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**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES**

June 15, 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. Quorum Check.**

7:04 pm

- Present: Ostrow, Hyams, Khanjian, Napier, Wilson, Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, Malhi, Mims, DeMonte, Nubaravacharyan, Kornberg, O'Grady
- Late: DeOcampo, VanKeuren
- Excused: Arslanian, Gardner
- Absent: Hooper

**2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

Jaren Sorkow:

- LA Animal Services is in dire need of volunteers. Only one officer for the North Central area and looking for volunteers. Materials distributed. More information available at:  
<http://www.laanimalservices.com/>

**3. Reports from Public Officials**

None.

**4. Review of Pending Planning Application for 2609 Hyperion Avenue, Barbarella Bar**

Ostrow:

- Due to transition in Board and PZHP Chair turnover this application is being handled in the general meeting as opposed to the PZHP committee.
- Procedure: Applicants will make a statement, then entertain public comment and board discussion. Applicants will have an opportunity to summarize.

Applicant: Eddie Navarette from Barbarella:

- Request re: 2609 Hyperion location of Barbarella Bar. Recent renovation precipitated request to allow alcohol sales in sidewalk seating area. 15 seats on the sidewalk during all business hours.

Public Comments:

- Marc Jameson: There is no general problem with bar or drinking outside in general. The problem with this application is because of Sunday morning, 6am event. This weekly event has created problems on the street with public intoxication at the early morning on the weekends.
- John Travis: Applicant said they want to open at 11am. But 6am is what the application says. And people come here at the end of a long night. Non-locals come here from Hollywood bars to come here and drink Sunday mornings. Drunk drivers are also a problem.
- Ann Kido: Evans St. resident. Has witnessed public urination among patrons, experienced issues with drunk drivers and public drunkenness.
- Ben Chang: A property owner on Hyperion. Appreciates entrepreneurship, but there is noise and disturbance associated with these business practices. They have driven away long term tenants due to concerns about safety and noise. Saw a man vomiting out of car and in the morning on the street. We don't allow lawn mowers at this time. Why do we allow partying?

- Stephanie Nakagana: Explaining her experience with the problem with parking and making a right on Evans from Hyperion when Valet double and triple park cars on Evans St. When people are out there it's hard to walk on the sidewalk.
- Gerald McIntyre: Explaining that there is a problem with excessive noise and some crime. Concerned with parking as well. Evans is a narrow street leaving no access for emergency vehicles. Reporting one incident when a patron made threatening remarks. Walking along Hyperion there's an obstruction on the sidewalk.

Applicants responding:

- Anat Escher: I'm reasonable. Any problem – come talk to me so I can address it. Is there any issue besides the Sunday morning? They do not start the party before 7:30am. We have security on both corners. And we will try and address these issues.
- Michael Gerdsmeier: We have improved the corner from the past owners. We're trying to be reasonable. We pose no danger to citizens. No police intervention ever. Security cracks down on drug users. 25 permanent jobs exist because of the bar, we represent a good tax base, we are always trying to be responsive. No fights. Sunday morning brunch is by right.

Board discussion:

Vukonic:

- Identifying two issues: Parking and Sunday morning event at 7:00am.

Masi:

- Clarifying that normally a venue of this size would need 35 spaces – 22 grandfathered in from previous owner The 22 represent spots in the tandem lot in the rear of the building as well as spots along the side of the building and in a second driveway.
- Questioning whether this restaurant's hours are comparable to other neighborhood restaurants?
- And finally, encouraging residents concerned about safety to come to PZHP for information on how to log complaints.

Mauceri:

- Identifying other establishments serving alcohol in the vicinity.
- Expressing opinion that Sunday morning hours are unacceptable for outdoor dining.
- Explaining that regardless of who's at fault, it's the responsibility of the restaurant to be vigilant about public drunkenness.

Wilson:

- Seeing more and more of this kind of activity. This is a destination the neighbors are against. It's hard to get people to show up – when they do, as many have to this meeting, it speaks volumes.

Napier:

- Concerned with hours and irresponsible behavior of patrons.

Khanjian:

- Sidewalk could reasonably serve from 11am or 12 pm on, but not earlier.

Hyams:

- Doubting whether having the outside area at these fringe times will increase the business. And suggesting the applicants do a better job of ingratiating themselves to their neighbors.

Kornberg:

- Suggesting that the issue is not with the early opening, but with the nature of the event the hold at that time.

