

Executive Committee Meeting

7/31/20

Comment from Micki: this document also contains brief notes from August 5, 2020 meeting when Exec Committee reconvened.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for Friday July 31, 2020:

Present:

Steve Anderson

Kevin Chambers, WSNA Chairman

EM Easterly

Micki Varney

Nick Fortey

Steve VanPelt

Absent:

Fay DeMeyer

Mark Coutis, WSNA Vice Chairman

Chair Chambers made Motion to authorize \$ toward a new Zoom Account.

SA: Talk to City in regards to Zoom WEB

Chairman Chambers: City doesn't provide an account. We are on our own.

Chairman Chambers stated concerns about virtual meeting and vote occurring on Zoom

General comments—We need to find someone willing to take on Zoom process, hopefully this person can determine whether someone is a legitimate member.

Do we need to make a motion on that?

EM motion: I move that (1) as an Executive committee, we instruct Chairman Kevin to ask for someone who would be willing to take on the Zoom process through the Facebook medium and (2) that we, as an Executive Committee authorize the expenditure for the Zoom platform to make this happen.

It was seconded (don't remember by whom)

The motion passed unanimously.

Vacancy for Secretary:

Micki stated reminder of Bylaws—officers are to be elected at next membership meeting.

Kevin will ask folks on FB page for volunteers that may be willing to be the Secretary for WSNA for the next few months.

Administrators of FB page—

EM has concerns with Mark Coutis (Vice Chairman) being administrator on FB. Based on review of ethics committee EM feels Mark did not take seriously his executive position in the WSNA.

EM provided recap of City response to KC letter to City requesting they investigate ethics violation.

Per Steve VanPelt suggestion, allow Exec committee members to answer questions at next meeting.

Micki asked to make a statement.

Statement referenced reply from City in regards to them investigating whether a violation had occurred. Mick said that our Bylaws state that our WSNA officers will be treated as public officials not that they are public officials. She stated that the ethics committee had agreed that there was convincing evidence that Vice-Chair Coutis had committed a violation of the WSNA Code of Ethics. She then said that the Exec Committee needed to follow the directive provided in our Bylaws and make a decision.

--Micki's motion.

As Vice Chair of the WSNA Ethics Committee, I move that Mark Coutis be officially removed from his position as Vice-Chair of the WSNA.

EM requested clarification on the motion, that what Micki was asking, was for a vote by the Executive committee on whether Mark Coutis be removed and then the results of our vote be taken to the membership.

Micki said yes, that whatever we decided would be taken to the membership for ratification.

EM seconded the motion.

Kevin question, what did statement from ethics committee say in regards to culpability?

Micki responded that statement said that there was enough evidence that it warranted further investigation by the City as to Chapter 12.

Micki said that ethics committee agreed that everyone on the ethics committee affirmed that there was > 50% probability that a violation had occurred.

Nick hasn't seen the material (recommendations) from the ethics committee. He wants to see it prior to a vote. I'm not comfortable voting on something that I haven't seen yet.

EM—Discussion that Kevin and committee had previously discussed posting the recommendations on the FB page. Agreed with Nick.

Kevin stated he would get the Ethics Committee recommendation posted on FB tonight.

Steve A—Asked whether we should vote as a committee and bring it forward or if we should post the committee recommendations on FB and also announce that there would be a vote at the next general Membership meeting.

Suggestion was made to table vote of Executive Committee on Micki's motion until next Tuesday.

Micki accepted the delay on the decision.

Because of conflicts, Kevin made a motion to table until Wednesday.

Executive committee approved a motion to postpone voting until next Wednesday.

End of Ethics discussion.

Steve Anderson—We need to have a discussion regarding the Cameo purchase of 4 properties making up the full connection of Marine Dr.

Steve Anderson made the motion to affirm to city staff to purchase 650 feet connecting Cameo and 5th Avenue to River Bend to provide full connectivity to Marine Drive.

Micki seconded motion

Motion Passed.

Chairman Chambers ---FB will be changed back to public.

Posts have to be approved by administrators.

Micki asked about who established the FB rules,

Rules were in place before Chairman Chambers came on board.

Kevin stated that he had reinstated the DEI committee but it was now called the Inclusion and Welcoming committee.

Nick—the comments on the FB site made it hard for WSNA to appear welcoming.

Steve Anderson—proposed introductory paragraph to the agenda for the next meeting about the changes on FB and welcoming all to participate.

