

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Bylaws Committee – November 22, 2021
Held via Zoom

Present: Nakiesha Scott (Chair), Rosalie Preston (Secretary), Jackie Jackson, Craig Kusunoki, Janet Mitchell, Fred Nichols, Luetta Watson, and Hannah Woods

1) Welcome/call to order/roll call: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Nakiesha Scott. Roll call determined that there was a quorum.

2) Approval of the October 25, 2021, Committee minutes: It was moved by Fred Nichols, seconded by Rosalie Preston, and passed 8-0-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

3) Review of Committee-submitted Bylaws Articles for possible changes/updates

a) Input from Rosalie Preston regarding proposed changes to the HGNNC Bylaws: Rosalie Preston suggested changing the names of two Board positions in Article V – Governing Board, Community Organization Representative and Outreach/Communications Representative, both to At-Large Representative and then the current At-Large Representative to Community Interest Representative, though keeping the same definition of those who could run for the seat. This seat would be the only seat for which Community Interest stakeholders could run and vote for. The reason is to make it easier for more people to qualify to run for the At-Large seats, as currently, especially for the Community Organization Representative seat, it can be difficult to provide suitable documentation. Other Committee members thought that having two seats named “At Large” would be confusing. There was a suggestion to make those seats also available for Community Interest stakeholders eligible to run for and vote for. Rosalie then said that she recommended leaving the seats as they are.

b) Input from Fred Nichols regarding proposed changes to the HGNNC Bylaws: Fred Nichols had a number of suggestions, though after consulting the Bylaws template which explains which things cannot be changed per already adopted City ordinances or policies of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the City Clerk (in regards to elections, his suggestions were adding three more Standing Committees for Arts, Business, and Elections. It was pointed out that the Elections Committee has to be Ad Hoc because it only meets for part of one year and that the HGNNC already has difficulty in keeping its current Standing Committee openings filled and the Committees active. In the past, Ad Hoc Committees have been created to test out their need, such as Arts, He would also like to see an increase in the number of people who can serve on Committees.

4) Open discussion on new proposed changes to the HGNNC Bylaws: Rosalie Preston said that now that the new Bylaws template language has been provided by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, some updated language to various Articles should be considered.

5) General Public comment on non-agenda items: There was none.

6) Announcements: There were none.

7) Next meeting date/adjournment: The Committee will meet on Mon. December 27 at 7 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Secretary