Nubaravacharyan:

- Noting that no one from the community came out to support Barbarella.

DeMonte:

- Relaying another neighbor's letter.
- Emphasizing parking as a way to work with neighbors and noting that the canyon along Hyperion makes noise pollution especially difficult.

Mims:

- Explaining that they park 17 in the stalls not 22.
- Relaying a number of emails complaining about noise to FHRA. Also noting crowding on the sidewalk and lack of response to it.
- Sharing an experience with a particularly vulgar crowd. Suggesting the applicant target a clientele that will be more considerate.

O'Grady:

- Relaying experience on Tracy St planting trees last weekend where the homeowners all complained about parking and speeding from Barbarella.
- Also explaining that the applicant's attitude is combative. Opining that makes residents feel uncomfortable approaching with complaints.
- Also the fire pit isn't environmentally friendly.

Malhi:

- Requesting written policy for employees on serving alcohol to intoxicated patrons. There are plenty of places that serve alcohol but this is an unusual number of complaints about one restaurant.

VanKeuren:

- Confirming that all employees have gone through ABC licensing.

Ostrow:

- Apologizing for procedures and short notice.
- Confirming hearing date of June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Clarifying relevant issue in application is the addition of alcohol sales to new outdoor seating. That's a big thing to ask given the community's issues with current operations. Good will in the community needed to get this through.

Applicants' response:

- Escher: Agreeing that the early morning hours are inappropriate and that they will amend their application to do 11am or 12pm instead. Expressing uncertainty about what other parking solutions are available and explaining they already maximize opportunities to provide parking on site and in the area. Committing to try to make sure the sidewalk is clear.
- Gerdsmeier: Describing proceedings as a lot of supposition, assumption, and anecdotal complaints. Comparing Barbarella to Speranza, which has had BYOB outdoors for years. This is a much smaller area by comparison. The clientele being described are not desirable and this is an ongoing area for improvement. Expressing request to use the area for smoking and drinking in reasonable hours – describing the applicant as responsible, organized, well-managed, and reasonable.
- Navarette: These issues are common to any restaurant. We can revise the application to reduce the hours to 11am. It's typical to do so. These grants are a tool to mitigate these concerns. In exchange for approval you could apply conditions with mitigating measures to address concerns of the community regarding parking and security.

#### **MOTION**

Wilson moves to deny request. Napier seconds.

Mauceri opposes to comment:

- This application is unacceptable as presented. That doesn't preclude amending to create workable solutions.

Mims:

- Correcting former statement about vulgar comments earlier. If applicants are considering changing plan then agree with Mark, that various issues could make you better neighbors. Owners are new owners, so they may be inheriting bad feelings, which they may be able to change, i.e. noise, sidewalk, parking, hours, etc.

Motion to recommend denial of the application passed by consensus.

Wilson departs.

### **5. Parks, River & Open Space Committee Report**

Ostrow: Taking PROS Committee report out of order to accommodate Bernadette Soter.

- a. Red Car Trail: Update on MRCA Appeal and implications for future linkage of Griffith and Elysian Parks

Bernadette Soter:

- 8 members of PROS went to speak on behalf of open space but the objections to this development were denied.

O'Grady:

- Clarifying that developer permitted to build without easement.
- b. Potential Initiation of Zoo Lot parking fee in Griffith Park: Update on General Manager's Status Report to Zoo Commission

Bernadette Soter:

- Reporting on meeting this morning. Commission will not be ultimate decision makers but may be influencers and are leaning with the GGPNC in standing against the fee. General services is hiring a consultant.
- Meanwhile Proposition O funds for renovations of the watershed are being used to install electronic parking infrastructure.
- c. Lewd Conduct in Parks: Update on June 1st LAPD Northeast Division meeting on strategies to combat lewd behavior violations in Griffith Park, Elysian Park and Sycamore Grove Park.

Berndatte Soter:

- Task force established. More information at the next meeting.

## 6. Executive Committee Reports

### a. Treasurer

- i. Action as appropriate regarding spending freeze and outstanding demand warrants.

Khanjian:

- Based on continued discussion with Committee Chairs, David Uebersax and DONE we have a deficit of \$3,742.59. Working to complete paperwork – most budget items lack documentation.
- We have a new proposed budget based on committee requests that have come in since our last meeting. With our deficit, our decreased allocation from the city, and these requests our proposed budget is \$12,000 over. We will need to make cuts.

