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1. Call to Order.

Present: Kornberg, Ostrow, Mauceri, Gardner, Mims, Masi, Vokovic, DeMonte, Nubaravacharyan, Arslanian, Napier, Malhi, Khanjian

Excused: Wilson

Late: O'Grady (7:18 pm), Campbell (7:32 pm), DeOcampo (8:00 pm)

7:15 pm

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

None.

3. Reports from Public Officials & Community Leaders

b. Greg Bartz, DWP:

Bartz: Speaking on Rate Payers Advocate Issue. In touch with Chuck Gray, Vice Chair of MUO and Panelist on selection committee. He had these comments to share: City Council's effort is not transparent. They've gathered input for two months but have failed to indicate terms of the measure. Panel has not met regularly. There's a board meeting in less than two weeks and there has been no submission from the panel thus far for that meeting. Materials, including Grey's proposal, council file number, and relevant motions before the board distributed.

Ostrow: Clarifying that this presentation is part of the motion in agenda item 10 and ruling that the board will hear item 10 out of order.

MOTION:

O'Grady moves the GGPNC strongly endorses the creation of a rate payer advocate position at the DWP as outlined in the "term sheet" and as supported by the Los Angeles Neighborhood council coalition. Malhi seconds.

O'Grady: Providing background, including that this was brought at the urging of David Uebersax and Jack Humphreyville and that the intent is that this role would be

advocating for a voice for the people in rate assessment. Explaining that term sheet was supposed to be included and was not submitted as intended, but that the top page of Greg's materials have Chuck Grey's draft may have the relevant terms.

Ostrow: Inquiring if this is a time-sensitive issue.

Bartz: Clarifying that Board meets on Nov. 2nd so it is time-sensitive.

Masi: Suggesting that without the document we could at least support the creation of the advocate without the specification.

O'Grady: Explaining that the term sheet has important conditions.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Mauceri moves to delete reference to term sheet. Hyams seconds.

Question Period:

Mims: Has the coalition taken a formal stance?

Bartz: Yes.

O'Grady: Explaining that the coalition is supporting the creation of an advocate with conditions. Those conditions were embodied in the term sheet. They may be the same as this top sheet from Greg. This will be construed to incorporate the term sheet whether the reference is deleted or not.

Discussion:

Mims: Noting that this proposes funding the office at \$2.5 million per year and up to 8 million dollars per year. Unclear as to how much money this office will require.

Mauceri: Noting this has been a topic for years. There is consensus in the community that this position is necessary. Rate hikes are akin to taxation without representation.

Gardner: Explaining that the LA budget is \$6 billion. DWP has a budget of \$12 billion. This advocate has been discussed for years. Someone needs to stand up for rate payers. But the term sheet would be helpful.

Hyams: Agreeing that it is difficult to support this without the term sheet.

DeMonte: Noting that the Term Sheet is what is being asked for by the coalition, but it won't necessarily be accepted.

O'Grady: Sharing Uebersax's email supporting this motion.

Mims: Clarifying that new motion does not include front page of the handout from Greg Bartz.

POINT OF INFORMATION: Mauceri: Rate Payer Advocate not Rate Payer's Advocate

Mims: Sharing that he used to be the council representative to the DWP and when this was initially raised it seemed unnecessary to him, but now he's not of the view that this is necessary because people have developed a mistrust of the existing system.

Bartz: DWP supports the creation of this position. Funding is an issue. Staff size is an issue.

No objection. Amended Motion without reference to the Term Sheet is adopted by consensus.

4. Executive Committee Reports :

b. President

- i. Discussion and Action as Appropriate Regarding Formation and Dissolution of Committees.

Ostrow: Tabled because Executive Committee unable to address this due to time.

Addressing failure to identify a replacement chair for the PROS Committee.

Sharing three motions to clarify status of chairs from Executive Committee meeting. O'Grady and Napier omissions corrected. Business Committee chair open and will be filled next month.

c. Treasurer

- i. Monthly Budget Report

Khanjian:

Explaining required documentation for expenditures to be approved by DONE.
Explaining that from now on Committee chairs and Board Members responsible for documentation of the projects they propose.

Sharing that the GGPNC's representative at DONE has been transferred.

Rare plants study check has been cut and that project is funded.

Reporting on attendance at Budget Day.

Arslanian: Clarifying that Neighborhood Purposes Grants are a separate form from Demand Warrants. It's up to Committee chairs to identify board resolution dates and other materials.

Khanjian: Noting that DONE's site is updated and all forms are available there.

Mauceri: Voicing some confusion about responsibility.

Khanjian:

Reading aloud responsibility for each outstanding item. Freedom Scientific: Napier. Friends of Los Feliz Library: Napier. Hollywood Remembers: Ostrow and Arslanian. Shakespeare: Nyla. SilverLake Jubilee: Nyla.

Noting that Neighborhood Purposes Grants need a flyer that indicates GGPNC participation.

Mims: Opining that DONE is in disarray. Recommending that the Treasurer should submit full packages, not just whatever is missing.

O'Grady: Explaining that he is waiting to submit documentation to Khanjian until he has everything.

Khanjian: For reimbursements, she has to do it in person or put it in the mail, but skeptical of putting it in the mail. So waiting to take a day off to go down in person to submit, but concerned because some originals with DONE representative who left.

Ostrow: Clarifying that Budget report is the same this month as last month.

Kornberg: Clarifying that expenses motion was handled in Executive Meeting.

- ii. Reallocation of Funds Available from Cancelled Fire Recovery Signage Project.

Khanjian: Noting that we haven't allocated enough now to use all these funds.

Ostrow: Tabling to move until next month. Hyams so moves. Khanjian seconds. Pass by consensus.

5. Religious Representative Appointment

Ostrow: Explaining length of Appointed terms determined by City Clerk's scheduling of elections. Board members appointed now will serve until May. All board members will vote on replacement.

Reading Patrick Renna's Statement:

My name is Patrick Renna. I am the Church Administrator for the Church of Scientology of Los Feliz.

I am interested in volunteering to hold the Religious Community Seat on the Governing Board.

I very much appreciate the important work done by the GGNPC and would be honored to have the opportunity to lend my hand in service to the community. The Greater Griffith Park area and, specifically Los Feliz, (where I chose to open a branch of my church) is a community very dear to me.

A few years ago my church was asked to assist with the production of the annual Los Feliz Street Fair and did so for several years in a row, with much success. I have always jumped at the chance to donate my time to such activities which are so important to the enrichment and preservation of our charming and unique community. Through establishing and administering, for more than 6 years now, a very well-attended chapter of my own church, I have gained a fair amount of insight into the needs of both parishioners and clergy.

At the time of this writing, I cannot be sure of all issues or tasks that might present themselves to me in the holding of this position. I can, however, say with confidence that my experience in the general field is sufficient and that I would be of assistance in any matter that might arise.

Beyond ecclesiastical and administrative know-how, I also have much to offer in the field of social-betterment and community outreach. My church works closely with a number of social betterment organizations (both secular and non-secular) whose focuses range from drug and criminal rehabilitation, to disaster relief, to educational reform. I bring up this point because I believe that when the responsibility for important issues such as these is shared by both community and church, success follows. How often matters of this nature arise to be addressed by the GGNPC I do not know but I thought it worth mentioning.

Further, the idea of inter-faith collaboration as well as religious equality and tolerance are very important principles of my own faith. Working with people and organizations of different denominations is part of my everyday work. I believe this is probably what most qualifies me, as I would serve the community in an unbiased manner and for the good of all concerned.

I apologize that I am unable to address you personally today. I am currently out of the country attending an annual, international church conference. However, my normal schedule is such that I will be readily available for monthly or even weekly meetings, and I would be happy to make time for council activities whenever needed.

I look forward to hearing from you and will gratefully accept this responsibility should I be chosen for the position.

Very best,
Patrick Renna

Nelson Bae: Sharing personal background in community volunteering and reasons and goals for service on the council.

Questions:

Mauceri: Sharing view of the role the religious representative in performing outreach.

Napier: Asking for examples of community service.

Bae: Sharing experience as a football officiant.

Discussion:

Gardner: Asking for Clarification on who votes.

Ostrow: Reiterating that all present board members vote.

Arslanian: Concerned about how a person represents religious community without being a leader of the community.

Ostrow: Clarifying that religious community representative description is absent from the bylaws but delineated in board action at the last appointment process.

Hyams: Objecting to further clarification on this point.

Ostrow: Agreeing further discussion of qualifications irrelevant.

Hyams: Opining that the Church of Scientology not a recognized religious body.

Ostrow: Ruling this opinion Out of order.

Masi: Sharing that he sees it as valuable that this position be held by someone not a member of a specific denomination.

Nubaravacharyan: Arguing that it shouldn't matter what religion a person belongs to. It doesn't matter whether a person is part of a recognized church or not.

Campbell: Inquiring about Outreach?

Nubaravacharyan: Reviewing outreach including, website, 13 religious organizations contacted, community blogs, and newspaper announcement.

Gardner: Suggesting that the absent candidate represents a denomination not currently represented on the council.

Mims: Clarifying names of candidates.

VOTE:

Abstention: Campbell, DeOcampo, Napier, DeMonte

For Nelson Bae: Kornberg, Hyams, Khanjian, Mauceri, Masi, Vokovic, Malhi, O'Grady, Nubaravacharyan

For Patrick Renna: Mims, Gardner, Arslanian

Nelson Bae Appointed to fill vacant religious seat by majority vote.

6. MOTION by Malhi: To Authorize \$1,500 to Fund L.A. Animal Services RACO Program from Unallocated Community Improvement Funds

MOTION:

Malhi moves to authorize \$1,500 for RACO Program. O'Grady seconds.

Malhi provides background on purpose of funds and introduces Paul Derrigo.

Paul Derrigo, L.A. Animal Services Representative providing additional background on the RACO program. Intent is to revitalize the program. L.A. Animal Services in dire need. Goal is zero kill (no animal euthanized for lack of space), right now euthanasia rate is 42%. This program provides training and skills as well as community involvement.

Question Period:

Mims: Clarifying that this is enough to train 8 reservists? No - \$1,500 trains 1 volunteer.

Campbell: Clarifying how training contributes to no kill by trapping and fixing feral colonies. Clarifying policy on trap and return policy.

Hyams: Sharing experience with stray cat in yard and L.A. Animal Services.

Derrigo: Explaining that department is under budgeted and euthanization policies are budget related.

Point of Order: Mims: Stating that the euthanization policy is not in question, reserve officers are.

Ostrow: Allowing discussion to continue on this point. RACO is asking for money, these policy questions are about how that money is spent.

Hyams: Expressing concern that \$1,500 only pays one person.

Derrigo: Explaining that \$1,500 generates a volunteer for >160 hours per year.

Mauceri: Sharing that he also has been in contact with L.A. Animal Services about this program. Asking about success with other councils.

Derrigo: 14 councils contacted, 2 more scheduled for next week. 13 have committed to funding.

Mims: Clarifying that there are enough volunteers? 33 people on the list.

Hyams: Asking how the GGPNC will be recognized?

Derrigo: Department adding a RACO program website page which will list all supporters. Additional credit given on radio programming and press release with the mayor. Checks in from some councils already.

Mims: Clarifying that money goes to city through an inter-departmental transfer of funds.

Arslanian: Asking will a volunteer be in the GGPNC area?

Derrigo: Explaining that at night there are only 2 officers from Silmar to San Pedro. This will increase service in this area, but no guarantee of a volunteer in the neighborhood.

Discussion:

Gardner: Commending presenter for leveraging funds to get volunteers involved.

Mims: Sharing that her supports rescues, but that it's not enough. Stopping the proliferation is the answer.

No Objections. Motion Passed by Consensus.

7. Committee Reports:

b. Planning, Zoning, and Historic Preservation Committee

- i. MOTION: To Approve the Letter of Support with Recommendations for Case Nos.: ZA -2009-3811 (CUB) Amwaj Restaurant

MOTION:

Masi moves the board approve recommended letter of support with conditions regarding sale of alcohol with food, hours of operation, and parking. Mims seconds.

Masi: Providing background on committee hearing, restaurant making the application, self-imposed conditions, and conditions recommended by the committee. Introducing representative Kiyoshi Graves.

Public Comment:

John F. Johns: Speaking as Transportation Chair appreciative and supportive of parking accommodation conditioned here.

Questions:

Mims: Clarifying that “on-site” should be added to language to clarify that market will also sell alcohol and that applicant accepts committee conditions.

Mauceri: Clarifying location.

Discussion:

Kornberg: Voicing support.

Nubaravacharyan: Sharing story about problematic valets in the neighborhood. Recommending safety measures.

No Objections. Motion Passed by Consensus.

ii. Report on Hollywood Signage SUD and Meeting with Michael LoGrande.

Richard Spicer: Referring to supplementary agenda materials and reporting on council meeting on signage and the meeting of Hollywood Neighborhood Councils with new Planning Director, highlighting: unanimous vote on signage, 2 GGPNC CIS referenced on the agenda, Draft Hollywood Plan is fast tracked and may be completed in as little as 60 days, commitment made to present streamlining process to council, confirmed early notification will not be cut back, and every new ordinance will have a 60 day comment period.

Ostrow: Moving item 9 up in the agenda to accommodate presenters. Clarifying that previous motion encouraged city to keep libraries open. This letter suggests how to accomplish that.

