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Elections & Bylaws Committee Meeting with the Board of Directors

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 (6 - 7pm)

Chair: Martin Rubin (martin.rubin@marvista.org)

Vice-Chair: Holly Tilson (holly.tilson@marvista.org)

Second Vice-Chair: Bitta Sharma (bitta.sharma@marvista.org)

MEETING MINUTES Submitted by Bitta Sharma

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by the Chair.
2. **ROLL CALL AND EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS/CONFLICTS-OF-INTEREST:** Martin Rubin, ex-parte w/Holly Tilson regarding certain agenda items; Bitta Sharma, none; Drew Ruesch, ex-parte w/Holly Tilson regarding one agenda item; Francisco Espinosa; Kevin; Selena Inouye; Atziri Camarena; MB Blakey; Adriana De La Cruz; Harrison Hopkins, Ashley Zeldin; John T.
3. **Public Comment** (*items not on this agenda and within the MVCC jurisdiction*) - 1 minute: None
4. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 23, 2021 MINUTES:** Approved without objection; moved by Mr. Ruesch, seconded by Ms. Sharma.
5. **CHAIR(S) REPORTS:** None
6. **SPECIAL ORDERS:** None
7. **STANDARD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION FOR MVCC ACTION ON BONC’S CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT (SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENT): MOTION TO SUPPORT THE LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COALITION’S (LANCC) MOTION SUBMITTED ON THEIR AUGUST 07 AGENDA (SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENT)

Ms. Sharma indicated agreement with the motion’s premise that the proposed amendments lack due process and a sufficient enforcement mechanism, but had an alternative motion with softened language. Ms. Sharma then read the following alternative motion into the record (the “Alternative Motion”):

“MOTION FOR MVCC ACTION ON BONC’S CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT:

Whereas, the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners has before it consideration of proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct Policy applicable to Neighborhood Council Board and Committee Members;

Whereas, the existing Code of Conduct applicable to Neighborhood Councils should be amended to create a greater enforcement mechanism; and

Whereas, the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct submitted by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (“DONE”) to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (“BONC”) grant too much discretion to DONE in determining guilt and imposing penalties.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

1. BONC is advised against approving the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct in their current form;
2. The Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, in consultation with an ad hoc group of Neighborhood Council members, revise the proposed amendments to ensure they afford Board and Committee members adequate due process rather than granting the Department sole discretion to immediately suspend a Member based on an alleged violation of applicable rules;
3. Any amendments to the Code of Conduct must take into account varying degrees of conduct when considering suspension and appropriate penalties, if warranted;
4. The Code of Conduct shall require that the minimum correction necessary to address any issue be used;
5. The Workplace Equity Policy shall be incorporated into the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct only if formally adopted by the City prior to the Neighborhood Council City Department Review process, and in the alternative, the Code of Conduct shall incorporate the City’s Workplace Violence Policy and Guidelines.”

Ms. De La Cruz moved to amend the original motion to insert the Alternative Motion, seconded by Ms. Sharma.

Vote: The Alternative Motion passed with 7 in favor and 1 against, with 3 abstentions.

Mr. Hopkins moved that the Alternative Motion be sent to the Board; seconded by Ms. Sharma; Ms. Inouye called the question.

Mr. Rubin noted that the Alternative Motion might go to the Board, but he was not certain and would need to inquire.

B - 2021 PROPOSED CHANGES FORM (SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENT): Mr. Rubin noted that a form for proposed changes to the Bylaws is available in the Supplemental Material and MVCC homepage.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS - (1 MINUTE): None

9. ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Mr. Rubin; seconded by Mr. T.; Mr. Hopkins requested that adjournment be moved to a vote; Mr. Rubin closed the Zoom at 7:07pm.