



MID CITY WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Bylaws/Grievance Committee Minutes

Tuesday, November 16, 2010 (7:00 p.m.)

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1. **Call to Order; Roll Call** – Committee called to order at 7:15pm. Committee Chair Charles Lindenblatt and members Bob Abrahams and Billy Baughman were present. A quorum was present.
2. **Approval of Minutes of 08/19/10 Meeting – Action May Be Required.** Bob Abrahams moved and Billy Baughman seconded a motion to table the minutes and have Bob Abrahams redraft them, to be done by mid-December. Motion passed 3-0.
3. **Public Comment Period** – No public comment
4. **Chairman’s Report** – Chair Lindenblatt presented the mission of the committee as outlined on the website.
5. **Mid City West’s Response to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners’ (BONC’s) establishment of a policy setting out a citywide Bylaw Table of Contents, which neighborhood councils are required to incorporate into their bylaws within 6 months from the BONC’s adoption of their resolution (10/05/10). Specifically, the Committee will proceed according to the following order:**
 - a. **Chair’s verbal introduction of the issue.** Chair Lindenblatt presented an overview of the situation and how we got here.
 - b. **Review, discuss and possibly adjust the first draft of arrangement of Mid City West’s bylaws into citywide Bylaw Table of Contents, and consider any adjustments to language that need to be made. Action May Be Required.** Committee member Abrahams offered input on certain issues that he felt needed to be addressed as we move through the process. Informal discussion and determination was made as to the appropriateness of the placement of each section of the bylaws:

Article I – Name – section placement found appropriate by Committee.

Article II – Purpose – section placement found appropriate by Committee.

Article III – Boundaries – section placement found appropriate, except possibly adding “Attachment A” language under Section 2: Internal Boundaries.

Article IV – Stakeholders – section placement found appropriate

Article V – Governing Board – Committee had several concerns about section placement:

- - move MCWCC Article II, Section 5 under Article V, Section 1, Composition
- Article V, Section 3 – Official Actions – Does this refer to how official actions are handled, what kind of official actions, or something else; needs clarity.
- Article V, Section 3 –Agenda --issues with agenda; should split it out between official actions and agenda-setting
- Article V, Section 7 – Absences – MCW V.,13 should move to removal section
- Article V., Section 11 – Community Outreach – what do they mean? Why is it there? Could be more of a duty. Needs clarity.

Article VI, Officers—section placement found appropriate, with the following concerns:

- Duties, Chair and Secretary , may add language for Secretary to delegate responsibility.
- Chair “other duties” –need clarity

Article VII, Committees and Their Duties

- Secs. 1-3, issues on placement—cmtes or moving a. to Section 1.
- MCW III,7 Committee meetings – should be moved to Article VIII, meetings

Article VIII—Meetings

- MCW III,7 Committee meetings moved to here
- Section 2, Agenda Setting – ask on this

Article IX – Finance - section placement found appropriate

Article X – Elections – Section 3, Minimum Voting Age – MCW VI.,1, voting rights, “eligible to vote” sentence should not be there.

Articles XI-XIV – section placements found appropriate.

- Review, discuss and possibly act on placement of certain sections of Mid City West’s bylaws that do not appear to fit appropriately into any part of the citywide Bylaw Table of Contents. Action May Be Required.**
- Review, discuss and possibly act on any language to clarify certain areas of our bylaws that perhaps are not as clear as they should be. Action May Be Required.**
- Review, discuss and possibly act on certain parts of the citywide Bylaw Table of Contents in which Mid City West’s bylaws appear to be silent, specifically considering whether or not Mid City West should develop language to fill in those gaps, and if so, to begin the process of developing this language. Action May Be Required.**

6. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned 9:15pm.

For information on the Process for Reconsideration, MCWCC Stakeholder Grievance policy or any other procedural matter related to this Council, please consult the MCWCC Bylaws by clicking on the www.midcitywest.org or visiting the MCWCC Office at 543 N. Fairfax Avenue, Room 106.