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MCWCC Board Meeting of 8/9/11

Minutes

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Subject to Approval by the Board on 9/13/11

1. **Call to Order:** 7:06pm the meeting was called to order and roll was taken. 30 of the 45 Board Members were present at roll call. More members walked in late (Roll sheet on file).
2. **Opening Remarks from Chair:** Sheryl Turner gave her opening remarks. Robert Chernob, point of order re: posting of agendas and asked that the meeting be ceased. Chair, stated that we would proceed under protest; James O'Sullivan, point of order that we should not proceed and that there should be no discussion. Point of order: he was misquoted about the letter on the website. Chair again reiterated that we would proceed under protest.
3. **Paul Lerner Report on National Night Out:** Thanked Officer Gallegos, John Darnell. Thanked and gave certificates to Stefani Poretz, Liz Sterbenz, Ernest Mauritson and Jeff Brown for all of their efforts in this event.
4. **Announcements from Community Representatives:**
 - LAPD Crime Report – Officer Marquez;
 - Report from John Darnell of Councilman Paul Koretz's Office;
 - Report from Melvin Canas, Project Coordinator DONE;
 - James O'Sullivan declined to give a report from the MMRA and wanted to know why all of the LAPD Officers were present;
 - Lucille Saunders, La Brea Willoughby Coalition report;
 - Elizabeth Reynolds Block Captain comments.
5. **Approval of July 12, 2011 Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeff Jacobberger and seconded by Charles Lindenblatt. The minutes were adopted with only 2 abstentions and the rest in favor.
6. **Election to fill At-Large Board Seat vacated by Bob Abrahams:** There were two candidates, Elizabeth Reynolds and Liza Gerberding. They each spoke about themselves and a vote was taken with a show of hands: 17 Elizabeth Reynolds and 12 Liza Gerberding. Elizabeth Reynolds was elected and took her seat at the Board table.
7. **Executive Council:**
 - a. **Motion to support to improve community outreach:** Tim Deegan presented the motion, which was seconded by Julie Brame. There was Board discussion and comment and the motion passed unanimously with 31 votes. Lucille Saunders and James O'Sullivan made public comment which was followed by Board comment and

- discussion. Melvin Canas of DONE point of information re: Public Comment. Board then voted a second time on the above motion and it passed unanimously.
- b. Discussion re: Posting of Agendas:** Sheryl Turner gave a summary on what was going on with the issue of posting of agendas as required by our Bylaws and the Brown Act. There was Board Discussion, comment and question and answer period.
 - 8. Ad Hoc Policies and Procedures Motion re: Adoption of MCWCC Code of Civility:** Leslie Barnett presented the motion, which was seconded by Stephen Kramer. There was Board discussion and comment. Stephen Kramer called the question, which passed with a vote of 23 in favor. There was public comment and the Motion re: adoption of MCWCC Code of Conduct passed with a vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention. There was a discussion about stakeholder disruption of meetings and what can be done about this. Melvin Canas addressed this issue.
 - 9. Planning & Land Use Committee:** Stan Brent reported that some stakeholders showed up to the last meeting to state that the meeting was illegal. PLUC continued under protest, but did not take any action on the agenda items.
 - a. Simple Things Sandwich & Pie Shop (8310 W. Third St):** Ryan Handel and Andy Paxon (owners) presented the application for beer and wine license. There was Board discussion, comment and question and answer period, followed by public comment (speaker cards on file) in favor of the application. Michael Barba moved to support the application as submitted and Paul Lerner seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 24 in favor, 2 opposed and 4 abstentions).
 - b. 116-124 N. Kings Road:** Owner spoke about the request to modify vesting tentative tract map to increase the number of units from 19 to 21. There was Board question and answer period and discussion. Michael Barba moved to send the project back to PLUC. Stefani Poretz seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 26 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.
 - 10. Transportation, Parking & Streetscape:**
 - a. Motion re: Budget for Bike Day at LACMA:** Dates for this event have been changed to 5/20/11 so no motion was presented.
 - b. Update on FTA Funds for Wilshire Rapid Transit Route:** Jeff Jacobberger gave a report. There was brief Board comment.
 - 11. Public Safety Committee:**
 - a.** Liz Sterbenz report on National Night Out;
 - b.** Stefani Poretz announced LAPD Wilshire Open House on Sunday 8/14/11;
 - c.** Paul Lerner gave his resignation from the Board and thanked everyone for all their work. He urged the Board to keep vigilant about public safety as it is the number one priority for any community.
 - 12. Communications Committee:** Julie Brame, Chair announced meeting next week and urged attendance.
 - 13. Education Committee:** David Weiner, Chair announced the meeting on 8/22/11 and invited everyone to join.
 - 14. Bylaws Committee:** Charles Lindenblatt reported on status of bylaws amendment.
 - 15. Arts & Recreation Committee:** David Mann gave a report.
 - 16. Ad Hoc Grievance Committee:** Sheryl Turner gave a report on the status of the grievances.

17. **Executive Council:** Sheryl Turner moved to appoint Yudy Machado as second signatory for p-card purchases. The motion was seconded by Sabrina Simmons and passed with a vote of 25 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention. Resolution approved.
18. **Public Comment:** None
19. **Board Comment:** Leslie Barnett asked all Board Members to sign code of civility (on file)
20. Meeting adjourned 9:44pm.