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JOINT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Telephonic and Online Monday September 21, 2020

Approved October 19, 2020

Attendance: Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta (arrived 8:00 PM), Saif Mogri, Olivia Naturman, Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Myrl Schreiberman, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof.

Committee Chair Joanne called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM. A quorum was established.

- Review minutes from June 2020, July 2020, and August 2020 Special meetings: No minutes were available for review.
- Comments from the Chair: Joanne said she is having difficulty downloading the Community Impact Statement (CIS) forms.
- Public Comment: Marie Javdani asked about the status of being able to communicate with government officials and agencies other than the City Council.

The host started recording the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS AND/OR ONGOING BUSINESS

- Discussion and Possible Action on Public Works Forum and budget: Joanne said she hopes to have a forum by late Spring 2021.
- Discussion and Possible Action on 19-0401 Alcohol/Drug Treatment Houses:

Steve moved to recommend a CIS in support to the Board. Aida seconded.
The motion passed unanimously and will be sent to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion and Possible Action on 20-0859 Termination of Contracts J Huizar negotiated:

Steve moved to recommend a CIS in support to the Board. Saif seconded.
The motion passed unanimously and will be sent to the Board.

- Discussion and Possible Action on 20-1114 Closure of W. Valley Animal Shelter

Steve moved to recommend a CIS in support to the Board. Aida seconded.
The motion passed unanimously and will be sent to the Board.

Faye Barta arrived.

- Discussion and Possible Action on Restructuring the GRC: Joanne said she would like to add two members to the committee. That Committee would then currently have three vacancies with the resignation of Zach Volet. Steve recommended adding Anthony Scearce, Faye Barta, Myrl Schreiberman, and making Saif Mogri co-chair. Saif recommended waiting as the Board is about to fill four vacancies. Steve said he feels new Board members do not have the experience to serve on the Government Relations Committee.

Steve moved to add up to three new committee members tonight. Saif seconded.
Yes – 5, No – 0, Abstain – 1
The motion carries.

Steve nominated Faye Barta. Joanne accepted the nomination without a second. Faye accepted the nomination.
Faye was approved unanimously.
Faye Barta is a member of the Government Relations Committee.

Steve nominated Myrl Schreiber. Joanne accepted the nomination without a second. Myrl accepted the nomination.
Myrl was approved unanimously.
Myrl Schreiber is a member of the Government Relations Committee.

Steve nominated Olivia Naturman. Joanne accepted the nomination without a second. Olivia declined the nomination.

There were no further nominations for committee membership.

Steve moved to select Saif as committee co-chair. Aida seconded.

Brad said the WHNC Bylaws state standing committee chairs are appointed by the WHNC President subject to approval by a majority of the Board.
The Committee can vote to make a recommendation.

Vote to recommend the WHNC President appoint Saif Mogri co-chair of the Government Relations Committee.
The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Joanne adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM