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GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
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## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

January 18, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
Los Feliz Community Police Center  
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#### 1. Call to Order.

7:15 p.m.

Present: Ostrow, Hyams, Khanjian, Bae, Gardner, Masi, Arslanian, Malhi, Mauceri, Wilson, Kornberg, DeMonte, Cambell, DeOcampo

Late: Nubaravacharyan, O'Grady

Excused: Mims

Absent: Vukovic

#### 2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

#### 3. Reports from Government Officials

Mary Rodriguez, CD4:

- Sharing proposal to complete Vision Plan in 4 continuous meetings. In addition, working on scheduling 4 meetings at the Library about Griffith Park on sanitation, master plan, and other issues. This second set of meetings are tentatively scheduled for each Thursday in February from 3 – 5pm.
- Hillhurst northbound will be closed three days next week for filming.
- Street cleaning – 4 tons of debris removed from Laughlin park to the river.
- NC Leadership breakfast January 27<sup>th</sup>
- Community meeting on river supply conduit project, January 24, 2011, 5:30 pm at the Friendship Auditorium on Riverside Dr.

Joe Orlanes, OPS (213) 305-9234/joseph.ornanes@lacity.org:

- 3 weeks of car break-ins in the park taking purses. Suspect in custody but still advising stakeholders to take their valuables with them or hide their belongings carefully.

Gardner: Asking about Haunted Hayride contract duration, headworks tanks, and environmental working group report.

Nicole Carcel, Mike Feuer's office:

- Assemblymember has introduced legislation to cap health insurance premiums.

- Legislative package still in progress – this is a good time to contact the office with ideas.
- Inviting emails on other topics, including the budget proposal

#### **4. Executive Committee Reports**

##### a. President

Ostrow: Sharing items of interest including Los Feliz Community Guide, NC Leadership Breakfast, Griffith Park Master Plan/Vision Plan meeting proposal, January 6<sup>th</sup> Barnsdall sign groundbreaking, city-wide community needs assessment, and Griffith Park project proposals.

##### b. Treasurer's Report

Ostrow: Presenting current information on assets, liabilities, and existing funds (included in agenda as Supplement 5). Explaining \$200.00 debt owed to the Los Feliz Community Guide has been discovered and will be addressed.

#### **MOTION:**

Kornberg moves to approve report. Khanjian seconds. No Objection. Approved by consensus.

Mauceri: Suggesting the council should be sure to get things paid before rollover calculations are made for next year.

Ostrow: Clarifying that DONE has been very productive this month and that the council has been remiss in submitting some items and that the focus will be on those items going forward.

#### **5. Committee Reports**

##### a. Public Safety

Andrea Iaderosa: Updating board on CERT classes (scheduled last week of June), CPR and self-defense trainings, emergency bins, meeting schedule and committee growth.

Bae: Asking about special CERT scheduled for February

Malhi: Suggesting community outreach on preparedness

DeMonte: Suggesting the chair work with local businesses, especially markets on community plan

Masi: Inquiring about funding emergency bins privately or in a grassroots effort as opposed to through the city budget

Public Comment:

Mark Strong: Sharing his experience as an LAUSD teacher on emergency preparedness

Ostrow: Moving Arts & Culture and Green Committee items up in the proceedings to accommodate individual schedules.

- b. Arts & Culture: Motion that the GGPNC board send a letter to city requesting that all Barnsdall cost information be ascertained prior to the issuance of an RFP.

Arslanian: Explainin the scheduling and proceedings of a special committee meeting on the topic of Barnsdall RFP process.

O'Grady and Nubaravacharyan arrive.

**MOTION:**

Arslanian moves that the GGPNC request that all Barnsdall cost information be ascertained prior to the issuance of an RFP. Hyams seconds.

Arslanian: Providing additional background on the presentation to the committee and the outpouring of community support for this request.

Questions:

Gardner: Inquiring about cost information.

Arslanian: Explaining that because park is managed by three departments, budget for management is not transparent and must be ascertained for an RFP to be issued.

O'Grady: Explaining that at the meeting the consensus was that the RFP should stop until the numbers are attained. Concerned that this letter fails to say that.

Ostrow: Clarifying that the letter says this.

Arslanian: Confirming this – the motion says “prior to” the issuance of an RFP.

Discussion:

O'Grady: Sharing that he attended the meeting and that the stakeholders wanted two items expressed. First that the numbers were needed and second that only with the numbers would they consider whether an RFP is appropriate. There was not consensus that an RFP was appropriate. This letter could be misinterpreted to say that the RFP is acceptable.

Wilson: Disagreeing that the letter doesn't already express this view.

