

BYLAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE

March 25, 2008 Meeting, 7-9:00 p.m.

BABCNC Office

Beverly Glen Clubhouse

2830 Woodwardia

Los Angeles, CA 90077

Chair: Larry Leisten

Members in attendance: Larry Leisten, John Amato, Gary Plotkin, GG Verone

Absent: Carol Sidlow, Carolyn Carradine

Administrator: David Espinoza, present

Agenda Item #1

Meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Leisten at 7:25.

Agenda Item #2

Minutes from the 11/14/07 meeting were approved with corrections. Minutes from the 1/17/08 meeting were approved.

Agenda Item #3

Larry briefed the Committee on the status of the At-Large Elections. He reviewed the decision of the Board to have the President draft a letter to the City Clerk requesting an explanation for its denial to BABCNC's request for a City Clerk administered election in June, 2008. He stated that the President had drafted a letter and that he had provided comment, but was unaware whether the letter had been sent.

David informed the Committee that the letter has yet to go out.

Notwithstanding BABCNC's effort to obtain an explanation, Larry noted that he received information indicating that the City Clerk is moving forward with administration of many neighborhood council elections and that it is all but certain that the BABCNC will not have its election administered by the City Clerk in 2008.

Larry stated that the options left with the Board are (i) hold an election in late 2008 and administered by DONE, or (ii) defer the election to 2010, when the City Clerk will be administering all neighborhood council elections.

Gary asked for clarification of the definition of an "At-Large Member". Larry read for Gary the definition currently in the Bylaws. Gary made reference to recent effort by the City to expand the definition to include anyone who claims a stake in the BABCNC, commonly referred to as "the Starbucks customer."

Larry stated that he was unaware that the City's effort to expand the definition had been approved by the City., and the Committee will continue with the current definition.

John commented that the definition of a stakeholder includes anyone who works, lives or owns property in the Council area.

GG seconded John's comment and added anyone working in the area has a good stake in the Council.

Agenda Item #4

Larry gave an update on the Phase 1 bylaws changes to Articles 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7, and noted that the draft he had distributed to Committee members included Article 3 revisions, which were not originally part of the Phase 1 revisions.

The committee noted corrections and will send David all corrections to forward to the board members.

John asked if a template of the bylaws would be given by DONE. Larry commented that a general template was once provided for certification purposes during the Council's creation.

Gary asked if the committee is exhausting its efforts to create the bylaws, if DONE was going to provide a template at some point. Larry commented that it is in the interest of the BABCNC to provide its own language.

Gary stated that he would contact other NCs to research their bylaws for the committee to use as a template.

Gary asked if he needed to take an oath as a new board member.

John, Larry and GG stated that they did recall an ethical form that needed to be signed and asked David to provide it to Gary.

Gary suggested provided an "Executive Session" amendment to the bylaws in order to allow the Council to adjourn to executive session if ever needed.

Gary commented on establishing a procedure by which NC funds may be appropriated.

Agenda Item #5

No update.

Agenda Item #6

Larry briefed on the language for removing a member of the Council that includes "due process" for the member. He also commented that he sought clarification from DONE on this issue and other NC's have a similar procedure for removal.

Agenda Item #7

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.