- 8. To send a letter to the City Council and Mayor requesting a reallocation of funds from council discretionary accounts, G.R.Y.D program, council-members GCP accounts and a reduction of staffing at individual city council offices to the department of the Los Angeles Public Library to restore library services on Mondays.**

MOTION:

O’Grady moves to send a letter (included in Agenda attachments). Malhi seconds.

O'Grady introduces Martin Gomez, Chief Librarian and Roy Stone, President of Librarians Guild.

Gomez: 1/3 of work force lost in layoffs and early retirement and vacant position elimination forcing reduction of service. First Sunday then Monday services reduced. Now only open Tuesday – Saturday. Working on one shift for 8 hour day. Libraries play a significant role in helping and serving kids. These funds would renew services on Mondays. Ability to hire is frozen, we would also need the council to exempt the library from the freeze.

Stone: Acknowledging budget crisis and the focus on library and parks as a place to cut was pushed through with little opposition from elected representatives despite need and community outrage. In less affluent communities this is especially important for gang-prevention and academic support. 350,000 children and teens have library cards. 90,000 visit every week. Even in more affluent communities this limited access comes at great cost. City Council has not paid any attention. The call from an NC to do something new about this provides new hope. Documentation from LA Weekly notes that Detroit the only other city in America that took this path.

O'Grady: Explaining that many neighborhoods with lower-performing schools rely on public libraries for important support. Explaining research on funding proposal, including gang reduction, city council slush fund, special discretionary accounts, uncollected revenues, city council salaries, and city council offices.

Public Comment:

Mark Stauffer: Local dad, sharing importance of public libraries to families and children. Too many people let this happen. Explaining how this impacts poorer communities and how this will send a message of support not just to libraries but to those communities.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Mims: Moves for second line to eliminate largesse endowment and replace with fund, eliminate pet projects, and eliminate fifth bullet. Masi seconds.

Mims: Explaining rationale for amendment and expressing support for underlying intent of motion.

Ostrow: Clarifying with O'Grady that if fifth bullet is removed total figure will need to be adjusted, but that there would still be sufficient funds available to accomplish the reopening.

Discussion:

Mauceri: Supports amendment

O'Grady: Supporting the amendment for the sake of agreement, but reiterating the spirit of communal contribution to this issue.

No Objections. Amendment passed by consensus.

Questions on Amended Motion:

Ostrow: Money from discretionary account is a frequent request. Is there support for the continued availability of additional funds?

O'Grady: No clear answer has been provided despite significant attempts to identify funds.

Mims: Not harmful to leave this in here because it's not personal and less likely to be rejected out of hand.

Discussion on Amended Motion:

Masi: Supporting motion. Concerned it tells downtown how to manage money but doesn't offer community solutions. Seeking to add language to give community members an opportunity to support libraries.

2nd MOTION TO AMEND:

Masi moves to add additional language suggesting the council consider using membership cards to raise revenue with exceptions for financial hardship. Vokovic seconds.

Public Comment on 2nd Amendment:

Stone: We've suggested similar ideas, including taking rollover funds. But the concept of a free public library is important. Opening the door for charges is problematic.

Questions:

Malhi: Do other library systems charge? No.

Discussion:

Ostrow: Expressing support for free libraries and expressing concern that hardship waiver serves as a barrier to access.

Hyams: Agreeing that free libraries are important, but supporting the idea that the community should support this.

Mims: Acknowledging the sentiment behind the 2nd amendment but supporting the principle of the free public library. Supporting the idea of a donation.

Napier: Agreeing with support for free libraries and sharing conversation with local librarian that most children using the Los Feliz Library are not the wealthy members of the community.

Masi: Explaining his intent to generate discussion of how people can contribute.

Point of Information:

Richard Spicer: Another mechanism for sources of revenue is the Friends of the Library.

Gomez: In wealthier communities these are successful mechanisms, more challenging in poorer communities.

Napier: Ours is a wealthy community and our Friends of the Library was unsuccessful.

O'Grady: Agreeing that a more general option to include community contribution.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Mims moves that when an individual takes out a card they be offered the opportunity to donate to the general library system. O'Grady seconds.

No Objections. Consensus on substitute 2nd amendment.

Discussion on 2nd Amended Motion.

Gardner: We have not heard from the interests subject to reduction here.

Gardner Objects.

VOTE on 2nd Amended Motion:

In Favor: Hyams, Khanjian, Mauceri, Mims, Masi, Vukovic, DeOcampo, Bae, Malhi, O'Grady, Campbell, Arslanian, DeMonte, Nubaravacharyan, Kornberg, Ostrow

Opposed: Gardner

2nd Amended Motion Passes by Majority Vote.

Ostrow: Returning to Agenda Item 7. Committee Reports:

b. Rules and Election Committee

i. MOTION: To Approve Bylaw as Amended

MOTION:

Hyams moves to approve bylaws as amended (revisions attached to Agenda). Arslanian seconds.

Hyams: Presenting background on Rules & Elections Committee process for designing these revisions. Discussion is embedded in the document. The intent is not to change in substance, but simply clean up the document.

Ostrow: Email exchange from City Attorney clarifying process for adding table of contents.

Public Comment:

John F. John: Clarifying that this is the final document voted on in committee or vetted through email?

Hyams: Confirming that this document was vetted through committee and representative of committee work.

Questions:

Gardner: Should DONE be replaced by EMPOWER LA?

Point of Information:

Mauceri: DONE is the name of the department.

Mims: Policy – to remain politically and ideologically non partisan.

Kornberg: Providing her view on this issue, that the council wants to prohibit more than partisanship in appointment process, but also refuse to allow ideologies like, religious affiliations, or other political/cultural/social belief systems be the basis for membership on our board.

DeMonte: Question in language change in Executive Committee consultation section, changing “shall” to “may” and “as a whole” language

Mauceri: Clarifying “as a whole” change.

Kornberg: Clarifying that “may” is preferable to “shall” because it reflects our current practice.

Gardner: Asking about LANCC input.

Kornberg: Explaining how LANCC played a role in the deliberations.

Mims: Questioning use of “whole board” language

Ostrow: Clarifying that the necessity of a meeting is implied in the section to which Mims refers.

Mims: Clarifying question – is the intent that it be the majority of the board present?

Mauceri: yes.

Discussion:

Campbell: Voicing appreciation for the work of the committee and clarity of the table of contents

Kornberg: Clarifying ideology reference in previous discussion period is limited to the appointment of board members.

Mims: Noting that on Page 4 boundaries section strikes number of residents, explaining the original necessity of this information and agreeing this may be struck now.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Mims: adding “at a meeting” to “majority of board present” on pg 6 and on pg 8 “at a meeting to majority of board present”. And replacing “may” with “are” on page 8. Napier seconds.

Discussion:

Mauceri: All Executive Committee decisions are not subject to board approval. Ex. Chair appointments.

Gardner: Asking for clarification about Executive Committee Authority.

Kornberg: Providing clarification on this point – explaining that the Governing Board delegates certain authorities to the Executive Committee in approving the bylaws and electing Executive Committee members.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Mims: Retaining previous amendment on pg 6 and pg 8 in the “at a meeting” language as previously suggested. And including language limiting executive committee to roles authorized so that the section reads, “All decisions of the Executive Committee not otherwise delegated to the Executive Committee may be subject to ratification or reversal....” Napier seconds.

Discussion:

Mauceri: Suggesting that this should come in the second round, not open a can of worms of new edits.

Masi: Willing to support this small revision.

Hyams Objects.

VOTE on SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT:

In favor: Kornberg, Gardner, Mims, Masi, Mio, Bae, Napier, Arslanian, DeMonte

Opposed: Hyams, Khanjian, Mauceri, DeOcampo, Nubaravacharyan, Malhi, Campbell, O’Grady, Ostrow

Motion dies.

Return to Discussion of Original Amendment. Hyams objects.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL AMENDMENT:

In Favor: Gardner, Mims, Masi, Napier, Arslanian, DeMonte

Opposed: Hyams, Khanjian, Mauceri, Vukovic, DeOcampo, Bae, Malhi, O’Grady, Campbell, Nubaravacharyan, Kornberg

Original Motion Discussion:

Gardner Objects.

VOTE on ORIGINAL MOTION:

Abstain: DeMonte, Napier, Gardner

In Favor: Kornberg, Hyams, Khanjian, Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, DeOcampo, Bae, Malhi, Campbell, O’Grady, Nubaravacharyan

Opposed: Mims, Arslanian

Motion to Adopt Bylaw Revisions Passes by Majority Vote.

- ii. MOTION: For a Special Rule of Order - The Secretary is charged with recording and compiling the meeting minutes for Board approval. The Secretary shall attempt to capture not only actions taken, but selected abstracts of the debates in order to provide a summary that captures the spirit of the discussions so as to provide a clear account of the meeting’s proceedings for the public record and subsequent reference.

MOTION:

Hyams so moves. Nubaravacharyan seconds.

Questions:

Masi: Clarifying that meaning of selected abstracts means paraphrases.

Gardner: Asking for clarification on impetus.

Hyams: Explaining that there has been disagreement about how to take minutes in the past and Roberts is flexible on this so this rule clarifies the board's expectations.

Mauceri: Explaining that only a Special Rule of Order not a Standing Rule can supplement the Parliamentary Authority.

No Objections. Motion passed by Consensus.

- iii. MOTION: To Create a Standing Rule - All committee chairs must maintain a complete and up-to-date list of committee members and their contact information, submitted to the Secretary and updated immediately upon any additions, changes, or resignations. A record of committee members shall be permanently kept by the Secretary and their names made public through the GGPNC website.

MOTION:

Hyams so moves. Nubaravacharyan seconds.

Public Comment:

John F. John: Commenting that collecting contact information is onerous

Questions:

Napier: It is not clear who is on committee.

Hyams: Confirming this is subject to future discussion, but for now determining who is on a given committee is left to committee chairs.

Masi: Asking what contact info is expected?

Kornberg: Clarifying email preferred, but whatever form of contact the chair already uses to distribute meeting announcements and minutes is all that would be required.

Mauceri: Opining that the NC is made up not just by the board but by everyone on committees, so this helps with continuity and connectivity.

Gardner: Inquiring if this is intended to include everyone, not just those willing to be contacted?

Kornberg: Clarifying that this should not be invasive – in order to have a functioning committee chairs should already have this kind of information readily available.

Ostrow: Agreeing that this is a heightened level of participation, but that gets a heightened level of contact, which will be beneficial.

Mims: Will email be required to participate?

Kornberg: No.

No Objections. Motion Passed by Consensus.

- iv. MOTION: To Create a Standing Rule - All publicly noticed meeting agendas must be submitted to the Secretary before, or at the time of their posting. The Secretary shall be responsible circulating said agendas to the entire Governing Board preferably through e-mail.

MOTION:

Hyams moves. DeMonte seconds.

Questions:

Mims: Asking if this is aimed at committees?

Hyams: Providing background on intent.

Kornberg: Providing background on her intent to distribute agenda to the board not to be responsible for updating the website.

Discussion:

Arslanian: Supports this motion.

Nubaravacharyan: Why does the Secretary distribute and not the chairs?

Mauceri: Explaining that the Secretary is the logical distribution point.

No Objection. Motion Passed by Consensus.

Ostrow: Skipping ahead in the agenda to Culture and Events.

- c. Culture & Events Committee MOTION: To Provide Matching Funds of \$2,500 for Weekly Family Art Workshops at Griffith Park Pony Rides conducted by Barnsdall Arts from Culture and Events Community Improvement Funds.

MOTION:

Arslanian moves. Napier seconds.

Arslanian: Explaining this was part of the requested budget allocation. Program was created by the GGPNC three years ago with support from Education and PROS. Banner has logo. Introducing Sheila Lehrer-Grainer, President Barnsdall Arts.

Lehrer-Grainer: Presenting photo booklets and notes of support from participating children and providing information about bilingual services.

Questions:

O'Grady: Clarifying that there are matching funds available for this.

Arslanian: Prudential (\$1,000) and Glick (in kind) and Tom LaBonge may also contribute. No admission or suggested donation – totally free to participants.

Hyams: Clarifying with Christina about funding programs for multiple years.

Khanjian: Explaining that she spoke with DONE today and because this is to Barnsdall and Barnsdall is a non-profit the concern about repeat vendors isn't applicable. Vendors subject to a bid for cumulative \$20k expenditures.

Discussion:

Napier: Noting banner meets DONE's recognition requirement.

Hyams: Confirming that this brings the expenditures for Culture and Events to \$7,750 this calendar year.

O'Grady: Noting that this same motion was approved by committee but not brought to the board in 2009-2010.

No Objections. Motion Passed by Consensus.

d. Green Committee

i. MOTION: No Gas Blower Campaign Letters

MOTION:

O'Grady moves to send 3 letters to three groups of recipients and spend \$500 on enforcement. Mims seconds.

Questions:

Masi: Clarifying that gas blowers are illegal within 500 ft of a residence.

Arslanian: Asking what is the \$500 for?

Mims: Explaining funds are for Street Services enforcement.

Ostrow: Clarifying \$500 has already been approved. This is just clarifying that already approved funds will be put to use in this fashion.

Discussion:

Napier: Opining that the GGPNC should not become a policing agency.

Masi: Supporting the letters because they help people deal with the root problem.

Bae: Asking if this is an environmental issue or a noise issue?

O'Grady: Clarifying that it's both. There are constituencies for both issues. Napier's point is well taken but these are just requests for people to take responsibility for their own people not any kind of police action.

