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MCWCC BOARD MEETING of 7/13/10

MINUTES

Submitted by Sonia Rubin, Administrative Manager

Subject to approval by the Board on 8/10/10

1. **Call to order:** The Board meeting was called to order at 7:06pm. Roll was taken and 27 of the 44 members were present (attendance sheet on file).
2. **Opening Remarks from Chair:** Chair, Jeffrey Jacobberger, welcomed the new Board and thanked those who have complied with the Ethics Training Requirement. He encouraged everyone who hasn't yet taken the training to do so promptly. He also announced and passed out a copy of the Code of Civility and a Robert's Rules Primer for the Board to read and adhere to.
3. **Approval of 6/15/2010 Minutes:** Thomas Eisenhauer moved approval of the minutes. It was seconded and approved unanimously with the correction of the typo of Ryan Bruyninckx last name.
4. **Public Comment:** Lucille Saunders of the LaBrea Willoughby Coalition gave an update on the Hollywood Community Plan.
5. **Report From LAPD Wilshire Division:** Office Gallegos was unable to attend, but Paul Lerner, Chair of Public Safety announced that LAPD Wilshire would try to get a speaker to come to our monthly Board Meetings.
6. **Announcements from City Representatives:**
  - a. John Darnell of Councilmember Paul Koretz' Office made some announcements regarding some new ordinances being considered (Excessive Call for Service Ordinance, Changes in DWP Watering Days for religious observance); upcoming Code Enforcement Training and 10 new parking spots at Poinsettia Park.

- b. Nikki Ezhari of Councilmember Tom LaBonge's Office reported on a new motion regarding lunch trucks on LaCienega, traffic calming measures along the Miracle Mile, and the selection of Pan Pacific Park for the Dream Fields Foundation.  
In response to our Board's previous discussion re: Councilmember Tom LaBonge's effort to take funds away from all NC's in order to use those funds for the City's Charter Bus program, Ms. Ezhari said that it was only a question that Mr. LaBonge asked of City staff; i.e., whether it was possible to do that.
    - c. Hae Young Kim dropped off fliers.
  7. **Board of Directors Election to Fill Vacant Religious Community Seat:** Larry Neuton, a prior Boardmember, was present, but chose not to run against another candidate. Mr. Neuton was told that it was possible for him to serve as a non-boardmember on a committee, and he indicated that he was interested in the Public Safety committee. Bob Abrahams moved to have Jennifer Levin seated as the Religious Community Representative by acclamation, as no one else ran.
  8. **Wilshire Rapid Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Peak Hour Bus Lane:**
    - a. Presentation by Metro regarding proposal to convert curb lanes on Wilshire Blvd. between Westlake District and Santa Monica to peak hour bus-only lanes.
    - b. After lengthy discussion, a motion to support BRT Proposal Alternative A as it runs through MCW Area and conceptually the project as a whole, was made by Cary Brazeman, seconded and passed with a vote of 26 in favor; 5 opposed; and 2 abstentions
  9. **Public Safety Committee:** Paul Lerner announced the National Night Out on 8/3/10 at Poinsettia Park, sponsored in part by MCWCC. He encouraged attendance.
  10. **Land Use Committee:**
    - a. Case No. ZA-2009-2900-CUB-ZV: 8412 West Third Street (Berri's Pizza): Interim Chair, Michael Barba presented the case. Eva and Yuval Kremer recused themselves. Barba moved to oppose the application, which was seconded by Stephen Kramer and won with a vote of 28 in favor; 0 opposed; and 3 abstentions.
    - b. Case No. TT-71267-CN: 817 North Alfred (Condominium Project): After Stefani Poretz was recognized as recusing herself, and as having submitted a public comment card to participate as a member of the public, and after Keith Nakata recused himself, Michael Barba presented the case. Then, Ms. Poretz made some comments in support of the project. The applicant made a brief presentation, including presenting the concessions they have agreed to in exchange for support. There was a question and answer period and a few speakers against the project (Joey Lynch, Rick Dicky) speaker cards on file. Board discussion and question and answer period. Barba moved to oppose the application, which was seconded

by Yudy Machado. The motion passed with a vote of 19 in favor, 8 opposed and 5 abstentions.

