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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 – 7:00 pm

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01. CALL TO ORDER:

7:04 PM –

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

Board Members present (18):

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| Arslanian, Nyla Charitable Groups | Hyams, Tor At-Large | Owen, Kenneth At-Large |
| Carroll, Bruce District E Representative | Kerr, Jacqueline At-Large | Soter, Bernadette District A Representative |
| DeMonte, Rosemary Business Interests | Louyse, Kathryn District C Representative | Uebersax, David District B Representative |
| De Ocampo, Alex District C Representative | Mauceri, Mark District E Representative | Vigderson, Tal Recreational Interests |
| Gasteier, Philip District D Representative | | Wilson, Thomas At-Large |
| Hooper, Dan Religious Interests | O'Grady, Tomas District D Representative | |
| Howe, Laura District A Representative | Ostrow, Ron District B Representative | |

Absent (01): Napier, Board Member: Educational Interests.

A quorum was declared.

02. PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT:

7:05 PM –

Gasteier reminded The Board Roberts Rules of Order is the GGPNC's Parliamentary Authority and reviewed the basic tenets regarding conduct of meetings: Being recognized by The Chair in order to speak; no interruptions, no personalizing comments and maintaining decorum.

03. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

7:09 PM –

BRUCE CARROLL moved: the minutes be approved (as revised), MARK MAUCERI seconded; approved by consensus.

04. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

7:13 PM –

David Uebersax – Cancer Walk

Barbara Ferris – “Get Rid of the BID” campaign.

05. REPORTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CITY STAFF:

7:20 PM

- a) FABIOLA VILCHEZ – Mayor’s Office
- b) JULIAN HARRIS – Tom LaBonge / CD4
- c) JON HISSERICH – Assemblymember Paul Krekorian’s Office
- d) BETTY WONG-OYAMA – DONE

06. NORTHEAST DIVISION SENIOR LEAD OFFICER REPORT:

7:38 PM – None.

07. CULTURE & EVENTS COMMITTEE:

7:39 PM –

Committee Chair, NYLA ARSLANIAN, moved to support Independent Shakespeare Co. with a Council grant of \$5K to help fund the event, which also includes high-level outreach placement. DAN HOOPER seconded; approved by consensus.

08. PARKS, RIVER AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:

7:58 PM –

Chair, BERNADETTE SOTER agreed to confine the report to 26 minutes as estimated in the agenda.

- a) LADWP River Supply Conduit Improvement Lower Reach, Unit #3

8:00 PM –

- b) Greater Los Angeles Zoo Prop O (Clean Water Act) Funded Parking Lot Renovation:

8:05 PM –

c) Regarding NBC Universal, Universal MTA and Oakwood Apartments simultaneous expansions:

Soter moved the GGPNC send a letter to Councilmember Tom LaBonge about the impact on environmental and traffic issues, TOR HYAMS seconded; approved by consensus.

8:10 PM –

d) Friends of L.A. River (FoLAR) Clean-Up: Saturday, May 9TH, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

SOTER moved to approve up to \$1500 in GGPNC funds, KERR seconded.

ROSEMARY DEMONTE moved amend the motion to increase the request to the full \$2000; Soter seconded.

09. AUG '09 SELECTION OF APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS AND 2010 ELECTIONS:

8:40 PM –

O'GRADY moved to amend the bylaws as stated in the handout identified as 'Motion 1 & Motion 2;' pertaining to Article IX; MAUCERI seconded.

Stakeholders were given 2 minutes to comment.

01. SUSAN WOOD; In Favor.
02. RICHARD SPICER; Opposed.
03. BEA BESTOR; In Favor.
04. RICCARDO GOMEZ; In Favor.
05. MARK SIEGEL; Opposed
06. KEN KALOHARA; In Favor.
07. ERIN O'GRADY; In Favor.
08. LAUREN O'GRADY; In Favor.
09. BARBARA FERRIS; In Favor.
10. JOE CISNEROS; Opposed.
11. CHRIS MURRAY; In Favor.
12. ERIN MURRAY In Favor.
13. NORA MOSQUEDA; Opposed.

O'Grady entered into the record a 545 signature petition (corrected to 524 signatures on 05/19/09) and 16 letters supporting the proposition that GGPNC representatives being elected and not selected.

Gasteier summarized he had halted the motion proceedings based on a point of order and this matter would be placed on the agenda at the next regular Governing Board meeting in May 2009.

08. PARKS, RIVER AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (RETURNED TO):

9:55 PM –

d) The impact of multiple developments adjacent to park open space. Soter moved to send a letter to Labonge as described. Numerous seconds; approved by consensus.

e) Resolved that the DWP turn the event from auto-centric to a more pedestrian friendly event by expanding non-auto days.

Soter moved that a GGPNC letter be issued supporting such; Seconded by Howe; approved by consensus.

