

## Minutes

### League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

Monday, May 11, 2020

By Zoom

Present: Kathleen Cha, Roma Dawson, Veda Florez, Madeline Kronenberg, Carole Levenson, Alex Starr and Leslie Stewart. Guests present: Alec MacDonald-Monitor Editor, Bonnie Hamlin and Ann Draper, Nominating Committee, Margaret (Margo) McGlone, Chris Peeples, Preston Jordan and Ken Bukowski-LWV BAE.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m. by President Madeline Kronenberg.
2. Agenda Adjustments: Leslie Stewart; to add Program Planning to Convention. MSC (Florez/Dawson) to adopt the revised Agenda.
3. Minutes: MSC (Florez/Cha) to approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2020 meeting as corrected.
4. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Stewart proposed moving the net proceeds From League Day to the Monitor Project. To be considered under Monitor Financial Update. The amended Budget, with the added Zoom subscription, needs to be adopted. MSC (Starr/Florez) to adopt the amended Budget.
5. Executive Committee Action: None.
6. Transportation
  1. Presentation #1: Preston Jordan explained to the Board that BART elections were not set up to be held by ranked choice voting. He would like to see that change, and is willing to work to make that happen. Since LWV CA has a position on elections, he would like us to join in a coalition to work for ranked choice voting for members of the BART Board. MSC (Stewart/Levenson) to adopt Preston Jordan's proposal as a starting point for working to have BART Board representatives elected by Ranked Choice. Vote was 4-3. Preston will be happy to give more presentations.
  2. Presentation #2: Street Saver and its deficiencies: Preston Jordan explained Street Saver to us. MTC distributes \$600 million in the Bay Area to local entities for road repairs. A program called Street Saver is utilized, but it does not track bus and truck routes which are high-impact usage, and so those streets need more maintenance. It also does not track increased risk to cars and bicycles due to ruts and potholes. Chris Peeples, AC Transit reported that AC Transit spends \$250,000 a year on repairs to front end alignment on busses due to the damage caused by deteriorated streets. The software is from the 1980s and desperately needs to be updated or replaced. The request to the LWVBA Board is for LWVBA to ask MTC to put the user manual on line so the public can see it and use it. Leslie Stewart added that since it was paid for with public funds, it should be available to the public. Preston has made a Public Records Act request for this information. MSC (Florez/Cha) to have the Transportation Committee place this item on their agenda.
  3. Presentation #3: Ken Bukowski wants LWVBA to
    1. Take another look at how transportation is funded, to make sure that property owners who benefit from transportation improvements pay for construction and maintenance of those improvements. Maintenance is way behind, as there is insufficient funding.
    2. Homeless are immobilized and cannot get where they want/need to go.
    3. Free Ride Share

MSC (Dawson/Cha) to refer Ken's issued to the Transportation Committee. Preston Jordan would like to join the Transportation Committee, and Roma Dawson has someone interested in joining it, as well.

7. Covid Crisis Adjustments: See LWV Guidelines.
8. LWVBA Biennial Convention: We will have to have a virtual Convention. The Convention will be a business meeting only. We will consider the Budget, Program Planning, By-Laws Changes Nominations. The Convention Kit should go out at least 10 days and preferably 20 days in advance, so it should be distributed by Friday, May 15th. The Executive Committee can take action and have it ratified afterward. Bonnie Hamlin noted that those planning to attend by Zoom need to be known if they are delegates and which League they are representing. We should also use the Convention to remind Local League members that regional issues need to be addressed by LWVBA. Bonnie added that LWV Oakland is requesting that motions be submitted 24 hours in advance in writing. The Local Leagues should see a definition of what "Regional" means. We need to update our Regional Government position. We need to re-establish working committees on regional housing, land use and homelessness, transportation and climate change.
9. Budget: Adoption of Revised Budget: MSC (Levenson/Starr) to adopt the revised Budget as submitted.
10. MSC (Dawson/Florez) to propose a By-Law change to allow virtual meetings by Zoom or other such providers.
11. Nominating Committee Report: Bonnie Hamlin reported the proposed slate for the next biennium. Nominations from the floor should be submitted 24 hours in advance.
  1. Sherry Smith-President
  2. Madeline Kronenberg-Vice President
  3. Leslie Stewart-Treasure
  4. Mary Ann Benson- Secretary
  5. Veda Florez- part of Communications
  6. Alex Starr-Transportation
  7. Margo McGlone
  8. Roma Dawson- Housing
  9. Nominating Committee: Ann Draper, Ken Werner and 3<sup>rd</sup> position open.
  10. Possible DEI position, Roma will look into.
12. LWVUS Convention: Virtual, we are entitled to one delegate, MSC (Cha/Florez) to have Roma Dawson represent us at the LWVUS Convention.
13. Website: Veda Florez reported that the website will be down for updating.
14. Monitor Report: Will be given at Convention but does not need a vote. Alec MacDonald reported that Board members were assigned agencies to contact. Carole Levenson reported no reply from AC Transit. Roma Dawson reported nothing solid from Mid-Peninsula Open Space. Alex Starr reported no response, Kathleen Cha reported no response, Leslie reported no response from air district, Madeline reported no response from east Bay Regional Park District. We could reduce the number of Monitors to 4 times a year, we could wrap up the project, we could try a Go Fund Me campaign, we can try for more ads, Alec could take another pay cut (not popular), we could just continue with Monitor Notes on line. We might have to have an opt-in to receive a print edition. The cost of a print edition is \$1,700 to print and 400-900 to mail. Veda proposed a challenge grant for the board. MSC (Florez/Stewart) to transfer the net proceeds from the 2019 and 2020 League days, \$5,000, to the Monitor Project

15. Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 pm. We will meet again on June 6 for our Biennial Convention; we will meet remotely by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Levenson, Secretary