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GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
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**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

## AGENDA

November 16, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.  
Los Feliz Community Police Center  
1965 n. Hillhurst Ave. (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Citibank)  
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1. Call to Order.
2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.
3. Reports from Public Official and Community Organizers.
4. MOTION (R&E Committee): Effective January 1, 2011, all committee chairs shall observe and comply with all current GGPNC Bylaws, standing rules, policies and procedures;
  - And shall convene and hold a committee meeting,
  - And report on committee activities to the Governing Board,
  - And report to the Budget and Finance Committee

At least once within each fiscal quarter.

  - In addition, committee chairs shall be responsible for ensuring accurate meeting minutes are recorded and posted in draft form on the GGPNC web site before convening a subsequent meeting of that committee.
5. Executive Committee
  - a. President
    - i. Griffith Park Relay For Life Chair Person
    - ii. Animal Welfare Committee Update. Discussion and Action as appropriate.
    - iii. Discussion and Action as Appropriate regarding proposal to establish committees for all appointed representative seats (e.g., Recreation)
  - b. Treasurer's Report, including MOTION to reallocate fire sign recovery project funds.
  - c. V.P. Outreach Update
6. MOTION (Gardner, in conjunction with Gerry Hans and Laura Howe): Whereas the proposed NBC Universal Evolution project draft environmental impact report (DEIR) is thirty nine thousand pages long and involves over four hundred and twenty acres, three thousand new housing units, and extensive commercial rental space, I move that the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council send a formal request to the

Director of Planning and to Council member La Bonge requesting additional time to review the materials. (Letter to Councilman LaBonge and Director LoGrande attached as Supplement 1).

7. MOTION (DeMonte): to fund up to \$500.00 in expenditures for the Holiday Festival that the Los Feliz BID will be having the First week of December.
8. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Supplements 2 & 3, Attachment 1)
9. Other Comments and Announcements
10. Adjourn

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### **SUPPLEMENT 1: Letter to LaBonge and LoGrande Requesting Additional Time to Review the NBC Universal Draft EIR**

To The Honorable Tom La Bonge and  
To Michael LoGrande, Director of Planning

Dear Sirs;

The NBC Universal Evolution Project draft environmental impact report consists of over thirty nine thousand pages and involves extensive changes in the future of Los Angeles. The current time schedule does not allow for adequate review by community members considering the scope of the project and other concurrent events.

The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council hereby respectfully requests that the public comment period be extended by at least three months.

Thank you,

Ron Ostrow, President  
Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council

## SUPPLEMENT 2: September 21, 2010 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

### 1. Call to Order. Quorum Check.

7:10pm

Excused: Napier, Mims, DeOcampo

Present: Ostrow, Khanjian, Wilson, Gardner, Vukovic, O'Grady, Kornberg, DeMonte, Masi, Campbell, Malhi, Hyams, Mauceri, Arslanian, Nubaravacharyan

### 2. Reports from Public Officials

#### City Attorney, Bill Larson:

- Delivering an update on the abatement of the Bates Motel. The order in place for abatement has been appealed. Trial date pushed back to February 3, 2011.
- Previous owner now serving as a consultant. Current owners are out-of-state investors, but connected to the previous owner such that it is the view of the City Attorney that ownership is essentially unchanged.
- Problems with transients and unlawful activity continue.
- Explaining that if the abatement is upheld on appeal the cost of demolition plus an additional 40% to cover costs will be attached to the property in liens.

Gardner: Remembering that the last update ownership had transferred quietly.

Wilson: Inquiring whether Silverman Associates is the owner.

O'Grady: Inquiring as to how the City's costs are attached as a lien on the property

#### Joseph Orlanes, SLO Griffith Park OPS:

- Relaying contact information: Joseph Orlanes, SLO for Griffith Park OPS: [joseph.orlanes@lacity.org](mailto:joseph.orlanes@lacity.org). 213-305-9234.
- Explaining that he is a local resident. Graduated Marshall 1994. Working for the city since 1996. Began serving as a Park Ranger in 1999. Working with the General Services division since 2006.
- Explaining that he coordinates with LAPD SLOs in the Greater Griffith Park area, with community groups (with UCLA volunteers today). Responsible for policing LA City Parks, libraries, and city facilities. Work on quality of life issues. GS officers like Orlanes aren't armed and so turn to LAPD for some issues.
- Explaining that after an attempted rape in the Fern Dell area a patrol unit has been assigned to the area.
- Explaining how officers respond to homeless and transient population in the park.
- Requesting that members of the community call him whenever they see any thing that requires attention.
- Sharing that in July CHP, CalTrans, Recreation & Parks put a bike detail on the river. Cleaned from Fletcher to Victory Bridge. 14 illegal encampments were removed and a wanted felon was arrested. CHP and CalTrans control much of the access to the river, so it's a collective process. Trimming on CalTrans is a massive job. But this is a goal. This bike path is isolated and dangerous and a high priority.

Mauceri: Clarifying relationship to LAPD SLOs.

Kornberg: Inquiring about recent safety concerns in the Fern Dell area.

Ostrow: Expanding on Kornberg's question. The concern here pre-dates the most recent incident.

Sharing anecdote of seeing transient individuals in this area, which supports the complaints of trespassing.

Malhi: Inquiring about happens when a call comes in about a homeless encampment.

Hyams: Clarifying that if someone is encamped and cited, they are then required to leave the park area.

Gardner: Requesting attention to footbridge over L.A. River by the senior center. Foliage invites illegal behavior. Advice on how to address this would be helpful.

Mary Rodriguez, Councilman LaBonge, CD4:

- Reporting on project with 650 UCLA volunteers who cleaned up the park. 100 worked at Commonwealth nursery weeding and spreading mulch. The nursery needs more help. Meanwhile volunteers from Immaculate Heart cleaned up in Fern Dell.
- Reporting on Park Tour with Community Leaders including back end of the park on Vista del Val. Looked at Toyon landfill and met with head of sanitation as a result.
- Reporting attempted rape in the park about a week ago. The victim was running in Fern Dell trail around 6pm. She was pulled into bushes by two men. She escaped and called 911. One suspect in custody and being deported.
- Reporting an armed battery near Marshall on Labor Day at 1am. The victim remains in critical condition. A similar attack occurred in Echo Park the same night.
- Neighborhood Watch meeting 9/25 10am -12pm. Oral Arts Room in the Science Building at Marshall.
- Reporting ongoing Sewer Projects. Streets being torn up for projects for gas, sewers, Department of Building and Safety, and Department of Water and Power. If a concrete street trench is filled with asphalt, it is only temporary and will be filled with concrete at a later date.
- Reporting on complaints regarding street sweeping not happening consistently. Friday's are particularly difficult because of furloughs. Trying for every other week.
- Announcing Northeast LAPD open house on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Need representation from this side of the river. Councilman will have a booth. Andrea Iaderosa has been invited to join them.
- Reporting on the ongoing issue of used cars on Los Feliz Blvd. There is no law against this. Working with the county to gather necessary data to enact a new law. Reached out to Assemblyman Gatto for state assistance as well.

Hyams: Opining that the people in question are business owners not individual car owners and that there might be a way to target those businesses.

Kornberg: Asking about DMV pressure or other possible efforts.

DeMonte: Asking if residents might make citizens arrests.

Gardner: Explaining the logistics and economics behind this issue.

Mauceri: Clarifying that permit parking is not one of the solutions being discussed.

Khanjian: Sharing that her parents live in the Los Feliz Towers along with many other elderly residents.

This is a constant issue and conflicts between residents and car parking attendants have escalated.

Wilson: Suggesting local press can do a story on the individuals who are perpetrating this.

### **3. Executive Committee Reports**

#### **a. President's Comments**

Ostrow:

- Sharing visit with LaBonge through the park, attendance at NC workshop with Kerkorian.
- Announcing a second workshop next month.
- Announcing Budget Workshop coming up on October 16<sup>th</sup> – looking for representatives from the GGPNC to attend.
- Announcing that next week there will be a meeting with the new planning department head.
- Storage facility cleaned out.
- Correcting Budget line item. \$7,070.00 for unallocated community improvements. All Board Members instructed to make the correction before the presentation of the Treasurer's Report.

- b. Treasurer's Report: Presentation of the Finalized Budget and Discussion and Action as appropriate regarding recommitment, cancellation, or reallocation of the 2008 board allocation of \$10,800.00 for Fire Recovery Signage.

Khanjian:

- Presenting Assets and Liabilities balance sheet and the placeholder budget numbers discussed at previous meetings. Providing updates on open liabilities.
- Explaining budget shortfall.
- Presenting two possible options: Budget 1 closes budget gap by making additional cuts to committee budget allocations. Budget 2 closes budget gap by canceling Fire Recovery Sign Project and reallocating funds.
- Explaining that DONE has been unequivocal in their requirements for payment on liabilities from previous years. These projects must have been started and receipts or invoices generated in the previous fiscal year in order to qualify. In this case, no work has been performed and no receipts or invoices have been generated.
- Expressing the opinion that if the Fire Recovery Sign Project is not cancelled it will not be paid for out of rollover funds from the city and the money will essentially be lost to the Council.

Question Period:

Gardner: Confirming that Vicky Israel indicated Parks & Recreation no longer plans to utilize these funds.

Ostrow: Explaining that no city agency, including Parks & Recreation and the Print Shop has any record of this project. Because no work has been commenced with any of the relevant parties this is not a viable project under the terms DONE has set forth.

Wilson: Confirming that the PROS Committee chair been consulted.

Ostrow: Explaining that the previous chair Bernadette Soter and the current interim chairs Laura Howe and Gerry Hans were notified of this item's placement on the agenda and Gerry Hans was consulted. Gerry Hans has explained that the original intent of the signage was to address needs created by fire in 2007. Gerry Hans confirmed that this signage project is no longer necessary. In addition, \$80k from Haunted Hayride might be directed towards signage. Gerry Hans indicated that \$80k was more than adequate to address the remaining signage issues of which PROS is aware. PROS committee also feels less signage may be desirable in some areas of the park where trails tread through delicate environments.

Wilson: Asking for clarification of the source of committee allocations in the proposed budget. PZHPC has \$2500. Culture & Events has \$9,000.

Ostrow: Explaining that a call was put out to committees for budgets and the Budget & Finance Committee adopted all submissions.

**POINT OF INFORMATION:**

Hyams: More money was requested for Rules & Elections than is reflected here.

Ostrow: Point is well taken. This requires further discussion. In order for 2<sup>nd</sup> budget to be approved we first need to cancel fire recovery signage. Recommending we move on Budget 2 first.

**MOTION:**

Khanjian moves to adopt Budget 2 with the cancellation and reallocation of the Fire Recovery Sign project funds. Kornberg seconds.

Discussion Period:

Gardner: Recollecting that in the PROS Committee requested these funds as part of a matching program with Parks & Recreation that Mike Schull had proposed. That department was in charge of this project.

Expressing support for this and suggesting that throughout the year additional reallocations will be reasonable depending on what needs and projects present themselves.

Wilson: Remembering that he voted for signage project. Commending Khanjian for her work. Supporting this budget.

Hyams: Also supporting this motion. Reiterating that Rules & Elections Committee request not fully reflected. Supporting this budget because there's an extra fund here that could possibly remedy that omission.

Ostrow: Clarifying that future funding requests should be accompanied by an explanation of the line item in the budget from which they would be drawn and a future request of the Rules & Elections committee would identify the unallocated funds as its line item.

Hyams: Noting that unencumbered funds are subject to greater scrutiny.

Khanjian: Confirming that Rules & Elections submitted a budget for \$3,400, which was mistakenly reduced in the composition of Budget 2.

Wilson: Suggesting a Motion to Amend to include \$2,400 for Rules & Elections and take those funds from the \$7,070.00 unallocated line item.

Mauceri: Agreeing that the council needs a budget to move forward. But expressing concern that when money is in a line item it's seen as if it is set in stone. Expressing support for an amendment that indicated in 2010-2011 is subject to board approval.

Malhi: Agreeing with Mauceri, that this lacks flexibility. Education and Culture & Events are asking for a significant portion of the budget, our priorities may change for unforeseen reasons and we will need greater flexibility.

O'Grady: Agreeing that fluidity is required.

Gardner: Countering that the money has to be categorized somehow. Arguing that it is the standard that this council must approve specific expenditures. Noting that nothing in this budget prevents reallocation for future projects. Also clarifying that the council no longer maintains a checking account.

Khanjian: Confirming that the council's Citibank account was closed in April, but that the council maintains access to a city-funded debit card, which is limited to specific expenses.

Wilson: Agreeing with Gardner that the council has to categorize, but the default is that these categories are flexible.

Nyla: Agreeing that this is a good organizational practice to plan ahead and prioritize neighborhood needs.

Kornberg: Disagreeing that these budget items are entirely fluid and subject to reallocation. Citing the education budget as an example of a line item that must be set, because at a previous meeting the council voted to expend one quarter of the education budget on a King Middle School project. Citing the mass email line item as another example, because it would be inefficient to come to the council each month for this expense and to invest the time required to build the mass email newsletter template only to have the council rescind the funding a few months later.

Mauceri: Acknowledging that the budget process is still not clear. Agreeing with Kornberg that some funds have been allocated.

#### **MOTION TO AMEND:**

Mauceri moves that the Amounts in Budget 2 be subject to board approval at the time specific requests are made for expenditures. Malhi seconds.

#### **Questions/Discussion:**

Ostrow: Clarifying that the bylaws indicate the Budget & Finance Committee designs the budget and the board approves the budget. In addition there is a set of standing rules floating around that indicate some items don't require board approval. Sharing his view that everything is subject to change until it's committed and recommending amendment for possible missing line item for Rules & Elections.

Hyams: Opining that this amendment deals with the fluidity of these numbers and that if everyone in the room agrees that everything requires approval then each committee should just get an equal amount in this budget subject to adjustment. Additionally opining that not every dollar amount needs to be voted on by the board – operations expenses are routinely spent without approval.

O'Grady: Supporting the amendment as the measure required to move forward in this meeting and acknowledging that next month the Budget & Finance Committee will then be required to come back with the items delineated for pre-approval and items reserved for board approval.

Mauceri: Explaining concern that without this amendment when the council approves the budget, it approves these expenditures.

Wilson: Disagreeing with Hyams that an equal split makes sense. Arguing that it is reasonable for the board to make intelligent projections.

Gardner: Suggesting that standing rules should be in place to pre-approve standard operational items up to a certain amount.

Hyams: Objecting that the money Rules & Elections requested needs to be reallocated.

Masi: Suggesting that if he was faced with the situation Hyams describes and the budget wasn't correct he would vote for this and come back to Budget & Finance with the correction next month.

Ostrow: requesting clarification on amendment

President calls for consensus on the Amendment:

Wilson Objects

**VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND:**

In Favor: Kornberg, Masi, Vukovic, Mauceri, Malhi, O'Grady, Campbell, Nubaravacharyan

Opposed: Hyams, Khanjian, Wilson, Gardner, Arslanian, DeMonte

Motion to Amend passes by majority vote.

**2<sup>ND</sup> MOTION TO AMEND:**

Kornberg moves to increase budget for R&E to \$3400. Wilson seconds. No objection. 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to amend adopted by Consensus.

President Calls for Consensus on 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Motion:

Gardner: Objecting that the budget is not balanced until the unallocated community improvement line item is included in the budget by motion.

Ostrow: Ruling from the chair that no motion is required because the line item edit was made by the chair prior to the original motion being made. .

No additional objections. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Motion Passed by Consensus.

Ostrow rules that council will skip ahead in the agenda to the King Middle School after-school arts program funding proposal in order to accommodate the schedules of members of the public in attendance. Remaining Executive Committee Reports to be delivered following conclusion of that item.

- 4. MOTION: To Allocate \$1,500 towards the "Theatre Arts" by Aimee Art Productions at the LACER/ENRICH KING after-school enrichment program at Thomas Starr King Middle School.**

**Point of Order:**

DeMonte: Raising issue of a possible Brown Act violation due to motion's six co-sponsors.

Ostrow: Clarifying that these are not co-authors but board members who compelled the item to the agenda in accordance with council rules. These are not people supporting the motion. These are people supporting the agendization of the motion.

O'Grady: Confirming that there was no discussion of the merits of the proposal prior to the meeting.

Kornberg: Confirming that she did not engage in any discussion of the merits of the proposal, only that O'Grady called her to ask if she would support putting a funding proposal on the agenda for an after-school program at King Middle and she agreed to help compel the item to the agenda.

DeMonte: Asking if O'Grady's children will participate in the proposed program.

Ostrow: Ruling out of order. This issue is appropriate for discussion, but not a point of information. Further clarifying that the issue of possible conflict presented when neighborhood council members who are parents of children in LAUSD consider items that might benefit their children has been raised in other councils and that the city attorney has been unequivocal in its determination that there is no conflict in that scenario.

**MOTION:**

O'Grady: Moves to grant \$1,500 towards the after school "Theatre Arts" by Aimee Art Productions at the LACER/ENRICH KING after-school enrichment program at Thomas Starr King Middle School. Malhi seconds.

Public Comment:

Erin O'Grady: Supporting program because it engenders teamwork.

Erin Murray: Supporting theater program because it's fun and educational.

Debbie Simons: Speaking as a member of the education committee. No issue with benefit of the program. First concern about equitable distribution of funding to 4 schools within district area. Reviewing education committee funding and noting that 1/4 of the education budget has already been allocated towards King. Expressing opposition because this proposal ignores the intent behind the committee's plan for GGPNC support. Suggesting that if there is an additional \$1,500 available it should be divided equitably among the four schools. Concerned that a failure to do so will impact the council's credibility. Finally expressing concern about the timing of the proposal: this program is to start tomorrow.

Justine O'Grady: In support of bringing the arts to King. Elementary school has many more resources than King for these kinds of programs.

Aimee Hopkins, Franklin Elementary teacher: Explaining program development and benefits of these exercises.

Ostrow: 15 speaker cards submitted in support of this proposal from members of the public.

Question and Discussion Period:

O'Grady: Explaining that the money goes directly to the after-school program, not to Friends of King or another organization or individual. Clarifying that LACER and King Middle School are making this request, that he is the President of Friends of King, but not affiliated with LACER. Explaining that the idea for this program was generated by LACER. Friends of King developed the goal of an after-school program, but the school and LACER advised that it should be a performing arts program. Explaining that the details of the program, including the number of students who will be able to participate came from LACER.

Ostrow: Clarifying relationship between O'Grady, Friends of King, King Middle School, LACER, and Aimee Arts.

Vukovic: Clarifying allocation of education committee funds go to one high school, one middle school, and two elementary schools and that therefore the funding for King and Marshall represent larger populations than either middle school.

Arslanian: Expressing confusion about the relationship between this program and LACER. Explaining that she serves on an advisory committee to LACER and therefore may also need to recuse herself.

DeMonte: Clarifying that this funds 25 students and that additional students will be paid for by Friends of King.

Wilson: Clarifying that 1/4 of the education committee budget has already been spent and that this didn't go through the education committee because that committee has not met recently.

Masi: Supporting the division of the education budget and suggesting these funds could come from unallocated funds.

Wilson: Suggesting that the program be replicated at the elementary schools to avoid a perception that King is favored.

DeMonte: Expressing concern that King has gotten more money than the other schools in previous years.

Malhi: Explaining that an effort was made to take this through committee. The chair could not accommodate the schedule of this proposal. Expressing outrage that the council would decline to fund additional programming at King, which needs more help than other schools in our district and that the council would support previous programs like the Independent Shakespeare Company, but not this.

Vukovic: Sharing that he went to three of the four schools in question and is therefore sensitive to the equity issue, but that there isn't a single parent in this neighborhood who doesn't have a discussion about what to do about the Middle School. It's triage there right now. And if the council needs to allocate extra money to make a difference, it will be worth it.

Gardner: Expressing concern about the rushed nature of this item, about the documentation and allocation requested, and about the appearance of impropriety.

Ostrow: Correcting that the attached materials indicate there is a specific program with a contract in the back.

Khanjian: Clarifying that no other funding items have required benefit letter for passage.

Campbell: Noting that the drama program at King has been completely cut and that holding on to the money for hypothetical programs for the future is less important than supporting a good program that's ready to be implemented now. That was the rationale the council relied upon in supporting Shakespeare in the Park and it is equally applicable in this case.

Mauceri: Explaining that he compelled this item to the agenda because he felt this was quashed by committee leadership without full committee consideration. Expressing support for the general proposition

of investing in good public schools. Finding this approach is consistent with previous expenditures. Suggesting that \$750 could come from Arts & Culture and \$750 should come from education. That still leaves \$2000 for each of the other schools.

Hyams: Suggesting that there are issues in the way this motion is written, which can be fixed by amendment. But the basic point is that it is funding after-school enrichment program not a school and that is stated correctly. Opining that the concept of equality in funding makes sense, but we're here to improve our neighborhood and this would have a great impact.

Arslanian: Expressing support for bringing arts and culture to middle schools, but concerned that LACER should be here asking for the funds.

Khanjian: Sharing that most of the children from her neighborhood don't go to King because it's not as good a school and that bringing a program like this to King could make a huge difference and send an important message about the kind of work the council supports.

Nubaravacharyan: Expressing support for this program.

Wilson: Expressing support for the program.

#### **MOTION TO AMEND:**

Wilson moves to fund \$2,000 for each elementary school and \$1,500 for King. Mauceri seconds.

#### Discussion

Vukovic: Explaining that this is duplicative because Franklin has this program already and doesn't need additional help in this particular area.

O'Grady: Explaining that Friends of Franklin has already raised all the money in-house for after-school programs at Franklin. Franklin will be coming to the council for money for additional technology.

Mauceri: Explaining that had he known there was a program doing this at Franklin he would not have seconded.

Campbell: Echoing Mauceri's view that Franklin doesn't want or need this program.

DeMonte: Concerned about where this money comes from in the budget.

Vukovic: Supporting the spirit of the amendment, and noting that while it may not be needed at Franklin he is unfamiliar with what the need is at Los Feliz.

Gardner: Expressing preference to hear from the schools before the council allocates money.

Ostrow: Opining that it is reasonable to imagine that the other schools will come and ask us for money throughout the year. Expressing concern about asking for this outside committee.

Gardner: Concerned that King Middle School has not sent a representative, only that Mauceri has told the council O'Grady speaks for them.

#### **Point of Information**

Mauceri: Clarifying that he made no representations about O'Grady's role in this.

#### **VOTE on AMENDMENT:**

Abstention: Malhi, Arslanian, Hyams, Gardner

In favor: Wilson

Opposed: Nubaravacharyan, DeMonte, Campbell, O'Grady, Mauceri, Vukovic, Masi, Khanjian, Kornberg

Amendment fails to pass by majority vote.

Return to Discussion on Original Motion:

O'Grady: Explaining that this is part of a plan for improvement at King that is already underway. King is a public school with 1,400 students. This is a program open to the whole school, not the magnet. Originally he had approached LACER with a gardening programming. LACER said they needed an after-school program. The focus is on getting King up to 900 API. The Education Committee Chair supports that goal. King is on course for change. No violence at King this year. A record number of kids from Franklin and Ivanhoe attending King this year. This school is on its way.

Gardner: Requesting that before a vote is taken the motion be amended to include the allocation of the funds from the budget.

**2<sup>nd</sup> MOTIN TO AMEND:**

Malhi: moves to amend the motion to reflect that \$750 will come from the Education Committee Community Improvement line and \$750 will come from the Culture and Events Community Improvement line and the language will be that the Council funds, rather than contributes to this project. Campbell seconds.

DeMonte: Clarifying that the board may take this action without committee approval.

Ostrow: Confirming that the board has ultimate authority over the budget and all expenditures. If this money comes out of education then it may impact the money previously allocated to the garden at King.

Kornberg: Clarifying that the 1/4 allocation is unchanged by this motion.

Masi: Suggesting that his should be sent to the Budget committee.

Arslanian: Noting that after-school programs have traditionally come from Education. Culture & Events doesn't traditionally support this type of program. This will take funding away from community events.

President calls for consensus on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Arlsanian objects.

**VOTE on 2<sup>nd</sup> MOTION to AMEND:**

Abstain: Khanjian, Wilson, Hyams

In favor: Kornberg, Masi, Vukovic, Mauceri, Malhi, Campbell, Nubaravacharyan, O'Grady

Opposed: Gardner, Arslanian, DeMonte

**VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:**

Abstain: O'Grady, Wilson, Arslanian

In Favor: Kornberg, Khanjian, Hyams, Masi, Vukovic, Mauceri, Malhi, Campbell, Nubaravacharyan

Opposed: Gardner, DeMonte

Amended Motion passes by Majority Vote

**5. Executive Committee Reports Continued**

c. VP Administration's Report on Rules & Elections Bylaw Revision Progress

Hyams: Reporting on his experience collecting confirmation of receipts of the proposed bylaw amendments from board members. Reminding council that GGPNC emails need to be working and utilized for council business. Requesting that all council members give the proposed changes a careful read before the October meeting.

d. Secretary's Report on Voicemail Options and Discussion & Action as Appropriate on Free Voicemail Options.

