

Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts Board Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2010 3 – 3:30 p.m.
VIA PHONE TELECONFERENCE
Approved

BOARD MEMBERS:

Present: Karin Newlin, Marta Alcumbrac, Gabrielle Samuels, Robert Greenberg, Linda Johannesen, George Abrams, Sharon Sutton, Michael Bishop (joined at 3:15)

Absent: Verna Dauterive, Elise Buik, Marissa Chibas-Preston

Quorum? Yes.

Also Present: Mary Ann Gallo, Nancy Martorelli

PROCEEDINGS:

- Marta Alcumbrac called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.
- Alcumbrac doesn't recommend ratifying the contract for Ray Franco, architect, at this time. He is expected to come down on his percentage of construction costs. He has started work, so this will not hold up the work. Alcumbrac says that he has agreed to working on spec until the April 8 CUP meeting. If we don't get CUP, he will not charge us anything.
- Karin Newlin briefs on her conversations with LFCSA's legal counsel, Middleton Young & Minny who were recommended by ExED for their expertise with charter schools.
- Sharon Sutton moves to approve the architect contract with stipulation that it needs further negotiation & authorize Newlin to sign it once it has reached the 5% seat and has been reviewed by legal counsel. George Abrams seconds. Ayes (via roll call): Alcumbrac, Gabrielle Samuels, Sutton, Abrams, Robert Greenberg, Linda Johannesen. Michael Bishop abstains (due to having missed the discussion preceding the vote). Motion carries.
- Alcumbrac asks Newlin to speak about the contract for Pacific Charter School Development. Newlin recommends signing contract pending review by legal counsel.
- A discussion follows regarding PCSD's contract as well as that of Veronica Bercerra, the land-use consultant. Newlin explains that Veronica's role is specific to the CUP. Anna will work closely with Veronica throughout CUP process. They discuss how this collaboration will work. Newlin talks about her meetings and conversations with Olvera, Bercerra and Heidi Rouse who will also be part of this team. She feels it is a strong team and that things are proceeding well. Newlin says that all 3 women have great track records with getting CUPs through.
- There is a short discussion about the hearing officer and the memo he will deliver to the Planning Commission.
- Newlin suggests that she can report to the Board on a weekly basis about the progress of this process. Samuels asks about status of contracts with Heidi and Veronica. Veronica's contract caps at \$15,000. This is similar to the pay scale for Anna. She will have to revisit the contract with Heidi.

- Sutton moves to approve PCSD pending legal review. Abrams seconds. Ayes (via roll call): Alcumbrac, Abrams, Samuels, Sutton, Bishop, Greenberg, Johannesen. Motion carries.
 - Marta asks Karin to address Veronica's contract. She explains that it has been ongoing and is more of a ratification than an approval.
 - Marta suggests that the Board re-establish a policy for signing of contracts and making payments.
 - Linda moves to ratify Veronica's contract. Alcumbrac seconds. Ayes (via roll call): Alcumbrac, Johannesen. Bishop, Sutton, Abrams, Samuels, Greenberg. Motion carries.
 - Newlin says she has been meeting with security companies in order to plan for securing the campus, insuring that no one from adjacent businesses gain access, security cameras in place, etc. She thinks that another Board meeting will be needed to approve contract once a security company has been selected.
 - Johannesen asks if we can investigate the possibility of using online meetings for Board meetings in the case of emergencies, contract approvals, etc., to learn what is allowed by law. Newlin will ask law firm, MYM to look into it.
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- Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mary Ann Gallo.