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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 – 7:00 pm

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1. Call to Order V.P. Administration Bruce Carroll called meeting to order, 7:05 PM.
Howe, Soter, Ostrow, Nubaravacharyan, Hyams, Wilson, Napier, Louyse, De Ocampo, O'Grady, Gardner, Mauceri, Carroll, Uebersax, and DeMonte
Absent (excused): Hooper, Arslanian
Quorum declared.

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda items.
NONE

3. Reports: Public Officials and City Staff

Andrew Westall came by to introduce himself as a candidate running for Paul Kerkorian's assembly seat.
Officer Bill Murphy spoke about the COMPSTAT area ranking crime percent change (2008-09).
Rebecca Bernal from Senator Curren Price's office (26th District) re: upcoming Town Hall at the Police Center on Saturday, January 23rd. Councilmember Tom LaBonge will also be in attendance.
Kathy Kim, (Special Projects Deputy with Tom LaBonge's council office) spoke about upcoming budget cuts.
Art Hall (Recruiting Assistant/U.S. Census Bureau / 2010 Census) re: March census. Recruits are needed for the census.

4. Approval of minutes.

Point of order raised by Ron Ostrow. The approval of altered minutes by current Secretary and Chair violates the authority of the chair and procedures in the bylaws and Roberts' Rules.
Chair overruled Ostrow's point of order requesting ruling by chair be vacated.
Vote by board. 9 to uphold/ 5 to overturn ruling.
Motion by Ostrow move minutes approval to Feb., 2010 meeting. Seconded by O'Grady.
Approved by consensus.
All changes will be sent to secretary for inclusion.

5. Treasurer's Report

DONE will accept changes and update draft. Treasurer will present update at February or March meeting.
Per current treasurer, check register was not provided from the former treasurer. As a result, treasurer has not been able to verify some expenditures.

6. Executive Committee Report

Update on upcoming elections by Christopher Garcia. Sent email confirming candidate list.
Currently, the list of candidates:

Candidates for District A: Jeff Gardner, Laura S. Howe, Mio Vukovic, Frank W. Masi, and Robert J. Menz
District B: Christina A. Khanjian, John F. John Jr., David A. Uebersax, and Ron Ostrow
District C: Alexander C. De Ocampo, Daniel S. Sandman, Andrea M. Iaderosa, Dominic Patten, and Harpreet K. Malhi
District D: Sarah A. Latier Napier, John Q. Lee, Thomas P. Wilson, Leslie Vankeuren, and Tomás O'Grady
District E: Jessica C. Kornberg, James M. McEwen, Mark F. Mauceri, and Charley M. Mims

There will be two candidate forums. Saturday, March 13, 10am -1pm Our Mother of Good Counsel Church [Parish Hall] & Thursday, March 18, 7pm -9pm, Hollywood Lutheran Church [Hoiks Hall], 1733 New Hampshire

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Rules & Elections

- A. Motion by Bruce Carroll: "Any Board decision not decided by consensus shall be confirmed by a roll call vote, with the outcome indicating the votes cast, and by whom, recorded in the minutes by the Secretary." Seconded by Ostrow.
Passed by consensus.
- B. Motion by Bruce Carroll: "An abstention during a vote shall not be counted as either a yes or a no." Seconded by Ostrow.
Passed by consensus.

8. Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation

- A. Presented by Carroll: Proposal to build two 6' high automatic gates at 2315 Vermont Ave., supported by 8' high pillars and to maintain an 8' high hedge in the front yard area. Committee recommends opposition. Seconded by Louyse.
This variance request is slated to go before the Planning/Zoning Commission on Feb. 2, 2010.
Resident had not contacted neighbors re: gates, which are currently in violation.
No consensus on committee opposition. Carroll moves to vote on proposal. Seconded by Uebersax.
Boardmembers opposed to committee recommendation: Mauceri, Ostrow.
Boardmembers in favor of recommendation: Gardner, Soter, Louyse, Napier, Wilson, Nubaravacharyan, Carroll, Uebersax, and Howe.
Motion adopted.

9. City Services Committee

- A. Presentation and distribution of information regarding City Council File #CF 05-1853 aka "Point of Sale Ordinance" or "Tree Roots" or "Pay As You Go" City Council motion, for board consideration at a later date.
No action required.

10. Transportation Committee

Request from the Chair of the Transportation Committee to send a letter in support of a motion introduced by Councilmember Tom LaBonge re: stop sign at intersection of Kingswell and Rodney, denied by DOT.
Motion presented by Tor Hyams: Write letter of support. Seconded by Carroll.
"The GGPNC strongly recommends the installation of 4-way stop signs for east/west traffic at the intersection of Kingswell and Rodney."
Approved by consensus.