Ostrow: Clarifying that the question is over the word issuance.

DeMonte: Arguing that the second to last paragraph clearly says what O'Grady is asking it say.

Arslanian: Agreeing that the letter reflects this view and the sentiments of the audience. The motion was read to those people present and general agreement on it.

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

O'Grady moves to embolden the word “before” in the first paragraph of the letter. Khanjian seconds. No Objection. Passed by Consensus.

**MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:** No Objection. Passed by Consensus.

- c. Green Committee

- i. Introduction/ presentation to LAANE's (Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy) "Don't Waste LA" campaign by Francisco Arzu, LAANE Community Organizer

Cambell: Introducing Francisco Arzu, of LANNE

Francisco Arzu: Explaining LANNE's mission as a non-profit advocacy organization dedicated to create an economy that supports thriving communities and a healthy environment and his role in the "Don't Waste LA" campaign to bring more recycling to the city to reach zero-waste goals and create good green jobs. Presenting proposal to shift commercial pick-up from open-market to franchise plan to promote zero-waste goals and strong environmental and labor practices.

- ii. MOTION: To Support Don't Waste LA campaign and submit letter to City Council, Bureau of Sanitation and Mayor Villaraigosa.

Cambell: Distributing letter and introducing motion.

**MOTION:**

Cambell moves to adopt the following position and send the following information:

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa, Members of the City Council, Public Works Commissioners and General Managers,

The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council commends the Zero Waste goals of the City of Los Angeles and supports the Don't Waste LA campaign to bring recycling to commercial and multi-family sectors of Los Angeles. This is an important step in making the necessary shift between managing waste and managing resources and ensuring that Los Angeles achieves its Zero Waste goals by 2030. The GGPNC encourages you, our elected officials, to support and endorse the Don't Waste LA campaign.

Los Angeles County generates nearly 10 percent of the nation's waste and sends over 10 million tons to landfill each year. The city of Los Angeles is responsible for one third of that waste, over 3 million tons, much of which could be recycled or composted - avoiding landfills completely. Currently, the commercial and multi-family sectors comprise 70 percent of all discards in Los Angeles, yet most do not have access to recycling services. These sectors are in great need of a comprehensive and combined collection system as described in the Don't Waste LA platform.

The changes proposed by the Don't Waste LA campaign would represent substantial benefits to the city, the residents and future generations. Businesses and multi-family complexes would realize needed improvements such as streamlined rates and efficient routes. Collection employees would see not only safer working environments, but an overall increase in good, green jobs. All Los Angeles residents would benefit from these improvements and the increase in fuel efficient, low emission fleets.

The neighborhoods within the GGPNC district include numerous commercial and multi-family establishments. This campaign promotes an important and decisive direction for meeting the needs of those communities, as well as meeting the diversion rates and Zero Waste goals of all of Los Angeles. The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council asks for your support and endorsement of the Don't Waste LA campaign.

Sincerely,  
Ron Ostrow  
President, Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council

By: Leslie VanKeuren Campbell, GGPNC Green Committee

Malhi seconds.

Public Comment:

Mark Strong: Asking if fees can be passed through to renters.

**Questions:**

Wilson: Asking about possibility of price increases for renters and diminished competition resulting from this proposal.

Arslanian: Clarifying that LANNE is a 16-year old non-profit based in LA that focuses on various issues. Don't Waste LA Campaign has a 30-member coalition

Masi: Asking about availability of the campaign platform information on the website.

**Discussion:**

Gardner: Green building materials law is expected to go in to effect soon. This proposal moves this industry from a free market system to a political process. Expressing his preference for a city-run recycling program.

Campbell: Noting that current pilot program will not remain free for multi-family buildings. 70% of LA waste is generated in these buildings. Cost of regular trash is going to increase when landfills close in 2013. This also addresses that issue.

Hyams: Noting that this is just a letter of support – a simple yes or no issue for the council.

Gardner: Noting that this is a complicated issue that deserves nuanced discussion. Bureau of sanitation knows how to address this and just needs the funding.

O'Grady: Noting that this was discussed at great length in committee. Explaining that it is not currently politically palatable for the city to take this over. This is an elegant solution.

Wilson objects.

**VOTE:**

Abstaining: Wilson, DeMonte, Arslanian, Bae

In Favor: Kornberg, Hyams, Khanjian, Masi, DeOcampo, Nubaravacharyan, O'Grady, Cambell, Malhi, Mauceri

Opposed: Gardner

Motion passes by majority vote.

