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## MCWCC BOARD MEETING of 6/15/10

### MINUTES

Submitted by Sonia Rubin, Administrative Manager  
Subject to approval by the Board on 7/13/10

1. **Call to order:** The Board meeting was called to order at 7:14pm. Roll was taken of the former Board of directors, and 21 of the 44 members were present. Due to the lack of a quorum (23) of the former Board, the newly elected Board of Directors was automatically seated. Roll was taken of the new Board of Directors and 36 of the 44 members were present (attendance sheet on file).
2. **Opening Remarks from Chair:** Chair, Jeffrey Jacobberger, welcomed the new Board and introduced Councilmember Paul Koretz to do the swearing in.
3. **Swearing in of New Board:** Mr. Koretz thanked the outgoing Board Members and presented them with certificates from the City. The new Board was asked to stand and raise their right hands. Mr. Koretz read the oath and the new Board was sworn in. He congratulated them all on their new positions.
4. **Guest Speakers:** Councilmember Paul Koretz spoke on current events as follows:
  - Audit of DWP by Wendy Gruel showed fraud on the part of the DWP. The City is pursuing discipline and possible criminal prosecution;
  - Fairfax DASH will continue to operate with a modest increase in fair from \$.25 to \$.35, and some subsidies from local businesses including the Grove;
  - Appeals fees regarding McMansions will increase slightly from \$75.00 to \$89.00;
  - The Century Plaza Hotel will not be demolished, but instead restored;
  - The City is training citizens/volunteers to do code enforcement.Councilmember Koretz stated that he will keep MCWCC informed on his accomplishments and looks forward to working with the new MCWCC Board. He introduced his deputy for the MCWCC area, John Darnell. There was a brief questions and answer period.
5. **Election of Executive Council:** Nominations for Chair were made by Paul Lerner, who nominated Jeffrey Jacobberger, and by William Baughman, who nominated Charles Lindenblatt. Both nominees spoke briefly about themselves and ballots were passed out. Jeffrey Jacobberger won with a vote of 25 to 11. Nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair were made by Cary Brazeman, who nominated Charles Lindenblatt, and by Stephen Kramer, who nominated Bruce McCormick. Mr. McCormick spoke briefly and ballots were passed out. Bruce McCormick won with a vote of 27 to 11. Next were nominations for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. Thomas Eisenhauer and Charles Lindenblatt were nominated. Mr. Eisenhauer spoke briefly and ballots were distributed. Mr. Eisenhauer won with a vote of 23 to 13. Jeffrey Jacobberger then nominated Sheryl Turner as Treasurer. She spoke about herself and her qualifications and as there were no other nominations, a motion was made to elect her by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously. Yuval Kremer then nominated Charles Lindenblatt as Secretary, and as there were no other nominations, a motion to elect him by acclamation passed unanimously.
6. **Announcement of Board Vacancy:** Chair announced the vacant Board Seat (Religious Representative), for which we would hold the election at July's Board Meeting.

7. **Approval of May 11, 2010 Minutes:** A motion to adopt the 5/11/10 minutes was made and passed unanimously with the following changes to delete the second comment under Item 15, Board Member comments "Bruce McCormick stated . . . . "
8. **Announcements from City Representatives:** Haeyoung Kim from Mike Feuer's office gave an update.
9. **Treasurer's Report:** No changes since last month.
10. **Land Use Committee:**
  - a. **Magnolia Bakery:** 8389 W. Third Street, Case No. ZA-2010-0552(ZV)  
Yuval Kremer and Eva Kremer recused themselves due to their proximity to the applicant. They left the room for discussion. Applicant's representative spoke about the project, stating that construction on the bakery is almost complete and it will open within a few weeks. She stated that the owner will sponsor a valet stand. There was a question and answer period and some public comment in opposition to the zone variance being requested, including remarks by Robert Chernow of the Beverly Wilshire Homes Association, and Seymore Singer, stakeholder. Discussion by the Board ensued, including comments by Dr. Seamans. Dr. Caswell became upset that there were no revocing services provided for Dr. Caswell and stormed out saying that she could not sit on a Board that does not comply with ADA requirements. A motion to support the variance as long as the total number of seats does not exceed 40, was made by Tamar Andrews and passed with a vote of 17 in favor, 15 against and 4 abstentions.
11. **Budget Committee:** Jeffrey Jacobberger presented the Executive Council's proposed 2010/11/ budget. He stated that this was to be a primary budget to be amended by the new Board in the future. He explained that a budget needed to be submitted to DONE immediately in order for MCWCC to be allowed to use funds to operate. Yuval Kremer objected to the "reserve" amount and made a motion to transfer the reserve funds to increase rent by \$1,800 to allow for the Land Use Committee to hold their monthly meetings in the auditorium,; to increase computers by \$1,000 to allow MCW to keep Ryan Bruynincks involved in maintaining the website and paying him for it; and to increase the administrative manager budget by \$1,700, which amounts would get rid of the reserve. The motion was seconded by Yudy Machado. There was Board discussion about these recommendations and the motion was withdrawn. A new motion, by Jeffrey Jacobberger, to change the budget by moving the total amount of the reserve into the total projects budget passed with only one opposition.
12. **Executive Council:** Motion to adopt a standing rule regarding compliance with the Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training within 90 days of being seated. Board discussion ensued and the motion passed with a vote of 28 in favor; 4 opposed; and 5 abstentions.
13. **Communications Committee Report:** Bob Abrahams announced that each new member will be assigned an MCWCC email account and that he would email the instructions on how to set these up tomorrow. He also announced the new Board Resources Page on the website at [www.midcitywest.org/board](http://www.midcitywest.org/board), which contains all of the information needed by the Board Members, including links to the ethics training, MCWCC bylaws, Brown Act, etc.
14. **Committee Assignments:** Chair collected Committee Preference Forms.
15. **Public Comment:** None
16. **Board Member Comments:**
  - a. Teresa Feldman: gave a report on the Casden/Ross Project;
  - b. Stefani Poretz: announced that Cedars Sinai Hospital, for which she has been a volunteer for 20 years, is in need of blood donors. She encouraged the Board to donate. A flier will be posted to the website. She also gave a report on the condition of the young man who was hit by a hit and run driver on LaCienega;
  - c. Michael Barba announced that the CVS at the corner of Wilshire and La Brea, for which the Board unanimously approved their application, has agreed to the corner door on Wilshire.
17. **Meeting Adjourned at 10:08pm.**