

DRAFT MINUTES

LA JOLLA COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSOCIATION AD HOC BYLAWS COMMITTEE AGENDA

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 24th, 2014
LA JOLLA RECREATION CENTER
615 PROSPECT STREET
IRVING GILL ROOM**

Committee Attendees: Cindy Greatrex (Chair), Rob Whittemore, Ray Weiss

Attendees from Public: David Little, Bob Whitney, Kim Whitney, Mike Costello, Odile Costello.

Meeting Commences: 10:04

1) NON AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

Discussion on hierarchy of documentations, explained that the descending hierarchy is : Articles of Incorporation; Bylaws; 600-24.

Question by Member David Little on why Administrative Guidelines on City 600-24 document can't simply be inserted into Bylaws. Rationale of separate documents explained.

Noted that Planning Department is standalone as of July 19th, 2014.

2) BYLAW REVISIONS RE: TRUSTEE ELECTIONS—ACTION ITEM

Discussion on issues raised in City of San Diego's letter of August 27th, 2014. Discussion points included:

A Proposed 1/3rd Threshold on Voting

Whether write-in Candidates can be trumped by Trustees seeking term-extension via 2/3rd vote.

Suggestion by Member Kim Whitney to appoint Standing LJCPA Nominations Committee

Suggestion posed by Member Bob and Kim Whitney that Write-In Candidates disallowed in future.

Discussion on how other organizations under RONR/Parliamentary Procedure handle "threshold voting".
Noted that European Parliament Member States employ a minimum threshold of "*5% present and voting*" to establish a threshold.

VOTING ACTION: Proposed Bylaw Amendment in regard to Election of Termed-Out Trustees:

ARTICLE III Membership, Board of Trustees, Oath of Office

Section 3. Trustee Terms

Trustees of the LJCPA shall be elected to serve for fixed terms of 3 years with expiration dates during successive years to provide continuity. Except as noted in this Section, no person may serve on the LJCPA for more than six consecutive years. After a one-year break in service as an LJCPA Trustee, an individual who has served for six consecutive years shall again be eligible for election to the LJCPA Board of Trustees.

The LJCPA will actively seek new members Trustees. to the extent feasible. If not enough new members qualified candidates are found to fill all vacant seats on the LJCPA Board of Trustees, the LJCPA may retain some Trustees who have already served for six consecutive years to continue on the Board of Trustees without a break in service. Such Trustees must receive a 2/3 majority of the votes cast in order to serve more than six consecutive years. Once such Trustees are qualified for candidacy because not enough qualified candidates were found to fill all vacant seats by the conclusion of the regular or special February LJCPA meeting held pursuant to ARTICLE V, Section 2, then those termed-out Trustees have equal footing with all other candidates except that they need a 2/3 majority vote to be elected. However, these termed-out Trustees will not have preference over any candidate who has not served as a Trustee for six consecutive years and who has received 1/3 or more of the votes cast.

All Trustees must retain eligibility during their entire term of service.

Trustee Terms shall otherwise conform to Council Policy 600-24, Article III, Section 3.

Motion Passes: (3-0-0)

VOTING ACTION: In regard to **ARTICLE V “Elections”** of current LJCPA Bylaws, said Bylaws will be altered to state that a Nominations Committee will be formed in November of each year so as to bring forth Qualified Candidates for the March Regular Election of the next year. **Motion Passes: (3-0-0)**

Noted that LJCPA will reflect its website to indicate that Nominations Committee is now formed in November of each year vs. (as previously stated on the website) the January of the Electoral period of the next year.

3) OTHER MINOR BYLAW REVISIONS

Dialogue on why Chair does not currently Vote, noted that Roberts Rules does not disallow Chair Voting. Discussion on Chair “Making a Tie” vs. “Breaking a Tie” and the practicalities of each, and of both combined.

ACTION VOTING: Change outdated references of “PDPDD” throughout document to properly reflect “PD” (Planning Department) Motion Passes: 3-0-0

Meeting Adjourns: 12:03

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Greatrex, Secretary Pro-Tem for Ad-Hoc Committee