



GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 – 6:30 pm
 Platt Branch Library
 23600 Victory Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91367

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Committee Members: Don Patterson – Chair, Pat Patton, Linda Kouy-Ghadosh, Paul Lawler, Peter Fletcher, Sean McCarthy, Joyce Fletcher, Pat Patton arrived at 6:43, and Sheppard Kaufman arrived at 6:58.

- **Call to Order** – *The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.*
- **Roll Call** – *Members present: Peter Fletcher, Joyce Fletcher, Sean McCarthy, and Paul Lawler.*
- **Public Comment: Items not on the Agenda**
 - *Sean McCarthy requested a status report from Empower LA regarding his complaint on an alleged conflict of interest he raised following an August related to a Board vote regarding Wesfield Promenade 2035 project.*
 - *Don informed members of the Board regarding direction received from the City of Los Angeles and Board member participation in committee meetings when participation would constitute a quorum of the majority of the Board.*
 - *Aaron Quantz raised questions regarding items on the agenda.*

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS: Items for discussion and possible vote:

1. **Approval of Minutes**
No minutes were presented.
2. **Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of Martin Lipkin to fill a vacant seat in Area 4.**

Pursuant to the Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council Bylaws, the Governance Committees role is to verify and confirm the applicant's qualifications to fill the vacant seat and forward qualified applicants to the Board for consideration.

This item was continued.

3. **Discussion of creating a handbook summarizing important neighborhood council rules and regulations.**

In order to facilitate efficient conduct of neighborhood council meetings and activities and to have certainty for members of expectations, the creation of a handbook or other summary of common rules and procedures will be discussed. The handbook would provide a summary of the Ralph M. Brown Act, commonly used Roberts Rules of Order, and other direction, regulations, or items issued by the City of Los Angeles.

The committee discussed the item and members were assigned to further research the following areas:

Paul Lawler – Roberts Rules of Order

Sean McCarthy – Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

Don Patterson – Brown Act

Joyce Fletcher – Various direction provided from Empower LA

Peter Fletcher – Rules governing Council use of social media

Sheppard Kaufman – Committee Rules

4. Adjournment of meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

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