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Brief Summary: The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council (ASNC) supports the designation of the former Shoppers Market Building at 133 W. Avenue 45 as a Historical-Cultural Monument as one of the few surviving authentic, intact examples of Googie Style architecture markets. The Googie style originated in Los Angeles and is a world-renowned component of our cultural heritage and architectural identity. The building is located within ASNC boundaries.

Additional Information: The building owners have occupied the building only since 2006. They recently proposed a remodel of the structure in a pseudo craftsman style. They had previously proposed a similar remodel but, after discussions with the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone Board, agreed to maintain the historic Googie style and added a roof mounted red lettered “Superior” sign replicating the original “Shoppers” sign, proving they understood its historic value.
1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
Meeting called to order and quorum established at 7:02p

Present: Alfred Buhler, Andrea Jayasekera, Andrea Moran, Andrew Ptashnik, Annie Sakamoto, Ariel Van Zandweghe, Christine Pierron, Darius Adle, David Lyttle, Joseph Riser, Judy Shane, Margaret Barto, Martha Benedict, Nina Zippay, Roy Payan, Sergio Vidal-Echeverria, Teri Bonsell, Terry Saltzman, Tony Torres (seated at this meeting under item number 13E) Valerie Harragin

Absent: Brittany Wolfson (excused)

2. WELCOME and INTRODUCTORY REMARKS(1 min.) ASNC President Martha Benedict

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
motion: The ASNC Board approves the minutes of the May 24, 2013 ASNC Board meeting. Unanimously approved as corrected

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT Public Comment taken.

5. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES
None

6. FILLING OFFICER VACANCIES
A. With the resignation last month of Jack Fong, the office of Vice President needs to be filled and the Board will hear nominations and statements from candidates.

motion: The ASNC shall select a new Vice President who chairs the Rules & Election Committee.
Nina Zippay nominated and unanimously selected.

B. The President and Secretary received a letter of resignation from Ariel Van Zandweghe from his position as Registrar. Mr. Van Zandweghe will remain on the Board and on his respective committees. The office of Registrar needs to be filled and the Board will hear nominations and statements from candidates.

motion: The ASNC shall select a new Registrar who chairs the Communications & Outreach Committee. Registrar: Terry Saltzman and Teri Bonsell were nominated. Both accepted the nomination. Terry Saltzman then withdrew and Teri Bonsell was selected Registrar with 17 in favor and 2 abstentions.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. motion: The ASNC Board approves the report on expenditures and purchase card transactions that were made since the May meeting.

Report approved unanimously as amended

B. motion: The ASNC Board approves the proposed 2013-14 Budget and Strategic Plan.

Substitute motion to approve the proposed Budget and Strategic Plan and table further discussion until retreat. Motion passes 16 in favor, 3 opposed

8. UNUSED ASNC FUNDS FOR NC CONGRESS AND BUDGET ADVOCATES (Martha Benedict, 5 min.) [For discussion and possible action] Due to thrifty purchasing, ASNC 2012/13 funds have not been fully exhausted. The balance remaining may still be contributed to the NC Congress held Saturday September 28, 2013 which offers training and workshops to all NC members, and the Budget Advocates.

motion: The ASNC Board approves contribution of up to $3000 to the Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods held September 28, 2013 at Los Angeles City Hall and the Budget Advocates from the balance of 2012-13 ASNC funds.

Motion passes with 18 in favor, 1 opposed

9. CONDO DEVELOPMENT AT AVENUE 45 & MARMION On April 22 the Mt. Washington Local Issues Committee proposed a motion that was postponed in order to contact the developer. Committee member Christine Pierron reports that the developer declined the offer of public safety issues regarding the 6-unit condominium unit project at Avenue 45 and Marmion Way.

motion: The ASNC Board supports the Mt. Washington Homeowners Alliance regarding public safety issues regarding the 6-unit condominium unit project at Avenue 45 and Marmion Way.

