TO: Chair Murphy and Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Alyson Hunter, Senior Planner

MEETING DATE: February 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Election of Officers

CEQA: Does not constitute a “Project” under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378

RECOMMENDATION
Hold an election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary in accordance to the directions in the City’s Boards, Committees and Commissions Handbook adopted by the City Council in March 2019 and reiterated below.

DISCUSSION
Officer Elections
Charter committees must elect a Chairperson, or Chair, to serve a one-year term at the first meeting in February (PGMC § 3.02.050). This is also the practice of other Committees.

The Committee Chair or, if there is no Chair, the person who called the meeting to order, will ask for nominations for the office of Chair. Any member of the Committee may nominate himself/herself or any other member of the Committee; no second is required. Once nominations are complete, the Chair will close nominations, announce the slate of nominees, and ask for a vote on the nominees in the order of nomination.

Each voting member of the Committee shall have one vote. The nominee receiving votes from a majority of the members in attendance shall be declared the winner. If no member receives a majority, the process shall be repeated, except in the event of a tie between the top two vote-getters, in which case a run-off shall be held. The winner shall assume the office of Chair immediately.

Using the same procedure, the new Chair shall secure the election of a Vice Chair. The Committee may also appoint a Secretary.

Chairperson
The Chair is responsible to preside at meetings, establish the agenda with input from Council, staff and other Committee members, call special meetings, sign Committee documents and report to City Council as needed. The Chair is responsible for the timely filing of minutes with the City Clerk. Staff may assist in this responsibility upon request of the Chair.

Vice-Chairperson
The Vice-Chair assumes the Chair’s duties in their absence. The Vice-Chair shall succeed the Chair if they vacate office before the term is completed and shall serve the unexpired term. A new Vice-Chair shall be elected at the next regular meeting.

Secretary
If a Secretary is appointed by the Committee, the Secretary is responsible for meeting minutes, which are forwarded to the City Clerk upon Committee approval. However, without a Secretary, preparation of minutes may be fulfilled by staff liaison at the request of the Chair.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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