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**GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 – 7:00 pm

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01. CALL TO ORDER:

7:05 PM - By Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC)
President PHILIP GASTEIER.

Voting Board Members present: (15): ARSLANIAN, CARROLL, DEMONTE,
GASTEIER, HOWE, LOUYSE, MAUCERI, NAPIER, O'GRADY, OSTROW, OWEN,
RADEMAEKERS, UEBERSAX, WILSON, and VIGDERSON.

ABSENT (04): DE CAMPO, HOOPER, KERR, and SOTER.

A quorum was declared.

GASTEIER asked for a moment of silence for the Neighborhood Council
and stakeholders present to reflect on Inauguration Day.

02. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 2008 Board meeting
(AS REVISED) was made, seconded, and the minutes were approved by
consensus.

03. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

a) BRENT WHITTLESLEY, District E Stakeholder, announced the American
Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) had formed a league to play on

Saturdays, starting March 7th, 8 AM until Noon at the Riverside Turf
Soccer pitch.

b) District B Stakeholder, DANA CREMIN, voiced concerns about proper
procedures regarding the posting of meeting agendas in the five GGPNC
designated locations within 72 hours as required by The Brown Act.

03. REPORTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND STAFF:

JULLIAN HARRIS-CALVIN, representing Councilmember Tom LaBonge introduced MARY FRANCES SMITH-REYNOLDS and BRIGID LABONGE who would speak about the upcoming "Relay For Life" charity event; a 24-hour team walking competition to raise awareness about, and money to help combat different forms of cancer.

04. NORTHEAST DIVISION SENIOR LEAD OFFICER REPORT:

None.

05. GRIFFITH PARK COMMUNITIES 'RELAY FOR LIFE':

Stakeholders MARY FRANCES SMITH-REYNOLDS, BRIGID LABONGE and VANESSA DUPERRI elaborated on the 'Relay For Life' project in late spring '09. ROSEMARY DEMONTE asked about possible GGPNC sponsorship? TREASURER, TOMAS O'GRADY, advised The Council is prohibited from sponsoring this type of event directly. However, GGPNC could allocate funds towards a specific vendor expense should The Council deem fit. Council and group agreed to explore possibilities and readdress in the future.

06. GRIFFITH PARK ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER (GPACC):

Stakeholder, STEPHANIE VENDIG, spoke on the programs and progress of the GPACC operated by the Los Angeles Department of Recreation & Parks. Ms. Vendig also distributed the GPACC monthly newsletter.

07. TREASURER'S STATEMENT ON GGPNC BUDGET ISSUES:

District D Representative, TOMAS O'GRADY, presented a current expense update, and discussed potential items for review to cut costs and reduce outlays. At-Large Representative, KENNETH OWEN, questioned exorbitant bank service charges. O'Grady clarified they were tied to City procedures and unavoidable at present. He also requested feedback on proper expense allocation from Council members.

08. TREASURER'S REPORT:

See item 07.

09. PLANNING, ZONING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION (PZHP) COMMITTEE:

a) 2332 Catalina

Committee Chair, KEN OWEN, moved to advise the Office of Zoning Administration of no objections to the requested change in roof line of proposed addition to garage. Motion seconded; approved by consensus.

b) 4759 Bryn Mawr

Speakers present: RANDY VAN OSDAL, JOHN SUH, BRIAN LEE and various adjacent neighborhood stakeholders.

DISCUSSION:

Lengthy discussion regarding the property and the history of plan revisions submitted by Applicant. Applicant maintained he could build a home of larger proportions by right, but was requesting variances for aesthetic purposes. At Gasteier's request, OWEN clarified the motions:

1. Should the GGPNC Board recommend a variance of structure height above 36 feet?

OWEN moved the Council advise against variance, motion seconded, vote 8-6 in opposition.

2. Should the GGPNC Board recommend a variance allowing construction of retaining walls as proposed by applicant?

OWEN moved the Council advise against; motion seconded, vote 9-6 in opposition.

3. Should GGPNC Board recommend a variance to allow the retaining walls to extend into the front yard by more than 42 inches?

OWEN moved the variance receive no opposition, seconded by GASTEIER; approved by consensus.

c) Outdoor Billboards

OWEN advised about an upcoming Neighborhood Council forum at LACC. City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo will discuss and answer billboard related questions. RICHARD SPICER, PZHP Committee member, added that the GGPNC's unanimously approved Community Impact Statement (CIS) on billboards was presented in December to the Planning Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee and City Council before they took action on signs and billboards-- Including the Council's 3-month moratorium on new signs. The CIS will be presented to the City Planning Commission on January 22, when it considers action on the draft comprehensive Sign Ordinance, which has been scheduled for action by PLUM and the City Council during mid-February to mid-March 2009.

10. PARKS, RIVER & OPEN SPACES (PROS) COMMITTEE:

a) Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills EIR Scoping Response.

District A Representative, LAURA HOWE, commented that a response had been submitted, and more information would be made known as it develops.

b) Griffith Park Historic Cultural Landmark Application:

GASTEIER read the GGPNC Community Impact Statement (CIS), Council File Number: 08-3086, supporting historical landmark designation for Griffith Park. Based on a PROS Committee recommendation, Gasteier read the proposed amendment to the 2nd paragraph to read as follows:

"No part of the existing park (or any subsequent addition), and especially Toyon Canyon Landfill, should be excluded from the designation, but structures built in the park after 1959 (as those on Roosevelt Golf Course, the Zoo, the Tregnan Golf Academy, and the Autry Museum) may be demolished or modified without the Office Of Historic Resources' review, except with respect to the effect of the same on the park generally."

JERRY HANS, Griffith Park Master Plan Working Group Representative discussed the benefits of the "ad hoc plan" and supported the exclusion to buildings being built prior to 1959. RICHARD SPICER, PZHP Committee Member, voiced concerns this CIS amendment was in essence a back-door attempt to stop The Autry Center expansion, and declared opposition to it.

OWEN moved the Council submit the modification as discussed; HOWE seconded, approved by consensus.

11. FORMATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR GGPNC WEBSITE RELAUNCH:

An ad hoc committee was formed consisting of VIGDERSON, WILSON, RADEMAKERS and CARROLL-- with DEMONTE to replace Rademaekers upon his resignation.

Motion made to accept, seconded, approved by consensus.

12. REPLACEMENT OF GGPNC SECRETARY:

After discussion, District E Representative, BRUCE CARROLL, moved MARK MAUCERI should serve as interim Secretary after Kurt Rademaekers steps down after the February council meeting. Mauceri conditioned his acceptance that the position should be opened up to Board Members not present, and the potentially a newly elected At-Large Candidate.

WILSON seconded, approved by consensus.

13. FILLING OF OPEN APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER: AT-LARGE

GASTEIER distributed "Procedures for Selecting Board Members for Vacant Seats" used in recent GGPNC appointments to fill vacant positions.

14. SELECTION OF NEW CHAIR FOR NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Committee Chair, Nyla Arslanian, confirmed she would be stepping down as chair and would begin to seek out potential replacements for recommendation to the Executive Committee. She would still remain as Chair, Culture & Events.

15. GGPNC COMMITTEE MEMBER BUSINESS CARDS

O'GRADY moved to approve up to \$500 for business cards for committee members.

DISCUSSION:

The relative merits and restrictions on such.

O'GRADY moved to approve up to \$500.00 for the issuance of GGPNC committee member business cards, contingent upon the recommendation of the Committee Chair and with Executive Committee approval, motion seconded; adopted by consensus.

16. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

17. OTHER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

District C Representative, KATHRYN LOUYSE, announced Yuca's Dora Herrera brought refreshments to honor Presidential Inauguration Day.

18. ADJOURNMENT:

11:05 PM - Motion made to adjourn by GASTEIER, RADEMAEKERS seconded; approved by consensus.

MEETING SUMMARY:

Duration:	4 hours
Motions:	Ten (10)
Resolutions/Statements:	One (1)
Official Correspondence:	One (1)
Funds Allocated:	\$500 - General Council Expenditure

Submitted and approved by Board consensus on 03/17/2009.

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Mark F. Mauceri
Secretary (interim), Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council