



CITY OF LOS ANGELES

## GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 – 7:00 pm

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**1. Call to Order** President Charley Mims called meeting to order, 7:05 pm.  
Howe, Soter, Nubaravacharyan, Hyams, Napier, DeMonte, Carroll, Ostrow, Uebersax, Louyse, Wilson, Gardner  
Late: O'Grady (7:30)

Absent: Mauceri, Hooper, Arslanian  
Quorum declared.

### **2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda items**

Jack Maryan/ Marlana Melkonyan/ Seda Kyurklyan Representing New York Life Insurance: introducing the new business in this area. Jack Martinez & Charles Renn from the Silver Lake Jubilee brought in more materials for the upcoming event and suggested board members go to their website [www.silverlakejubilee.com](http://www.silverlakejubilee.com).

Stakeholder Dan Schwartz raised the issue of failed parking meters automatically resetting in the area, individuals can and do receive tickets as a result. Station meters are currently slated for the Los Feliz area.

### **3. Reports: Public Officials and City Staff**

Rebecca Bernal from Senator Curren Price's office (26th Senate District) will have a list of bills pending in the California Senate for the next GGPNC meeting in April. She also requested nominees for "SHERO" Award and directed individuals who might want to suggest nominees to her email at [rebecca.bernal@sen.ca.gov](mailto:rebecca.bernal@sen.ca.gov).

Jason Elias & Gilbert Tascione Representing SEIU 721/ Comments on the city's budget crisis and the negative effect on city parks, specifically Griffith Park. Marshall High won the regionals, and came in second in the state decathlon. President Mims suggested sending letter of congratulations, which was approved by consensus.

### **4. Comments from the President Re: Brown Act**

All board/committee emails on actions should be printed and brought to board meetings re: Brown Act. It's also inappropriate to take advocacy positions outside positions taken by the full board without notice or permission.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Rollover funds (approximately \$29,000) are still on hold pending further information from DONE (based on budget crisis in city). Ongoing expenses will be paid (phone service, etc.) but a more precise accounting will be available at the April meeting. Currently, \$45,000 is still slated for release to the GGPNC.

### **6. Executive Committee Report**

Candidate forums went smoothly and elections are moving forward as planned. Thanks to Rosemary DeMonte and Barbara Ferris for their roles in outreach and thanks to Sarah Napier for providing coffee to the candidate forum.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 7. Parks, River & Open Space

A. Proposed Recreation & Parks Department Budget Cuts Impacts on Griffith Park.

On April 20, 2010, draft budget from City Council goes to the mayor for approval. The Rec. and Parks budget in 2008-09 was \$177 million. This year's R&P operations budget is down (approx \$140 million). In addition to layoffs in staffing, which would adversely affect ranger staffing in the park, there are many retiring from the ranks. Councilman Tom LaBonge held a meeting on March 8th and raised the possibility of charging to park at the Zoo.

On March 15th a special PROS committee meeting was held to discuss the potential illegality of charging to park at the Zoo or any lot in Griffith Park. (This sets a precedent for charging at other park venues).

It was proposed that a letter be drafted suggesting possible remedies for the Zoo's approximately \$6.5 million shortfall as opposed to implementing fees that would affect all park users.

Motion from Soter: Send letter outlining concerns and potential remedies for parking fees. Seconded by Napier.

Ostrow suggested a friendly amendment add .50 to zoo ticket prices. Seconded by Wilson.

Move to vote to add this language to letter being drafted.

In favor of new language: DeMonte, Howe, Hyams, O'Grady, Ostrow, Soter, Wilson, and Nubaravacharyan

Against: Gardner, Louyse, and Napier

Abstain: Carroll

Motion to add ticket price language carries. Soter will draft letter.

### 8. Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation

A. Recommendation to send letter of appreciation to City Attorney for vigorous enforcement of zoning ordinances relating to signage and encouragement of similar enforcement generally. Motion to adopt language and draft letter by Carroll.

Seconded by Uebersax. Adopted by consensus.

B. Statement of Policies and Procedures of Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee. Moved to April meeting per request from Committee Chair (Ken Owen).

C. Comments on upcoming Hollywood Community Plan. Committee suggests inclusion of recommendations from Transportation Committee into overall recommendation of the PZHP. Draft EIR on Plan has been delayed until April. This plan currently does not seem to address many ongoing expansion issues so Richard Spicer will be available (hopefully) in April to further discuss infrastructure issues.

No action required.

### 9. Other Comments and Announcements

Mary Rodriguez from Councilmember LaBonge's office briefly outlined some difficulties with the "Headworks Project" (the new submerged reservoir tanks that would bring water from Griffith Park to Silver Lake. It was suggested that LADWP come to the next meeting to discuss this in more detail. It was suggested that the bylaws concerning unexcused absences be enforced.

### 10. Approval of minutes (from supplemental minutes #1)

Motion to approve minutes for February, 2010 minutes by Louyse. Seconded by Napier. Moved to insert minor change language provided by Ron Ostrow (renumber #2 in February) and accept minutes with this change. Further language changes to minutes from June, July, and September will be reviewed by the full board on April 20, 2010.

Approved by consensus.

### 11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Carroll. Seconded by Hyams.

Adjourn 9:15 PM