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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



CERTIFIED COUNCIL #36

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AGENDA

VICE PRESIDENTS
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February 15, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.
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1. Call to Order.
2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items
3. President's Update
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Chair Appointments. Discussion and Action as Appropriate.
 - a. PROS Committee (Supplement 1)
 - b. Education Committee (Supplement 2)
 - c. Green Committee
6. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Supplement 3)
7. Other Comments and Announcements
8. Adjourn

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Supplement 1: PROS Committee Chair Candidate Statement

Joseph F. Young

- Education: B. S. in Aeronautics & Astronautics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts (1968)
- M. S. in Environmental Science, West Coast University, Los Angeles, California (1974).
- I am a registered civil engineer in California and worked in the water industry for over 25 years prior to my retirement.
- I first began hiking in Griffith Park in 1970 and have hiked in the Park at least weekly since 1980. I am very familiar with the interior of Griffith Park, its roads, trails, and destinations, including the

newly acquired acreage around Cahuenga Peak. I know and work with staff members of the Recreation and Park Department and a number of elected and appointed officials.

- Member of the PROS Committee 2005 - present
- Among other tasks, I represented the PROS Committee before the City of Los Angeles Budget & Finance Committee, the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee, and the Recreation & Parks Commission. I was invited by the City to participate on the Griffith Park Fire Recovery Task Force 2007 - 2008. I am on the PROS Department of Water and Power liaison committee,
- Member of the Sierra Club 1970 - present
- Member Executive Committee of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club 2006 - present
- Chair, Airport Marina Group of the Sierra Club 2006 - present
- Chair, Griffith Park Planning Task Force 2006 - present
- Secretary, Griffith Park Section 2003 - present
- Editor, The Lookout (bimonthly newsletter of the Hundred Peaks Section) 1993 - present
- Member, Angeles Chapter Conservation Grants Committee 2007 - present (currently Chair)
- Recipient of a Life Long Service Award from the Angeles Chapter 2007
- Hike leader for the Angeles Chapter 1973 - present

Other relevant experience

- As a member of Earthwatch Institute, I participated on two expeditions, one in north Viet Nam and the other on Easter Island, where replanting of forests and groundcover over land suffering from deforestation were central issues.
- I live in Los Angeles between Marina del Rey and Culver City and reside within the boundaries of council district 11 (Bill Rosendahl, Councilmember).

Supplement 2: Education Committee Chair Candidates Statement

Stephanie Widmer

I firmly believe in the saying, "When the student is ready, the teacher will come." I have been looking for an opportunity to share my love and adoration for this neighborhood on a larger scale, and it has finally arrived. I am confident, qualified for, and passionate at the prospect of serving our community in this respect.

What first brought me to Los Angeles was my placement with Teach for America. I worked at Florence Nightingale Middle School in Cypress Park for two years before budget cuts forced me to look elsewhere. I then worked at New Los Angeles Charter School for a year. Now, I work as a program director with Teach for America, and I'm in classrooms across the county, working with students, teachers, and administrators to best serve students. Being a teacher as well as having experience in both the public and the charter sector gives me highly informed insight into what our students need and how best to serve them. If appointed, I would want to coordinate peer-tutoring programs in which learners of different ages are teaching each other and learning together. A program like this would increase citizen-to-citizen engagement and increase our students' success.

As a Los Angeles transplant, I believe that I would bring a unique perspective to the Council on many levels. I grew up in Oakland, but unlike many of my "NorCal" peers, I have come to love the Southland more than my native half of California. More specifically, I cannot think of a more wonderful area of Los Angeles than the part that this Council serves.

Let us pause here to consider and truly appreciate our part of this massive city. Los Feliz, Franklin Hills, and the surrounding areas possess natural beauty at a scale unparalleled by the rest of the city. I cannot think of another nook with such friendly, connected individuals and families. I am never at a loss for something to do here, especially considering the vast number of art and cultural venues. The Greater Griffith Park area can be truly magical once it is properly embraced.

Having the perspective, passion, and energy of a young professional is perhaps my most important potential contribution to the Council. While there is a great range of ages in the neighborhood, the average age is relatively older than the rest of the city, according to the LA Times' impressive resource, Mapping LA. I believe in the power and potential of young adults, and if appointed, I would call on them to serve and participate to a greater degree with the rest of the community. My generation needs guidance and modeling from the rest of the community. We simply need to be shown opportunities and be empowered with ways to help, and we will.

I have also had the privilege of coaching cross country and track at Immaculate Heart High School. Through this experience, I have been able to share my love of running with an incredible group of young women. I have run all over Griffith Park, the Reservoir, and on most of the streets in our stunning slice of the city. If appointed to the Council, I would want to organize more community walks and running events to bring residents together and share the joy of being outside as well as contributing to improving the overall fitness and health level of the community.

Overall, I can assure you that I am one of the most passionate and deeply committed people to this community. I cannot imagine living anywhere else or sharing my energy and passion with any other community. Education and recreation at any level are incredibly valuable to me, and the chance to share my passion for either on a larger scale would be valuable for me and for the Greater Griffith Park Area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stephanie Widmer

Supplement 3: January 18, 2011 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order.

6:10pm

Present: Ostrow, Hyams, Kornberg

Excused: Nubaravacharyan

Late: Khanjian

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Gardner: Agenda noticed incorrectly.

Kornberg: Explaining this was her error and apologizing for the confusion.

Ostrow: Website, Board and Committee chairs were properly noticed, physical posting was incorrect.

Ruling from the chair to continue, despite this error.

Gardner: Opining that executive session, letter editing, and this incorrect notice are all violations of our internal and external rules.

3. Vacant Committee Chairs: discussion and action as appropriate regarding open chairs on the PROS, Education, and Sports & Recreation Committees.

Public Comment:

Mauceri: Sharing list of interested stakeholders who wish to join Sports & Recreation Committee and expressing wish to chair the new committee.

Ostrow: Explaining that the PROS vacancy will be addressed first and that at the last meeting there was a discussion about the lack of progress on this issue despite significant efforts. Explaining that all relevant participants agreed to wait until this meeting to take further action. There has not been a PROS meeting since then and neither interim chair has submitted additional information, despite repeated requests.

Khanjian arrives.

Ostrow: Explaining that the PROS committee needs a chair to set the agenda, follow the rules, check in with the board, and run the meetings in a fair and open way. Expressing his disappointment that the PROS committee remains at this impasse.

Kornberg: Wondering what option there is besides additional outreach.

Ostrow: Explaining that the board members could be more formally approached. Suggesting he will do it rather than have the chair remain vacant.

Hyams: Questioning the effectiveness of this proposal. Suggesting another option is to suspend the committee's activity until a chair steps forward.

Ostrow: Disagreeing that this second proposal is the best solution for addressing the community's needs.

Hyams: Explaining that his is the proposal that enforces the rules fairly. This has been his suggestion since the chair became vacant.

Ostrow: Arguing that some committee members are waiting for us to take this kind of destructive action.

Kornberg: Asking Jeff Gardner why he has not volunteered for the position given his involvement with the committee.

Gardner: Explaining his view that the previous PROS chair was not permitted to function by other members of the board and so no current members of the committee wish to step forward to assume the chair.

Ostrow: Disputing this version of events. But suggesting that suspension of committee activities should not occur without sufficient notice.

MOTION:

Kornberg moves to set a deadline of the February 15th meeting to either seat a chair or suspend the activities of the PROS committee. Ostrow seconds. Hyams objects.

Public Comment:

Gardner: Opining that the intent of the Los Feliz Forward slate to target the PROS committee is clear and it has to do with events that pre-date the election.

John F. John: The severity of Mr. Gardner's tone indicates there is a discrepancy in perception of this problem. Agrees with setting a deadline, but is concerned that the word suspension will fuel that miscommunication.

Point of Information:

Kornberg: Asking if the Executive Committee has the authority to suspend.

VOTE:

In Favor: Khanjian, Ostrow, Hyams

Opposed: Kornberg

Motion passes by majority vote.

Ostrow: Suggesting the chair of the Education committee is a position that can remain vacant until the appointments.

Hyams: Disagreeing with this position.

MOTION:

Hyams moves that the Outreach committee performs appropriate outreach to fill the committee chair. Kornberg seconds. Passed by consensus.

Ostrow: Mark Mauceri has stated he would like to be considered for the chair of the Sports and Recreation Committee. Seven additional stakeholders have indicated they are interested in serving on the committee.

MOTION:

Kornberg: Nominates Mauceri. Hyams seconds.

Public Comment:

Mauceri: Sharing his outreach efforts thus far and explaining his relationship with the seven stakeholders who have come forward.

John F. Johns: Opposed to Mauceri because he has a history of violating GGPNC bylaws and of disrupting proceedings.

Gardner: Agreeing with John F. Johns about Mauceri's lack of decorum.

Discussion:

Kornberg: No one else has expressed an interest in chairing the committee.

Ostrow: The formation of the committee is the by-product of Mauceri's long term efforts on this issue. This is a cause he has championed for many years.

No objection. Mauceri seated by consensus.

4. Vacant Education Representative Seat

Ostrow: Explaining that it is impractical to seat a member, since that representative's term will expire in April with the new Appointments.

5. Committee Compliance Issues. Discussion and Action as appropriate regarding lapses in ethics certification, minute posting, and other issues in Neighborhood Improvement, City Services, and Green Committees.

Public Comment:

Mauceri: Explaining lapse in activity of City Services Committee.

Ostrow: Explaining there is ambiguity about the procedure for disbanding committees.

MOTION:

Hyams moves to do outreach to seat a new City Services committee chair. Khanjian seconds.

Public Comments:

Mauceri: This is key NC work. Requires a chair who will make it active.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

Ostrow: Updating information about ethics training compliance of Business and Neighborhood Improvement chairs and Green Committee minutes.

6. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Kornberg moves to adopt December 2010 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes. Khanjian seconds. No objection. Passed by consensus.

7. Other Comments and Announcements

Ostrow: Committee chair business cards have city seal on them and cannot be distributed.

Kornberg: Expressing her view that they be distributed.

Hyams: Disagreeing with this view.

Gardner: Agreeing with Hyams.

Malhi: Suggesting we get a written rule.

Mauceri: Explaining that we decided to give committee chairs cards and that this is DONE's rule.

8. Adjourn

Kornberg moves to adjourn. Khanjian seconds. Meeting adjourned 7:11 pm.