Motion passes 12 in favor, 2 opposed and 5 abstentions

10. SUPERIOR MARKET HISTORIC STATUS The Mt. Washington Local Issues Committee voted to recommend that ASNC support Councilmembers Ed P. Reyes and Jose Huizarís May 24th recommendation to nominate the building occupied by Superior Market to as Historic-Cultural Monument (CF 13-0611). ASNC should file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in support.

motion: ASNC will file a CIS in support of CF 13-0611 nomination of historic status of the building currently housing Superior Market on Figueroa at Avenue 45.

Motion passes 15 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstention

11. MONTEREY HILLS LOCAL ISSUES FORMATION

With the resignation of its chair, the Monterey Hills Local Issues Committee needs to be reformed following the process outlined in ASNC's Standing Rules.

motion: The ASNC Board will select a person to convene the next Monterey Hills Local Issues Committee
on July 16 at Marshall Villas meeting room, 4225 Via Arbolada in Monterey Hills for the purpose of electing a chair and co-chair, as well as five to nine Committee members.

Jim Henderson, David Lyttle, and Darius Adle all nominated. Jim Henderson selected with 9 votes.

12. TREES FOR MONTEREY HILLS Observation of Via Arbolada, Via Marisol, Via Mia and Via Colina shows that there are several trees missing in tree wells. Trees in wells not adjacent to condominiums are particularly neglected with trees suffering from drought.

Motion: ASNC will request by letter that Ronald Lorenzen, City Tree Arborist, observe and remediate the state of street trees in Monterey Hills.

Motion passes unanimously

13. REPORT FROM RULES & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE After an analysis of the existing Bylaws, it was determined that the next selection of ASNC Officers will occur at the October 2013 meeting. Officer selections occur after a City-run NC election or one year after the last selection.

The Committee voted to recommend ASNC appoint Randall Zorick to the Rules & Elections Committee.

Motion: ASNC appoints Randall Zorick to the Committee.

Motion passes unanimously

The Committee recommends the following changes to the Standing Rules to the Board. [For discussion and possible action]

A. motion: Five stakeholders are the minimum quorum for ASNC Local Issues Committee meetings.

Motion passes with 18 in favor, 1 abstention.

B. motion: When a vacancy on the board occurs, there will be a selection held in which all qualified stakeholders may vote. Geographical positions are voted on by those geographic stakeholders only. At Large positions are voted on by all qualified stakeholders, including community interest stakeholders. Local issues selections will be held at a location within the geographic area concerned. At Large selections will be held anywhere within ASNC boundaries.

Motion tabled until next meeting

C. motion: ASNC will establish an Ad Hoc Agenda Setting Committee comprised of the five Board officers to determine the Board agenda. Prior to their meeting, all agenda requests emanating from the website, stakeholders and committees will be compiled by the Secretary. The committee will meet at least a week before the regular meeting date. This Committee shall not address or consider the merits of proposed agenda items. Its function is to determine whether a proposed agenda item will be placed on the next Board meeting agenda.

Motion passes with 18 in favor, 1 opposed

D. motion: A stakeholder may request an item be included in a future agenda.

Motion amended to state: A stakeholder may present an item to be submitted to the agenda setting committee for possible inclusion in a future agenda. Motion passes unanimously.

E. As the next highest vote getter in the October 2012 ASNC election, Tony Torres has confirmed in writing his willingness to fill the vacancy on the ASNC as an At Large Representative as stipulated in the Standing Rules.

Motion: The Board affirms the appointment of Tony Torres to be an At Large Representative.
Motion passes with 18 in favor and 1 abstention

14. BOARD RETREAT motion: The Board will hold a retreat to develop the strategic plan.  
Motion passes unanimously.

15. LOCAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 min.) Local Issues Committees report to the Board on matters of local importance. Provide future meeting dates: Hermon, Monterey Hills, Montecito Heights, Mt. Washington, Sycamore Grove.  
Waived until next meeting due to lack of time

16. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (5 min.) Board members' own activities or brief announcements. Introduce new issues for consideration at the next board meeting.  
Brief announcements only due to lack of time

17. ADJOURNMENT The next meeting of the board is Monday, July 22, 2013 at Ramona Hall, 7pm