11. Budget Committee: Sheryl Turner, the new Financial Officer gave a report that a new credit card had been issued. She reported on the first Budget Committee Meeting, where they went over the new policy manual, which they plan to adhere to. She stated that all demand warrants had to be approved by the Board at the monthly meetings. Turner presented the draft budget and announced the next Budget Meeting on 8/13/10 at Harry Langdon Gallery at 111 N. La Brea. She welcomed anyone to attend. There was a motion made by Yuval Kremer to approve this initial version of the budget, which failed. Bob Abrahams moved to table the approval of a budget until the next meeting, which was seconded and won with a vote of 23 in favor; 4 opposed and 3 abstentions.
12. Barbara Pflaumer of LACMA made a request for funding of some stands to hold up the MMAW banners purchased by LACMA for MMAW, in the amount of \$1,500, which the Chair asked to postpone until the next meeting when the budget would be discussed and approved. She agreed.

13. **Executive Committee:**

- a. Jeffrey Jacobberger moved to ratify the standing committees with the exception of name changes to the LUC and TPS, which would be called Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) and Transportation Committee respectively. Much objection and discussion about the reasons for this change, in addition to objections to procedural points regarding the agenda, was made. After much discussion a motion to accept the committees with the exception of the two name changes passed with 3 abstentions,; 0 opposed and the rest in favor.
  - b. A motion to appoint designees to submit Community Impact Statements was made by Jeff Jacobberger and seconded by William Baughman. Mr. Kremer inquired why Bruce McCormick, the 1st Vice Chair, was left off the list, expressing that he assumed that Mr. McCormick didn't want to be one of the designees. The Chair responded that he wasn't on the list the prior year, and simply replaced former Treasurer, David Strouse's name with that of the current Treasurer, Sheryl Turner. Mr. Kremer moved to amend the motion to identify designees by their names, as opposed to their titles. The motion to amend was seconded by Eva Kremer, and failed on a vote of 2 in favor; 21 opposed; and 5 abstentions. The original motion then passed then passed with a vote of 26 in favor; 2 opposed; and 4 abstentions.
  - c. Appointment of Representative to Recycled Water Advisory Group. Jeffrey Jacobberger stated that there were only two interested Board Members: Stefani C. Poretz an Elliot Zemel. Both spoke to their reasons for wanted to do this and they agreed to serve together with Elliot Zemel as primary and Stefani Poretz as secondary.
14. **Communications Committee:** Bob Abrahams announced that they needed volunteers to man the booth at the National Night Out event. Email him if you are interested. The Communications Committee will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in the MCWCC Office.

15. **Bylaws Committee:** Charles Lindenblatt announced that there is still an amendments moratorium in effect. He also stated that DONE is talking about implementing a partial bylaws modification for NC's. Charles was cut off in order to start the Special Meeting prior to losing a quorum. He resumed after the Special Meeting at 9:56pm welcoming anyone to join the Bylaws/Grievance Committee.

16. **Public Comment:**

Lucille Saunders thanked the Board for hearing the Code Modification Motion.

17. **Board Comment:**

- Mr. Kremer distributed and referenced the Executive Council Minutes from June 25, 2010, indicating that they show that Mr. Elliot Zemel was made Chair of the Public Policy Committee. Mr. Kremer further noted that when he had called Mr. Zemel to ask why he declined the chairmanship, and why the website had indicated that non-board member Ken Draper was named Chair, that Mr. Zemel had noted that no one informed him that he was made Chair, and that recently he had contacted the board Chair, who then offered the committee chairmanship to him, and he then declined it. Mr. Kremer then expressed concern over the 17 day delay in this notification of Mr. Zemel. He also requested that the Public Policy chairmanship and the composition of the Land Use Committee be revisited at the July 20, 2010 Executive Council Meeting.

-Bob Abrahams invited everyone to check the website regularly for updated information;  
-Jeffrey Jacobberger announced a bike ride on 7/24/10 along the 4<sup>th</sup> street bike path which was something that MCWCC supported.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:13pm.**