11. Parks, River & Open Space

- A. Update by Soter on Griffith Park L.A. Live Steamers Station draft improvements.
- B. Update on draft feasibility study to restore the Central Service Yard (CSY) on the east bank of the L.A. River as a multi-benefit park and green space. This approximately 28-acre site is adjacent to Griffith Park's Atwater Park segment and to the Atwater Creek Restoration Project under the Bureau of Sanitation. Other areas have been restored including Taylor Yard and Cornfield.
- C. Update on the LADWP's proposed South Water Recycling Project in Griffith Park, potential upgrades to the Travel Town Tank to mitigate its appearance, and DWP Holiday Light Festival projects.
Ad Hoc members Jeff Gardner, Laura Howe and DWP MOV representative David Uebersax.
 1. Update info on South Water Recycling Project.
 2. Travel Town Tank installation and potential restoration / citing CCC work done in the 1930s.
 3. Walking Nights at the Light Festival. Driving nights have been reduced [13], walking nights increased [15].
- D. Update of PROS newsletter funding. Committee Chair informs the board that less than \$5,000 will be expended from the board-approved budget for the PROS newsletter. Committee chair noted this is a GGPNC outreach project, and requested funding be supported.
O'Grady opposed to newsletter expenditure.

No consensus.

Motion to vote on funding expenditure: Louyse. Seconded by Napier.

In favor of expenditure: Gardner, Soter, Louyse, Napier, DeMonte, Wilson, Nubaravacharyan, Carroll, De Ocampo, Howe, Uebersax, and Hyams.

Against expenditure: Mauceri, O'Grady.

Motion passes.

12. Beautification Committee

A. David Uebersax presented a motion: "The Neighborhood Improvement Committee moves to provide funding of materials for up to \$1000 for the long awaited Phase 4 of the Myra Avenue Mural Project in association with Thomas Starr King Middle School." He then amended the motion to request \$1,250 (\$250 additional funds) for project.

Seconded by Napier.

Passed by consensus.

13. Public Safety Committee

A. Motion by Public Safety Chair Sandman for up to \$500 to provide refreshments at CERT Classes. Presented by Tor Hyams. Seconded by Soter. The first class garnered 98 individuals.

14. Board Resolution for Haitian Earthquake Relief

After verification from DONE, this request was withdrawn. Soter will instead, send information to individual board members.

15. Request from Tomas O'Grady that this council immediately adopt a motion to send a letter to DONE that:

Motion by O'Grady. Seconded by Hyams.

A. Outlines clearly that these [budget] reports have been submitted as we have shown below to the Controller. Currently not in the controllers office.

Adopted by consensus.

B. Outlines the action being taken by current treasurer to supply the missing reports, both the most recent and the older ones.

16. Request from Mark F. Mauceri with support from boardmembers Tor Hyams, Ron Ostrow and Alex De Ocampo

A. Motion by Mauceri. Seconded by Nubaravacharyan.

"Any stakeholder contact information such as name, mailing address, phone number and/or email address, collected under the auspices of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) Governing Board or its committees, whether through meeting sign-in sheets, speaker cards, email inquiries, the GGPNC website, stakeholder surveys, various election related materials, or by any other means hereto known or yet to be invented are official city resources and shall not be used in any personal matter, including electioneering for oneself or others."

This motion was originally taken up in the R & E committee and was rejected. The motion was rewritten by Mauceri, and re-presented to the board citing clarification from city attorney.

Motion: Soter suggested sending back to R&E for further review and proviso that city attorney address underlying issues.

Seconded by Louyse. Chair noted this should have been vetted in committee.

No consensus.

Vote to send back to committee for further review: Louyse, Soter, Gardner, Howe, Wilson, Napier, Carroll, Mims, Uebersax.

Against motion: Mauceri, O'Grady.

Motion passes.

17. Request from Ron Ostrow with support from boardmembers Tomas O'Grady, Mark F. Mauceri and Tor Hyams

Whereas the governing board minutes from May, June, July and September have been available to the membership for review on the website and in print for a minimum of four months, I move that final approval of these minutes be completed at the February governing board meeting.

Further, any requests board members wish to make regarding corrections, omissions or other revisions to the minutes shall be made in writing and submitted to the secretary one week in advance (Feb. 9, 2009) of the February meeting to be held Feb. 16, 2009. The secretary will then compile these proposed changes into a single document for general distribution to the membership three days prior to the meeting. Board level discussion will be limited to 45 minutes of debate (two minutes per member, one turn to speak), unless otherwise stipulated, to ensure swift approval of any and all changes. Any revisions not submitted in writing in advance to the secretary by the deadline shall not be considered at the February meeting.

Further, the previous secretary will be instructed to provide the missing August minutes by the February meeting, so they can be approved at the March meeting to be held March 16th.

Finally, the current secretary will be instructed to provide the board with the September continuation, October, November and December minutes that are the responsibility of the current secretary no later than by the March meeting.

Minutes were presented at the January meeting. Motion became moot.

18. Other Comments and Announcements

None

19. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Carroll. Seconded by Napier. 10:36 PM