



**DOWNTOWN
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Committee

Members

Alan Pullman – Chair

Jeremy Harris

Allison Kripp

Sheva Hosseinzadeh

Griselda Suarez

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

10 AM

DLBA Conference Room

100 W. Broadway, Suite 120, Long Beach, CA 90802

Voting Present: Alan Pullman, Sheva Hosseinzadeh, Allison Kripp, Griselda Suarez, Jeremy Harris

DLBA Staff: Kraig Kojian, Cherisse Evans

1. CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS – Alan Pullman, Chair
Meeting to called to order 10:06 AM.
2. APPROVE MINUTES
ACTION: Approve Minutes from [October 23, 2019 Meeting](#)
1st: Kripp. 2nd: Hosseinzadeh. None opposed, no abstentions. Suarez was not present to vote. Motion carries.
3. PRESIDENTS REPORT – Kraig Kojian
 - A. Discuss clarifying the language in the [Bylaws](#) - Section 8.5 d. (Page 10) related to Residential Representative eligibility.
 - There are three residential seats on the DLBA Board -all voting members: CD1 and CD2 (both appointments) and PBID Residential (appears on slate).
 - The PBID Residential Representative owns property within the PBID boundaries, they pay an assessment. Need to clarify who is eligible to serve in the CD1 and CD2 seats. The Bylaws state:
 - Section 8.4 states that to be eligible as a Director (voting) the individual must be a stakeholder (pay an assessment).
 - Section 8.5 d. says that all three residential representatives are voting members, but does not explicitly state eligibility (i.e. Required to be a stakeholder or not)
 - Section 8.5 e. says that At-Large appointees are required to be stakeholders.
 - Suarez pointed out that the language in the Bylaws (section 8.4) mentions the option for a dues-paying volunteer to serve as a director. The organization is not a dues paying membership-based entity, so this statement in the Bylaws does not currently apply. However, it opens up a larger discussion about the option to move in this direction in the future, which would indirectly include renters (not just property owners). Also developing a membership program would also allow other non-profits to serve on the Board, as they are not assessed.
 - **Question:** Is the Board willing to accommodate a non-assessment paying individual (a renter who lives in the PBID/Council District boundaries) to hold a voting seat as a

residential representative, when all other directors must be stakeholders. There is a difference of opinion amongst committee members as to whether we want to have some voting members not be stakeholders, when most are.

- Question: Can we amend the Bylaws specifically for the residential representatives, to allow for non-stakeholders or have them pay a membership fee?
- Question: Because the language in the Bylaws (section 8.4) states eligibility for “elected” directors, does that mean that appointed directors do not have to fulfill the same criteria (be a stakeholder)?
- Question: Is there an option is to make the residential representatives for council district 1 and 2 non-voting advisors, rather than voting directors and open the boundaries to the entire council district they live in? The council district representatives used to be non-voting advisors.
- Need to determine and agree upon the purpose of having these residential seats on the Board. Is it to have broader representation from our community? It is worth having more inclusion without having to have these two seats be stakeholders or have these two seats be non-voting?
- Cannot consider filling the current vacancy until eligibility is more clearly defined. The committee agreed for this year, to use the narrowest definition of eligibility, which is a residential property owner within the PBID boundaries and its specific council district. This term for this seat ends in 2020.
- Any recommendations to amend Bylaws will go through the Board for approval, which needs to be done by February in order for it to be effective for the coming election year.
- Staff will check with Liz Simmons (fits the current interpretation of the eligibility requirements, was interviewed for the Board in 2019 and serves on DLBA Events and Sponsorship Committee) to determine her interest as well as CDI councilmember candidates.

B. Review Board Candidate Submittals

- Meeting with Mohammad Hassanpour – Sheva Hosseinzadeh, Allison Kripp
 - Hosseinzadeh and Kripp reported back about their introductory meeting with Mohammad Hassanpour. He is involved in Everyone In and the Homeless Coalition. He has time to invest and is very interested in getting involved with DLBA.
 - His interests lie in Public Safety and Economic Development; two committees which currently do not have vacancies.
 - The committee would like to recommend Mohammad Hassanpour to the Executive Committee for approval as an appointee.
- Monthly submittals - NONE

4. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Pullman

A. Review Board Vacancies

- Advisor (Non-voting)
- CDI (Residential) Representative Vacancy (Voting)

B. Review Programming Committee Vacancies

- Public Realm - one
- Marketing & Communications – two

- ACTION: Approve the following candidate to serve on the DLBA 2019-2020 Marketing & Communications Committee contingent upon confirmation of willingness to serve:**

- [Markel Ringer](#)

1st: Hosseinzadeh. 2nd: Kripp. None opposed, no abstentions. Motion carries.

5. OLD BUSINESS
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Board Buddies -Kojian
Tabled until next meeting.
 - B. Reschedule December meeting
Currently scheduled on December 25. Will look at rescheduled either December 16th or 17th.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT (three minutes on all non-agenda items)
8. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.

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