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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

November 16, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.
Los Feliz Community Police Center
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1. Call to Order.
2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items
3. Business Committee Chair Appointment
4. Presentation by Mark Mauceri Regarding Creation of Religious & Faith-Based Community, Recreational Interests, and Non-Residential/Charitable Groups Committees. Discussion and Action as Appropriate.
5. V.P. Administration Report on Committees & Appointed Representatives (MOU Rep., Neighborhood Improvement, Animal Welfare, and others). Discussion and Action as appropriate.
6. Thank You to LFIA for Use of Citibank Space
7. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Supplements 1 & 2)
8. Other Comments and Announcements
9. Adjourn

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SUPPLEMENT I: Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, September 21, 2010

1. Call to Order. Quorum Check.

6:14 pm

Present: Ostrow, Hyams, Nubaravacharyan, Khanjian, Kornberg

2. Member Reports

a. President

Ostrow:

- Sharing experience of van ride with Tom LaBonge, Gerry Hans, Chris Laib, and other representatives from LFIA and Parks & Recreation through Griffith Park. The group drove through the park, including less accessible areas. Discussed areas of concern, including lack of rangers, retaining wall project, and cyclist and horseback access. LaBonge wants another drive-along with additional GGPNC members. President looking for input on other issues to discuss with him at that time.
- Sharing feedback from Kerkorian NC workshop: discussed DONE, NC structure, Kerkorian engaged on these issues. There will be another session to attend next month.
- Announcing Budget Day workshop and need for 2 representatives (October 16th, 8:30 am). Khanjian will go. An additional Board Representative should go.
- Announcing Town Hall meeting with new planning department head. Again two representatives needed. September 30th, 6:00pm at Hollywood City Hall.

b. Treasurer Report (see attachments)

Khanjian:

- Reviewing assets and liabilities balance sheet with spending from last fiscal year and existing liabilities already incurred this year.
- Presenting the placeholder budget, which was generated by taking spending numbers from the 2009-2010 fiscal year along with committee requests. Those numbers produced an \$18,000 deficit. This was cut down to a \$3,730 deficit through the work of the Budget & Finance Committee by eliminating unnecessary operations costs.
- Presenting two proposals for finding the remaining \$3,730 and balancing the budget. Proposal 1 balances by cutting Outreach and Community Improvement allocations. Proposal 2 balances by reallocating money originally intended for fire recovery sign project.

Ostrow: Explaining that there is a line item missing from Budget 2. There will be a surplus of \$7,070.00 left unallocated in Community Improvement. Instructing all present to correct this error before either proposal is considered.

DeMonte: Questioning the exclusion of approximately \$18 owed to her from the liabilities.

Khanjian: Confirming this was in error and must also be corrected.

c. VP Administration: Discussion & Action as appropriate regarding Business Committee

Hyams: Noticing that bylaws don't say Business Committee must be a committee or that it must be chaired by the representative. Proposing we officially appoint a chair for this committee.

MOTION:

Hayms moves that Outreach notice a chairship for the business committee and subsequently go through the chair appointment process as per our bylaws and standing rules. Nubaravacharyan seconds.

Public Comment:

DeMonte: Remembering that the Executive Committee created the Business Committee after the appointment process last September. EC approved having a Business Committee with DeMonte as chair, which is within their authority.

Ostrow: Confirming that the EC has the ability to appoint chairs. Assuming the committee was formed properly then the EC has placed the chair. Questioning the need to unseat the chair at this time. Expressing preference to go back to the initial point, which is what's missing from the bylaws. If there is a Business Committee it is appropriately chaired by that representative.

Hyams: Explaining that he has checked and found no evidence in the minutes that this was formed.

Ostrow: Opining that the bylaws contemplate standing committees. There is no language about how committee chairs are chosen for non-enumerated committees, except that it's at the discretion of the EC. DeMonte wasn't automatically the chair because of her position, she was the chair because the EC made that appointment.

DeMonte: Remembering that idea for committee was proposed one month and the official appointment was the next month.

MOTION TO TABLE

Ostrow: Moving to table until next meeting. Recommending R&E look at this.

In favor: Kornberg, Khanjian, Ostrow

Opposed: Hyams

MOTION TABLED.

d. VP Outreach: Update regarding vacant positions

Nubaravacharyan: 4 stakeholders interested in the PROS seat. Reminder of deadline sent to community blogs. Another reminder will be sent.

MOTION:

Nubaravacharyan moves to extend deadline for both positions to October 1st.

Hyams seconds.

Ostrow: Clarifying that the goal is to do additional outreach for Religious Representative.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Kornberg Moves an Amended Motion to maintain current schedule for PROS and extend deadline to October 1, 2010 only for the vacant Religious seat. Hyams seconds.

No Objection.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED.

3. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Kornberg moves to approve August Minutes. Nubaravacharyan seconds.

No Objection. Motion passed by consensus.

4. Other Comments and Announcements

Hyams: Public Notice information on the Agenda is incorrect.

5. Adjourn

7:06pm.

SUPPLEMENT 2: Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, October 19, 2010

1. Call to Order.

Present: Kornberg, Ostrow, Nubaravacharyan, Hyams

Late: Khanjian

5:40 pm

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

None.

3. Parks, River, and Open Space Committee Chair Appointment; Discussion and Action as Appropriate.

Ostrow: Reading email from Joe Young regarding withdrawal of application from consideration. Reviewing discussion at previous Executive Committee about the lack of any applicant for this position. Continuing with plan to attend next PROS meeting to discuss this issue.

Hyams: Expressing concern that if multiple members of this committee are agendaized to speak on this issue it may be construed as a serial meeting.

Ostrow: Disagreeing that this poses a problem, because the committee can address the group as members of the public.

Kornberg: Suggesting that PROS could agendaize one person from the EC and others could speak as members of the public.

Ostrow: Suggesting that no more than three of the Executive Committee members attend.

Hyams; Opining that the purpose of membership on any committee is to serve the public and that the perception that outsiders are not welcome to come to a committee meeting is a serious issue. Suggesting that more outreach is required. Reiterating that PROS has no official role in the selection.

Ostrow: Opining that the EC has shown deference to the PROS committee through this process and still ended up with no candidates.

Kornberg: Agreeing that significant outreach has been done. And noting that the perception that we have accommodated the PROS committee is not universally held.

Hyams: Agreeing that significant outreach has been done and that targeted outreach to qualified professionals might be effective at this juncture. Agreeing that EC worked with PROS in good faith. If no one from the committee wants to be the chair, then EC may need to appoint someone from outside.

Ostrow: Explaining that the goal is to have a chair volunteer from within the committee and for there to be an understanding of the relationship between the committee and the board (ethics training, roster, business cards, code of civility, etc.). Kornberg will request agenda item and make the presentation.

4. Secretary: Discussion and Action as Appropriate Regarding Authorization for Operations Expenses.

Kornberg: Questioning whether we need a separate authorization to spend operations funds.

Ostrow: Explaining that the GGPNC budget matrix authorizes Executive Committee to make this expenditure.

MOTION

Kornberg moves to authorize expenditure for normal operations expenses, including but not limited to the maintenance of the website, email, copying, and other normal costs.

No objection. Motion Passed by Consensus.

5. V.P. Administration: Report on the Status of Chair Positions of the Business, Education and Green Committees.

Hyams: Presenting research on appointment of committee chairs, including communications with past presidents.

- e. MOTION: To formally correct the omission in the minutes of Tomas O'Grady's appointment to Co-Chair of the Green Committee in November, 2008.

MOTION

Hyams moves. Kornberg seconds.

Hyams presents email from Mark Mauceri indicating he remembers O'Grady appointed.

DeMonte: Asking if corroboration available from members of Executive Committee.

No objection. Motion Passed by Consensus.

- f. MOTION: To formally correct the omission in the minutes of the Executive Committee of Sarah Napier's appointment to Chair of the Education Committee on or about December 2006.

MOTION

Hyams moves. Kornberg seconds.

Hyams presenting corroboration from Charley Mims and Phil Gasteier that Napier was appointed chair.

No objection. Consensus.

- g. MOTION: In an effort to honor the public's right to express interest in and submit statements of candidacy for open chair positions, the Executive Committee hereby commits to standard outreach efforts to fill all open chair positions. All individuals interested in chairing the Business Committee will be heard at the regularly scheduled November meeting of the Executive Committee. In the interim, a call for candidates will be placed on the Business Committee page of the GGPNC web site in place of the Chair currently listed on the Business Committee page and on other appropriate and customary areas of the web site.

MOTION

Hyams moves. Nubaravacharyan seconds.

Hyams presenting corroboration that Business Committee was formed in October 2009, but that there is no record of a chair being appointed. Corroboration from Phil Gasteier that the seat is open and no Chair was appointed.

DeMonte: Explaining that Charley Mims became the chair the next month and it was at his first meeting that the committee and chair were formed and appointed.

Hyams: Sharing verbal corroboration from Mims on same issue.

Ostrow: Clarifying that Board does not appoint chair, executive committee does, but often the board minutes reflect executive committee action. Formation of business committee was referenced in both sets of minutes, but appointment was not. In fact "the need" to appoint a chair was noted and tabled for a future meeting. However, no other reference in future meetings exists.

DeMonte: Remembering that there was talk about she and Rob Menz being co-chairs, but not recalling if she was seated.

Kornberg: Acknowledging awkwardness of the situation and support for motion as a consistent application of the rules.

Khanjian: Confirming her review of the minutes supports this motion.

Ostrow: Opining that there is no real question about the facts at this juncture and just a question of how to proceed.

Hyams: Agreeing that this is about following the rules.

No Objection. Consensus.

6. Presentation from Nyla Arslanian Regarding Board Member Misconduct. Discussion and Action as Appropriate.

Ostrow: Explaining that this item is going to be handled in Executive Session, not a public meeting. This is the practice of the council.

Gardner: Objecting that this is inconsistent with past procedure.

Ostrow: Ruling from the Chair. This is a special process for formal complaint by one board member against another. This is an executive decision based on the bylaws. There is no written procedure for formal complaints against board members. There is, however a precedent for an Executive Session.

Gardner: Remembering previous discussion of DeMonte's conduct following the election.

Hyams: Interjecting that any further objection should be addressed to the City Attorney.

Ostrow: Finalizing ruling and initiating Executive Session.

--Break in minute taking during Executive Session --

7. Presentation by Mark Mauceri Regarding Creation of Religious & Faith-Based Community, Recreational Interests, and Non-Residential/Charitable Groups Committees. Discussion and Action as Appropriate.

MOTION

Kornberg Moves to Table remaining agenda items due to Time. Nubaravacharyan seconds. No Objection. Tabled by Consensus.

8. Clarification Regarding Procedure for Dissolution of Animal Welfare Committee.

Tabled.

9. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes. (Supplement 1)

Tabled.

10. Adjourn.

Kornberg Moves to Adjourn. Hyams seconds. Adjourned by Consensus.