



WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BYLAWS AD HOC COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 26, 2022 Telephonic and Online

Approved January 25, 2023

The Committee shall take official action by a simple majority of yes and no votes cast by the committee members present at a duly noticed regular or special Bylaws Committee meeting, not to include abstentions. There shall be no proxy voting.

Attendance: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Sandi Bell, Dan Brin, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Char Rothstein, Anthony Scearce, Joan Trent, and Brad Vanderhoof

Absent: Bob Brostoff, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Kent Mariconda, Bryan Newman, and Myrl Schreibman Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. A quorum was established.

Comments and Announcements from the Chairs: None

Public Comment: None

Numbers refer to agenda items.

3. Approval of the September Committee Meeting Minutes:

The minutes were approved with a minor correction.

6. Standing Rule for Standing Committees that do not meet at least Nine (9) times in a Calendar Year as per WHNC Bylaws: • ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES All standing committees shall meet at a minimum of nine (9) times per calendar year and shall invite the participation of stakeholders:

Dan said the rule should apply to most standing committees but Budget and Bylaws should be exempt. Brad said the WHNC Bylaws cannot be changed until the bylaws amendment period opens next summer. He also said there are mechanisms in place that can be used to implement corrective action and urged the committee to not recommend the Board adopt punitive action rules or regulations. Steve said any committee that finds it is without agenda topics should meet because that meeting can generate new ideas. Brad said a standard schedule of standing committee meetings allows the stakeholders to address Board members during public comment and bring their concerns. Anthony brought up a concern about specifying "calendar year" as this could possibly lead to a large delay between meetings and still meet the requirement.

WHNC President Rothstein and Vice President Barta agreed to review the meeting schedule and confer with committee chairs who are not meeting the bylaws requirement.

After lengthy discussion, no further action is planned.

5. Updating the WHNC Standing Rules for Censure and Removal • Article V, Governing Board, Section 8/9 Censure or Removal of Governing Board Members (As amended 01-17- 2016): Steve presented a document pointing out a discrepancy between the Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Bylaws take precedent. The Standing Rules should have a lower standard for censure. It was decided to wait and address the issue when the Bylaws amendment period opens.

7. Future Agenda Items for the Bylaws Committee: The November meeting will be cancelled. Determination to hold a December committee meeting will be made at the November Operations Committee meeting.

4. Revising the WHNC Code of Civility with a Line-by-Line Review of the Code: Item tabled.

Co-chair Brad Vanderhoof adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting of this committee is TBD.