10. PLANNING, ZONING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEES:

10:05 PM –

a) 2507-2541 Nottingham Avenue:

Proposed erection of retaining walls in excess of number permitted by right. Committee recommendation: Oppose.

PUBLIC COMMENT

10:30 PM –

1. MARK SPRECHER; In Favor.
2. ANNE HAQUE; In Favor.
3. MASSOOD HAQUE; (via, wife 'Anne.');
4. LESLIE SMALL; In Favor.
5. DALE REID; In Favor.
6. AILEEN CAWLEY (in absentia); In Favor.
7. PAUL LANGLOTZ (in absentia); In Favor.

Carroll moved to vote, seconded by HOWE. Vote: 11-1 in favor of denying variance. There were three (3) abstentions.

10:50 PM –

b) Proposed Comprehensive Sign Ordinance:

Committee proposes C.I.S. be issued along with detailed letter. PM

10:55 PM –

Owen moved to authorize and submit this letter stating the new details from the Board with a CIS consistent with letter content; UEBERSAX seconded; approved by consensus.

11. EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

10:58 PM –

Tomas O’Grady presented in lieu of Sarah Napier.

a) Marshall High School Visually Impaired Equipment

Motion for approval of \$3,122.81 for equipment for Marshall H.S. Library for visually impaired students. Seconded by Carroll.

Mauceri moved to call the vote. Gasteier asked if there was any opposition to the original motion, seeing none, he declared consensus.

10:58 PM –

b) Franklin Elementary ‘Pallooza’

Grant of \$750 to assist in annual fund raising event.

Motion: Resolved “The GGPNC supports public education and strives to assist when the community raises funds for same. The proceeds of the ‘Franklin Elementary Pallooza,’ an annual event, which raises funds for student enrichment beyond the allocated budget. The GGPNC will provide up to \$750 to help offset event expenses (estimated to net \$35K direct-to-student funding resources).”

Gasteier calls for a second, Mauceri seconds.

11:15 PM –

Gasteier asked if anyone was opposed to the motion, seeing none, the motion was declared approved by consensus.

15. OFFICIAL L.A. CITY DEPARTMENTAL LIAISON APPOINTMENTS:

(Item taken out of order)

11:29 PM –

Hyams explained the NC/DOT MOU and reported regarding meetings attended. He moved to designate himself the departmental liaison and listed David Uebersax as the alternate MOU representative; Soter seconded; approved by consensus.

12. ANIMAL WELFARE COMMITTEE

11:36 PM –

Item tabled to a date to be determined.

13. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

11:40 PM –

a) Committee Member Rosters

Mauceri moved: "Resolved that all Board Members, Committee Chairs and Committee Members are authorized and encouraged to remove outdated meeting agendas from public posting places."

Vigderson seconds; approved by consensus.

14. TREASURER'S REPORT:

11:44 PM –

Status update on Budget and Finance Committee items.

16. SELECTION TO FILL OPEN RULES & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE SEAT:

11:49 PM –

GASTEIER nominated Ron Ostrow to fill the vacated Rules & Elections Committee Seat, Howe seconded the motion.

17. OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

11:54 PM –

Motion to approve the GGPNC 2009 Newsletter and approval for expenditures up to \$8,500. DeMonte moved to approve the expenditures up to \$8500 expenditure Uebersax seconded.

Uebersax called the vote. However, Gasteier asked if there was any opposition to the motion, and there was.

Carroll moved for a vote, Howe seconded. Motion carried 10-2 in favor with 1 abstention (Gasteier).

18. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

12:05 AM –

UEBERSAX updated the Board on status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the DWP.

19. OTHER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

12:15 AM -

OSTROW commented on the Special Executive Committee meeting regarding the "Cremin Grievance."

20. ADJOURN:

12:25 AM -

Uebersax moved to adjourn; HOWE seconded; meeting adjourned.

MEETING SUMMARY:

Duration: 05 hours, 25 minutes

Motions/Votes: 16

Resolutions/Statements: 1. C.I.S; Signage

Official Correspondence: 1. Tom LaBonge; 'Universal' Development
2. LADWP; Holiday Festival Pedestrians

Funds Allocated: \$2,000 – L.A. River Clean-Up
\$3,122.81 – Marshall H.S. Handicap Eq.
\$750 – Franklin Avenue Elementary

Submitted and approved by Board consensus on 06/16/2009.

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

ITEM 9 - MOTION 1:

I hereby move the following GGPNC bylaws be revised as follows:

**ARTICLE IX
SELECTION OF THE BOARD**

D. Selection of Appointed Board Members. The Board shall establish procedures for selection of Appointed Board Members consistent with the provisions of Article VIII above. Appointed Board Members serving at the time these Amended Bylaws become effective shall serve for a term expiring upon the next selection of Appointed Board Members. Thereafter, each two year term of the Appointed Board Members shall commence on the date of their selection at the regularly scheduled general Board meeting falling closest to twelve months after the last meeting at which the elected District Representatives were seated. Selection of Appointed Board Members shall be made by a majority of the ~~entire Board~~ **District Representatives**.

