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Citywide Issues Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

6:30 PM

GHNNC Office, 11139 Woodley Ave.

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All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible committee action

- 1. Roll call::** Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM/
Present, Sid Gold Chairperson, Bill Hopkins, Ralph Kroy, absent Carl Buettner, Agnes Lewis
- 2. Public comment non agenda items: None**
- 3. Discussion regarding DWP Issues:** Rate increase, Independent rate-payor advocate (IRPA) other issues. The committee discussed proposed rate increase for water to pay for the mandated improvements under the Clean water Act. No action taken. The committee affirmed present GHNNC policy to have no rate increase until Office Public Accountability established and rate payor advocate in place
- 4. Los Angeles Education and Neighborhood Recommendations regarding NC's; further discussion; Discussion that the City Council Committee is working on the 4 areas and will present final draft**
- 5. Neighborhood Council Election Process: Update:** Proposed resolution on elections; survey form city clerk.

The committee discussed proposals by BONC and VANC to have NC elections in 2012 and not postponed as directed by Council, The committee proposes the following Resolution;

Resolved the City Attorney work with DONE and NC'S to develop a temporary ordinance to override present NC bylaws (that state that the City Clerk administer NC elections) and allow NC's to conduct elections in 2012

Also resolved that GHNNC post CIS as well as informing the Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, BONC, DONE and the City Council of this action.

6. **Bill Board Proposal:** Signage ordinance, Ralph Kroy to present. Ralph pointed out that a sign at Rinaldi and Balboa was removed by the owner when he received a letter that the political sign was in violation of city codes. After discussion and considering literature brought by Ralph Kroy regarding first amendment rights, the committee resolved:

Political, ideological or other noncommercial messages posted on a sign shall be allowed in other than residential areas and such signs will have an area no more than 32 square feet nor higher than 8 .5 feet

Also resolved that such signs shall not be subject to fees, permits or other restrictions.

7. **Redistricting of City Council seats: Discussion regarding meeting on redistricting. Bill Hopkins reported that he was concerned that the meeting ended before posted time and that people who wanted to give testimony arrived after the meeting was adjourned**
8. **Sewage fee:** Further discussion regarding proposed rate increase; Discussion regarding the fact that the public disclosure was not adequate to allow for an understanding of why the increase is of such a nature.

No action taken.

9. Waste Hauling proposal from non residential

http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/amartinez/unanimous_vote_sends_los_angel.html

Discussion that that GHNNC has acted on the franchise proposal. Committee discussed that if franchise is such a good proposal, perhaps all waste for the city should be put out to bid for franchise.

The committee resolves::

Given the concept of franchise districts for non residential may be establish by City Ordinance, GHNNC supports that all waste collection within the city for all other properties including single and multiple unit residences be subject to a franchise district

10. Sidewalk Repairs Discussion regarding the proposed ordinance. Committee affirms present GHNNC policy

11. River Improvement Ordinance The committee read CIS from Studio City regarding the RIO.

The committee resolves the following

GHNNC supports that the RIO should develop in conjunction with NC's a MOU (Similar to the DWP MOU) that includes the provision of at least a 90 day advance notification of any proposed action and further resolved that no decision regarding the project be enacted before discussion and input from NC's.

12. Update on LANCC, VANC, BONC; No action taken

13. Community Impact Statements Clarification of how CIS will be managed by GHNNC is requested

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Submitted

Sid Gold

GHNNC, Citywide Issue Chair