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### April 8, 2013 By-Laws Committee Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Joanne Russo-Rubino, Chair; David Leavitt; Sandra Unger; Anthony Vitaliano (Ex-Officio).

GUEST(S): Joe Bombace; Jeremy Warneke; Bharati S. Kemraj, Community Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Joanne Russo-Rubino.

1. Review of issues raised by Joe McManus presented to the committee in writing by David.
2. Review of issues raised by Joe Bombace in person:
  - a. Article 5, Section 1 – Joe needs clarification about the name change of the committee. David said they are eliminating Highways and Traffic and it will be the Transportation Committee moving forward.
  - b. Article 6, Section 1 – Joe mentions that the board has no meeting in July and August however there is other months that we do not have meetings. How many meetings are we going to have a year? What is happening with the January meeting? Discussion went on and it was agreed that no changes will be made to this section. (Clarify this with David)
  - c. Article 6, Section 5 – Joe wants to add “addendum” to the Agenda considering that there are usually last minute additions such as liquor license. David suggests that no changes should be made to the By-Laws because the Agenda is usually done at the Executive Committee Meeting however, on the day of the Full Board Meeting if there is an issue the committee that has a new item can ask to add it for consideration. If a vote is needed a motion needs to be passed and if the majority agrees to add it to the agenda only then will the item be added for discussion.
  - d. Article 7, Section 2 – Why is it that Elected Officials go first? It is a Public Hearing and the Public needs to speak. Joanne and David agree that it doesn't matter when the Elected Officials speak because people

already know what side they are on. Joe disagrees and says that people are influenced and at times they change their mind depending on what they hear. David mentioned that if there are “Hot Button” issues Officials will talk and take more time. Tony suggested that this issue be left alone for now. Joe is asking to limit the time for the Elected Officials? Suggestions can be that we give the Elected Officials five minutes and the public three minutes. We should have the groups speak at random rather than grouping them depending on the side they are on or against.

- e. Article 8, Section 2, Number 6 – All interviews should go to the District Manager and then the DM recommends to the Executive Board which will then go to the Full Board to be voted on.
- f. Article 11, Section 1 – Discussion took place about the press and no board member should speak on behalf of the entire board. Members should first check with the Chairman and/or District Manager before making any official statement unless they are speaking as a concerned resident and not as a board member.
- g. Open discussion on whether the Youth and Education Committees are together or separate took place. The Chair of the committee should check with the members before making a decision.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes taken by Bharati S. Kemraj.