Ostrow: moving to Rules & Elections and leaving final Green Committee item until later.

d. Rules & Elections Committee

- i. MOTION: The GGPNC will sponsor a public forum for the City Council candidates running for the District 4 seat and will allocate up to \$2000.00 (to be allocated evenly between Rules and Elections and Outreach) to facilitate the event that will include, but not be limited to room rental, newspaper advertisement, food and drink and other materials. The Forum will be officiated by an officer(s) of the GGPNC.

**MOTION:**

Hyams moves. Nubaravacharyan seconds.

O'Grady recuses himself from the discussion and leaves the room.

Public Comment:

John F. John: LFIA also hosting forum. Suggesting the council save funds and combine efforts.

Ostrow: LFIA, SilverLake NC also holding forums. All three candidates have requested this third forum.

Questions:

Bae: Inquiring about format.

Hyams: Explaining that the forum isn't a debate but that there will be an opportunity for public questions.

Kornberg: Explaining in a forum candidates cannot ask questions of one another.

Wilson: Inquiring about ability to work with Silver Lake NC and about perception problem if moderator ran on the slate with one of the candidates.

Campbell: Asking which committees would be responsible for planning.

Arslanian: Asking about timing, advertising, and other logistics.

Hyams: No date selected. Outreach and Rules & Elections will be responsible for planning.

Gardner: Asking if this will be a transparent and verifiable process.

Discussion:

Kornberg: Explaining her support as an outreach mechanism.

Masi: Explaining the benefit of having the forum for our neighborhood alone as opposed to in partnership with other groups.

Gardner: Sharing experience about the difficulty of transparency and the best practices for choosing both the questions and order of answers randomly.

Campbell: Sharing support for the motion. Offering Green Committee services to make it a zero-waste event.

Ostrow: Explaining that DeMonte sent the City Attorney an email about who can host the forum and the City Attorney advised that to avoid the appearance of bias the moderator should not be a board member.

Hyams: Agreeing with Gardner's suggestions about procedure.

Wilson: Feels strongly that we have an outside moderator and suggesting we agree on rules now.

DeMonte: Suggesting we use the forum rules.

Mauceri: Agreeing with concerns about perception.

### **MOTION TO AMEND:**

Mauceri moves to delete last sentence "officer of the GGPNC" and replace with "an arbitrary 3<sup>rd</sup> party outside the GGPNC Governing Board and Committees." Malhi seconds.

Discussion on the Motion to Amend:

Bae: LaBonge has asked for this, so he's clearly not too concerned about the advantage to a member of the GGPNC.

Gardner: Against amendment. People outside the room are just as biased and less accountable. The Executive Committee or some other body needs to make a number of logistical decisions to make this happen successfully.

Masi: Agreeing with Gardner. Suggesting Gardner or Wilson could moderate.  
Hyams: Not in support of the amendment. Arguing we need to unify and move past the election and the constant attention on who lost and who won.  
DeMonte: Concerned about perception if something goes wrong.  
Mauceri: Arguing the GGPNC will be associated with this regardless of who moderates.

**MOTION TO 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDMENT:**

Mauceri moves to insert “chosen by the executive committee” in final sentence. Wilson seconds.

Discussion on MOTION TO AMEND AMENDMENT:

Hyams: Insufficient time for Executive Committee to meet.

Malhi: Suggesting local news outlets might be a good source for a moderator.

Kornberg moves to vote. Hyams seconds. Motion to vote passed unanimously.

**VOTE on 2<sup>nd</sup> AMENDMENT:**

In Favor: Khanjian, Ostrow, DeOcampo, Malhi, Mauceri, Wilson, Arslanian

Opposed: Kornberg, Hyams, Bae, Gardner, Masi, Nubaravacharyan, Campbell, DeMonte

2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment fails by majority vote.

Return to Discussion on 1<sup>st</sup> AMENDMENT:

Wilson: We need an outside party

Malhi: the press

Kornberg moves to end debate. Hyams seconds. Motion to end debate passes unanimously.

**VOTE on 1<sup>st</sup> AMENDMENT:**

In Favor: Khanjian, DeOcampo, Malhi, Mauceri, Wilson, DeMonte, Kornberg, Ostrow

Opposed: Hyams, Bae, Gardner, Masi, Nubaravacharyan, Campbell, Arslanian

Amendment passes by majority vote.

Mauceri moves to end debate. Bae, Hyams, Gardner, Arslanian opposed. Kornberg, Khanjian, Bae, Masi, DeOcampo, Malhi, Mauceri, Wilson, DeMonte, Ostrow in favor. Motion to end debate passes by majority vote.

