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MCWCC Board Meeting of 1/10/12

Draft Minutes

Submitted by Sonia Rubin, Administrative Manager

Subject to Approval by the Board on 2/14/12

1. **Call to Order:** 7:00pm the meeting was called to order.
2. **Opening Remarks from Chair:** Sheryl Turner.
3. **Roll Call:** Charles Lindenblatt (Attendance Sheet on file). 27 present. Quorum reached.
4. **Announcements from Community Representatives:**
 - a. Nicole Carcel, from Assemblymember Mike Feuer's office, gave a legislative status report from their office.
 - b. Benjamin Seinfeld, Field Deputy from Councilmember Tom LaBonge's office gave a report.
 - c. Leslie Robin, Energy Upgrade/Energy Champion gave a report on their programs.
 - d. Marianne Muellerleile, Survey LA, report and invitation to participate.
 - e. Melvin Canas, DONE report.
5. **Public Comment:**
 - a. Joan Taylor spoke in opposition to California's proposed high speed rail projects.
 - b. Yuval Kremer spoke about the Executive Council Meeting of December and the vote to remove board members. He made a public records request for recordings and attendance records, and Executive Council recordings.
6. **Approval of December 13, 2011 Minutes:** Yuval Kremer asked that the approval of the December minutes be put off until next month. The Board decided to read the minutes and made some changes. Leslie Barnett moved to approve the minutes and Stan Brent seconded Vote 28 yeas, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions.
7. **Secretary's Motion to Amend and Approve the 11/20/11 Board Minutes:** Charles Lindenblatt presented. Board took a few minutes to read the motion. Cary Brazeman moved to approve the 11/8/11 minutes as corrected by the motion and Jefferson Brown seconded: Vote: 28 yeas, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions.
8. **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. Public comment by Joan Taylor. Vote: 9 yeas, 12 nays, 8 abstentions. The Zone 3 seat was left vacant. Susan Belgrade and Yuval Kremer ran for the At-Large seat. The candidates spoke. Jeff Jacobberger moved to appoint Susan Belgrade by acclamation after Yuval Kremer withdrew himself and it was seconded by Elizabeth Reynolds. Vote: Unanimous.
9. **Financial Officer Report:** Angela Guzman presented the financial reports.

Announcement that Sonia Rubin has tendered her resignation and they are looking for a replacement.

10. **Bylaws Committee:** Charles Lindenblatt presented the following motions:
 - a. Motion to Amend Article V., Section 6, Vacancies, of Bylaws as approved by DONE on November 21, 2011, to change language describing the process by which MCWCC fills vacancies. Board discussion, comment and question and answer. Liza Gerberding called the question and Sherry Rothschild seconded, vote: unanimous. Vote on the motion: 10 yeas, 12 nays, 7 abstentions.
 - b. Motion to approve holding a stakeholder meeting to approve bylaw amendment, *pursuant* to Article v., Section 16, of the 2009 Bylaws. Board discussion, comment and question and answer. Vote: 12 yeas, 16 nays, 3 abstentions.
11. **Melvin Canas gave a report on the NC Elections.** Brief question and answer session.
12. **Transportation Parking & Streetscape:** Cary Brazeman presented the following:
 - a. Motion re Liability for Sidewalk Repair. Motion: The Mid City West Community Council opposes the proposal to repeal the City's assumption of responsibility for sidewalk damage resulting from street trees. Board comment, discussion and question and answer session. Michael Barba moved to send the motion back to committee, seconded by Charles Lindenblatt Vote: 27 yeas, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions.
13. **Ad Hoc Committee on Board Retreat:** Melvin Canas gave a report re: board retreat scheduled for 1/29/12. Board comment, discussion and question and answer session.
14. **Ad Hoc Committee on Policy and Procedures:** Leslie Barnett, Chair, announced next meeting Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7:00pm.
15. **Arts & Recreation Committee:** Shawni Dracoules, Chair gave a report. Arts Committee voted to remove recreation from its name.
16. **Planning and Land Use Committee:** Stan Brent, Chair, gave a report and announced next meeting on 1/23/12 at 6:30pm.
17. **Communications Committee:** Julie Brame gave a report.
18. **Public Safety:** Liz Sterbenz, Chair, gave a report.
19. **Public Comment:** None
20. **Board Comment.**
21. **Meeting Adjourned:** 9:30pm