



Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress

Senate Meeting

Saturday, March 4, 2006

LADWP Building

Hope & First Streets, Los Angeles

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:13am by Chair, Leonard Shaffer
2. A motion was made to amend the Proposed Agenda to include discussing legal liability. Amendment was approved. Agenda was approved as amended.
3. Chair Leonard Shaffer gave a brief historic background of the LANCC formation, including the DONE Convention of Oct.4.2004, USC involvement, the Working Group meeting throughout 2005. He stated that the LANCC is not a decision-making body, but it conveys votes/opinions of NCs. He conveyed that the City Attorney's office is looking into the legal liability status of the LANCC.
4. Report from Organization/Structure Committee was given by its Chair, Jeff Jacobberger, who said that the Committee thought its initial task was to come up with a minimum set of rules to get the Congress up and running. It was moved and approved that a voice vote would be allowed in votes on the Standing Rules. It was decided to discuss and vote on each proposed rule individually.
5. Consideration of Proposed Standing Rules:
 - a. Standing Rule 1: Rules of Order - An amendment was offered to add the words "latest edition of" before Robert's Rules. Standing Rule 1 was approved as amended.
 - b. Standing Rule 2: Officers - A motion to have two vice-chairs was referred back to the Structure Committee; a motion to add a Parliamentarian as an officer was also referred back to committee. Standing Rule 2 was approved as originally offered, with no changes.
 - c. Standing Rule 3: Term of Office - A motion was made to change the wording in SR-3 to: "Officers shall continue to serve until successors have been elected". SR-3 was approved with this new wording.
 - d. Standing Rule 4: Regular Meetings - A motion was made to add: "3. Meetings may be changed by the Chair if necessary, with proper notification of the members." The new clause was approved. Then Standing Rule 4 was approved as amended.
 - e. Standing Rule 5: Notice of Meetings - An amendment to add: "5) E-mail notice to newspapers and news outlets" was defeated 8-16. An amendment to require "at least 72 hours" notice was approved. Then Standing Rule 5 was then approved as amended.
 - f. Standing Rule 6: Public Participation - A motion was made and approved to change the word "may" to "shall", then Standing Rule 6 was approved as amended.
 - g. Standing Rule 7: Standing Committees - approved as originally offered, no changes.
 - h. Standing Rule 8: Senate Meeting Agendas - approved as offered, no changes.
 - i. Standing Rule 9: Right Of The Floor - It was approved to change the word "his" to "his/her", then Standing Rule 9 was approved as amended.
(full wording of all Standing Rules as passed is attached)
6. Other Committee Reports
 - a. Budget/Finance - Disussion is underway on 501.c.3 set up.
 - b. Communications/Outreach - A printed Status Report was handed out by Chair Ken Draper.
 - c. General Assembly/DONE Congress of Neighborhood Councils - Chair Brady Westwater met with Greg Nelson on including LANCC in the upcoming DONE Convention in June.

7. A motion was approved to take Public Comment now (out of order), with a limit of 15 minutes.
Public Comments:
Luiza Mavropoulos said Greater Echo Park Elysian NC had never heard of LANCC.
Cliff Cheng said he had a rule to propose; he will submit it to committee.
Jim O'Sullivan questioned the legal status of the LANCC.
Julian Rogers requested to allow public comments before votes.
Dan Wiseman said the LANCC should be the body that requests Done to convene a convention.
Challis MacPherson spoke on agendizing public comments.
(A Motion-to-Reconsider SR-8 to require public comment was defeated.)
8. Official Communications from Boards of Member Neighborhood Councils -
One flyer on the Baldwin Village Community Health Safety Job Fair was handed out.
9. Election of Officers Other Than Chair:
 - a. Vice-Chair - Bob Gelfand was elected.
 - b. Secretary - Jeff Jacobberger was elected.
 - c. Treasurer - David Strouse was elected.
10. A brief discussion was held on legal liability, then the item was deferred until after the Chair meets with the City Attorney's office to get more information.
11. Establish Dates and Locations of Future Meetings:
 - a. Date: April 1, 2006. - Location: DWP Building
 - b. Date: May 6, 2006. - Location: (tba)
 - c. Date: June 3, 2006. - Location: (tba)
 - d. Date: July 8, 2006 (to avoid conflict with Independence Day weekend). - Location: (tba)
12. Future Agenda Items suggested: elections; diversity; relation of LANCC and DWP OS Cmte; Mayor's Day of Service on May 7; where to include public comment in agenda; EIR integrated research and L.A. River issues; Master Plan for Griffith Park; DONE education; finish filling committee Chair positions; adding committees; role of NCs in emergency preparedness; NC Review Commission; getting youth involved.
13. Meeting was Adjourned at 1:48pm.