



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council BYLAWS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Bylaws and Elections Committee met June 26, 2018

Attendance: Diana Nave, Bron D'Angelo, Gwen Henry, Darlene Zalvalney

1. Election Debrief –

Things to change in the future:

- Conduct the Candidate Recruitment Meeting 1-2 weeks prior to the election
- Change the Candidate registration form so applicants select more than one seat category they get an error message
- Don't have it the Sat before the General Election
- Consider scheduling in late afternoon/early evening followed by a Movie in the Park
- Schedule it along after Pathways as possible
- Consider having it in conjunction with an issue oriented Town Hall where we are soliciting community input
- Replace the birth date on the voter registration form with "are you 16 years of age or older"
- Signs need the holes on the side that the stakes are going to go into – important message to printer
- Signs should have the words Neighborhood Council in larger print
- Consider large print with Vote ...Movie, or Vote...Town Hall, or whatever the event is
- Could have used about 25 more signs
- Only needed about 750 flyers
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Things we particularly liked

- There were plenty of volunteers
- One person outside watching the 100 foot boundary
- Probably only needed 1 greeter inside (we had 2)
- Consistent branding with great logo
- Lawn Signs

2. Unanimously agreed to amend the Standing Rule number 8 to create a new paragraph "a" and re-lettering the remaining paragraphs accordingly. The new paragraph to read as follows:

"a. In Board Election years, newly elected members shall be seated at the first meeting in July or the first meeting following certification of their election, whichever is later."

3. Reviewed Standing Rule 7, Speaking During Neighborhood Council Presentation Time, and did not recommend any changes at this time.

4. Identified possible future Bylaws Considerations to discuss the next time the Bylaws are open for amendment

- Increasing the number of at-large seats and decreasing the number of specific seats
- Defining “Community Interest Stakeholder” to automatically include anyone who lives in La Rambla or Eastview
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5. Error in Terms

Although the seats should be divided 8 and 8 between the two election cycles, they are currently divided 7 and 9 with 7 seats having been vacant this cycle and 9 seats being up in 2020. To correct this, we recommend that in 2020 one of the At-Large seats be for 4 years and the other for a 2-year term. This can probably be done in conjunction with the Election Stipulation Sheet.