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MCWCC Board Meeting of 9/13/11

Minutes

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Subject to Approval by the Board on 10/11/12

1. **Call to Order:** 6:40pm the meeting was called to order.
2. **Opening Remarks from Chair:** Sheryl Turner opened the meeting informed the Board that the members of the Executive Council would be assuming a more active role in the meeting process, with each member taking on a responsibility such as taking roll, conducting elections, keeping time, keeping track of speaker cards etc.
3. **Announcements from Community Representatives:**
 - Betsy Hunter of the Park LaBrea Clean and Green Team spoke about the group and what they do. They can be reached at (323)936-7643 or 2betsyh@earthlink.net;
 - Report from John Darnell of Councilman Paul Koretz's Office;
 - Report from Lynn McEwen Cohen of the Miracle Mile Civic Coalition;
 - Yuval Kremer protested the practice of not allowing public comment on PLUC items at Board Meetings;
 - James O'Sullivan of Miracle Mile Residents Association declined comments when offered.
 - Report from Assemblyman Mike Feuer;
 - Report from Fairfax High School by Joyce Kleifield.
4. **Roll Call:** Charles Lindenblatt took roll. 31 Board Members present (Roll Sheet on File).
5. **Approval of August 9, 2011 Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Stefani Poretz and seconded by Thomas Eisenhauer, and adopted unanimously.
6. **Comments by Deputy City Attorney Carmen Hawkins:** Ms. Hawkins spoke about putting together a retreat for Mid City West Community Council to go over NC operations, legal issues, meeting mechanics, bylaws, Brown Act, conflict of interest issues and more. She encouraged all to attend. There was Board comment and a question and answer period.
7. **Appointment of Ad Hoc Retreat Committee:** Paul Kuszynski, Chair, Fathia Macauley, Yudy Machado, Leslie Barnett and Charles Lindenblatt were appointed as members to put together the Board Retreat.
8. **Election to fill vacant Board Seats:** Charles Lindenblatt conducted the elections. He explained the procedures. **Homeowners:** Yudy Machado nominated Liza Gerberding and she accepted. There were no other candidates. Cary Brazeman moved to appoint her by acclamation and Sabrina Simmons seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. **Non-Profits:** Tim Deegan nominated Brooke Anderson and Martina Triano nominated

herself. They each spoke about their qualifications and Brooke Anderson won with a vote of 23 (Brooke Anderson) and 8 (Martina Triano). **Zone 3:** Yuval Kremer nominated himself. He voluntarily left the room while the Board discussed his nomination. There was a question and answer session and a vote was taken. Mr. Kremer lost the election with a vote of 7 yays, 22 nays and 2 abstentions. There were no other candidates for Zone 3 or Zone 5, which seats remain vacant.

9. **Planning and Land Use Committee:** The City Attorney had advised that the PLUC items be referred back to committee, due to compliance with posting issues. There was Board discussion, question and answer period and Melvin Canas of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment addressed the concerns. Jeffrey Jacobberger moved to table the PLUC items to the next Board Meeting and allow public comment, and Michael Darner seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 25 in favor, 0 opposed and 5 abstentions.
10. **Budget Committee:**
 - a. Yudy Machado presented the Budget and Transaction Reports.
 - b. Motion requesting Arts and Recreation Committee allocation of Miracle Mile Art Walk Funds was tabled as it was not properly agendized.
11. **Public Safety Committee Report:** Liz Sterbenz reported that there was no meeting in September so nothing to report.
12. **Arts & Recreation Committee Report:** Shawni Dracoules announced the next Gallery Night Out on October 22, 2011.
13. **Transportation, Parking & Streetscape Committee Report:** No report
14. **Bylaws Committee Report:** Charles Lindenblatt gave a report about the status of the Bylaws.
15. **Communications Committee:** Julie Brame announced the next meeting on 9/21/11 at which they would be discussing PLUC issues. She announced email address pr@midcitywest.org for all articles to be submitted.
16. **Education Committee Report:** None
17. **Public Policy Committee Report:** None
18. **Ad Hoc Policies and Procedures Committee Report:** Leslie Barnett gave a report on what the committee is working on.
19. **Public Comment:** None
20. **Board Comment:** Yudy Machado made a motion to put public comment back at the front of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Julie Brame and Billy Baughman. There was Board discussion and question and answer and another motion by Stan Brent to put public comment in the middle of the agenda, which was seconded by Liz Sterbenz. The second motion was withdrawn. More discussion and comments. Yudy Machado called the question on the first motion, which passed with a vote of 14 in favor, 8 opposed and 6 abstentions.
21. **Meeting Adjourned:** 9:55pm