

NORTH HILLS WEST

## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### **Rules & Elections Committee & Joint Board meeting draft minutes**

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2015 - 730 PM ( following Outreach Committee )

Location: Helen Donovan Accounting Office, 16416 Parthenia Street - North Hills - 91343

#### RULES & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Nancy Xander, Dave Brown, Garry Fordyce, absent Darleen Rogers

Quorum of 3 of 4 established at 920 PM

1. Review of previous R&E Committee draft minutes from July 2, 2014

Approved as corrected NX-DB 2nd

2. Per EmpowerLA, the date for our Region 2 Elections will be tentatively Saturday, April 9, 2016

Prime location: The Onion at 9550 Haskell Ave, North Hills, same as last time

Backup location: New Horizons at 15725 Parthenia Street, North Hills, our regular meeting location

A 4 hour window for Voting is standard, 2 additional hours are available upon request

This was thought to be a good idea, even if vote counting had to go elsewhere

3. Regarding food offerings, a significant NC Election component,

discussion ensued regarding utilizing a food truck instead of cooking, more research into costs

4. Copies of the 2016 Neighborhood Council Election Manual were distributed

As well as the 2016 Procedures Stipulation Worksheet ( "Stip Sheet" )

It was finally resolved that this is the same worksheet

that the Board approved previously at a General Board meeting

A new "stip sheet" has arrived from EmpowerLA confirming those choices made then

5. Enthusiastic response towards making an Elections specific section on the NC website

This would include Candidate registration forms and required Trainings, with links to do so anytime

As well as a "disclaimer" of sorts explaining in detail what is expected of a potential Board member

Approved was a plain language statement to be finalized, that says in essence:

Before becoming a Board member, a Candidate would indicate they understand

The amount of time and effort that would certainly be expected of them

to adequately represent their position, which is not limited to attending a monthly meeting.

This is not meant to demean any current members,

who started with the best of intentions, "then life happened" which constrained their participation

But as Volunteers, the Board needs all members contributing to do an effective job

6. Candidate orientations, including that provided by EmpowerLA, to additionally prepare

7. Discussion regarding Election banners & signage - Kathy

8. Newsletter and postcard mailing discussion ongoing

9. Discussion regarding our NC hosting regional and local specific Candidate Forums

8. Initial discussion of Standing Rules and possible bylaws modifications

a. Possible minimum quarterly meetings of all Committees

Possible adoption of Alternate Board members, who would be fully qualified ( trainings )

And would attend meetings as able, and step in to fill Board vacancies as they occur

A possible selection criteria might be Election ranking beyond the designated 13 Board seats

Or possibly open application post Election

Among other things, this would minimize ( lack of ) quorum issues, and engage responsible individuals

b. Possible Committee Chairs being Stakeholders vs Board members, or at least Co-Chairs  
( Committees would still require a Board member(s) )

Additional pertinent items:

Kathy Cryer to present a Presidential Volunteer Service Awards demo at next General Board meeting on Sept 17th

Wednesday Sept 9th, Conversations with Councils featured topic Homeless issues

Thursday Sept 10th, Basic car 17A95 Neighborhood Watch meeting

Friday Sept 11th, EmpowerLA Awards at City Hall

Wednesday Sept 16th C-PAB: 630 PM Mission Hills, 700 PM Devonshire Division

Thursday Sept 17th, North Hills West General Board meeting

Meeting adjourned at 1130 PM with much thanks to the participants for their time and contributions

And Helen Donovan, in addition, also for the extended hosting