dan determined this responsibility lies within the purview of the Election Committee and that committee should consult with the Government Relations Committee and make a recommendation to the Board. Dan also recommended there not be a vote on the CIS. Joanne concurred

with Dan and there was no action taken concerning CF15-1022-S2. Joanne will ask the Election Committee to schedule a joint meeting with the Government Relations Committee.

Joanne adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM.