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MCWCC Board Meeting of 12/13/11

Minutes

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Subject to Approval by the Board on 1/10/12

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05pm the meeting was called to order.
2. **Opening Remarks from Chair:** Sheryl Turner thanked the Board, especially Executive Council for their support during her difficult time with her mother's illness. Update from City Attorney's Office re: censure policy/malfeasance of office.
3. **Roll Call:** Charles Lindenblatt (Attendance Sheet on file). Only 22 present. Quorum reached later on in the meeting.
4. **Announcements from Community Representatives:**
 - a. John Darnell, Councilman Koretz's Office report re: Hollywood Community Plan approval by City Planning Commission, the Business Improvement Districts, replacement of water main on 6th street, Joan Taylor made a donation to a school in South LA.
5. **Public Comment:**
 - a. Joan Taylor spoke in opposition to California's proposed high speed rail project from Victorville to Las Vegas.
 - b. Yuval Kremer spoke about the Election Chair position and the process of appointing and removing committee chairs and members.
6. **Approval of November 8, 2011 Minutes:** After board and public discussion, Keith Nakata moved to table the approval of the minutes to January pending review by Secretary. Sabrina Simmons seconded. Vote 15 yeas, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions.
7. **Election To Fill Vacant Board Seats (Zone 2, 3 and At large):** Charles Lindenblatt conducted the election. No candidates for Zone 2. Yuval Kremer ran for Zone 3 and spoke. There was Board question and answer period and discussion. Leslie Barnett moved to table the election until the January 10, 2012 Board Meeting and Liz Sterbenz seconded. Vote: 21 yeas, 2 nays and 0 abstentions.
8. **Financial Officer Report:** Angela Guzman presented the financial reports with some corrections. Jeff Jacobberger moved to approve the reports and Fathia Macauley seconded. Vote: 23 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
9. **Planning and Land Use Committee:** Angela Guzman presented the PLUC items.
 - a. 320 N. La Cienega, Case No. CPC-2011-2103-GPA-VZC-HD-CUB-ZAA-DA 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. Tom Hsieh presented on behalf of the applicant. Public comment from residents opposed to the project (Speaker cards on file). Motion was seconded by Rosalie Wayne. Board discussion. Question called. Vote: 18 yeas, 0 nays, 5 abstentions.

10. **Elections Committee:** Mark Edwards, Chair, presented the NC Election Alternatives Survey for 2012 for Board vote. Public comment (speaker cards on file). Board comment and discussion. Mark Edwards moved to vote that MCWCC wants elections in 2012. Rosalie Wayne seconded. Question called. Vote: 20 yeas, 0 nays, 3 abstentions.
11. **Transportation, Parking and Streetscape:** Julie Brame presented the motion to endorse the Trolley Ad Hoc Committee's efforts to explore the feasibility of a local trolley in the Mid City West area. The motion was seconded. Board discussion and question and answer. Question was called. Vote: 23 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
12. **Quorum was lost at 9:05pm.**
13. **Budget Committee:** Angela Guzman gave a report on the status of the lease renewal.
14. **Ad Hoc Committee on Board Retreat:** Fathia Macauley, Chair, gave a report on the status of the retreat, which is scheduled for 1/29/12 from 12:30pm-5:30pm.
15. **Ad Hoc Committee on Policy and Procedures:** Leslie Barnett, Chair, gave report, announced next meeting on 1/12/12 and solicited more board participation.
16. **Public Policy Committee:** No report.
17. **Arts & Recreation:** No report.
18. **Communications and Outreach Committee:** Julie Brame, Chair, gave a report about rebranding and trolley outreach.
19. **Education Committee:** Report
20. **Public Safety Committee:** Report
21. **Public Comment:** None
22. **Board Comment:** Angela Guzman stated that items 8, 12a, 12b and 13a will be continued to the next meeting.
23. **Meeting Adjourned:** 9:20pm