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**Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council
Rules & Elections Committee
at
Allstate Insurance Office [parking in rear]
1850 East First Street, Los Angeles CA 90033
Wednesday, February 8th, 2016 @ 7:00 pm**

- I. **Welcome & Roll Call**
- II. **General Public Comment [5 minutes]**

The public may provide comments to the committee on non-agenda items within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction. However, please note that under the Brown Act, this committee is prevented from taking action on the issue you bring to its attention until the matter is agendaized for discussion at a future public meeting.
- III. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend a Standing Rule on Article VII, Sec. 1(c) Neighborhood [5 minutes]**
 - a. **Description:** Article VII, Sec. 1 (c.1) is unclear and possibly in conflict with Article VII, Sec. 3(a), in regards to BHNC Stakeholder participation. Non-BHNC Stakeholders have a mechanism to join, but not Non-Board BHNC Stakeholders.
 - b. **The following standing rule shall be considered:** "In addition to the requirements set forth in article 7, Section 1 (c.1). Non-Board BHNC stakeholders may be elected or selected to the Neighborhood Committee at the discretion of the committee chair."
- IV. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend a Standing Rule on Area Officers [5 minutes]**
 - a. **Description:** Under current governing bylaws Area Seat holding Board Members are not Area Officers. Area Officers are elected from Non-Executive Officer Board Members. However, the bylaws do not describe their terms of office clearly, and uses conflicting language in describing the duties of these separate positions, which are being interpreted as singular.
 - b. **The following standing rule shall be considered:** "BHNC Area Seat holding Board Members shall by default take on the duties and responsibilities of Area Officers, while the Area Officer position remains open and unelected."
- V. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend a Standing Rule on Article V, Sec. 7 Absences [5 minutes]**
 - a. **Description:** Current language in Article V, Sec. 7 does not provide clear language regarding which types of meetings count towards attendance. Nor is there any type of bylaw, standing rule or procedure governing what constitutes an "excused absences."
 - b. **Language in Question [v2015]:** "*Any meeting of the BHNC Board, scheduled and noticed as per the Brown Act, shall constitute a meeting for the purpose of determining Board Member attendance.*"
 - c. **The following standing rule shall be considered:** "All BHNC meetings where a ten (10) quorum is required, including regularly meetings, special meetings, and meetings canceled due to quorum failure count towards attendance. Board Retreats, committee meetings and emergency meetings do not. Until such a time as the bylaws reflect otherwise, "excused absences" count towards the total absences. This standing rule will not be retroactive."
- VI. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend a Standing Rule on Re-elected Board Members [5 minutes]**
 - a. **Description:** There is no rule governing re-elected Board Members marks against them in terms of absence count.
 - b. **The following standing rule shall be considered:** "Board members removed and re-elected to the Board shall have all previously recorded absence marks in a twelve (12) month period, reset to zero (0) starting with the day of re-election."
- VII. **BHNC Bylaws Amendments [50 minutes]**
 - a. **Description:** Current BHNC Bylaws contain conflicting, outdated and unclear language throughout and needs extensive corrections. These changes will need to be voted on by the Board and submitted to "the department" by May 1st, 2017. The Rules and Election Committee ("REC") will review the current BHNC Bylaws, approved September 1st, 2015, and make amendment recommendations to the following Bylaws Articles:
 - b. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Amendments to the BHNC Bylaws Articles I, II, & IV**
 - i. **Description:** The REC will review and consider amendments to Articles I, II, & IV. See [Attachment A](#)
 - c. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Amendments to the BHNC Bylaws Article V**
 - i. **Description:** The REC will review and consider amendments to Article V "Governing Board." See [Attachment B](#)

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- d. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Amendments to the BHNC Bylaws Article VI**
 - i. **Description:** The REC will review and consider amendments to Article VI “Officers.” See [Attachment C](#)
- e. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Amendments to the BHNC Bylaws Article VII, Sec 1 & 1(a)**
 - i. **Description:** The REC will review and consider amendments to “Executive Committee.” See [Attachment D](#)
- f. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Amendments to the BHNC Bylaws Article VII, Sec 1(b-g), Sec. 2 & Sec. 3**
 - i. **Description:** The REC will review and consider amendments to “Committees and their Duties.” See [Attachment E](#)
- g. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Amendments to the BHNC Bylaws Article III**
 - i. **Description:** The REC will review and consider amendments to Article III “Boundaries.” See [Attachment F](#)
- h. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Amendments to the BHNC Bylaws Article VIII**
 - i. **Description:** The REC will review and consider amendments to Article VIII “Meetings.” See [Attachment G](#)
- i. **Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend Amendments to the BHNC Bylaws Articles IX, X, XI, XII, XIII & XIV**
 - i. **Description:** These articles have no current recommendations and are open for review and recommendations.

VIII. Announcements

- a. Planning and Land Use Committee, February 9th, 2016: 6:30pm @ Benjamin Franklin Library
 - i. Metro Development at Mariachi Plaza to be discussed.
- b. BHNC General Board Meeting, February 22nd, 2016: 6:30pm @ Boyle Heights City Hall

IX. Adjournment

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