Public Comment:

- David Uebersax: Clarifying rollover fund process was subject to different rules at different times. At one time they accepted committee budgets as well as completed work demand warrants. Now they do not. Still working on invoice for Center for Inquiry. Failed to submit warrant on Hollywood Remembers. Demand warrant for native plant survey wasn't set in to DONE either.

Ostrow:

- Explaining rollover process and that funds reserved in that process can be used to satisfy any debts.

Mims:

- Clarifying proposed budget's accounting of deficit. And asking if we're in a deficit because we authorized more than we had or because dropped the ball with DONE?

Khanjian:

- Explaining the process for creating the budget. Hollywood Remembers, Safety Seminar, SLJ, Website, Library, Rare Plant, Storage, and parking forum costs are about \$5k and were never documented in any way to DONE. So one way to look at it is that if those things had been properly documented we would have gotten more rollover money and wouldn't have this deficit.

Ostrow:

- We double submitted other items to DONE. So even though we didn't get all of what we asked for, it's roughly a wash in terms of getting what we documented.

### **MOTION:**

Khanjian moves to lift the freeze on the following items that DONE can pay by June 30th without any further paperwork submission:

City Of LA Publishing \$1,742.00

Hollywood Arts Council \$2,750.00.

Mims seconds. Proposed amendment by DeMonte to include LA Publishing reimbursement in this first motion. No second. Approved by consensus.

**MOTION:**

Khanjian moves to lift the freeze on the following items that DONE can pay once the proper documents can have provided:

Star Education Systems – Smart Board \$2,000.00

Direct Advantage – LF Elem. Chairs \$2,915.42

Marshall Big M \$5,000.00

FHRA – Myra Mural \$1,250.00

Mims seconds. Approved by consensus.

**MOTION:**

Khanjian moves to lift the freeze on the following expenditures and pay from the credit card if possible:

Dan Hooper – Art Walk \$692.80

LA Publishing/Rosemary DeMonte – Election Exp. \$909.65.

Mims seconds. Approved by consensus.

**MOTION:**

Khanjian moves to lift the freeze on the following expenditures and submit demand warrants to DONE for payment after June 30th once the paperwork is submitted or pay by credit card if funds are available:

Freedom Scientific - Hearing Aids \$3,000.01

Hollywood Remembers \$1,000.00

Dan Hooper – Safety Seminar \$500.00

Silver Lake Jubilee \$750.00

Web Site Costs \$500.00

Library Improvements - chair \$1,000.00

Rare Plant Study \$1,000.00

Rent Center Of Inquiry – 6/30 \$175.00

Permit Parking Forum \$125.00

Mims seconds. Napier objects for the purposes of discussion.

Public Comment: Bernadette Soter has materials for Rare Plants Study.

Approved by consensus.

**MOTION:**

Khanjian moves that the following items from the current fiscal year ending on June 30th or prior fiscal years represent expenses that have neither been started, incurred a liability nor have documentation to back them up and therefore shall be removed from the list of GGPNC liabilities:

PROS Newsletter:

Johnson Lampier \$3,180.00

Walking Man \$1,400.00

USPS \$300.00

Cheryl Johnson \$345.68

Gas Blower Campaign \$331.00

Hyams seconds.

Public comment:

Bernadette Soter:

- Explaining that it is not true that PROS newsletter has not been started. Marion Dodge in attendance with final proof of newsletter. PROS Newsletter no different in terms of documentation from the Big M project, which is being funded without receipt tonight.
- Relaying information from Tenada Larios who confirmed we have rollover funds. And that double allocation is there for us to spend. Board can deem something non-viable. Examples of non-viable projects: no permits possible for project.

Khanjian:

- These are the three items that DONE said they would not fund without documentation.

Mims:

- No idea what Cheryl Johnson's expense is. Sorry to not pay former member's.

O'Grady:

- Explaining that he also tried to close out Cheryl Johnson demand warrant when he served as Treasurer. She had no idea what this was about at the time. That's why I pursued canceling it.

Ostrow:

- These are on the list of things that DONE rejected. There's no problem waiting for people to find receipts, but Cheryl Johnson's reimbursement is over 4 years old.
- O'Grady has found additional receipts for the anti-gas blower campaign and he is welcome to amend to include his receipts.
- DONE will not pay this without the proper paperwork. A PROS newsletter can come out of the next fiscal year. We are over extended by almost \$4k. This motion will put us back in the black.
- We can't pay this anyway whether we cancel it or not.

**MOTION TO VOTE:**

Hyams moves to vote. Nubaravacharyan seconds. Mims opposes voting.

Vote to Vote:

Abstaining: DeMonte

In favor: Hymas, Nubaravacharyan, Khanjian,

Opposed: Napier, Mauceri, Vukovic, VanKeuren, Malhi, O'Grady, Mims, Kornberg

Motion to Vote fails by majority vote.

**MOTION:**

Mauceri moves that the following items from the current fiscal year ending on June 30th or prior fiscal years represent expenses that have neither been started, incurred a liability nor have documentation to back them up and therefore shall be removed from the list of GGPNC liabilities:

PROS Newsletter:

Johnson Lampier \$3,180.00

Walking Man \$1,400.00

USPS \$300.00

Cheryl Johnson \$345.68

Gas Blower Campaign \$263.02

Malhi seconds.

Ostrow rules this as a new motion not an amended motion.

Mims: Point of order. Appropriate procedure is to move for reconsideration.

Ostrow: Ruling this a motion. Noting Mims objection.

Public Comment:

David Uebersax:

- Taking responsibility for failing to file quarterly reports.
- PROS Newsletter was originally put in the budget for \$9500. \$5k already unencumbered. Reasonable to accommodate this.

Bernadette Soter:

- Reiterating that the newsletter has been started, that there is a final proof and that they won't have receipts until it's printed.
- Complaining of inadequate notice of the meeting.

DeMonte:

- There may be no money in the new fiscal year. It's been on hold due to our restrictions and DONE's policies and not because they're not ready to write it.

Napier:

- This is something we take a great deal of pride in. This is one of our most valuable resources. It's not fair for PROS to pay the cost for DONE's incompetence.

Mauceri:

- Confirming that neither Soter nor Dodge has any work product at the meeting to show to the board.

O'Grady:

- Explaining that a money event has to be completed in order for the city to recognize it. The work product of committee members is insufficient.

Mims:

- Work has been done here. The board has approved funding. There are other items here with similar issues.

Ostrow:

- Confirming with Soter that if authorized the newsletter could be ready to print in as little as 10 days.

- Explaining that the difference between this item and other items is that it can easily rollover into PROS budget for next year. All the other items on this list are approved for this year.

**MOTION TO VOTE:**

Hyams moves to vote. Khanjian seconds.

In favor of voting: Khanjian, Hyams, Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, Malhi, O'Grady, Kornberg, Nubaravacharyan

Opposed: Napier, DeMonte, Mims

Motion to vote passes.

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

In favor: Khanjian, Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, VanKeuren, Malhi, Nubaravacharyan, O'Grady, Hyams, Kornberg

Opposed: Mims, Napier, Demonte

Motion passes by majority vote.

DeOcampo arrives.

**MOTION:**

Khanjian moves that the freeze on this item, approved in January of 2008, shall remain in place until the board has had the opportunity to consider whether to recommit to this liability:

Fire Recovery Signage \$10,800.00.

Malhi seconds.

Public Comment:

Bernadette Soter:

- This was part of the approved rollover funds. If it needs to be reconsidered it needs to be done in an open discussion. Fire signage process has begun, but city agencies move slowly. When you're working with the city there's a long timeframe.
- Arbitrary criteria being applied here. Fire Recovery Signage still viable. Inquiries from stakeholders still coming in.

DeMonte:

- Expressing concern that this item was not properly agendaized.

Ostrow:

- Confirming that the agenda here is consistent with previous practices.
- Clarification: the motion is to maintain the freeze until the board can have a full discussion. Even if we lifted the freeze it's not getting paid. So there's no need to be alarmist about this.

Kornberg:

- Clarifying that this item has been rejected by DONE for lack of documentation, that no work has been performed that we owe money for, that the freeze does not cancel the project, that if we want to cancel the project we will have a hearing on the matter, and that the motion just maintains the status quo.

**MOTION TO TABLE**

Mims: moves to table motion. Napier seconds.

Mauceri objects for discussion:

- We want these signs. We need to know if we're getting refunded. Once we know then we can recommit. Concur with tabling.

O'Grady:

- This money is frozen. So work cannot begin on this right now.

Motion to table approved by consensus.

**7. Committee Reports**

a. Green Committee

i. Report and Presentation on Various Activities

O'Grady: Reviewing success of tree planting program on Tracy Street.

- ii. MOTION: Authorize \$750 for million tree program, street tree, & gas blower outreach.

**MOTION:**

O'Grady moves to allocate \$750 for Green Committee Outreach. Malhi seconds.

Mims:

- Urging a larger discussion about the budget.

Hyams:

- Confirming that this would come from the 2010-2011 budget.

Khanjian:

- Confirming that this allocation was included in the Green committee budget proposal.

Mauceri:

- We need to ensure the funds are available.

Napier:

- Committees should have to spell out what the money is for.

O'Grady:

- 60% for trees, 40% for gas blowers. Mostly money spent on copies and printing.

VanKeuren:

- We're printing the forms for the tree applications

Nubaravacharyan:

- Confirming materials will include GGPNC logos, etc.

Mims:

- This is one item in an overall budget. Why are we giving some items out of order.

O'Grady:

- We've run out of money and we're at the market. We have momentum and people are excited. I don't want to lose that.

**MOTION TO VOTE:**

Masi moves to vote. Malhi seconds.

Abstention: DeMonte, Napier

In favor: Khanjian, Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, VanKeuren, Malhi, Nubaravacharyan, O'Grady, Hyams, Kornberg, DeOcampo

Opposed: Mims

Motion to vote passes.

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

Abstain: Napier, DeMonte, Khanjian

In favor: Mauceri, Hyams, Masi, Vukovic, O'Grady, Malhi, VanKeuren, Nubaravacharyan

Opposed: Kornberg, Mims

Motion passed by majority vote.

- iii. MOTION: The GGPNC strongly supports AB-1998 (Brownley). The GGPNC urges the State Senator to pass this bill. [Summary available here.](#)

**MOTION:**

VanKeuren moves to adopt position. Malhi seconds.

VanKeuren: Explaining content of AB 1998.

**TECHNICAL AMENDMENT:**

Mims moves to direct support to city rather than state officials: The GGPNC strongly supports AB-1998 (Brownley). The GGPNC urges the City Council and Mayor to support this bill.

VanKeuren:

- It's already passed this point. It's in the state senate and our state senator needs to support this bill.

O'Grady:

- Many cities have passed this law. This is at the state level.

Mauceri:

- We've sent letters in the past to state officials.

Masi:

- This council has taken part in state issues, including SB 1818. I don't see what's harmful about this.

DeMonte:

- Confirming that this is the first action taken by the GGPNC with respect to AB 1998.

Kornberg:

- Suggesting that we can CC the state senator

Amended Motion approved by consensus.

b. Rules & Elections

i. MOTION: ADOPT A STANDING RULE re: business cards

**MOTION:** Board members and Committee Chairs shall be entitled to receive and otherwise utilize city-issued business cards of a standard format currently in use. When applicable, the date a board member's term ends shall be indicated on the card. A committee chair may recommend to the Executive Committee the issuance of special GGPNC business cards (with the GGPNC in place of the city seal) for committee members who have regular interaction with city officials, city employees, and other stakeholders at large in the course of acting on committee-related business, who have completed the course currently entitled "Ethics and Open Government Training for Neighborhood Councils."

The Executive Committee shall determine whether such cards are warranted at the time of the request by a majority vote of those committee members present.

The Secretary shall coordinate the ordering and deliver of any city-issued business cards related to the neighborhood council.

Hyams moves. Mims seconds. Approved by consensus.

ii. MOTION: re: website access

**MOTION:** The secretary shall have interim authority to have complete access to the GGPNC web site to facilitate the business of the GGPNC.

Hyams moves. Khanjian seconds.

Public Comment:

John F. Johns: Explaining that this came out through an incident on the Transportation page. I have a good relationship with the current Secretary but I think that Committee Chairs should have the primary authority over their pages. Wants more definition about Committee Chairs also having editing rights.

Hyams:

- This motion does not preclude anyone who has access currently from doing what they want. This motion came to be because under our bylaws the VP outreach is supposed to serve in this capacity.
- You have access to your page. We're working on a series of rules and procedures to further define this.
- The website should be used to disseminate information not to editorialize.

Mims:

- Intent is to make it clear the Secretary has access, it doesn't preclude chairs from posting or editing.

Masi:

- Suggestions about Secretary editing pages should be notified to that committee chair.

Kornberg:

- Clarifying this is a temporary alternative to the authority contemplated in the bylaws.

Mauceri:

- Emphasizing interim.

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

Mims moves to Amend to add that "If the Secretary changes the web page content for a committee, the Secretary shall notify the committee chair."

Hyams opposes. This obligation is implicit in ethical obligations. And there's no accountability.

**MOTION TO VOTE ON AMENDMENT:**

Mims moves to vote. Napier seconds.

Abstaining: Kornberg

In favor: Khanjian, Napier, Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, DeOcampo, VanKeuren, Malhi, O'Grady, Mims, DeMonte

Opposed: Hyams, Nubaravacharyan

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

Abstaining: Kornberg

In favor: Napier, Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, DeOcampo, Malhi, O'Grady, Mims, DeMonte

Opposed: Khanjian, Nubaravacharyan, VanKeuren, Hyams

**VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:**

Abstaining: Kornberg

In favor: Napier, Mauceri, Masi, DeOcampo, Malhi, O'Grady, Mims, DeMonte

Opposed: Khanjian, Nubaravacharyan, VanKeuren, Hyams

Amended Motion Passes by Majority Vote.

iii. MOTION: ADOPT A STANDING RULE: re: absences

**MOTION:** It is incumbent on Governing Board members to contact the President and/or Secretary to advise of an anticipated board meeting absence before said meeting, as soon as reasonably possible, preferably by e-mail.

The President shall determine excused absences in concordance with the bylaws. Immediately after the meeting is called to order, a roll call attendance will be taken, and the President shall announce which board members have been excused and the reason(s) provided.

Any absence without prior notice shall be considered "unexcused" in concordance with the bylaws.

In the event of unanticipated circumstances (e.g., emergency, sudden illness, act of God, etc.), the President may also grant or rescind an excusal at the next governing board meeting. The Board may appeal and overrule the President's excusal, whether granted or rescinded, by a two-thirds majority vote of those board members present at the time.

Hyams moves. Napier seconds.

Public Comment: John F. Johns: Arguing against making the reason for absence public.

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

Malhi: Moving to Amend to strike "for the reasons provided"

VanKeuren:

- Explaining that if we don't announce the reasons then the board cannot vote on whether the President's excusal was reasonable.

Mauceri:

- This is standard operating procedure at other NCs.

Hyams:

- If we were not going to pass it as it stands then we shouldn't have it at all. The board has a right to vote on excusal. If we want to reform our system we have to start having rules.

DeMonte:

- Nothing wrong with knowing the reasons. Ron should feel comfortable making these decisions. But the reasons could be publicly available and just not announced.

Napier:

- Confirming that if they chose the board could vote to not excuse her vacation absence.

Mims:

- Favors Amendment. Trust the discretion of the President.

**MOTION TO VOTE ON AMENDMENT:**

In favor: Napier, Masi, Vukovic, DeOcampo, Malhi, Mims, DeMonte, Nubaravacharyan

Opposed: Hyams, Mauceri, VanKeuren, Kornberg

**VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:**

In favor: Napier, Masi, Vukovic, Mims, DeMonte

Opposed: Kornberg, Khanjian, Mauceri, VanKeuren, Malhi, O'Grady, Nubaravacharyan, Hyams

Amended Motion fails.

**MOTION TO VOTE ON MOTION:**

Abstaining: Mims

In favor: Kornberg, Khanjian, Mauceri, VanKeuren, Malhi, O'Grady, Nubaravacharyan, Hyams, Napier, Masi, Vukovic, DeMonte

Opposed: none

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

In favor: Khanjian, Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, DeOcampo, VanKeuren, O'Grady, Nubaravacharyan, Kornberg, Hyams

Opposed: Napier, Malhi, Mims, DeMonte

Motion passes by majority vote

iv. MOTION for new BYLAW under Article XIV:

**MOTION:** Effective June 16, 2010, any Board member or Committee Chairperson who has not satisfactorily completed the course currently entitled "Ethics and Open Government Training for Neighborhood Councils" within 60 days of being seated, confirmed in any council position, or after previous certification has expired, shall be prohibited from voting or participating in discussion on any issues coming before the Board and/or individual committee (s), until this mandatory training is completed. Non-participation due to failure to obtain certification shall constitute an unexcused meeting absence. Board members in office at the date of enactment of this provision shall have 60 days to be in compliance of this requirement.

Hyams moves. Malhi seconds.

Ostrow:

- Clarifying that all bylaw changes require a super-majority and that he will participate in the vote.

Public Comment:

- John F. Johns: Opining that the punishment is too harsh. It only applies to 2 people at this stage. After the meeting tell me who the two people are. I'll inspire them to complete this.
- Barbara Ferris: Explaining that it's not for today's board. It's something that's important for everyone to be on the same page. It's not unreasonable. It's insulting to the Board members who've done it to not require it of everyone.

Hyams:

- Explaining the motion and that the board is already mandated to do this training. It took 8 months to do it and that's a continuing regret. It was so valuable. It helped identify when it is appropriate to abstain. Not sure who has or hasn't taken it. But it's also for committee chairs and it's making a statement about how we want to serve the public going forward.

Mims:

- Explaining problem is not with the basic requirement of ethics compliance but with the time frame because many prefer to go to the hands on training and this may not allow enough time for that. In recent years DONE cancelled the class. This motion only allows one method – the online option.

VanKeuren:

- Expressing agreement about the classes with an instructor being preferable, but as the budget gets more constrained it becomes less realistic that that will be available.

Mauceri:

- Supporting the motion because it holds the Board to a higher standard. The LANCC recommendations include this. It's a good message to send to the community.

Nubaravacharyan:

- It's taken too long to get this through. It's an easy program.

Khanjian:

- Expressing support for applying this requirement for committee chairs

O'Grady:

- It's not a punishment, it's empowering

**VOTE ON MOTION:**

In favor: Ostrow, Khanjian, Napier, Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, DeOcampo, VanKeruen, Malhi, O'Grady, Mims, DeMonte, Nubaravacharyan, Kornberg, Hyams

Motion passes by unanimous vote.

c. Education Committee

i. MOTION: Thomas Starr King Middle School outdoor improvements

**MOTION:** The GGPNC will apply one quarter of the Education Committee Budget towards a large summer greening project and other outdoor improvements, including shade, seating, tables, large composter, outdoor blackboards, garden tools, outdoor kitchen, fountain and drip system at Thomas Starr King Middle School. All work is to be performed by volunteers from and under the insurance of Friends of King. All plants to be native or drought tolerant.

Mims seconds. Approved by consensus.

ii. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Letter of Concern about reduction of Library hours and services

**MOTION:** to send Letter of Concern

Napier moves. Mauceri seconds.

Mims: Communications need to be sent in the name of the President.

Approved by consensus.

d. Arts & Culture

i. Independent Shakespeare Company request for funds

**MOTION:**

Khanjian moves to allocate \$5k to the Independent Shakespeare Company. Napier seconds.

Public Comment:

- David Uebersax: This was proposed as part of the 2010 Committee Budget
- Barbara Ferris: Voicing support

Mims:

- Requesting for timeline clarification

Khanjian:

- Performances start July 7. In order to appear in the program we need to have an answer by July 1.

**MOTION TO TABLE:**

Mauceri: moves to table until next meeting. Malhi seconds.

DeMonte:

- Objects to tabling.
- Confirming giving amounts from other NCs. EHNC gave \$5k.

- And expressing concern that the banner recognition we would get if tabled and passed would not be worth the funds.

Mauceri:

- Arguing that the issue is not about what recognition we get, it's about the cause.

Ostrow:

- Clarifying that we're required to have a demonstrable recognition.

Hyams:

- Voicing support in favor of tabling. Every meeting someone is here with no more time. We should be encouraging people to come to us earlier than this.

Kornberg:

- Clarifying that this project was proposed to the Arts & Culture committee in reasonable advance on our April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Arguing they are being penalized for our failure to meet.

O'Grady:

- We have to table until we have a budget.

Tabled by consensus.

#### 8. **MOTION** (requested by O'Grady, Vukovic, VanKeuren, Malhi): For a New Bylaw Under ARTICLE IX

**MOTION:** The bylaws of the GGPNC shall be amended as follows (shown amended by strikethrough= take out and bold=add)

#### ARTICLE IX: SELECTION OF THE BOARD

D. Selection of Appointed Board Members. The Board shall establish procedures for selection of Appointed Board Members consistent with the provisions of Article VIII above. Appointed Board Members serving at the time these Amended Bylaws become effective shall serve for a term expiring upon the next selection of Appointed Board Members. Thereafter, each two year term of the Appointed Board Members shall commence on the date of their selection at the regularly scheduled general Board meeting falling closest to twelve months after the last meeting at which the elected District Representatives were seated. Selection of Appointed Board Members shall be made by a majority of the ~~ENTIRE BOARD~~ **District Representatives**.

Malhi moves. Masi seconds.

Public Comment:

- John F. Johns: Explaining that this didn't come from Rules Committee, because it didn't get a vote. There was an objection in that meeting to the timing of this motion occurring prior to the review of the bylaws that the Rules & Elections Committee has proposed.
- Barbara Ferris: Acknowledging the point about timing. But arguing that if we wait and it gets bogged down in a lot of paranoia. We've been down this road before. This board has a problem with its appointment process. They spend 6 months out of every year dealing with appointments or elections. This is an important principle to enact to solve some of the shenanigans.
- David Uebersax: Arguing it's a good idea to make refinements on the appointment process. We may want to reevaluate the nine positions or make them elected.

O'Grady:

- This is not rushed. It's been discussed for years. There is a clear representative line from Stakeholders to Elected Officials to Appointed Members.

DeMonte:

- Surmising that no one disagrees with the idea of changing to all elected. But expressing concern about creating cronyism. A slate was elected And now they're going to choose the next group that comes on the board. That's what it looks like. Suggesting the board go straight to the issue and have it all elected and do the right thing at the right time. Complaining it's not fair to send this message to appointed members that there's a hierarchy and recognition of the work appointed members have done.

Masi:

- It is unfortunate that we cannot have a board member election before the next bylaws dictated board member appointment date, but it is unfortunate that the bylaws allow the appointment of board

members at all. This motion is the first parliamentary step we can take, in order to change the bylaws to allow for the election of all board members. Most neighborhood councils and other community groups do not allow appointed members to appoint other members. By supporting this motion at the first opportunity available to us, we show our neighbors who voted for us, that we are serious about our commitment to change the bylaws so that all board members will be elected.

VanKeuren:

- Support for this motion is not personal. It's a philosophy and an important issue from the election. It's a commitment to reform that requires follow through. This is the first step in a long process.

Hyams:

- Recognizing that John is correct that rule was not seconded. Explaining that because of the protocol we are bound to follow, discussion gets subjugated to protocol. Wishing we'd had a better discussion and been able to bring a recommendation to the board on this point.
- I'm appointed and I want our bylaws to be more consistent with other governmental procedures.

Mims:

- Suggesting this motion is silly. You ran a slate. You got all ten elected. You can agree on appointing anyone you wanted.

Mauceri:

- Disagreeing that the elected board members want to vote as a block in the next appointment. I want to see independent qualified folks come out and be given fair consideration. This is a suggestion, which was proposed long before the slate. We will go through one more appointment process. And this is consistent with how we used to do it. We no longer have the problem that precipitated that change to self-appointment, which was a lack of turnout, so this reform is particularly appropriate in light of the last election.

Ostrow:

- Expressing sadness on the toxicity of the board. The presumption is that the 10 will think alike and act alike. It's unfortunate that there's such a perception. 80% of the 9 appointed acted and thought alike in the last process. There's an unfair assumption about us acting together. And there's a demonstrated track record of this happening in the past. This was introduced as early as the very first appointment by appointed process. The risk of poor perception is outweighed by existing factionalism in the appointment process.

Nubaravacharyan:

- Explaining that the appointment process was excruciating and should be avoided, because it will discourage future participation as currently contemplated.

Mims:

- Clarifying that appointment by elected members was not the way we used to do it. The 10 elected appointed the first time, because there were no appointed at that time. But since that time all board members have participated in appointments.

DeMonte:

- One of the things I'd like to see addressed is the stakeholder status, the factual basis. You have the opportunity to do it the right way. Stop saying we are so horrible. We can hear from people who participated in the selection process that it was fair.

#### **MOTION TO VOTE:**

O'Grady moves to vote. Malhi seconds.

In favor: Khanjian, Mauceri, Masi, , Vukovic, DeOcampo, Van Keuren, Malhi, O'Grady, Nubaravacharyan, Kornberg, Hyams

Opposed: Napier, Mims, DeMonte

#### **VOTE ON MOTION:**

In favor: Kornberg, Ostrow, Khanjian, Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, DeOcampo, Malhi, Nubaravacharyan, O'Grady, VanKeuren, Hyams

Opposed: Napier, Mims, DeMonte

Bylaw motion passes by supermajority vote

**MOTION:**

Hyams moves to approve. Khanjian seconds. Approved by consensus.

**10. Other Comments and Announcements**

O'Grady: Lets all work together.

**11. Adjourn**

11:23pm