**MOTION:**

Kornberg moves to change GGPNC voicemail service from MaxEmail, a paid service, to Google Voice, a free service, recognizing that this will mean losing our current number and rendering some GGPNC materials obsolete. Hyams seconds.

Mauceri: Inquiring whether MaxEmail provides a forwarding service.

Kornberg: Clarifying that there is no forwarding available but that the old number will remain in service for one month during the transition.

Khanjian: Reminding council members to change this on committee pages and committee agenda.

No objections.

Motion passed by Consensus.

e. Outreach Update

Nubaravacharyan: Reporting that community blogs have supported outreach efforts to recruit new PROS chair and Religious Representative. Deadline for that seat extended one week to October 1st.

**6. Committee Reports**

f. Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation Committee: MOTION to Adopt 6 Recommendations in Response to City Planning Commission Signage Approval Authority Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Require that the City Planning Commission review and approve all signage--including signage on land, existing buildings, and proposed on new building--covered by the HSSUD adopted ordinance and in all other signage supplemental use districts (ssuds), including in downtown Los Angeles and ssuds proposed in the future.

Recommendation 2: Limit New Signage in the large HSSUD Primarily to Two "Nodes" in Central Hollywood and current signs in Central Hollywood.

Recommendation 3: Continue to oppose new super graphic and roof top signs, consistent with past GGPNC Board Recommendations.

Recommendation 4: For any new signs—including super graphic, wall, and rooftop—require reduction of current signs, such as conventional billboards, as required in the HSSUD ordinance approved by the City Planning Commission in early 2009.

Recommendation 5: Support the HSSUD Ordinance, with amendments, sent by the City Council to the CPC in Mid-July, 2010.

Recommendation 6: In the event an entity erects a different signage than granted a permit, then that permit is considered revoked and the entity and existing signage subject to the cancellation of the permit.

**MOTION:**

Masi moves to accept all 6 recommendations. Arslanian seconds.

Presentation from Jacqueline Kerr, PZHPC Committee Member: Explaining that this super-graphics issue is already on the agenda for next Tuesday's City Council meeting without going to PLUM and is expected to pass. Now there is an amendment to continue to prohibit super-graphic, eliminating sign reduction program, and continuing digital marquis regulations, while adding a grandfather clause, which will allow developments with entitlements before date certain to retain life of the entitlement.

Question Period:

Kornberg: Clarifying that this motion is obsolete, because it was crafted before this issue was scheduled for a vote by the City Council. It is now too late to send a letter.

DeMonte: Clarifying that it is the recommendation of the committee member that the council draft a CIS for submission to the Council file.

**SUBSTITUE MOTION:**

Mauceri moves that the Secretary in consultation with members of the PZHPC craft and submit a CIS on this issue that expresses the viewpoint embodied in these 6 recommendations.

No objection. The Substitute Motion passes by Consensus.

**g. Green Committee**

- i. MOTION: To fund \$2,000 to support the Eastside Eco Tour

**MOTION:**

Malhi moves to fund \$2,000 to support the Eastside Eco Tour on October 24<sup>th</sup>. O'Grady seconds.

Malhi: Presenting details of the tour. 500 people attended last year. Anticipating 2,000 this year. Other orgs: Sustainable Silver Lake, Silver Lake Farms, Farm Feliz. Explaining that the request for funds is for stainless steel water bottles and outreach materials.

Public Comment:

Mark Stoffer: This has a profound community impact. Benefits neighborhood, kids, families, housing prices.

Question Period:

Ostrow: Clarifying that this funding would produce roughly 700 bottles.

Kornberg: Clarifying that this \$2,000 was one of the items included in the committee's submissions for the budget process.

Gardner: Clarifying that this money will be paid directly to the water bottle vendor not to any other organization, including Campbell's organization SustainLA.

Campbell: Confirming that SustainLA is not affiliated with the event.

Discussion Period:

Wilson: Supporting green committee's goals and this project. Noting that even these sustainable bottles still represent new and unnecessary production.

Campbell: Noting that her presentation on best practices will be next motion, but that it's an important education to give people an alternative to bottled water.

Hyams: Supporting the reusable bottle production.

Masi: Suggesting the designers put our website or telephone number or a slogan like "Join a Committee" or "Get Involved" on the bottles

No Objection. Motion passed by Consensus.

Tabling additional Green Committee motions until the October Meeting.

**h. Culture & Events Committee**

- i. Joint MOTION of the Outreach and Culture & Events Committees: that the GGPNC support the October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm Stakeholders Information Gathering regarding Barnsdall Art Park. Event will be hosted by Barnsdall Art Park Foundation in cooperation with EHNC and the Hollywood Arts Council.

**MOTION:**

Arslanian: Introducing Motion and context of staff and facilities impact by cuts at Department of Cultural Affairs. Barnsdall impacted and much confusion about the future of the facilities there remains.

Hyams seconds.

Ostrow: Clarifying that the council would be committing to the use of the name of the council on announcements.

Hyams: Recapping the process in Outreach meeting. Describing the motion as a show of collective community support.

Mauceri moves to vote.

President calls for consensus. No objections voiced. The Motion passed by Consensus.

ii. Discussion and possible action on letter regarding motion to City Council from Arts Parks and Health Committee of RFP Process.

Arslanian: Explaining that the issue is moving very quickly towards the city council. There is a timeline for the RFP to have this wrapped by September 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a proposal to charge market rate for rent to arts programming. This will limit the ability of non-profits to undertake new programs. One recommendation is that the city allocate funds to support arts organizations using these spaces. An overarching concern is that this process be made transparent. Barnsdall has 4 facilities, but only one entity will get the rights to be there.

Ostrow: Explaining that at the committee meeting it was agreed that the committee chair would draft a letter to be approved and sent by the council. No such letter is forthcoming.

**MOTION:**

Arslanian moves to authorize letter to the city council supporting the recommendations as set forth by the cultural affairs department and emphasizing the importance of transparency and community input in creating these guidelines. DeMonte seconds.

Ostrow: Reiterating that approval or tacit approval of the letter over email is a violation of our public meeting requirement and rejecting proposals to draft letter for circulation and subsequent approval over email by the board.

Mauceri: Agreeing that the motion entrusts the chair to draft the letter. Noting that this is the second such motion this evening and that agendas needs to be more exact and letters need to be written before the meeting.

Wilson: Countering that this practice is something the council has done in the past.

O'Grady: Arguing that he tabled his letter due to the late hour and now finds other matters that are not ripe for consideration are being discussed.

**VOTE:**

In favor: Khanjian, Wilson, Gardner, Masi, Vukovic, Mauceri, Campbell, Arslanian, DeMonte, Nubaravacharyan, Hyams

Opposed: Kornberg, O'Grady, Malhi

**7. Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 2009 and August 2010**

DeMonte: Correction for Sept 2009 – item 3.c. Sarah Napier recused not Rosemary in voting on education.

Gardner: Sept 2009 part II – item 14. Gardner moved that we adopt the code of civility and the secretary missed that.

Ostrow: Disputing this account.

**MOTION:**

Mauceri moves to adopt September 2009 part I and August 2010 and table September 2009 part II until dispute can be resolved. Kornberg seconds.

No Objections. August 2010 and September 2009 part I passed by Consensus.

**8. Other Comments and Announcements**

Masi: Suggesting the council take a straw poll on gas blower letters so that that issue may be resolved tonight.

Ostrow: Rejecting this proposal to allow time for questions.

Hyams: Requesting that council members read materials before the next meeting.

Kornberg: Expressing preference to receive minutes corrections in advance of the meeting

Ostrow: Clarifying that no one is precluded from offering corrections in the meetings.

**9. Adjourn**

11:55pm.

### SUPPLEMENT 3: October 19, 2010 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

#### 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

##### i. 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 :**

##### **j. 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.

##### **k. 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:**

### **I. 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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment.

Discussion on 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Motion.

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

Gardner Objects.

**VOTE on 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Motion:**

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

Opposed: Gardner

2<sup>nd</sup> Amended Motion Passes by Majority Vote.

Ostrow: Returning to Agenda Item 7. Committee Reports:

m. 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 SUBSTITUE 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, Arlsanian, 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.

- n. 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.

o. 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!

- p. 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.