



CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
**GREATER GRIFFITH PARK  
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**GOVERNING BOARD APPROVED MEETING MINUTES / Tues., Sept 15, 2009**

**5. Call to Order (continuation of Meeting/ part 2)**

Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council President (GGPNC), Phil Gasteier, called the meeting to order.

He reported Napier had been excused with Ubersax and DeOcampo (yet to arrive).

He declared a quorum of members had been attained.

**6. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items; Public Announcements**

Mims made a point of order asking if it would be appropriate if the meeting returned to Item # 4 (from September 12th) to swear in the newly appointed representatives. Gasteier pointed out the “swearing in” had indeed occurred at the September 12th portion of the meeting, with the one missing board member to be sworn in being Sarah Napier, who was still not present and deferred the action until Napier was present.

Paulette Hunnewell (sp?), President, ‘Hollywood Remembers’ announced and described a World AIDS Day event, Sun 11/29 at Hollywood Lutheran Church and asked the procedure on applying for GGPNC funding.

Gasteier recommended she coordinate with Cultural Events Chair, Nyla Arslanian.

**7. Reports from City Officials and Staff**

John Hisserich on behalf of State Assembly Member Kerkorian gave a status update of various initiatives including solar energy legislation, ersatz talent agent scams in the Hollywood area and community traffic speed limits.

**8. Nomination/Election of new officers**

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**9. L.A. City Department of Sanitation Presentation**

Alternative technologies/sites presented by Senior Environmental Engineer, Reina Pereira, P.E.  
 If interested in more information, [www.alternativetechnology.lacity.org](http://www.alternativetechnology.lacity.org) or contact Reina Pereira directly at [reina.pereira@lacity.org](mailto:reina.pereira@lacity.org) / 213.485-3296  
 No action required/taken.

**3. (From Special Meeting Agenda) Planning/Zoning/Historical Preservation**

Request for height limit variance @ 2250 Tracy Terrace.

Motion for approval of variance.

Passed by consensus.

#### **10. Lily Burke Youth Safety Seminar**

Presentation by Rev. Dan Hooper. Request for \$500 to support Safety Seminars in community.

Motion made by Ron Ostrow: Request for available funds in treasury, before taking a vote on this item.

From Treasurer's Report; currently \$60,000 is available to Board as of September 15, 2009.

Motion on \$500 expenditure reached by consensus.

#### **11. Treasurer's Report**

- A. Update on current financial status (report attached to previous agenda).  
Because of audit currently being conducted by controller's office, funds are unavailable. (Situation should be rectified within 90 days, re: Tomas O'Grady).
- B. Approval of Final DONE Finance Report.  
Adopted by consensus.
- C. Motion to retroactively approve overages of \$895.63 in Thomas Starr King grounds renovations.  
Budget item changed to \$17,895.63 to reflect monies paid by DONE.  
Adopted by consensus.

#### **12. Parks, River and Open Space Committee**

- A. LADWP Griffith Park Festival of Lights, 2009.  
Due to budgetary problems, there is debate whether cars will remain a part of the Festival of Lights.  
It was noted that there would be a public meeting to address these concerns on Sept. 17, 2009 @ 6:30 pm at the Crystal Springs Public Hall. No action made.
- B. Extension of Greek Theater Season. Discussion/possible action.  
Season normally ends on Oct. 31. However the season has been extended to Nov. 15 due to poor attendance.  
The Los Feliz Improvement Association has requested a review of the Greek's financials in order to understand this necessary extension.
- C. Update on Griffith Park-related projects including Dept. of Rec. and Parks drought-mandated restrictions
  - 1c. In response to board approval; a Community Impact Statement was submitted on July 24th.  
Per report submitted by Committee chair, picnic areas and trees are still experiencing stress and are at risk.
  - 2c. In response to the fire season; Rec and Parks has implemented several measures to protect the park.
  - 3c. The River Supply Conduit Project; Traffic is currently being rerouted through park, but these roads will be reopened on November 23 to accommodate the upcoming Light Festival.

#### **13. Selection of GGPNC Budget Representative**

David Ubersax and Jeff Gardner are appointed to Congress.

Approved by consensus.

#### **14. Adoption of EmpowerLA's Code of Civility.**

Code read/acknowledged by Governing Board.

Adopted.

#### **15. City Services/Green Committee.**

- A. Board updated on various projects.
  - 1a. Graffiti problem at the Hoover steps mural. Possible solutions were stronger lighting or red-curbed cul-d-sac.  
Mark (Mauceri) will work with City Services on possible solutions.
  - 2a. Broken curbs. Who is responsible?  
No action taken.

- B. Motion by Green Committee Chair, Tomas O'Grady  
Re: Use of tap water/ as an alternative to use of bottled water at local/community/school events.  
Sent back to committee for reworking of motion.

**16. Neighborhood Improvement Request.**

Motion for \$1,000 (matching funds) requested by Friends of Los Feliz Branch of the Los Angeles Library outdoor improvements, submitted by David Ubersax (for Sarah Napier).  
Passed by consensus.

**17. Report/funding request from Animal Welfare Committee.**

This motion was not made as a funding request (\$3,000).  
Request organization resubmit a funding request to be heard at GGPNC's next board meeting.

**18. Culture & Events Committee Report.**

Culture & Events Committee Chair, Nyla Arslanian introduced event organizer, Zara Zeitounsian and a request for \$500 to support the upcoming Beyond Eden Event at Barnsdall Park's LA Municipal Art Gallery.  
Passed by consensus.

**19. Rules & Elections Report.**

Sent back to committee for further review.

**20. Executive Committee Report.**

None given.

**21. Review of June, July and August minutes, Approval of May, 2009 minutes.**

Motion to move to next month's meeting (October, 2009).  
Motion carried.

**22. Comments by Board Members.**

Tor questioned why "[vote] Abstentions not counted under new chair?"  
Ron stated that the rules that were adopted at the board level to govern the selection process on Sept. 12, 2009 were not followed at the selection meeting. Charley Mims suggested they meet to discuss applied rules after board meeting adjourns because explanation would be lengthy.

**23. Motion to adjourn.**

Meeting adjourned, 10:30 pm