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ITEM 9 - MOTION 2:

I hereby move the following GGPNC bylaws be revised as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII
GOVERNING BOARD AND COMMITTEES**

A. The GGPNC Board shall consist of 19 Board Members representing diverse stakeholder interests and geographic locations as follows:

1. Elected Board Members. Ten Board Members ("District Representatives") shall be elected by district in accordance with the provisions of Article IX.C. District Representatives shall be charged with representation of Stakeholders in their respective Districts, well as with responding to the concerns of all Stakeholders concerning such District.

- 2. In accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the City Clerk, commencing in 2010, Five Board Members (“Stakeholder Group Representatives”) shall be elected** in accordance with the provisions of Article IX.C. Members shall include at least one representative of each of the following: (a) business interests; (b) educational interests; (c) recreational interests, (d) non-residential community or charitable groups **and (e) planning, zoning, development and historical preservation interests. Stakeholder Group Representatives** shall be charged with representation of **Stakeholder Groups**, well as with responding to the concerns of all Stakeholders concerning such **Groups**.
3. Appointed Board Members. Commencing with the Board Member selection process scheduled in or about August 2011, Four Board Members ("Appointed Board Members") shall be selected by the Elected Representatives in accordance with the provisions of Article IX D. Unless the Board finds by a Supermajority Vote that such interests are already sufficiently represented due to elected District Representatives active in such interests, or that no suitable representative of such interests has stated a willingness to serve, Appointed Board Members shall be representatives from stakeholders. In selecting the Appointed Board Members, the Board shall solicit nominations from groups representative of the various segments of the Area community and shall encourage groups in each segment to work together to nominate a consensus candidate. The Board shall attempt to select a representative or representatives from among those nominated from the constituent representatives from among those nominated from the constituent groups. In determining which additional Stakeholder groups or areas of concern should be included, the Board shall take into account the principles of diversity set forth in the Plan, as well as, (a) the need for representation of various identified Stakeholder groups in the Area in relation to the purposes of the Council; and (b) the nominated individual's potential for assistance to the Board in representing the interests of such identified Stakeholder groups and of all Stakeholders in the Area. In completing the selection of appointed Board Members, the Board shall give consideration to the possible need for representation of the interests of Stakeholders who are not members of formal groups, such as non-resident Stakeholders.
- 4. On or after September 1st 2009, these bylaws shall be modified to remove references to specific dates, superseded bylaws and citations rendered unnecessary implementing any such amendments.**

5. These bylaws shall be modified to reflect that Five of the Nine “Appointed Boardmembers” selected in August 2009, shall serve 1-year terms, ending with the seating of elected Stakeholder Group Representatives in 2010.

ARTICLE V

DEFINITIONS

(amended to clarify later revisions)

"AREA" shall mean the geographic area set forth in ARTICLE VII.

"BOARD" shall mean, as to the GGPNC, the **Nineteen person Governing Body** as that term is defined in the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils, also to be known herein as the Neighborhood Council Board.

"BOARD MEMBERS" shall mean members of the Neighborhood Council Board, consisting of District Representatives, Stakeholder **Group Representatives, and Appointed Board Members as described below and further** in Article VIII.

"COUNCIL" shall mean the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council.

“DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES” shall mean the Ten representatives elected by a popular vote of stakeholders to represent geographical districts as referred to in ARTICLES VII, ARTICLE VIII under the guidelines of ARTICLE IX.

“STAKEHOLDER GROUP REPRESENTATIVES” shall mean the Five representatives elected by a popular vote of stakeholders to represent defined Stakeholder Groups as defined later in ARTICLES VII, ARTICLE VIII under the guidelines of ARTICLE IX.

“ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES” shall mean the Fifteen Board Members comprised of both the District Representatives and Stakeholder Group Representatives.

“APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS” shall mean the Four At-Large Board Members referred to in Article VIII

"DEPARTMENT" shall mean the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment of the City of Los Angeles.

"DISTRICT" shall mean the Districts described in Article VII within the boundary of the GGPNC Area from which District Representatives are elected to the Board.

"PLAN" shall mean the Plan for a Citywide System of Neighborhood Councils approved by the City Council of Los Angeles May 30, 2001, as amended from time-to-time in any manner binding on the GGPNC.

"STAKEHOLDER as mandated by the City Charter shall mean those who live, work, or own property in the neighborhood and also to those who declare a stake in the neighborhood and affirm the factual basis for it.

"STAKEHOLDER GROUP" shall mean any group of individuals such as (but not limited to) participants in or representatives of businesses, religious community, schools (employees and students), recreational services, and non-residential community and/or charitable groups.

"SUPERMAJORITY" shall mean a vote of at least 12 Board Members.

"PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY" shall mean Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised.