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Brief Summary: During the current Department of Neighborhood Empowerment study regarding a policy for redrawing NC boundaries, the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council registers opposition to any policy that would create a formal plan for subdivision of existing NCs. We see no overriding need for such a potentially divisive policy and the budgetary impacts could be detrimental across the NC system.

Additional Information:



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GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 7:30 P.M.

Citibank Community Meeting Room
 1965 N. Hillhurst Ave. (2nd floor of Citibank)
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1. Call to Order. Roll Call
2. Public comment on non-agenda items
3. Reports from Government Officials
4. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. President’s Report: Finance training, Vermont Triangle, Hollywood Sign Traffic Mitigation, Neighborhood Council Congress, Inventory update, Meeting Room Refurbishment, Homeless Coalition, email addresses, and more.....
 - b. Vice President Communications Report
 - c. Treasurer’s Report
 - i. Approval of August expenditures report. Bae
 - ii. Assignment of tasks relative to treasurer’s duties
5. Committee Reports and Motions
 - a. PZHP
 - i. Motion: PZHP moves that the LFNC approve ZA letter in support of 1911 Hillhurst “Lou Wine Shop and Tasting” (Attachment) Khanjian/Cornelius
 - ii. Motion: PZHP moves that the LFNC approve ZA letter in support of 4469 Sunset Drive “Vista Theatre Café”. Khanjian/Cornelius
 - iii. Motion: PZHP moves that the LFNC approve ZA letter in support of 1802 N. Vermont Avenue “Figaro Bistro” CUP renewal. Khanjian/Cornelius
 - b. Green
 - i. Discussion and action as appropriate on letter in support of SB 405 (state wide single use plastic bag ban.) Kram. Attachment
 - ii. Announcement regarding Green Apple Day September 28, 2013. Meltzer
 - c. Outreach
 - d. Sports and Recreation
 - i. Discussion and possible action on submission of formal comments addressing the 'Griffith Park Vision Plan: An Urban Wilderness Identity' as requested by the Dept. of Recreation & Parks. Mauceri
 - ii. Discussion and possible action on formal Governing Board response to Bureau of Engineering regarding their decision to add Griffith Park Headworks Reservoir Spreading Grounds as site alternative for youth Baseball fields to serve Los Feliz Neighborhood and others. Mauceri

- iii. Discussion and possible action on recommendation to City Council members O'Farrell and LaBonge urging they ensure the LaSorda Field of Dreams baseball field's renovation project be completed before April 2014. Mauceri
- e. Rules and Elections
 - i. Motion #1) NC subdivision/boundary adjustment policies. Recommendation: Do not support
Comments: We see no overriding need for such a policy. Further, this has budgetary implications that can't be accurately calculated, and we see this change creating a potential for dissent and division where none now exists.
 - ii. Motion #2) Grievances and complaints policies and procedures.
Recommendation: Conditional support. Comments: We support in principal but request language be added that specifies the creation process and composition of Regional Grievance Panels.
 - iii. Motion #3) Rules for governing board selections. Recommendation: Support.
Comments: None
 - iv. Motion #4) Election policies and procedures; term limits. Reaffirm support for the authority having been returned to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to conduct Neighborhood Council board elections and to partner with the City Clerk for back office administrative services. Recommendation: Do not support
Comments: We do not support because we think the City Clerk should have sole responsibility for running Neighborhood Council elections. All Neighborhood Councils need to participate in elections or selections at least every two year cycle. Recommendations: Support
Comments: None. Existing Neighborhood Council boards are encouraged to partner with other Neighborhood Councils and with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for candidate recruitment and election outreach.
Recommendations: Conditional support . Comments: We support so long as the word "encouraged" remains in the language, and the policy does not become mandatory. The City of Los Angeles should not require Neighborhood Councils to impose term limits. It should be left to each Neighborhood Council's discretion. Recommendation: Support. Comments: none. There shall be participatory involvement of Neighborhood Councils in reviewing election policies and procedures prior to Neighborhood Council elections."
recommendation: Support
Comments: None
 - v. Motion #5) Brown Act and posting policies Recommendation: Support
Comments: None
 - vi. Motion #6) NCs and rule formulation; appointments of General Manager, Board of Neighborhood Commissioner Recommendation: Support
Comments: None
 - vii. Motion #7) Creating and maintaining information and communication network for public use. Recommendation: Conditional support
Comments: We support, provided that uniformity and cohesiveness is built into the system that spans the various interacting entities including BONC, DONE, all NCs and other participating departments.
 - viii. Motion #8) Duties of the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC)
Recommendation: Support
Comments: None
 - ix. Motion #9) Exhaustive efforts process. Recommendation: Conditional support
Comments: We support, provided the proposed procedure specifies the steps

by which a board can be reconstituted following the removal of all board members.

6. Motion: Discussion and possible action on authorizing the Treasurer up to expend up to \$1000 for unforeseen "P-Card" expenses contemplated in the approved budget from 09/18-10/15/13.
7. Discussion and Action as Appropriate: Move that the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council enter into a lease agreement with the Los Feliz Improvement Association for one year (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) for use of office, storage, and meeting space in the Los Feliz Citibank Community Meeting Room and that the monthly payment of for the use of this space equal \$200.00. Resolution to approve the lease agreement. Demmers. Attachment.
8. Discussion and Action as Appropriate: Move that Demmers be authorized to complete request for sale/reuse to send two non-functioning laptops and one printer/copier to e-waste salvage services and remove these items from the NC Inventory list.
9. Report on Street Fair. Ad Hoc Committee.
10. Approval of August 20, 2013 Neighborhood Council Minutes. (Attachment)
11. Other comments and announcements.
12. Meeting Review
13. Adjourn

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