**VOTE on AMENDED MOTION:**

In Favor: Khanjian, Bae, Masi, DeOcampo, Malhi, Mauceri, Wilson, DeMonte, Kornberg, Ostrow

Opposed: Hyams, Gardner, Campbell, Arslanian, Nubaravacharyan

Motion passes by majority vote.

MOTION: To approve bylaw amendments (see agenda supplements for full text of revisions)

**MOTION:**

Hyams moves. Kornberg seconds.

Hyams: Reviews the history of committee work on this issue.

Public Comment:

Richard Spicer: Sharing his support for the transition to an all-elected board and his concern about limiting voting to a single district for each stakeholder.

Peter Goglio: Agreeing with Richard Spicer on district voting. Suggesting that there was insufficient notice of this issue to the public and that this process seems rushed. This is a complex proposal that deserves further deliberation.

John F. John: Agreeing with Goglio. Insufficient outreach has been performed on this issue. Suggesting that any significant change to the bylaws require a 30-day comment period. Suggesting that bylaw changes not be bundled in this manner.

Questions:

Masi: Asking about purview of each district representative. Questioning the benefit of limiting voting to a single district.

Gardner: Clarifying that the argument that this configuration will save money refers to the funds spent on money spent on appointment outreach and facilitation. Asking if factual basis stakeholder status remains intact. Asking about language generation.

Bae: Asking about how the money is spent on the appointments

DeMonte: Explaining how money has been spent in the past.

Wilson: Asking if this can be postponed.

Hyams: Explaining that this deadline was set working backwards from the appointment process by the Outreach committee.

Wilson: Asking if this can be separated out into multiple issues.

Hyams: Explaining the inter-relatedness of these issues.

Arslanian: Agreeing with public commenters. Asking why this substantial change comes now.

Hyams: Explaining the committee's process.

Campbell: Asking about the next step in terms of outreach.

Kornberg: Explaining the Outreach committee's role.

Masi: Asking how many members of the public attended?

Hyams: Approximately a half-dozen

Gardner: Asking why there's a rush to change the rules to avoid a slate when a slate now sits on the council.

Bae: Asking about outreach schedule.

Kornberg: Explaining that in order to make appointments in Early May, applications must be received by late April, notice must be made in March, and therefore the Outreach Committee needs to have all relevant information to create mailers in February.

Wilson: Asking if this is an arbitrary deadline?

Kornberg: Explaining the reasoning behind making this change before this round of appointments.

Discussion:

Ostrow: Explaining that the issue of having an elected board has been a topic of discussion for many years. Stakeholders have been involved in that process for two years.

Arslanian: Concerned about the having too many issues packed together and presented in plain language apart from the bylaw language.

Masi: Commending the committee's work.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Masi: To change the revision to eliminate single-district voting throughout the document. Wilson seconds.

Discussion:

Gardner: Concerned that there are details here that require more time to deliberate.

Kornberg: Concerned this will give rise to slates.

Hyams: Explaining this was a much-discussed issue in committee.

DeMonte: Agreeing with Kornberg. Also concerned about factual basis, but satisfied with this plan.

O'Grady: Agreeing with Kornberg.

Mauceri: Against the substitute motion, because there has been abuse of the system and this is the best solution available.

Masi: Not as concerned about the slate issue.

Malhi moves to end discussion. Khanjian seconds. In favor: unanimous.

**VOTE on SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

In Favor: Masi

Opposed: Hyams, Khanjian, Masi, Bae, DeOcampo, Mauceri, O'Grady, Campbell, Malhi, Arslanian, DeMonte, Wilson, Kornberg, Nubaravacharyan, Gardner

Substitute Motion fails by majority vote.

Return to Discussion on MAIN MOTION:

Mauceri: Separating out the items is untenable. This is an issue that has been discussed for years with input from over 500 stakeholders' input. This is not perfect, but it's far better than our current system.

DeMonte: Explaining that she served on the committee though she was not on the winning slate. Disagreeing with the assertion that previous boards rubber-stamped bylaw revisions of this magnitude. Also concerned with the rush to make these changes. Agreeing that this isn't perfect and it might have benefited from joint committee/board meetings. But supporting this proposal nonetheless.

Malhi moves to end debate. Khanjian seconds.

In favor: Hyams, Khanjian, Masi, DeOcampo, Mauceri, O'Grady, Campbell, Malhi, Arslanian, Nubaravacharyan

Opposed: Bae, Gardner, DeMonte, Kornberg, Ostrow, Wilson

Wilson leaves.

**VOTE on MAIN MOTION:**

In favor: Hyams, Khanjian, Masi, DeOcampo, Nubaravacharyan, Mauceri, O'Grady, Campbell, Malhi, Kornberg

Opposed: Bae, Gardner, DeMonte, Arslanian

Main motion fails to reach a supermajority and fails.

- ii. MOTION: To adopt an application deadline of April 22, 2011, a special Board Meeting date of May 7, 2011 and the following position descriptions and outreach materials for the appointment process.

Hyams withdraws motion in light of bylaw revision vote.

e. Transportation Committee

- i. Pending Transportation Committee meeting results, the Transportation Committee urges the General Board to adopt a letter of concern regarding the lack of planning for increased traffic caused by the proposed development at NBC Universal. Primary concern is the increase of individual and commercial vehicles along Forest Lawn Drive and on into Griffith Park.

Khanjian recuses herself and leaves.

**MOTION:**

Kornberg moves to adopt the following position with respect to the NBC/Universal Draft EIR:

The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) has reviewed the Draft EIR of the NBC Universal Expansion project and has serious concern about its scope and findings. NBC/Universal undertook significant outreach in the communities covered by the GGPNC including direct mail campaigns soliciting the support of local area residents. This was undoubtedly done in recognition of the direct impact to area residents and Griffith Park itself. However, the Draft EIR fails to include sufficient study and analysis of this impact.

While the traffic study conducted for the Draft EIR extends nearly ten miles west to Sepulveda Blvd, it inexplicably extends only 1.5 miles along Forest Lawn Drive. This effectively ignores the potential negative impact on the very residents and areas your outreach previously identified as important to the success of the project.

As a result of the failure to conduct the proper level of due diligence, and by excluding Griffith Park and the greater Los Feliz community from the study, the Draft EIR ignores the potential adverse impact of the project to area residents and important historical and cultural monuments within our area.

In order to perform a truly comprehensive impact study, the Draft EIR must include the 134, Interstate 5 interchange, Interstate 5 access at Zoo Drive and the entire Los Feliz community including Griffith Park.

The GGPNC believes that increased car trips through the park due to added congestion on all neighboring freeways will have an accumulated impact in multiple areas including but not limited to:

- Safety and tranquility of park users, runners, bikers, equestrians, hikers, picnickers.
- Sustainability of existing wildlife corridors
- Traffic congestions bleeding into the Los Feliz community
- Overall quality of life

While the GGPNC recognizes the study to list historically significant locations was performed prior to Griffith Park receiving Historic Cultural Monument status, the park was designated a landmark in January 2008 and any final report must include this designation and the potential impact on this historic resource.

The GGPNC requests that the Draft EIR be amended before its moves to the final EIR stage to include a thorough study and consideration of the impacts of increased traffic and population density area east of the NBC Universal Expansion Plan.

The favor of a prompt reply is requested.

Masi seconds.

John F. John: Introducing topic of NBC/Universal development project draft EIR and letter to expand scope of the EIR to include Forest Lawn Dr through the park, Griffith Park and Los Feliz as well as other effected thoroughfares.

Public Comment:

Kevin Mulcahey: An incredibly dense area with ongoing development.

Question:

O'Grady: Clarifying the impacted roadways.

Discussion:

O'Grady: Supporting motion.

No Objection. Passed by consensus.

- f. Green Committee (cont'd): MOTION: Resubmit letter to Councilmember Tom LaBonge restating support of Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign.

**MOTION:**

Campbell moves. Malhi seconds.

Campbell: Explaining this is a motion to resend this letter in light of comments from the councilmember to the press.

Questions:

Bae: Asking why the council would favor coal.

Campbell: Quoting LaBonge in the LA Times discussing the cost of alternative fuels.

Gardner: Providing further explanation on rising cost of coal.

Ostrow: Concerned about resending this letter. If there is a message that the council didn't like his comments there should be a new letter.

Campbell: Suggesting the President can modify the letter.

Ostrow: Explaining that he cannot change the substance of the letter.

**MOTION to AMEND:**

Mauceri moves to modify the letter to explain that the council is reiterating its position on this issue in light of his recent comments to the press. Kornberg seconds.

Discussion:

Gardner: Suggesting further revisions to substance of the letter to the chair.

No objection. Motion to Amend passes by consensus.

No objection to Amended Motion. Amended Motion passes by consensus.

## **6. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

Kornberg moves to approve the December 2010 meeting minutes. Masi seconds.

Gardner objects.

Kornberg withdraws and moves to table until the next meeting.

## **7. Other Comments and Announcements**

Ostrow: Announcing February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to seat a PROS chair

## **8. Adjourn**

Kornberg moves. Bae seconds. Meeting Adjourned 11:50pm.