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Martha Benedict, Valerie Harragin, Roy Payan

ARROYO SECO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (ASNC)

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD WITH

THE RULES AND ELECTION COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES

Thursday May 30, 2013 · 6:30pm · Ramona Hall, 4580 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90065

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** (1 min.) Acting Chair Martha Benedict confirms the quorum. Committee members present: Valerie Harragin, Roy Payan, Martha Benedict
ASNC Board members present: Andrew Ptashnik, David Lyttle, Joseph Riser
Stakeholders present: Judy Knapton, Wendi Riser, Randall Zorick, Rick Laudati
Parliamentarian Ivan Spiegel, C4C Mentor Jay Handal
- 2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - Judy Knapton commented that she had not seen the announcement of the meeting on the ASNCAlert.
 - Ms. Knapton stated her objection to two Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) people influencing ASNC actions. Jay Handal suspended public comment to explain that Ivan Spiegel had been appointed Parliamentarian by the ASNC Board at the April 1st meeting. Mr. Spiegel serves as a volunteer and is not employed by DONE. Mr. Handal also explained that he volunteers as a C4C mentor and also does not work for DONE, but was embedded in ASNC at their request in order to resolve some problems the Council was experiencing.
 - Randall Zorick volunteered to join the Rules & Elections Committee. The Committee members voted in agreement and the matter will be agendized at the June 24 ASNC Board meeting.
- 3. STANDING RULES REVISIONS**
 - Discussion to establish a quorum for Local Issues committee meetings.** It was established that a floating quorum is not legal and thus there is a necessity for a minimum quorum to conduct business in committees without a fixed membership. Valerie Harragin moved that a minimum of five stakeholders of a Local Issues Committee without fixed membership is required to conduct business. Motion passed unanimously and will be agendized at the June 24 ASNC Board meeting.
 - Clarification of the timing of Officer selections.** An examination of current Bylaws directs the Board to hold selection of new Officers in October 2013, one year from the last selection. The recent practice of selecting Officers in July or August was inconsistent with ASNC Bylaws. No action required.
 - Filling Board vacancies.** Standing Rules indicate that the next highest vote-getter from the previous City-run NC election will be offered the position. It was argued that seating the losing candidate does

not fulfill the will of the voters. The following alternative is proposed: 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 passed unanimously and will be agendized at the June 24 ASNC Board meeting.

- **Agenda Setting Committee.** For the sake of greater transparency of process, the 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 passed with two Yes and one No votes and will be agendized at the June 24 ASNC Board meeting.
- **Requests for Agenda Items.** Stakeholder Rick Laudati request a Standing Rule be created that would enable any ASNC stakeholder request that an item be considered for the ASNC agenda. It was clarified that a request coming in a Public Comment period at a Board meeting cannot be considered at the same meeting. The request may be recorded by the Secretary and referred to an appropriate Committee for consideration or directly to the Board agenda for a vote at the next Board meeting in order that the matter be duly noticed to stakeholders in keeping with the Brown Act. Committee member Valerie Harragin stated the motion that a stakeholder may request an item be included in a future agenda. Motion passed unanimously and will be agendized at the June 24 ASNC Board meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT