

ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2017,

7:00 P.M.

Echo Park United Methodist Church

1226 N. Alvarado St.

Los Angeles, CA 90026

1. Administrative items

a. Call to Order

The meeting began at 8:02 pm with 15 Board members present.

b. Roll Call

Attending Board Members:

Tad Yenawine, Chair

Darcy Harris, Vice Chair

Michael Galano, Treasurer

Jackelyn Valladares, Second Signatory

Paul Bowers, Chief Information Officer

Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous

Alex Meza

Cheryl Ortega

Andy Griggs

Jim Brown

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Jeffrey Kontorovsky (left early)

Connie Acosta (left early)

Daniel Heimpel (arrived late)

Non-Attending Board Members:

Mike Jolly

Ida Talalla

Margarita Fernandez

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

David Rockello:

He mentioned the September 9 neighborhood council congress. They are working on workshops now.

Treasurer Michael Galano:

He asked about volunteers for downtown. There will be a vote on Thursday for the formation of a Skid Row Neighborhood Council. This is a super heated debate, he said. The Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council (which currently incorporates Skid Row) wants to hold on to that area. Business people are voting against it. Galano said that he supports the creation of a Skid Row neighborhood council so this vote is very important.

Andy Griggs asked if there would be different pop up voting areas for that? Galano said yes. They will try to get as many Skid Row residents to the poll as possible on Thursday. However, so far, the majority of people are showing up to vote no.

Chair Tad Yenawine said the district wouldn't be exclusive.

Connie Acosta asked why isn't General Jeff (a major proponent of the Skid Row neighborhood council initiative) here? Galano said he's busy preparing for the vote.

5. Discussion and/or possible action on recommended changes to Bylaws package (see Proposed Revisions to EPNC Bylaws as of March 27):

o. Discussion and/or possible action on approval of Bylaws package incorporating all changes recommended by the Board and authorizing Bylaws Committee Chair to make corrections to ensure BOG changes are consistent throughout

Yenawine said that he wants to move agenda item 5.o to the top of the agenda because that's what people are here for.

VOTE to move agenda item 5.o to the top of the agenda

16-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Michael Galano

Jackelyn Valladares
Paul Bowers
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

Vice Chair Darcy Harris made a motion to amend the border to Bonnie Brae. Richard Courtney seconded.

Arturo:

He said that he wants consideration of the Echo Park Neighborhood Council. What is basis of putting the boundary at Bonnie Brae, he asked. The regional political boundary is changing. You did not lay down the basis. This is an arbitrary and un-democratic decision. You are putting people out of the political process. You are gerrymandering the Historic Filipino Town. He's in favor of the existing boundary at Glendale.

(Note: Daniel Heimpel arrived at 8:12pm.)

Evelyn Isidro:

She wants one district to keep Historic Filipino Town intact. She agrees with Alvarez Garcia.

David Rockello:

He asked the Board to please read all three letters in their packets, including one from the Historic Filipino Town historian. There will be a vote in Council District 1 on May 16.

There are lots of opinions here. Historical Filipino Town needs to stay intact. He wants the boundary to be placed at Glendale Boulevard. Historic Filipino Town is the new thing and should be District 6, not District 5. District 5 has always been Temple-Beaudry.

Alberto Diaz:

I do not agree in dividing districts 5 and 6. We must maintain the present condition of Historic Filipino Town. He wants Glendale to Benton Way as the boundary.

Gloria:

She said this issue is a big mess. She wants Glendale Boulevard as the boundary.

Lino:

He said that he is not in favor of having two districts. However, he prefers the Glendale boundary to preserve Historic Filipino Town intact.

Adolpino:

He said that this is his first meeting. He is against creating two districts. However, supports Glendale boundary for district 6.

Arturo:

He questions the decision for the division into two districts. He has a question about boundaries. If you don't extend the boundary to Glendale, you'll exclude a cultural area (which includes the oldest Filipino church in the country, the biggest Filipino mural, and other landmarks.) This is where the majority of Filipinos are. He wants the boundary extended to Clinton.

Yenawine said that that was something to note. There are other districts within the neighborhood council. *Let's call what is now District 5 District 6 with Bonnie Brae as the boundary, said Yenawine. Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos seconded that motion.*

Andy Griggs asked shouldn't that motion be considered under item b? Yenawine said we would have to reconcile. We will have to authorize Darcy Harris to make the corrections to make everything agree after tonight.

Jackelyn Valladares asked can we refrain from referring to Historic Filipino Town as HiFi?

Connie Acosta said that this boundary line does not divide the Filipino community. That's not the intention. There is a "Welcome to Filipino Town" sign on Hoover. This is an attempt to divide district. A Filipino can still be voted in and you'll still be represented. I think there is a misunderstanding here.

Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos told the audience that most of you were members of this Board. I remember when you voted for items for the Historic Filipino Town. You didn't recuse yourself. You held the majority on the Board so everything was out voted. There was an inequitable division of money. If money had been split equally, we wouldn't be having this conversation tonight.

Andy Griggs said I am still conflicted about this. I don't see numbers attached. Perhaps geographically it's closer to being half and half of what used to be District 5. What is currently district 5 which had 5 representatives and went down to 3. Now there will be two representatives in district 5 and two in district 6, just as in other districts.

Jocelyn Geaga-Rosenthal pointed to a map. You will see business cultural entities, murals, etc. represented. She's marked businesses and churches and other organizations that would be severed from Historical Filipino Town with this action.

Filipinos are a minority in Historical Filipino Town. That's true. The city held a long process to designate this area with boundary at Glendale to honor the contributions of Filipino-Americans.

She reminded the Board of the great tradition of honoring minorities. There is no other Historic Filipino Town in the US. Why would the neighborhood council disregard that, which was voted on unanimously by the City Council, she asked.

Padilla-Mavropoulos complained to Yenawine that you cut me off but you let her (Geaga-Rosenthal) continue.

Cheryl Ortega said I feel conflicted. I always support cultural identity and community. I can't understand that dividing the neighborhood council district diminishes the historical Filipino town. Are we that powerful? Should Bonnie Brae be named the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) asked Yenawine.

Cheryl Ortega commented that last time, I heard other people say they felt disempowered by that reality. All of those things are true. Would changing from Bonnie Brae to Glendale diminish community, she asked.

Galano said that he was conflicted. I'm educating myself, he said. The argument toward historic preservation is unfair. We need to adapt to the changing neighborhood. This reminds me of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council argument against Skid Row. There are implications. It does set a precedent for the City and County. The arguments that this hasn't been Democratic is ridiculous because that's why we are here tonight.

Galano also made comments about the historic church and mural. Why would we disregard City Council decisions? So we can be more responsive because we are more in tune with local conditions, concluded Galano.

Jeffrey Kontorovsky said we all agree about the division of Districts 5 and 6. There is a need for the East side to be more represented. I agree. In Filipino Town, some might say that it's over-represented. Why do we want to divide at Bonnie Brae instead of Glendale, he asked. The issue is east of Glendale to Beaudry. It's not represented.

I grew up in Historic Filipino Town. I own property there and raise my kids there. In the end, whether the boundary is Bonnie Brae or Glendale, that district will have two representatives. If the boundary is Glendale to Beaudry, it's better for that area. We need district representatives in that area.

Andrew Knauer reminded the audience that this motion only decides neighborhood council representatives.

Chief Information Officer Paul Bower thanked everyone for coming out to this meeting. We are not changing the boundaries of Historic Filipino Town. He prefers Glendale. I want to get this down. This is holding up other important business. We don't want to confuse or disenfranchise people. The eastern part has been under represented for a long time and we want to help as much as we can.

Kevin Fisher made comments about size of the area versus the number of representatives.

Jim Brown said that two representatives of District 5 said they want the boundary at Glendale. We should respect them and hear them out.

These people continue to come here so it must mean something to them. So listen to these people. They are reaching out. If I don't listen to people, there is no point in having the public here. Why don't we go out to the East side of the district. You don't have to be from that district.

Yenawine said that he was speaking for Margarita Fernandez, who is working the polls tonight. She is passionate about this issue. She is a major advocate for district 6. It increases representation for the area. She said the Filipino community is very organized. The rest of the population hasn't been represented. This is an effort to rectify that.

Griggs said I still haven't heard why Bonnie Brae has been decided. It's not a question of numbers. No numbers have been counted. It doesn't look like an argument of institutions. It looks like an argument of land mass.

I am the only one on this Board (along with Mike Jolly) who lives in the new district. We need representation. That area will grow because of new developments. I will vote for it.

Daniel Heimpel told the audience thanks for coming. To Jim Brown he said your sentiments are taken to heart. He also raised a point of clarification: East of Glendale? If that were a district, would that solve the representation question that led to this? Yenawine responded that it depends on whom you talk to. Originally there were 5 representatives for district 5. That was reduced to 3 by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) for the last election.

Heimpel asked whether Bonnie Brae would be a boundary better for the Filipino community. If the decision is to be willing to compromise representation for historical boundaries, that's fine. Am I in right ball park (this is his second meeting)?

Alex Meza said that the passion of this position regarding an imaginary line has been taken to heart by stakeholders. This does not in any way diminish the area of what is Historic Filipino Town. It's just an imaginary line requiring more representation at our table.

We're not closing churches or murals. It's about fair representation. It may look like strong holding. It's not like that. The movement of people to this meeting has been amazing. There is a lot of passion. This is not about trying to divide Historic Filipino Town in any way whatsoever. Everybody is represented fairly on this Board. That's the goal, continued Meza.

Richard Courtney said that Glendale is probably going to be the best boundary for representing the East Side. The East side of Glendale needs to be represented. There were 5 people from Historic Filipino Town that dominated district 5. It's great that we're listening to this community.

Connie Acosta said that each City department has its own boundary. So, the boundaries that we select are different from what you want. However, I'm supposed to serve the community. I'll vote your way because of your passion. You want the community intact and I will respect that.

Michael Galano said we're talking about a historically under-represented community. Maybe for that reason, they don't show up to things like that. They may not even know about these meetings. That doesn't mean that they aren't paying attention to this discussion.

Andy Griggs offered a substitute motion: Have a Glendale boundary with the names changed for 5 and 6. Jocelyn Geaga-Rosenthal seconded.

Geaga-Rosenthal said that placing the border at Glendale gives the East side more representation. Historic issues for minority people are very important. When redistricting occurs, it does not respect the communities of those interested. That's a major issue for governments.

Yenawine said that there is a second substitute motion in floor.

Bowers said if we do this at Bonnie Brae, everyone west of this could hold all 4 seats. To avoid non-representation for those to the East, we must have that. Some people may not be able to attend meeting from District 6. Galano asked what are the 4 seats coming up?

Yenawine discussed the original draft of the neighborhood council's bylaws, which he wrote several years ago. Harris helped with the rewrite. The intention of all of this is to increase representation of

the community. Historically, the neighborhood council is trying to move away from each little district being its own kingdom. DONE attempts to address that by short neighborhood council Board terms. That's my philosophy about this.

He said that he is happy about District 6. In the spirit of having this council better serve the community, that's how I wrote this. District 5 had 5 seats when others had 3. In the last election that was changed by DONE. It was reduced to 3 seats. The Committee recommends two representatives per district. With 21 board members, 2 per district, that would allow the Filipino community to have all seats (4) from districts 5 and 6.

Bowers asked with a Bonnie Brae boundary, do you understand that all seats could be from the Historic Filipino Town community? Harris said that the decision was Glendale or Bonnie Brae. If you go to Glendale this will be the smallest district. Much of that area is industrial, added Yenawine. Harris said we felt going to a geographic basis would be fairest.

Padilla-Mavropoulos said when I worked for District 5, people were so disenfranchised that they wouldn't come to meetings. Numbers don't lie.

Yenawine said we are voting on Grigg's motion to make Glendale Boulevard the dividing line. With District 6 being the western most area and District 5 being the eastern most.

VOTE for Griggs' amendment

13-3-1

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Daniel Heimpel
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares
Paul Bowers
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta

No Votes:

Cheryl Ortega
Alex Meza
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos

Abstentions:

Tad Yenawine

VOTE for amended motion

17-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares
Paul Bowers
Luiza Padilla-Mavropoulos
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Jeffrey Kontorovsky
Connie Acosta
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

(Note: Jeffrey Kontorovsky left at 9:07pm)

4. Discussion and/or possible action on rental of office and meeting space

Yenawine said we visited the St. Athanasius Church with Harris. It's complicated to get space for meetings there. It's a good space for town hall meetings but you must arrange for the space in advance and have security. Parking is no problem.

What we are pursuing is this space. We're on a good path here. This place is so uncomplicated. We come and go as we please. That's what we're going for.

Griggs asked about the length of the lease? Yenawine replied that it can be renegotiated at any time. This church is asking for a one-year agreement. However, a shorter term is fine. We must get an agreement that the City can accept. Courtney asked about parking.

Separately, Padilla-Mavropoulos noted that April 16 is the neighborhood council's 15th anniversary. Maybe we should consider doing something?

Jim Brown asked what is the procedure to get a community group to offset the cost? We're not allowed to rent? Yenawine replied that we can be in partnership with a group to rent the space.

5. Discussion and/or possible action on recommended changes to Bylaws package (see Proposed Revisions to EPNC Bylaws as of March 27): --
REVISITED

a. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. II -
Purpose

Harris offered changes for typographical and other errors.

Bowers asked can we bundle a to n? Yenawine said there are a few things that we need to talk about. *Kevin Fisher seconded Yenawine's motion to adopt Harris' changes.*

VOTE
16-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares
Paul Bowers
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Connie Acosta
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

b. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. III –
Boundaries (apart from dividing line between District 5 and District 6 in
section 2, E&F) & Attachment A

Harris said there are a few changes to make the descriptions more
accurate, to make the external boundaries more accurate.

Yenawine said we'll need a separate vote on this issue. *Acosta
made the motion. Fisher seconded.*

VOTE

16-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares
Paul Bowers
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Connie Acosta
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

c. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. IV – Stakeholder Definition

Yenawine said that parents of children and volunteers, among others, would be stakeholders. *Yenawine made the motion. Harris seconded.*

Kevin Fisher asked what if you live in neighborhood but aren't volunteering? Yenawine responded that this is for people who don't live here. Cheryl Ortega is an example of this. Bowers added that this can include people who've been priced out.

Andy Griggs asked about religious organizations and non profits, can they do work here but not have offices here? I want to be clear. Yenawine said I can see how that can be ambiguous. Harris said this is an attempt to be more inclusive, to broaden things.

Knauer asked whether those who've attended local schools would qualify? Yenawine said yes. Harris warned that DONE may not approve this. But they'll definitely look at it, added Heimpel. Yenawine explained that this is motivated by the last election.

Jackelyn Valladares asked would all three high schools be eligible? Yenawine said that Marshall High School is outside of the boundaries.

Andy Griggs expressed reservations that this is so broad. Someone can come up and say they worked at McDonald's 15 years ago. This is a little too broad. If you used to own a business here and retired years ago? He is against this. Knauer said that he is also against this.

Courtney said that if someone wants to participate, we shouldn't say no. It's so hard to get people to participate. Geaga-Rosenthal asked how do you operationalize that? It opens the door for abuse. This is my concern. Certification and documentation of stakeholder status is up to DONE, said Yenawine.

Regarding the method to verify stakeholder status, that's a different agenda item, said Harris. Done may not accept self affirmation. Jackelyn Valladares asked can you attend by cellphone? Yenawine said there are rules about actually physically being here.

VOTE
14-2-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares
Paul Bowers
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Connie Acosta
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes:

Kevin Fisher
Andrew Knauer

Abstentions:

None

d. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. V, § 1 –
Governing Board, Composition

Yenawine said that the Committee recommended reducing the Board size to 19 from 21 with 2 representatives per district and the rest at-large. More at-large seats would allow for a better voting experience. Ortega said that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council does something like that. What do other neighborhood councils do?

Harris made the motion. Yenawine seconded.

Jim Brown asked this is for the next election? Yenawine said yes. Kevin Fisher asked has concentration of power been an issue in the past? Harris said there was some concern. That's why we reduced at-large seats. Now there are 5 at large.

Knauer commented I ran for District 3 unopposed. Acosta added I live in District 3 but I ran for at-large. The focus is on the overall area.

Bowers commented that 3 people per district creates an odd number. However, he wants 3 seats per District. Ortega said that she's always considered herself to be representing all communities, not just my district. So, she favors more at large seats.

Yenawine said the district representatives don't have to be an odd number. Courtney commented to have 9 at large seats to get quorum. Yenawine said quorum would be 10. *Courtney offered an amended motion with 21 members, including 9 at-large seats and with 2 per district. Harris seconded.*

Heimpel said I like 7. Does it go back to 7 at-large seats if this vote doesn't pass? Harris said yes.

VOTE
9-5-2
PASSED

This was not a voice or roll call vote. Both Yenawine and Brown abstained.

VOTE for amended motion: 21 seats with 9 at large seats.
15-1-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares
Paul Bowers
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes:
Connie Acosta

Abstentions:
None

(Note: Connie Acosta left the meeting after this vote at 9:37pm.)

e. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. V, §§ 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11

Harris discussed a quorum change from 10 to 11, adding to duties of Board members to serve on at least one committee. Also, regarding absences, we would count absences if you arrive 45 minutes late or leave 45 minutes early. Special meetings will now be included in this.

Heimpel asked we can show up 40 minutes late³ every time?
Yenawine responded that that would totally suck.

Harris said there would be new ways to remove board members. There would be automatic removal now for absences, failure to do training, or to serve on committees.

Yenawine added that automatic removal avoids an ego trip and a popularity contest. People can be reseated with good reason. Padilla-Mavropoulos asked does this eliminate the miss 3, come to one, miss 3, come to one problem? Yenawine replied that that's correct.

Courtney asked about stakeholder recall? Yenawine said that's the Ida Talalla rule. Alex Meza said I was out because of surgery for 4 months. It wasn't something that I foresaw. He asked about exceptions.

Harris said there may be valid reasons. However, voting for each missed meetings complicates things. If you're not there, you're not serving the community.

Ortega said I disagree. If he's replaced, he can't come back. Harris said we can't keep seat open for months. Ortega said if a seat is replaced, the person can't come back.

Valladares said I'm a tough person. I run a lot. I'm in a lot of pain during meetings. I can only handle so much. Yenawine said you can participate in so many ways. There is a balance. Padilla-

Mavropoulos mentioned Americans With Disabilities Act laws and discrimination for physical disability. She recommended that Valladares check with DONE about that.

Kevin Fisher mentioned that the Board is willing to kick people off. Griggs commented that there should be some exception for this, for people going into surgery. This is a disability issue. It must be addressed in that way. We have until May 1.

Yenawine suggested how about we write something else for next meeting that allows for temporary resignation? Galano asked do you have someone replace you or leave seat empty? Griggs said that some neighborhood council Board members have alternates serve when they can't. Yenawine said maybe that's the text that we need for next meeting.

Valladares asked what about maternity leave?

Yenawine asked do you remember how difficult it was to remove people from previous Board? Ortega said yes. *Griggs suggested an amendment for the next agenda.* Yenawine said I'll create space on the next agenda for an amendment. If we need to reconsider, someone on the prevailing side can reconsider it.

VOTE
15-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares
Paul Bowers
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

f. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. VI – Officers of the Board, Duties and Powers, Selection of Officers, Officer Terms and Officer Removal

Harris said that we are adding 2 officers: a Vice Treasurer, and a split of the Chief Information Officer position into a Chief Information Officer and a Secretary. The Vice Treasurer and Second Signatory won't serve on the Executive Committee.

Yenawine said that historically, the Chief Information Officer was responsible for everything. Kwazi Nkrumah, the previous Board Chair, blamed Bowers for everything.

Galano suggested an amendment: the Second Signatory and the Vice Treasurer will serve on the Budget and Finance Committee. Fisher seconded.

VOTE for amendment

15-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Michael Galano

Jackelyn Valladares

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous

Alex Meza

Cheryl Ortega

Andy Griggs

Jim Brown

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

VOTE for amended motion

15-0-0

PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine

Darcy Harris

Michael Galano

Jackelyn Valladares

Paul Bowers

Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous

Alex Meza

Cheryl Ortega

Andy Griggs

Jim Brown

Kevin Fisher

Richard Courtney

Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal

Andrew Knauer

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

- g. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. VII – Committees and Their Duties
- h. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. VIII – Meetings
- i. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. IX - Finances
- j. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. X – Elections & Attachment B
- k. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. XI – Grievance Process

l. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. XII – Parliamentary Authority

m. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. XIII – Amendments

n. Board recommendations re: changes to Bylaws package: Art. XIV – Compliance

Harris made a motion to bundle the rest of the agenda item 5 issues (g, h, i, j, k, l, m, and n).

Griggs noted that there are several references to standing rules here. Is that our next task? *Courtney seconded Harris' motion.*

Harris offered a summary of these items. The Executive Committee will no longer automatically meet each month. People can submit items to the Chair. We are changing voting from 11 to a majority plus one for passing amendments to the bylaws. These items also change the eligibility age to run for board seats from 16 to 18. People under 18 can't vote on financial contracts, land use issues. But can still vote for the board as a stakeholder at 16.

Fisher seconded the motion to bundle.

**VOTE to bundle agenda items 5.g, h, i, j, k, l, m, and n
15-0-0
PASSED**

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares
Paul Bowers
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

Fisher made the motion. Bowers seconded.

VOTE to adopt the bundled items
15-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:
Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares
Paul Bowers
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes:
None

Abstentions:
None

6. Discussion and/or possible action on approval of Bylaws package incorporating all changes recommended by the Board and authorizing Bylaws Committee Chair to make corrections to ensure BOG changes are consistent throughout.

7. Discussion and/or possible action authorizing Bylaws Committee chair Darcy Harris and BOG Chair Tad Yenawine to complete and submit all forms and submissions regarding Bylaws to DONE on behalf of EPNC.

Yenawine made a motion to bundle items 6 and 7. Galano seconded.

VOTE to bundle 6 and 7
15-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares
Paul Bowers
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer
Daniel Heimpel

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

VOTE for bundled items 6 and 7
15-0-0
PASSED

Yes Votes:

Tad Yenawine
Darcy Harris
Michael Galano
Jackelyn Valladares
Paul Bowers
Luiza Padilla-Mavropolous
Alex Meza
Cheryl Ortega
Andy Griggs
Jim Brown
Kevin Fisher
Richard Courtney
Joselyn Geaga-Rosenthal
Andrew Knauer

Daniel Heimpel

No Votes:

None

Abstentions:

None

8. Announcements

Harris mentioned that there will be a spring fair on April 8.

Brown said I went to the Department of Water and Power meeting last week. It was pretty heavy.

Meza said that he attended the homeless coalition meeting downtown. It was informative but there were no numbers. The final official numbers for the homeless are due out by June.

Padilla-Mavropoulos said that the Farmer's Market begins at 3pm.

Bowers said there will be a sidewalk repair talk at City Hall tomorrow.

10. Adjournment

The Meeting ended at 10:03pm.