



Grievance Determination

Grievant's Name: Robert Silverman

Neighborhood Council: Westside Neighborhood Council

Grievance Number: 68

Violation Alleged: Neighborhood Council Bylaw Article Number II Section B, Subsections 1 through 6 and any other City code, executive directive, rule or regulation applicable to Neighborhood Councils.

Date of Viewing: March 10, 2017

The Department shall review a Grievance within seven calendar days of submission to determine whether the Grievance conforms to the Grievance Policy. Upon a determination that a Grievance conforms to the Policy, the Department shall certify the Grievance for disposition and notify the affected Neighborhood Council that the Grievance may proceed through the Grievance process established herein. The certification of a Grievance by the Department shall not be construed as a statement regarding the validity or invalidity of the Grievance.

This Grievance was reviewed by:

- 1). Jasmine Duckworth
- 2). Lorenzo Briceño

After reviewing Grievance #68, the Department will forward Grievance #68 to the Westside Neighborhood Council. According to the Westside Neighborhood Council's Bylaws, the Council must adhere to the following:

Section 11: Community Outreach

The WNC is committed to developing a system whereby pertinent information transmitted through the City's Early Notification System will be disseminated or timely made available to every Stakeholder. The Governing Board shall direct that a system of outreach be instituted to inform Stakeholders as to the existence and activities of the WNC, including its Board selections, to find future leaders of the Governing Board, and to encourage all Stakeholders to seek leadership positions within the Governing Board.

A. The Governing Board shall have a standing Outreach Committee, which will report its activities and recommendations to the Governing Board monthly at the regular Governing Board meeting.

B. The Governing Board shall maintain a web site presence to disseminate information to WNC Stakeholders and others interested in the WNC.

C. In addition, the Governing Board shall create, or shall cause to be created, a marketing plan to solicit participation from Stakeholders. The plan may include, for example, the creation of flyers, postcards, pamphlets and other related materials. It may also include e-mail blasts to various organizations including a regularly scheduled e-blast to local government officials and to the Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood Watch, Home Owners' Association and other local organizations as determined by the Board.

D. Outreach also should be undertaken at public events and shall be coordinated with other Neighborhood Councils when appropriate.

After receiving a certified Grievance from the Department, a Neighborhood Council must, at its next regular or special meeting, but not more than 60 calendar days from the communication from the Department, take one of the following actions:

- (A) Consider the Grievance in accordance with the grievance process specified in the Neighborhood Council's bylaws and issue a decision to sustain and cure or reject the Grievance in whole or in part; or
- (B) Waive consideration of the Grievance and request the Department to forward the Grievance directly to the Regional Grievance Panel for consideration.