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ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN REVIEW BOARD

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**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE**

ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN REVIEW BOARD

JANUARY 21, 2015

1. PROCEDURES

a) ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Ethics and Campaign Review Board was called to order by Justin Miller, Chair on this date at approximately 3:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, 1st floor, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Justin Miller, Chair
Roderick Thompson, Vice Chair
Paul L. Biderman
Ruth Kovnat
Tara Lujan (arrived later)
Kristina Martinez
Seth McMillan

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Yolanda Vigil, City Clerk
Zachary Shandler, Assistant City Attorney

Others Present:

Karen Heldmeyer, former councilor
Jeff Green, former candidate
Marilyn Bane, Pres., Neighborhood Network
Jim Harrington, Common Cause
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

b) APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Martinez moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion, which was passed by unanimous voice vote.

c) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- December 17, 2014

Ms. Kovnat moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2014 as presented. Ms. Martinez seconded the motion which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Miller said the Board is charged with making recommendations to the Governing Body to improve the Code of Ethics, the Campaign Code and the Public Finance Campaign Code. The Board anticipates the process will take a few months to address the concerns of Board members, the public and candidates of the last election.

A subcommittee was established at the last meeting to develop ideas and brainstorm how to move forward. The goal is to make thoughtful and coherent recommendations to the Governing Body.

Chair Miller said the Board has identified some obstacles in participating in public financing and will hear from the subcommittee first. He would then invite the public to discuss anything they want to comment on.

2. Participation in Publicly Financed Campaigns (PFCs) under the present Code: removing obstacles and improving participation.

a. Report from Subcommittee

Ms. Kovnat said the subcommittee that consisted of Mr. Biderman, Ms. Lujan and herself met on December 23, 2014. Mr. Shandler joined them as staff and shared problems he had been presented with during the last municipal election.

She said the subcommittee's initial charge was to identify the issues people would want to comment on and to bring order into the public comment. The big topic is the reform of the Public Finance Code and possibly conforming changes to the Campaign Code. The subcommittee recommended that the focus for the Board.

Ms. Kovnat noted the agenda listed the items the subcommittee thought people would want to comment on and that the Board would like to hear today:

- i. Lack of clarity in the present code, particularly in the period preceding certification as a publicly financed candidate;
- ii. Disincentives to participation in public financing, such as the ability of independent groups to spend unlimited money in campaigns;
- iii. Uncertainty about what constitutes coordination between campaigns and independent groups;
- iv. Proposals for making public financing attractive to future candidates;
- v. Technical issues: e.g. electronic signature, disclosure requirements, etc.; and
- vi. Additional issues

Ms. Kovnat said the subcommittee discussed inviting all publicly financed candidates to comment on their perceived obstacles or problems. The subcommittee also discussed a timetable for the work of the Board. A summary for the work follows:

- *January*: the meeting would be devoted to public comment on the issues identified above.
- *February*: specific consideration of changes to improve the Public Finance Code; possibly along the lines of Senator Wirth's proposed state legislation; and the corresponding changes needed in the Campaign Code.
- *March*: the coordination question; a determination of what the rules should be; if part of an ordinance or part of a regulation Of the Board.
- *April*: the disclosure issues and other technical issues like electronic signatures.
- *May*: consideration of the proposed changes to the Public Finance Code and the Campaign Code.

Ms. Kovnat said a meeting would be scheduled after May to take final action on changes that would be recommended to the City Council.

She said the subcommittee has offered to work between the ECRB meetings to develop substantive proposals to present to the Board at each meeting. She noted that there may be a need to meet more than once a month near the end.

Ms. Martinez and Mr. McMillan both liked the plan. Mr. Thompson said he is especially interested in the perspective of elected officials and others who ran in the election.

Ms. Kovnat said it would be good to invite candidates and officials to the next meeting. Those who do not want to attend could be invited to submit something in writing.

Chair Miller offered as the chair, to draft and send a letter on behalf of the Board. He said Ms. Kovnat stated, the areas of focus are the public financing of campaigns and areas listed under item 2b on the agenda.

Mr. Biderman pointed out that the Board will go in depth on the issues in subsequent meetings. He suggested it might be sufficient for the public to give an overview at this time.

Chair Miller agreed. He said meetings will be scheduled to allow time for in-depth conversation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Jody Larson- 107 Tierra Rica, Santa Fe indicated that her letter has specific items, but she had several concerns during the municipal campaigns last year, mainly on campaign financing. She was dismayed at the amount of dark money brought to bear on the races and the manner in which the PAC financed ads appeared to be closely related to the candidates' platforms.

She said public money financed campaigns that are also supported by outside sources seemed to donate to the PACs instead of, or in addition to the candidates. That issue has to be addressed.

Ms. Larson said she hoped that the Board would meet immediately after the election and was disappointed in the time lag. She said of particular concern is the need for a definition of *coordination* between PACs and candidates' campaigns so the candidates, donors and voters understand what is allowed and prohibited.

She wants requirements for disclosure of donations and expenditures on the PAC side; including the names of donors and those who provide goods and services, whether in cash or in-kind; and enforcement of oversight of those provisions. She said that will mean that a body such as the Board have the ability and the will to audit the campaigns; preferably with a strong budget and subpoena power.

Ms. Larson said finally, unopposed candidates should not receive public funds or small amounts, and their PACs should be subject to the same rules.

Mr. Jim Harrington state chair of Common Cause New Mexico said their view on most of the issues has been spelled out in writing. He said on "provisions that govern the conduct of prospective publicly financed candidates before they apply": he wanted to hear what the Board thought the lack of clarity is in the code. He said Common Cause thought it clear that only seed money could be spent-nothing else.

Mr. Harrington said the only question for the Board is once an expenditure is made from some other source; if that is a violation or can that be corrected by paying that from seed money to level the playing field. He thought the issue was resolved by the Board; however their ruling on the Karen Nix Advisory Opinion left him confused.

Mr. Harrington said Common Cause is still wrestling with coordination. He said Senator Wirth's bill will have valuable guidelines on conduct presumed to be coordination that might guide the Board.

He said finally he thought it necessary to make public financing more attractive. He said although successful in attracting candidates in the last election; the candidates had to make up their minds before they knew the scale of the PAC activity.

Mr. Harrington said the system that had been presented was also a bill of Senator Wirth's. The bill passed the legislature, but was vetoed by the Governor. He explained it does not directly respond to the PAC money, but allows candidates who feel the need, to raise more money. He said the candidates who are not confronted by serious opposition will not bother to raise the hundred dollar contributions to get their match and those confronted with big spending will have that opportunity. He said the hundred dollar limit insures that the system does not reintroduce the evil of big campaign contributors influencing city council. He added that Common Cause also supports 'rank choice' for the city when practicable.

Chair Miller asked Mr. Harrington to explain the idea behind the 4 to1 match.

Mr. Harrington said the point is to give publicly financed candidates a chance to amass additional resources when needed and cannot be done as a direct response to PAC spending. The system keeps

the contribution limits low and this avoids potential influence of donors. A 4 to1 match is made for every hundred dollars raised. Publicly financed candidates are not allowed to spend their private funds.

Mr. Harrington said that is mostly how things are now, but the candidates could spend the hundred dollar contributions. He said a candidate could also raise those under this proposal and make variations, but under this system they can raise the hundred dollar contribution at any time. A candidate receives their match when they first report those in a Campaign Finance Report.

Chair Miller asked if a qualifying event of some kind has to happen before. Mr. Harrington replied that is essentially the same as now. He said it was drafted that when public funds are applied for, you have to submit \$600 of the contributions; under \$100, but at least five dollars. The contribution limit is \$100 and can be less; a candidate could still raise 600-five dollar contributions.

Mr. Harrington said the problem that arose with Councilors Bushee and Maestes might still occur, because you are not supposed to spend anything except \$100 maximum contribution. He said the Board might answer that on a case-by-case basis, but might want regulations.

Chair Miller asked if this proposal is part of Mr. Harrington's work with Senator Wirth at the legislature.

Mr. Harrington said Senator Wirth has two bills; one is disclosure for independent spenders (including the definition of coordination). The other is the "public financing fix". He said New Mexico had the same system as Arizona, Maine, Santa Fe, Albuquerque; all had matching outside spending that was held as unconstitutional.

Ms. Lujan entered the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Ms. Kovnat asked Mr. Harrington about the disclosure to independent contributor provisions.

Mr. Harrington said the problem has been the question of coordination and the definition of an independent spender. He said if coordinated it is subject to contribution limits. He said a complicated thing in Senator Wirth's bill is the courts suggestion that you cannot require disclosure of independent spenders unless they are closely election related. That is interpreted to mean that they expressly advocate the election or defeat of a candidate or mention a candidate with an issue a short time before the election.

He said Santa Fe's law is not restricted in that way. He said Senator Wirth's bill has had serious input from the Campaign Legal Center, Democracy 21, and the Brennan Center and former legislators and will be state-of-the-art.

Marilyn Bane at 622 ½ Canyon Road said she is the president of the Neighborhood Network. She said she would be remiss if she failed to mention how many people had concern over this. This topic is everywhere whether people are here or are not here. She said this was a frightening situation during the last election and there were problems that had not been foreseen and seemed not much could be done.

Ms. Bane said she is thrilled that the Board is doing something. She asked that there be an immediate recognition of problems as they arise. She said if something appears from a common sense standpoint of coordination, it could be investigated quickly. She said the Board could be empowered to do something then and there -not after the election. The Board should have more teeth and the ability to give a slap on the wrist or say someone is getting too close; a "watch what you are doing" watchdog situation to prevent more of the abuses. She said she has more to say, but this is not the time.

Rick Lass said he is not a city resident, but was on the 2009 Advisory Committee that helped to draft what became the Public Finance law before it was amended. He was also a candidate under the New Mexico Voter Action Act for the PRC (Public Regulation Commission) and used public financing.

Mr. Lass said he was endorsed by an outside interest group who campaigned on his behalf and has also run against someone who abused the system. He said he would comment on public campaign financing and had sent a letter regarding rank choice voting. He suggested if the Board seeks input from candidates who used public campaign financing, they should also seek input from those candidates who did not.

Mr. Lass said he is angry about the Supreme Court decisions. He urged the Board to be as strict as possible with PACs: full disclosure of all spending and all contributions. Secondly, to put in as much enforcement as possible. He said he ran against a candidate taking public money and illegally spending it who basically only got a slap on the wrist.

He said this year a candidate took public financing and paid himself to be a candidate for the PRC and nothing was done about that. He said he would hate for similar things to come up in city elections when no mechanism for enforcement is written and that the City Clerk/City Attorney/the Board, etc. is not clear on the enforcement.

He thanked the Board for taking up the issue. He said it is important for the future of city and state government to have clean and transparent elections and this method can do that.

Chair Miller said Mr. Lass touched on his candidacy for the PRC and the outside group assistance.

Mr. Lass explained that he received a call from a group a couple of months before the election. The group said they were endorsing him and could no longer talk to him. He was not sure what the group did, but would have liked to suggest how they could have helped him. He does not know what the group did with their endorsement or how they spent money, etc.

Mr. Biderman asked Mr. Lass to describe what he had in mind on rank choice voting.

Mr. Lass said he sent the Board a letter. He pointed out that in the same election that public campaign financing was adopted; rank choice voting was also adopted. He said 65% of voters have said they want it and it is in the city's charter and now is the time to implement it. Vendors are allowed to submit applications to the state voting system certification commission for approval between now and June first. The county owns the machines and Dominion owns the software.

Mr. Lass said he would like the Mayor, City Council, the City Clerk and City Attorney, etc. to get the costs from Dominion and make the county aware. He said the Board could use their positions to push people all the way down the line to make this happen.

Mr. Lass said evidence shows that elections are cleaner and opponents are not "bad-mouthed" as much and PACs don't spend as much to badmouth a candidate. He said a national organization *fairvote.org* has information on their website about why rank choice voting is better.

He said his main message is that the Board should use their power to influence the administration to pursue rank choice voting. He said there should be a written explanation to the voters if that cannot happen in 2016.

Chair Miller asked staff if the city has a perspective on rank choice voting.

Ms. Vigil explained that the software had not been available for the voting machines the city uses. She said Dominion is close to producing compatible software that should be available early this year.

Judy Cleer said she is a resident of Santa Fe and a concerned citizen and she volunteered in many campaigns over the years. She understands that this is a huge task the Board is taking on and is glad they are taking the time to study the issue. She said it would be helpful to know about the meetings (she just found out two days ago) and for the rest of the city to be aware so people can participate.

She said the coordination issue is very important to her. The last mayoral election was a display of a very unlevel playing field and was unfortunate and unfair. The rules need to be more defined as to what is coordination. She knows it is complicated to prove, especially when there is no staff. She said if someone is accused of something like stealing a car, you don't just ask the accused person if they did it; you investigate and try to get more information.

Ms. Cleer said Mr. Harrington's document gave guidelines like a cooling-off requirement for people involved with a campaign when formally an employee of another candidate; and is worth exploring. She said as she understands, the only way issues can be brought up now is the manner in which Mr. Rowe did; a challenge from a member of the public. She said with rules like that, what would be the consequences for someone who does not follow the rules. She said she is reminded of what happened with Councilor Ortiz who had a fine levied against him.

She said she disagrees with the suggestion in Mr. Harrington's materials of giving more money to publicly financed candidates to help those not getting outside money. That is unfair that people who do not get outside money would get one quarter the amount of a person getting outside money. She said that punishes people trying to play by the rules.

Karen Heldmeyer said she would first read a letter from the president of the League of Women Voters from Santa Fe County who was held up by the snow. She noted that the Board had received a copy of the letter. She read the last two paragraphs into record as follows:

"We do know that many citizens of Santa Fe have expressed concern about the relationship between publicly financed campaigns and political committees and other types of independent campaign spending. This seems to be one of the major problems facing the ECRB as it studies the last election, a problem made much more difficult by recent Supreme Court rulings.

The League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County urges the ECRB to consider solutions to that problem that ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office, maximize fiscal accountability and transparency and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process. These solutions may include defining "coordination" between campaigns and outside financial sources and increasing the extent to which there is disclosure of sources of outside funding."

Signed: Donna Reynolds, President of the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County

Ms. Heldmeyer said she agreed. She said the Board has received a letter from her about problems people incurred. She said people were distressed because there was not an equitable distribution of campaign funds; some candidates had outside money and others did not.

Ms. Heldmeyer said also there was frustration, because often you could not be sure where the outside money came from. She said New Mexico is the only state in the union that does not define political coordination and Santa Fe could take the lead.

Ms. Heldmeyer said secondly is disclosure of where the outside sources come from. She said Jim Harrington suggested giving more money to publicly financed people. She said if in the next election more money is given to publicly financed candidates and one or more still take outside money; people will be even more distressed.

She said also in the last election there were smaller issues she hopes will not be swept under the rug. She said this is the Board's opportunity to do something and in some cases all that would be needed is an advisory opinion. She said an example is the house party exception; the code states house parties can be given up to 200 dollars. She said someone can decide that several people pool the money and have something that is clearly not intended by the code. She said given that, some people have complained and an advisory opinion could be the way to deal with that issue for the next election.

Ms. Heldmeyer said also, after the election campaigns she was approached by someone with evidence of wholesale theft of their written material by another candidate. There is nothing in the code that specifically states that a person cannot steal campaign literature. She said she refers to identifiable interests with identifiable culprits, some of whom are candidates. Voters might want to know about candidates involved in that kind of behavior. She said if someone is publically financed currently they have a finite amount of money. What seems like a small petty theft might be a large chunk out of their bank account and this would put people on notice.

She said the idea of inviting candidates to talk about their experiences is great. She said people appreciate the work the Board does and it is hard, but needs to be done. She said people need to have confidence in the electoral system and in the public financing system.

Mr. Harrington asked to comment on what was said by Ms. Heldmeyer. He said regarding furnishing space for campaign events; the facts were never clear about what happened and it was discussed in the Common Cause memo. He thought it appropriate for some regulation.

He said regarding Mr. Lass' experience: Common Cause was involved in the selection. The Secretary of State fined Mr. Block \$10,000; he could not account for where he had spent his public finance money. The Attorney General prosecuted Mr. Block, but the judge threw it out and on appeal the decision was reversed and all charges were reinstated. He said drug allegations came up at that time and Mr. Block resigned from the PRC and took probation.

Mr. Harrington said amendments to the election code are within the mandate of the Board and they should confer with Ms. Vigil. He said a problem Mr. Lass mentioned with the PRC candidates paying themselves is not a risk; Santa Fe law is clear that cannot be done.

Mr. Harrington said regarding Ms. Heldmeyer's comment about public financing and the risk there could still be PACs; the idea is so the publicly financed candidates feel they can fight back.

Mr. Harrington said he failed to mention that Common Cause's proposal does have the same cost constraints as the original ordinance: only matching funds in the amount of twice the original stipend maximum could be obtained. And secondly, if there is not enough money in the public campaign finance funds when payments are due to candidates; the funds are reduced proportionately.

Jeff Green said he thought of other issues to put on the table. He said when candidates receive public finance and refuse to engage in public forums, many Santa Fe residents were outraged. He said people felt that to receive public financing and refuse to engage was in essence theft of public funds. He suggested there be rules about the behavior of candidates and the use of public finance funds to engage with the public.

He said he did not understand Mr. Harrington's 4 to 1 proposal and would like clarification.

Mr. Green said the issue of outside group spending is a huge issue that is not going away and should be addressed. He said despite that there are significant incentives to use public financing and most candidates attempted to qualify in the last election. He thought that looking at how difficult it is to qualify and the number of candidates who failed in addition to the outside spending; there might be a different assessment of candidates going in that qualifying is not worth it.

He said speaking to that difficulty: a candidate is required to get signatures to qualify for the ballot and at the same time, if not [publicly] financing, get five dollar donations. He said to do both at the same time without an organization to support you is hard. He had to decide to focus on getting the signatures to get him on the ballot.

Mr. Green said going door to door talking to voters, etc., the focus of outreach as a candidate should be to stay on point; introduce yourself and your issues and find out what their issues are. He said when a candidate has to go to the next step and ask for \$5 it is uncomfortable. Also, it is uncomfortable if a person wants to support you, but does not have five dollars.

Mr. Green said the rules state that people cannot give just one dollar, though it sometimes happens. He said it feels like a quid pro quo with a five dollar contribution. People think they are owed a favor because they supported a candidate. He said they try to avoid that with corporate for outside financing and it is still happening on a smaller scale with the public financing.

Mr. Green said a potential solution is to require petition signatures of double/triple the amount; 100 might get you on the ballot and five times the amount gets a candidate public financing. He said that would show the candidate has additional support.

He said there are loop hole issues that make it possible to cheat, but hard to prove. He said in the last election a person helped a candidate get the \$5 donations and after the candidate qualified, the person who helped get the donations was paid. He said difficult to determine was if the person helping was being paid from a source that was not disclosed. What was clear was that the person was listed on the Public Finance Reports as receiving significant consulting fees from the public funds. He said that should have been investigated.

Mr. Green said he would appreciate more forums where candidates can address these issues. He added that he strongly supports (rank ?- inaudible) voting and hopes to see the Mayor, the City Clerk and City Council, etc. take that seriously.

There were no further public comments at this time.

Ms. Kovnat said the subcommittee report suggested the first substantive meeting be devoted to considering whether the Board wanted to alter the Public Finance Code in the direction of Mr. Harrington's proposal. The initial thinking was that major changes in the Public Finance Code would dictate the rest of the process. She asked in light of the interest of the public in the coordination question, if the Board should tackle that first. The issue could be tackled independently of whether there are major structural changes to the Public Finance Code.

Ms. Lujan said she supports that.

Chair Miller said the coordination did seem to be a primary concern. He asked if the Board had additional comments related to the public comments.

Mr. Thompson commented on Mr. Green's statement about the five dollar contribution. He said that is awkward for candidates and he thought it does make more sense to add signatures or do something similar. He said even lowering the amount to one dollar would be a great improvement. He said many people cannot come up with \$5 and their voices should not be silenced based on their lack of resources.

Ms. Martinez said in both the last meeting and this meeting the Board heard the public does not know about the meetings and that is an issue. She said she would like to find a way to have a broader reach to more residents.

Ms. Vigil said the meeting list contains all of the meetings for the week. The list is on the website and the meeting is in the newspaper. The website has a link to each meeting's agenda and the packets for the meetings are posted on the website. She said Mr. Shandler prepared a press release for this meeting and the agenda for the meeting is also posted on the City Hall bulletin board.

Ms. Martinez said those are the things she had in mind. She said there has to be some onus on the public to be informed.

Ms. Kovnat added there was a newspaper account in the New Mexican about today's meeting. Mr. Biderman said it would be helpful if the article could be placed a few days earlier.

Mr. Shandler said item three on the agenda is to set a regular schedule and the schedule could be put on the website so people know the dates and times of the meetings.

Ms. Bane said she was pleased that the city sent a bulletin to everyone, but the bulletin gave the date of January 21 [for the meeting] but not the time of the meeting. She said many people need more than a day's notice for a meeting often it is a hardship to find out at the last minute.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on Setting Direction for Next Meeting(s)

Chair Miller said the subcommittee's idea was to set the direction for the next meeting and have specific proposals to discuss. He asked the Board's thoughts on translating the serious concerns heard into specific proposals.

Ms. Kovnat explained that the subcommittee members had agreed to prepare specific proposals for the Board's consideration at each subsequent meeting and suggest the order in which to tackle the issues. She said that is subject to revision by the Board.

Mr. Biderman suggested the subcommittee provide a list of specific principles and suggestions. He said the Board could decide what concepts to turn into legislation after the public comment and Board actions.

Chair Miller said it is necessary to refine the general ideas and concerns into specific ideas that the Board could discuss in detail. He suggested the focus of the next meeting be related to activities independent of the campaigns and coordination and to determine how to define coordination between the campaigns and the independent groups or expenditures.

Mr. Biderman agreed. He said his concern is to be sure the Board has timely access to examples from other states and their rules about coordination and that the Board's research is complete.

Ms. Kovnat said she would be fine starting with coordination. She noted that Mr. Shandler has already done some research.

Mr. Shandler said some jurisdictions have a narrative definition and a role and provide five or six examples of what is permissive and not permissive. He offered to put a public memo together to share with everyone on his research to date.

Chair Miller asked if meeting monthly would work for now.

Ms. Lujan thought that would be fine. She asked if the Board should develop a schedule.

Ms. Kovnat suggested arranging a meeting to hear from candidates. She said the meeting could be scheduled in two weeks and during that the Board would not conduct business. A meeting could be scheduled in the third week of February to address the question of coordination.

Chair Miller after discussion with Ms. Vigil the City Clerk and the Board members, confirmed the schedule: the third Wednesday each month from 3-5 p.m. in City Council Chambers will be the regular meeting each month until June; Monday, February 9th tentatively, for the meeting with the candidates.

Mr. Biderman asked that a clear deadline be set to be sure everything could be done in time for something to be enacted. Ms. Vigil suggested a completion target of the first part of June to get to City Council in July.

Chair Miller agreed. He confirmed that the Board authorized the subcommittee work on the coordination presentation for the February meeting.

Mr. McMillan clarified that the first charge of the subcommittee is to define coordination by looking at other municipalities. Also the Board, if not the subcommittee, would decide what kind of body the Board is; if they will be an investigative body; and what their enforcement mechanism would be. He said it is imperative the Board tackle those questions at some point.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Seeking Input from 2014 Candidates

Chair Miller said this action was discussed. The consensus of the Board is that he is authorized to write a letter to all candidates, whether public finance candidates or not and invite them to provide their input at the next meeting targeted on February 9, 2015.

5. BOARD MATTERS

There were no Board matters.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth West at 318 Senna Street said it is great that the Board is tackling this issue. She said just the fact that the Board is trying to deal with the word "ethics"-Bravo to the Board members.

She thought if publicized [the meeting] the previous candidates for the mayoral election would show up and there would be a full house. She said it would be very interesting if their names were put in the newspaper along with the date and the word *ethics*.

Mr. Harrington said regarding looking at models, especially on coordination and full disclosures from PACs; he urges the Board to look at Senator Wirth's bill. The bill looks at other jurisdictions. He said the problem of heavy PAC spending has been gradually building because of rationale that made it easier to funnel money through PACs instead of candidates. He said it has taken time for jurisdictions to react.

Chair Miller asked Mr. Harrington to forward the bill to the city once the bill drops and the city could distribute the bill to the Board. Mr. Biderman offered to help because he is working for Senator Wirth.

Mr. Green said speaking as a former candidate he would love to see all of the candidates in the same room talking about how to make the system better. He thought most candidates would not participate in the process and has an alternative mechanism candidates could be asked to submit written comments or meet privately with the Board.

Chair Miller thanked Mr. Green and said his point is well taken. The invitation will allow candidates to submit written comments.

7. ADJOURNMENT

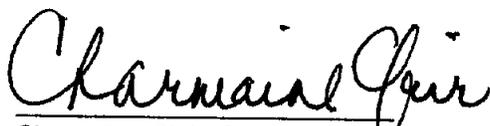
Mr. Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lujan seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

There being no further matters to discuss and the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Approved by:

Justin Miller, Chair

Submitted by:


Charmaine Clair, Stenographer