Arslanian: Sharing that she has noticed this is very common. Noting that the businesses to be notified are not in our area. Suggesting that this should be translated in multiple languages.

Mauceri: Comparing this to past actions by the board helping agencies enforce the law. Citing a past example of similar activity.

Ostrow: Explaining objections including analogous warning signs are there because of liability. Putting up a letter is not the same thing as trying to get a red curb painted. The letter would be with the city, the former is with private corporations.

Point of Information: Mauceri: We're asking to put the signs up, and asking people not to use these devices, not enforcing it.

Mims: Supporting these letters for their educational intent. Suggesting that these letters come from the council not from the committee.

DeMonte: Concerned language is too harsh to local businesses and should be a gentler suggestion. Concerned that 13 hours of labor is not the most efficient expenditure of the \$500 and suggesting the money could go to paying for electric blowers.

Campbell: Relating experience in Italy where these items are prohibited. Now so aware of the impact. Expressing support for measure.

Hyams: Explaining method for supporting motions – looking first to whether or not it serves the community. Expressing support for this motion because it does that. Relating experience switching to electric from gas.

Gardner: Suggesting there is an ethnic component to consider – the people most likely to be ticketed are Hispanic low wage workers. Opining that the chief environmental concern is the particulate matter.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Mauceri: Moves to authorize that President to send edited letters to reflect substance of this board discussion. Malhi seconds.

Mims: Clarifying money will be included in the revised letter.

AMENDMENT

O’Grady: Green Committee Chair involved. Hyams seconds.

Discussion:

Hyams: Supporting this motion and adding additional factual support for cause – 1 gas blower = 18 18 wheelers running for the same period of time.

Mims Objects.

VOTE on AMENDMENT:

In Favor: Kornberg, Hyams, Khanjian, Masi, Vukovic, Bae, Malhi, Campbell, O’Grady, DeOcampo

Opposed: Mauceri, Gardner, Mims, Napier, Arslanian, DeMonte

No objection to substitute motion as amended. Amended Substitute Motion Passed by Consensus.

- ii. Presentation By Campbell on Best Practices & MOTION: GGPNC Board Members will make a concerted effort to not bring plastic bottled water, single-use plastic bags and Styrofoam containers to board meetings.

MOTION:

Mims moves to adjourn. Napier seconds.

Mauceri objects.

VOTE on MOTION to ADJORN:

In favor: Khanjian, Mims, Napier, Arslanian, DeMonte
Opposed: Hyam, Gardner, Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, Malhi, O'Grady, Campbell, Kornberg

Motion to Adjourn Fails to Pass by Majority Vote.

Napier leaves.

MOTION:

Campbell moves that GGPNC Board Members will make a concerted effort to not bring plastic bottled water, single-use plastic bags and Styrofoam containers to board meetings. Malhi seconds.

Questions:

Mauceri: Suggesting a language change from concerted effort to best efforts.

Campbell: There are supplements in support of this, including impact on Santa Monica Bay, personal health, and community resources attached to the agenda.

Discussion:

Masi: Concerted effort and best practices mean the same thing. Moves to limit debate and vote. Hyams seconds.

Point of Information: Mims: You cannot make a motion to limit debate once you have engaged in discussion. Expressing concern that multiple use containers are also wasteful. Recycling is the most effective method.

O'Grady: Noting that this is identical to Silver Lake NC Motion – the sentiment is that we should be setting an example.

Malhi: Noting that in the slogan Reduce Reuse Recycle – recycling is last for a reason. This effort is working on the first two words instead.

Hyams: In support of the idea, but concerned about the motion. Recalling department of sanitation landfill presentation. 20% of recycled plastic go directly into landfill, which causes ozone depletion.

Campbell: Three liters of water required to produce each .5 liter plastic bottle. Recycling is also an energy consumer. Reusable bottles are less consumptive. This is a simple start.

Mims Objects.

VOTE:

Abstain: Khanjian, Mauceri, Hyams, DeOcampo, Nubaravacharyan

In Favor: Kornberg, Campbell, Gardner, Masi, Vukovic, Bae, Malhi, O'Grady

Opposed: Mims, Arslanian, DeMonte

Motion Passes by Majority Vote.

- iii. MOTION: The GGPNC Authorizes the Green Committee to Discuss and Design a Shoestring Mini-Park at the DWP Substation at Hillhurst and Prospect.

MOTION:

Malhi moves. Kornberg seconds.

Questions:

Ostrow: Why is this necessary? Perhaps better to come in the form of a report to the board.

Malhi: Explaining this is her idea and wanted to inform the board.

Ostrow: Recommending the motion be withdrawn and a report be made. Moves to table. Hyams seconds.

No Objection. Motion Tabled by Consensus.

- iv. MOTION: Authorizing Letter to LAUSD Personnel Conveying the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council's support for the creation of a new environmental studies magnet at Thomas Starr King Middle School to open in the fall of 2011.

O'Grady: Withdraw. Magnet has been approved!

- e. Parks, River and Open Space Committee MOTION by Gardner: To Adopt a Position of Passive Disapproval for the Haunted Hayride.

Malhi leaves.

MOTION:

Gardner moves. O'Grady seconds.

Gardner: Explaining background of increased commercialization of Griffith Park and disturbing implications. Not interested in disrupting current plan, but hoping to limit future endeavors of this kind.

Question:

Mims: Confirming that some portion of the proceeds go to the LA Parks Foundation.

Discussion:

Hyams moves to vote. Masi seconds. Kornberg Objects

VOTE on MOTION to VOTE:

In Favor: Hyams, Khanjian, Mims, Masi, Vukovic, DeOcampo, Bubaravacharyan, Campbell, O'Grady, Arslanian, Bae

Opposed: Gardner, Ostrow, DeMonte, Mauceri, Kornberg

VOTE on MOTION:

Abstain: DeOcampo

In Favor: Hyams, Khanjian, Mauceri, Gardner, Mims, Vukovic, Bae, O'Grady, Campbell, Arslanian, DeMonte, Nubaravacharyan

Opposed: Ostrow, Kornberg

Motion Passed by Majority Vote.

9. MOTION by O’Grady: To send Letter to Councilman LaBonge and Assemblyman Kerkorian regarding the Procedure for Establishing a Neighborhood Council File

Khanjian leaves.

MOTION:

O’Grady moves. Nubaravacharyan seconds. O’Grady provides background.

Questions and Discussion:

Mauceri: Recollecting that form 54 is onerous.

O’Grady: Explaining that’s why this council voted against it. But the City Council proceeded anyway.

Mims: Remembering that council wanted the NC to fill out form 700 as a deterrent. Form 54 is a simplified version. Nothing wrong with bringing this up again. But skeptical that there will be an impact.

Arslanian: This is an issue that might be brought with a coalition of other NCs.

O’Grady: According to the City Clerk this is a pilot program. Conflicting interpretations about when it will end. The idea is to draw attention to this issue with little hope it will be immediately successful.

Gardner Objects.

VOTE:

Mims abstains

In Favor: Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, Hyams, Nubaravacharyan, DeMonte, Bae, DeOcampo, O’Grady, Arslanian, Campbell, Kornberg

Opposed: Gardner

Motion Passed by Majority Vote.

10. Update by Ostrow Regarding Funding of Aimee Arts After-School Program at King Middle School.

Ostrow: Explaining this is an informative process only and not subject to board action. Providing background on Executive Session of Executive Committee and decision not to proceed on this issue. Explaining that this will be a sharing of information, not a discussion of intent. Reviewing approval of \$1,500 in funds for after-school program for Aimee Arts from Education and Culture & Arts Committee Budgets, reasons for proposal coming straight to the board and not through committee, and the time sensitive nature of the item.

Arslanian: Sharing information gathered after the meeting about details of funding for the afterschool program. Explaining that LACER represented to her that the program was previously funded by Friends of King and that registration was underway.

Explaining that this did not comport with her understanding of the issue as presented at the meeting.

O'Grady: Objecting to the process here. Presented a letter in writing at the board meeting indicating LACER's role and Aimee Arts Production's role. Explaining that after LACER helped design the program Tomas guaranteed the funding. Friends of King has entered into a contract for next semester. The investigations are interfering with the productive relationships this work is fostering. This is counter-productive to the greater effort. The emphasis should be on working together.

Mims leaves.

11. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes.

Ostrow: Explaining that if there are objections these minutes will be tabled until the next meeting due to the late hour.

O'Grady Objects to September 2010 Minutes. Tabled until November meeting.

Gardner Objects to September 2009 part 2. Tabled until November meeting.

MOTION: to approve May and June 2009 Meeting Minutes

No Objections to May and June 2009. Approved by Consensus.

12. Other Comments and Announcements.

O;Grady: Green Committee has recycling at Griffith Park Community Center and King magnet as recent success stories.

Hyams: R&E Substantive discussion of bylaw revisions will begin next month.

Khanjian: Budget meeting on Monday – always on the Monday immediately following the Board meeting.

13. Adjourn.

MOTION:

Hyams seconds. No objections. Adjourned at 12:12 am.