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## Board of Directors Agenda

December 13, 2011 (7:00 p.m.)

NCJW Building, 543 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles CA 90036

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### OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order; Roll Call (Charles Lindenblatt, Secretary) (2 min)
2. Opening Remarks from Chair (2 min)
3. **Announcements from Community Representatives:** (10 min)
  - a. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment; Mayor; Council Offices; Assembly members; other elected officials; Homeowners’ Associations and other official community representatives.
4. **Public Comment Period:** (10 min)

Comments from the Public on matters within Board jurisdiction. Under Mid City West Bylaws, comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.
5. **Approval of 11/08/11 Minutes** (Charles Lindenblatt, Secretary) (2 min)
6. **Election to Fill Vacant Board Seats:** (Charles Lindenblatt, Secretary) (10min)
  - a. Zone 2
  - b. Zone 3
  - c. At-Large

7. **Treasurer's Report** :(Angela Guzman, Financial Officer) (5 min)
  - a. Monthly Financial Report, including review and approval of purchasing card transactions and bank statements.
8. **Executive Council**: (Sheryl Turner, Chair) (10 min)
 

Discussion regarding possible removal of Board Members due to absences. No action at this time.

**ITEMS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST**

9. **Budget Committee**: (Yudy Machado, Chair) (5 min)
  - a. Report on Status of Lease Negotiations.
10. **Elections Committee**: (Mark Edwards, Chair) (10 min)
  - a. Discussion on City Clerk's NC Election Alternatives Survey
11. **Planning and Land Use Committee**:(Stan Brent, Chair) (20 min)
  - a. **320 North La Cienega, Case No. CPC-2011-2103-GPA-VZC-HD-CUB-ZAA-DA**
    - i. Motion to oppose project as submitted by applicant, based upon the following concerns: (1) excessive height of project, including shade/shadow and privacy issue for residents of Alfred; (2) zone change could set a precedent for future buildings; changes of this magnitude should result from community planning process; (3) traffic circulation, including in adjacent alley; (4) traffic congestion; and (5) inclusion of billboard/off-site signage in project. Motion to oppose passed unanimously.
    - ii. The applicant originally proposed a seven-story building (two commercial and five residential) with five levels of subterranean parking, containing 19,860SF of retail, 45 residential apartments, and 129 parking spaces on four commercial lots that currently contain one-story commercial buildings. The applicant proposed to replace an existing 2-sided billboard with a 1-sided billboard that would be integrated into the south side of the building.
    - iii. After discussion with the Planning and Land Use Committee and stakeholders, the applicant modified the proposed project to (1) eliminating most of the commercial space; (2) reducing parking to three subterranean levels; (3) reducing the height and mass of the structure to approximately 55 feet along the rear property line across the alley from residences on Alfred and keeping an 83 foot height along La Cienega; (4) moving vehicular access from rear alley (adjacent to Alfred properties) to side alley and (5) moving placement and design of windows to increase privacy for residents of Alfred. The Planning and Land Use Committee opposes the revised project.
12. **Bylaws Committee**: (Charles Lindenblatt, Chair) (5 min)
  - a. Motion to amend Article V., Section 6, Vacancies, of bylaws as approved by DONE on November 21, 2011, to change language describing the process by which MCWCC fills vacancies.
  - b. Motion to approve holding a stakeholder meeting to approve bylaw amendment, pursuant to Article V., Section 16, of the 2009 bylaws.
13. **Transportation, Parking & Streetscape Committee**: (10 min)
  - a. **Motion re Liability for Sidewalk Repair.** Motion: The Mid City West Community Council opposes the proposal to repeal the City's assumption of responsibility for sidewalk

damage resulting from street trees. Committee vote: 6-1.

- b. Mid City West Trolley. The Mid City West Community Council endorses the Ad Hoc Trolley Committee's efforts to explore the feasibility of a local trolley in the Mid City West area. Committee vote: 7-0.

- 14. **Ad Hoc Committee on Board Retreat Report:** (Fathia Macauley, Chair) (2 min)
- 15. **Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Procedures Report:** (Leslie Barnett, Chair) (10 min)
- 16. **Public Policy Committee Report:** (Mark Edwards, Chair) (5 min)
- 17. **Arts & Recreation Committee Report:** (Shawni Dracoules, Chair) (2 min)
- 18. **Communications Committee Report:** (Julie Brame, Chair) (2 min)
- 19. **Education Committee Report:** (David Weiner, Chair) (2 min)
- 20. **Public Safety Committee Report:** (Liz Sterbenz, Chair) (2 min)
- 21. **Board Comment** (5 min)
- 22. **Adjourn**

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