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**GREATER GRIFFITH PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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**GOVERNING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 17, 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 (16): ARSLANIAN, CARROLL (partial),
DEMONTE, DE OCAMPO (partial), GASTEIER, HOWE (partial), LOUYSE,
MAUCERI, NAPIER, O'GRADY, OSTROW, OWEN, RADEMAEKERS, UEBERSAX,
WILSON, VIGDERSON.

Absent (03): HOOPER, KERR, and SOTER.

A quorum was declared.

02. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 20, 2009 Board meeting are in need of
further revision. Gasteier requested these minutes be revised as per
his notes and presented at the March Board meeting for approval.

03. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

a) MONICA MUEHLHAUSE-HORN discussed a 'Pollywog' Proposal for re-
construction of a lake in Griffith Park by reclaiming rainwater from
various communities.

Gasteier referred her to the PROS Committee for further discussion.

b) RICHARD SPICER, PZHP Committee, commented there will be a website
where a scanned report will be placed, that lists all billboards in
various neighborhoods in the city of Los Angeles.

c) ERMANO NEIVILLER, Los Feliz B.I.D. President, discussed the Los Feliz Street Fair and requested The Board send a letter to Councilmember Tom LaBonge asking for a waiver of fees.

Gasteier requested Julian Calvin-Harris to report back the total fee figures and advise The Board on what fees the councilmember may be able to have waived.

Gasteier stated because this item is not on the agenda, The Board cannot consider any action unless properly agendized. Gasteier also requested Neiviller provide a financial statement from O-Entertainment summarizing costs.

d) RABBI SHIFRON, 'The Surfing Rabbi,' presented details of his candidacy for the District 26 State Senate Seat in the upcoming election.

04. REPORTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND STAFF:

a) JULIAN HARRIS-CALVIN, representing Councilmember Tom LaBonge (CD4), responded she would look into the Los Feliz Street Fair fee structures to see if/what the Councilmember may be able to have waived. Julian also thanked the LAPD Northeast Division for their quick action and hard work on recent arrests for criminal activity in the Los Feliz area. She also announced GPAC (Griffith Park Adult Center) would hold their 1-year anniversary celebration on March 7th.

b) JOHN HISSERICH, representative for CA Assembly Member Paul Krekorian spoke about an economic tax incentive in the form of a 25% tax credit to help the entertainment industry to keep film & TV production in California. Mr. Hisserich announced a May 14th Defense class to be held at the Los Feliz Citibank Center, a May 15th Film Festival, and a Housing Conference on April 4th.

c) GRAYCE LIU, Senior Project Coordinator, DONE, discussed new upcoming ethics and liability training sessions for Board Members. She also advised DONE would be amending certain L.A. City Clerk election-related bylaws to require clarification of positions and voting procedures, a checklist will be forthcoming. Gasteier clarified the current GGPNC procedures, and that most likely the new amendments wouldn't substantially change our current process.

d) REBECCA BERNAL, Representative for Curren Price, candidate for California State Senate, District 26, announced a "Meet the Candidate" night on February 21, 2009 and a Hollywood Chamber Mixer would be held on February 19, 2009.

05. NORTHEAST DIVISION SENIOR LEAD OFFICER REPORT:

SLO GINA CHOVAN discussed recent robberies in the Los Feliz area and announced two suspects were in custody. She cautioned about the online services such as Craigslist.com being used to lure into people dangerous situations, plus an increase in car break-ins at the Griffith Park Observatory. She also discussed the LAPD Crime Map available online for crime statistics in each neighborhood.

06. BALLOT MEASURE B

Two (2) speakers were scheduled to speak both for/against Measure B, however, both had a schedule changes. Gasteier advised he requested substitutes be sent, as the matter was time sensitive with a ballot measure vote to be taken before the next GGPNC Board meeting.

HEINRICH KEIFER, President, Kiwanis Club of Greater Highland Park, spoke against Measure B, citing its rushed nature and lack of transparency while being generally positioned as a green energy initiative to the voting public.

District B Representative, DAVID UEBERSAX, offered his perspective after attending various meetings on the subject.

Gasteier distributed a proposed GGPNC Resolution on Measure B.

Uebersax moved The Board adopts the proposed GGPNC Resolution with a revision stating, "the Board recommends a NO vote on Measure B." O'GRADY seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Owen and Uebersax requested the Board take a position on Measure B. Appointed Boardmember: At-Large, THOMAS WILSON, opined Measure B was being rushed through. A DWP representative, STEVEN PRUITT, was present, however, Gasteier reminded The Board The DWP couldn't speak for or against a ballot measure, but only provide relevant information. Pruett briefly reviewed limitations for commercial vs. privately owned buildings.

Gasteier stated he would revise the GGPNC Resolution as amended by Uebersax and forward it to the Board Members and other interested parties (see appendix).

With no opposition, Gasteier declared consensus; motion passed.

07. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Committee Chair, TOR HYAMS, discussed the proposed traffic light at the intersection of Finley & Hillhurst. CRA has funded the pre-design phase, however, CRA has not funded the project entirely. Item is to be placed on the March agenda and discussed at the next Board meeting.

08. PREFERENTIAL PARKING DISTRICT (PPD) PETITIONS

Gasteier reported DOT petitions for restricted parking have been issued within GGPNC boundaries, confirmed by CD4. Agenda question: Should the GGPNC take action to provide information to Stakeholders concerning the process and facts regarding restricted parking?

Gasteier requested that DeMonte assume the Role of Presiding Officer.

Gasteier moved to instruct the Chair, Transportation Committee, to gather information regarding both DOT and City Procedures and Rules, including related costs for PPDs and the current proposed district area for which petitions have been issued, so the information can be posted on the GGPNC website along with a clarifying statement.

Motion seconded by HOWE.

DISCUSSION:

Minor modifications to Gasteier's original statement language:

NAPIER moved to amend the motion to now read:

"The GGPNC does not propose, control, or determine whether there will be restricted parking districts. The GGPNC is on record as generally opposing Preferential Parking Districts. However, this information is provided for Stakeholders who are interested in how the PPD process is facilitated."

Motion seconded, and voted 11-0 in favor, with one abstention (OWEN).

09. PLANNING, ZONING AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE:

a) 1727 Vermont Avenue - Pattaya Thai Restaurant.

Request for conditional use permit to sell full line of alcoholic beverages from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and to have Karaoke and non-amplified music. KEN OWEN, Chairman, advised The Committee recommends non opposition such to conditions, provided: (1) no alcoholic beverage be sold except as an incident of a meal, (2) there be no bar, (3) there be no "happy hour," (4) there be no window signs advertising alcoholic beverages, (5) the parking lot will have an

attendant on duty to ensure that only persons patronizing businesses in the mall in which this restaurant is located use the parking lot during the hours of 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., and (6) any outdoor seating will be only allowed if configured to comply with all applicable laws and ordinances.

OWEN moved to accept the motion, NAPIER seconded.

DISCUSSION:

District E Representative, MARK MAUCERI, raised a question whether Item 1 impinges the restaurant's ability to conduct competitive business? OWEN, DEMONTE, and WILSON advised the conditions and wording are fairly standard to the area, and applicant had previously agreed to the conditions.

With no opposition, Gasteier declared consensus; motion passed.

10. TREASURER'S REPORT:

O'GRADY advised he will have budget presentations and recommendations ready as vetted by the Finance Committee for the March '09 meeting.

11. DWP MOU OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE DESIGNEE:

Gasteier stated the Executive Committee deliberated and recommends DAVID UEBERSAX be appointed as the DWP Oversight Representative to replace Charley Mims, with BRUCE CARROLL as the back up Representative. DEMONTE moved to accept designees; O'GRADY seconded.

With no opposition, Gasteier declared consensus; motion passed.

12. EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Committee Chair, SARAH NAPIER, introduced committee member TOMAS O'GRADY who moved:

"The GGPNC Education Committee and the Green Committee are committed to encouraging environmentally responsible fundraising at our local schools. The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council applauds efforts of the parents and students at Franklin Avenue Elementary to reduce garbage by eliminating bottled water and juice boxes at their fundraisers, and we commit \$300.00 for the purchase water crocks to dispense regular water at their events."

O'GRADY moved to accept the motion; NAPIER seconded.

DISCUSSION:

Clarifications on proposed program parameters (bottled water vs. tap water, etc.). Noted by Napier: this is the first GGPNC funding request from the school.

With no opposition, Gasteier declared consensus; motion passed.

13. NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:

Chair, NYLA ARSLANIAN motions expenditure of \$300 for landscaping at Hoover Steps Mural site. UEBERSAX seconds. Brief discussion.

With no opposition, Gasteier declared consensus; motion passed.

14. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

15. OTHER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a) NYLA ARSLANIAN announced that David Uebersax would now Chair the Neighborhood Improvement Committee.

b) MAUCERI moved to add Starbucks (Vermont & Prospect) as a new meeting agenda-posting place. Gasteier stated a motion was not required because locations of posting sites are not governed by GGPNC Bylaws or City requirements. Gasteier requested he and Mauceri eventually codify five (5) high-visibility posting places and get acknowledged permissions from proprietors and/or caretakers. Gasteier also reiterated that The Brown Act only requires one (1) designated posting place for public meetings, and the five (5) were a function of the Council designating five at the time of board certification.

c) STEVEN PRUITT, DWP Solar Energy Representative distributed a Solar Energy Handout and spoke briefly about it.

16. ADJOURNMENT:

9:45 PM – Gasteier moved to adjourn, seconded by RADEMAEKERS; motion approved by consensus.

MEETING SUMMARY:

Duration: 2 hours, 40 minutes
Motions: Six (6)
Resolutions/Statements: One (1)
Official Correspondence: One (1)
Funds Allocated: \$300 – Education
\$300 – Neighborhood Improvement

**RESOLUTION OF
GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

CITY OF LOS ANGELES MEASURE B ON THE MARCH 3, 2009 BALLOT

The matter of ballot Measure B of the City of Los Angeles, having been duly agendized, came before the Board of the **GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL** (the “GGPNC”) for presentation, discussion, and action at its regular meeting of February 17, 2009. Due to late cancellations by its invited guest speakers, the GGPNC was unable to present and hear a discussion of the issues by informed speakers for and against Measure B. Following discussion, the GGPNC Board now adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Board believes that most Stakeholders of the GGPNC are committed to reducing their individual and collective environmental footprint using current and future tools that may become available for this purpose, including but not limited to solar energy technologies;

WHEREAS the GGPNC believes that a thorough and transparent public process is essential to the proper conduct of local government, most especially where government proposes a significant change that may have substantial long-term financial implications for the workers, businesses, and residents of this City; and

WHEREAS based on the current public debate, the GGPNC is concerned that the solar energy program contemplated by Measure B was not the product of a thorough and transparent public vetting, and appropriate DWP Commission and Neighborhood Council notice and input;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that GGPNC unabashedly supports green power and sustainable energy, but urges all Stakeholders to review available information about Measure B and to vote their informed choice on March 3, taking into account their views on both the merits of the Measure B proposal and the process used in placing Measure B on the ballot.

The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council recommends a NO vote on Measure B.

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

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