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Citywide Issues Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 18, 2013

6:30 PM

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1. **Roll call.** Members of committee: present Sid Gold, Bill Hopkins, Ralph Kroy, Karen Savitt. Guest: Jesse Cruz
2. **Public comment non agenda items.** None submitted.
3. **Discussion regarding DWP Issues:**
Rates, contract, 13-1004, renewables, California water project, expenditures for city projects
DWP- the DWP covered the reservoir at Elysian Park (federal law requires covering.) The area is more affluent and the covering was designed in an attractive manner rather than use the black balls for covering as was done in the valley reservoir. This suggests an unequal expenditure of funds for like projects.
DWP is working with the Dept of Sanitation regarding Tarzana and Beverly Glen. MOU presented at Saturday meeting. Rates will be going up due to capital improvements. The Delta project is being considered for the ballot.
4. **LA Empowerment.**
Elections: the funding of Neighborhood Councils elections will rely on the city clerk. Elections will be administered by the city clerk. So far money has not been deducted from councils for the elections.

RESOLUTION: it is recommended that LA empowerment oversee the elections as opposed to the city clerk.

Positive: Best to have LA empowerment as a resource for problems.

Training and leadership development - mandate of required training in ethics and treasurer. Training related to voting rights.

RESOLUTION: Recommendation for training requirements shall be tabled until next meeting.

Early Notification System: Currently the notification of council agendas is on a voluntary basis.

Initiation of Council files:

For a Neighborhood Council to open a file with the city, it is necessary for the Council to fill out a disclosure form. Survey on line through LA empowerment. Ninety six councils are requested to respond. Question: Would a vote of the councils be enough to open a city council file.

RESOLUTION: Grandaa Hills NC supports the concept that LANCC support a process of initiating council files whenever a majority of Neighborhood Councils request such action.

Review of delivery of City services: creation of a position and office to work on the collection of outstanding fees. Goal is to reach 80% of collectable fees. It has been recommended that representation of Neighborhood Councils on City committees be implemented. Query as to whether the advocates are performing this function of oversight. Additional information is required to define city services, the monies available and performance of service. Tabled to permit acquisition of information.

Community Impact Statements: Recommended that the Neighborhood Councils submit transactions for public viewing. GHNNC has only one individual doing the reporting. It is suggested that additional individuals assist in the reporting of transactions.

Neighborhood Councils presenting at public meetings: Each Council is allotted five minutes to present information at NC general meetings.

Funding and grants: should Councils be permitted to acquire outside funding for specific projects rather than relying solely on the city. Median strips have been installed in parts of the city through grants. It is suggested to seek permission of NCs to apply for grants and have control over the funds for projects. NCs could set up their own non-profit organization.

5. **New department of Immigration Services, Next Door Campaign:** These functions have been established. Next door is a social network for people of a defined area to discuss issues and exchange information. The City has access to all information exchanged.
6. **Update on LANCC, VANC, BONC:**
Update, Centralized collection, LAFD strategic plan: collection of data/information must functional. Collections of such should be centralized.

Resolution: GHNNC supports centralization. 3 in favor, one abstention.

7. **Parking regulations initiative:** There is a group that is requesting alterations in parking restrictions. The issue will be introduced as an initiative. Individuals are encouraged to speak to the Council Board regarding potential initiative.

Adjourned 8:25 pm