

Rules Committee draft minutes

Meeting Dec 18, 2012

Called to order 9:35am

Present: Harvey Goldberg, Max Flehinger, David Garfinkle, Len Shaffer

Others present: Varant Majorian

Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

Spelling correction by David

Minutes approved as corrected

Agenda item 4; Motion to reconsider motion previously approved at Nov 15, 2012 meeting re mandating ethics exam for committee chairs

Motion by Harvey G; 2nd by Max F

4 yes 0 no

Agenda item 5: Motion, that all committee chairs, standing and ad hoc, shall, within 60 (sixty) days of appointment, take the Ethics Training as specified by Assembly Bill 1234 and also take training relating to the Brown Act, the FPPC, sexual harassment and work place violence. Failure to do so would result in automatic removal of the chair. (This Rule would not apply to any committee chair that is in compliance with any other Standing Rule mandating any of the above training.)

After discussion but before a formal motion there was a request to include language that compliance be monitored by some one appointed by the Exec Committee.

Motion by David G with the new language; 2nd by Harvey G

4 yes 0 no

Agenda item 5.5: Motion to reconsider motion previously approved at Nov 15, 2012 meeting re appointment and removal of committee chairs

Motion by Max F; 2nd by Harvey G

4 yes 0 no

Agenda item 6: Motion, that the Board President have the sole discretion to appoint and remove standing and ad hoc committee chairs with approval of the Board. Appointment or removal shall be by motion at a regular board meeting.

- a. Appointment approval shall be by a majority of those present and voting.
- b. The Board may override the removal of a committee chair by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board.

David G – Motion to amend b. to state 2/3 present and voting. 2nd Len S

1 yes 3 no

Harvey G – Motion to amend b. to state 2/3 of current board members. 2nd by Max F

3 yes 1 no

As amended – 4 yes 0 no

(Note During the discussion on this agenda item Kathy Delle Donne arrived. There now being 6 board members present, Varant Majorian agreed he would be present as an observer only so as to allow the meeting to continue. Varant did not enter into any of the discussion of agenda items from that point forward.)

Agenda item 7: Motion to reconsider motion previously approved at Nov 15, 2012 meeting re standing committees.

Motion by Max F; 2nd by David G

4 yes 0 no

Agenda item 8: Motion, the Rules Committee recommends to the Board that the following be reconfirmed as standing committees:

- a. Budget and Finance; Energy and Environment; Government Action; Land Use; Outreach; Public Safety; Rules and Bylaws; and Transportation and Mobility; and
- b. That an Animal Welfare committee be added to the list of standing committees

Motion by Max F; 2nd by Harvey G

4 yes 0 no

Comment by Kathy that Deanna Scott was interested in chairing such a committee – Deana commented on programs regarding feral cats, pet adoptions and horse issues

2. Agenda item 9: Motion that the Tarzana Neighborhood Council shall, if at all feasible, maintain a web site for communicating with its stakeholders, informing stakeholders of neighborhood council and community events, posting Board and committee agendas, promoting the Tarzana Neighborhood Council and for other similar purposes. Further, in order to assure that at all times the web site is available and accessible for the such purposes access to the web site shall be as follows:
 - a. Administrative privileges shall be held by the President, the First Vice President and, as directed by a vote of the Executive Committee, either the Treasurer or Second Vice President
 - b. Limited access to committee pages on the web site and to the calendar shall be given to each committee chair for the purpose of posting agendas and minutes and calendar entries showing the date, time and location of committee meetings

Motion by Harvey G; 2nd by David G – added after “committee agendas” approved minutes, financial statements and future calendar events,

4 yes 0 no

Comment by Kathy that only the president should have administrative access to the web site.

Agenda item 10: Motion that the TNC Bylaws Art V, 9, C be amended to state “shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board. For the purposes of such action an “abstention” shall count as a “yes” vote.”

Motion by Max F; 2nd by Harvey G – the motion was to require a 2/3 vote of the current board members.

David G – amendment to delete abstention as a “yes” vote; Harvey 2nd
1 yes (David G) 3 no

Vote on original motion with the 2/3 vote of current board members
3 yes 1 no (David G)

Agenda item 11: Motion, that the TNC Bylaws Art VI, 4 be amended to read “unless sooner removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Governors or by action of Article VI, 3. For the purposes of such action by the Board an “abstention” shall count as a “yes” vote.”

Motion by Harvey G; 2nd by Max F – the motion was to require a 2/3 vote of the current board members

David G – amendment to delete abstention as a “yes” vote – No 2nd

Vote on original motion with the 2/3 vote of current board members
3 yes 1 no (David G)

(At 10:50 David G left the meeting)

Agenda item 12: Motion, that the TNC Bylaws Art III, 1 be amended to state “on the west by Corbin Avenue to its terminus at Corbin Canyon, and then along the 91356/91364 zip code boundary to Mulholland Drive.”

Motion by Harvey G; 2nd by Max F

After discussion regarding adjusting boundary to include all of 91356 in Tarzana NC and the need for consultation with Woodland Hills Warner Center Harvey G. moved to postpone the item until the next Rules Committee meeting; 2nd Max F.
3 yes 0 no

Comment by Kathy regarding this issue coming up on the past and advising that it needs to be discussed with Woodland Hills Warner Center

Agenda item 13: Motion, that the TNC Bylaws Art X, 6, C be amended by deleting the last two sentences and inserting “The results of a tie vote will be decided by the election procedures then in force.”

Motion by Harvey G; 2nd by Max F with the following additional language after “then in force.” If none, then by a coin flip by a representative of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

3 yes 0 no

Agenda item 14: Should the Rules Committee recommend to the TNC Board of Governors that standing committees be enumerated in the TNC bylaws. (A discussion only item)

Harvey G. – Should the standing committees be split with some of the more important one in the bylaws and other that may come and go not in the bylaws?

Max F. – If they are important enough to be standing committees how can they be distinguished from one another.

General question – are certain committee essential to the TNC and others not.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18am