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Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Held via Zoom webinar

Present: David Matthews (Chair), Franz Rodriguez (Vice Chairperson), Rosalie Preston (Recording Secretary), La Juana Mitchell (Treasurer), John Ward (District 1), Joan Jacobs (District 2), Rey Paduani (District 3), Arvie Powell (District 4), Llewyn Fowlkes (District 5), Vanessa Johnson (District 7), Angela Springs (District 8), Richard Lee (Youth Advocate), Janet Mitchell (Outreach/Communications Representative), and Eva Pace (At Large Representative)

1) Welcome/introductions/roll call of Board members: Chair David Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Llewyn Fowlkes led the pledge of allegiance to the flag, which was followed by a moment of silence.

2) Approval of holding Candidate Forums on Tues. April 27 and Thurs. April 29 as HGNNC events: The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment has recommended holding the Candidate forums as events rather than Special Board meetings to allow for a more flexible format. It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Llewyn Fowlkes, and passed 13-0-0 to hold the Forms as HGNNC events.

3) Approval of cancelling the April 27 General Membership meeting in order to hold the first Candidate Forum on that date: It was moved by Joan Jacobs, seconded by Richard Lee, and passed 13-0-0 to cancel the April 27 General Membership meeting.

(Rey Paduani left the meeting at 6: p.m.)

4) Discussion and possible motion to pay the service fee for the League of Women Voters Torrance Area as moderator for the Candidate Forums on Tues. April 27 and Thurs. April 29, for an amount not to exceed 200: The League of Women Voters Torrance Area has agreed to provide a moderator for each of the two Forums, set up the guidelines for the Forums, set up the questions, and notify the 46 candidates of which day they will be scheduled. It was moved by Joan Jacobs and seconded by Eva Pace to approve a service fee of 200 for moderation services by the League of Women Voters Torrance Area.

(Janet Mitchell entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.)

During discussion, the issue of being able to afford \$200 was raised though Joan Jacobs explained that amount of money was included in the election budget. There were also objections to use of the Torrance Area League because their President is a past Board member. After a vote, the motion failed 4-6(Lee, Matthews, J. Mitchell, Rodriguez, Springs, Ward)-0. There was further discussion of how to handle the moderation, with suggestions of using current Board members who are not running for election and the Los Angeles League of Women Voters or someone from a college or university. The flyer for the event is nearly ready to be finalized and needs to be sent to the printer on April 9. It was then moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by Joan Jacobs, and passed 7-2(J. Mitchell, Rodriguez)-1(Springs) to approve paying the League of Women Voters as moderator for the two Candidate Forums for an amount not to exceed \$200.

(Janet Mitchell left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.)

5) Approval of \$171 for a one-year subscription for Hootsuite social media marketing platform from Outreach funds (\$588 charge, less not-for-profit credit of \$417), with budget adjustment: The Ad Hoc Election Committee had agreed to pay for the use of the social media marketing platform Hootsuite for one free month and three months at 75 from the election

budget and then recommend a one-year subscription to the Board for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. However, it turned out that Hootsuite offers a very discounted one-year subscription for non-profits and not-for-profits and offered the one-year subscription starting in April for \$171. Treasurer La Juana Mitchell recommended paying for this amount now from outreach funds as the service can then be used into 2022 for advertising HGNNC meetings and events as well as the remainder of the election-related outreach. It was moved by Rosalie Preston, seconded by La Juana Mitchell, and passed 8-1(Rodriguez)-0 to approve this expenditure from outreach funds.

6) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Board's jurisdiction:

There was no public comment.

7) Announcements: District 8 Representative Angela Springs announced an April 17 drive in District 8 Neighborhood Watch sign up event at the Avalon Green Line station from 12 to 3 p.m.

8) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary