

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Downtown Residents' Council, Inc.

Date: March 30, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Place: Virtual via Zoom Esther Wing, Corresponding Secretary and Interim Vice-President

Member absent: David Ostrander



President Alan Bunker thanked the group for assembling for this special Board meeting. He called the meeting to order at 6:01. He introduced Kurt Grossman, attending as a guest; Kurt has already been appointed to fill the remainder of Mary Jacobs's term, but this does not take effect until the annual meeting in April.

Items for Discussion/Action

The purpose of the meeting was discussion and approval of a practical voting procedure for the 2021 DRC annual membership meeting amid Covid-19 restrictions. Alan opened with a motion that voting in board elections occur only during the annual meeting and only by members present during that Zoom meeting. This is in line with a legal analysis provided by Tim Nolan. Jackie Bryson seconded.

Esther said that her current Zoom contract allows for up to 100 participants. Since Zoom membership meetings were inaugurated last year, there have never been more than 37 attendees. Jan pointed out that more members may want to take part in the election and asked what could be done if more than 100 came forward. Esther said that it would make the most sense to upgrade her meeting capacity temporarily. DRC will cover the cost of the upgrade.

Alan will send an email blast to members with the Zoom link and information about the slate of board candidates and the voting procedure. During the meeting, he will simply introduce candidates' names and ask for a vote, noting that an opportunity to add write-in candidates exists. If there are no write-ins, the 12 vacancies will be filled with the 12 candidates.

The annual meeting will begin with a short briefing by Captain Doug Wiesman of the CPD, as usual. Votes will then be called on the motion to amend the DRC constitution with respect to board terms and the traditional motion to allow members who do not live downtown to vote. The election will follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35.

Annual meeting: April 13 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Monthly board meeting: April 14 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

