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GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

July 20, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Los Feliz Community Police Center
1965 n. Hillhurst Ave. (2nd floor of Citibank)
Los Angeles, CA 90027



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1. Call to Order. Quorum Check.
2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items
3. Reports from Public Officials
4. Reports from Community Organizations
5. LA Animal Services Reserve Animal Control Officer Program Proposal
6. Sierra Club, Renewable Energy Campaign Report (Supplement I & Addenda I-III)
7. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Rollover fund reallocation
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Outreach
 - i. Vacant Religious Community Seat
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Public Safety Update
 - b. PZHP
 - i. MOTION re: Thai Patio, Case No. ZA 2009-3236-CUB (Supplement II)
 - ii. MOTION re: Speranza, Case No. ZA 2010-3979-CUB-ZV (Supplement III)
 - iii. Motion: The GGPNC endorses Ms. Goldberg's four initiatives: "*Do Real Planning*", "*Build an Efficient and Effective Department*", "*Develop Innovative Solutions*", "*Engage the Public*", and urges the Mayor to appoint, and the City Council to adopt the appointment of, a strong and effective Director of City Planning who will effectively involve the community and their Neighborhood Councils in city planning and who will continue a commitment to these four initiatives as part of their responsibilities. (Addendum IV)
 - c. Rule & Elections
 - i. MOTION: Adopt standing rule for all GGPNC Committees to adopt Code of Civility. (Supplement IV)
 - ii. MOTION: Adopt standing rule: All GGPNC Board Members and Committee Chairs shall be issued and will utilize a ggpnc.org email address for any and all neighborhood council related matters, including any email correspondence with other GGPNC Board Members and/or Committee Chairs.
 - iii. MOTION: Adopt standing rule: that the three posting locations will be on the web site, at the community police center and at the public library and that the rule will not preclude posting at any other location that is reasonably accessible and appropriate and that the Board and committee agendas will be updated to reflect the new rule.
 - d. City Services
 - i. Approval of council commentary added to City Council File: No. 05-1853, regarding property owners' responsibility for sidewalk repairs.

9. District E Representatives' MOTION: Approval of Letter To Councilmember LaBonge urging stricter enforcement of municipal codes regarding live music events near L.A. Coliseum area that affect the Franklin Hills area.
10. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Addendum V)
11. Other Comments and Announcements
12. Adjourn

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To address the Board, the public is requested to fill out a 'Speaker Card' on any agenda item prior to the Board taking action on it. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only at the time the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on matters not appearing on this Agenda within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction are heard during the Public Comment period, limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the Board's presiding officer.

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed here if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action, or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: 1) Make a Motion for reconsideration and, if approved, 2) hear the matter and take an action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: 1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and 2) a [Proposed] Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act governing public entities.

DOCUMENT ACCESS: In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings distributed to a majority or all of the board members in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Los Angeles Public Library Los Feliz Branch (lobby reference shelf), at our website by clicking on the following link: www.ggpnc.org, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact: secretary@ggpnc.org or call: (323) 908-6054.

SUPPLEMENT I

Proposed Letter:

Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council supports eliminating coal from the electricity supply of Los Angeles by 2020 as well as providing 40% of our power from clean, renewable energy. We ask that you embrace these goals, as our city's leaders, by ensuring the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power adopt and execute these critical goals.

Coal is one of the dirtiest forms of energy and a major contributor to global climate change. In 2008, over 36% of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions came from the combustion of this dirty fuel. The city of Los Angeles owns significant shares in two of the dirtiest coal plants in the nation: the Navajo Generating Station and the Intermountain Power Project. Our dependence on coal is responsible for significant pollution and human health impacts at every phase of its life cycle. In 2008, Navajo Generating Station and Intermountain Power Project released a combined total of 32, 468, 461 tons of CO₂ into the atmosphere. Additionally, each year the plant uses nearly 8 billion gallons of water from Lake Powell for cooling – a shocking number in water-starved Los Angeles.

Los Angeles has a responsibility to leave a legacy of leadership to our children and grandchildren. We must rebuild Los Angeles in a way that will protect us from the true cost of coal: polluted rivers and fish, increased asthma rates, strokes, cancer, and other health related issues, waste of billions of gallons of fresh water to cool coal plants, and the destruction of eco-systems through strip-mining, coal-slurries, and mountain-top removal.

Furthermore, legal and regulatory uncertainty surrounding the coal industry is creating an increasingly uncertain future for the coal. This uncertainty is leading to increasing costs and price volatility for the LADWP. A well-planned transition from away from coal fired power will protect DWP bill payers. All the while, smart energy efficiency programs can help keep LADWP bills down, while creating jobs and providing upstream and downstream economic benefits.

We can address these ethical and moral concerns by doing our part and we want to help the timely and at-scale transition of Los Angeles to increased energy efficiency, demand response, and clean, renewable energy. In accomplishing this transition, Los Angeles will simultaneously create thousands of new family-wage jobs, while renewing our city's infrastructure and rebuilding our city for the 21st century.

The need for action to address global climate change, pollution, water resource protection and sustainability has never been more urgent. There is no better opportunity for Los Angeles to demonstrate its leadership in the area of sustainability than to take action now:

- Mandate the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power devise and execute a plan to end the city's use of coal – fired power
- Displace Los Angeles' coal fired power through aggressive energy efficiency programs and a 40% renewable portfolio standard.

Los Angeles should be a leader in meeting the challenges of today. There is quickly growing support for Los Angeles to seize the opportunity to build a clean and renewable energy future that will stabilize our electricity rates over the long haul because once the system is paid for, the sun and

winds are free. By making progress now, the city of Los Angeles will make investments in our long-term economic future.

The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council looks forward to working with the city to achieve these goals together. We appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Ron Ostrow

President, Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council

Background Information Attached.

SUPPLEMENT II

MOTION: The board approve 20100703 DRAFT Thai Patio, Case No. ZA 2009-3236-CUB letter of support written for the President of the board by the Chair of the PZHPC and transmit the letters to the appropriate Zoning Administrator.

Recommendation:

Dear Administrator Wyatt:

After consideration at a publicly noticed, regular meeting of its Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee (PZHPC) on June 16, 2010 and its regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting on July 20, 2010, the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) agreed by consensus to recommend approval of the above referenced application, provided that in addition to the applicant's Self-Imposed Conditions (1-29), the following condition is also incorporated entirely into any conditional use permit:

1. The sale of beer or wine without food service shall be prohibited.

A number of long-time patrons of Thai Patio Restaurant spoke in favor of the application during the applicant's presentation to the PZHP Committee. There were no public comments in opposition to the application. The committee discussed the hours of operation, parking, the attached patio on the property, and the term of the grant. The committee noted that the businesses in and adjacent to this strip mall have effectively created a community within a community that this application is consistent with those businesses, and noted that the applicant has been operating without incident for years.

Very truly yours,

Ron Ostrow, President, GGPNC

By Gary Khanjian, Chair, GPPNC – PZHPC

cc:

Jessica Kornberg, Secretary

Doug Mensman, Assistant Planning Deputy, CD4

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SUPPLEMENT III

MOTION: The board approve 20100703 DRAFT Speranza, Case No. ZA 2010-3979-CUB-ZV letter of support written for the President of the board by the Chair of the PZHPC and transmit the letters to the appropriate Zoning Administrator.

Recommendation:

Dear Administrator Zaitzevsky:

After consideration at a publicly noticed, regular meeting of its Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee (PZHPC) on June 16, 2010 and its regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting on July 20, 2010, the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) agreed by consensus to recommend approval of the above referenced application, provided that in addition to the Applicant's Volunteered Conditions (1-25), the following conditions are also incorporated entirely into any conditional use permit:

1. The term of the grant shall be seven (7) years.
2. If ownership changes, plan approval shall be required.

A number of long-time patrons of Speranza spoke in favor of the application during the applicant's presentation to the PZHP Committee. They emphasized the special, comfortable, cultural meeting place the applicant's restaurant provides the neighborhood. There were no public comments in opposition to the application. The committee considered the closing hour, parking, the patio area on the property, and the term of the grant.

Very truly yours,

Ron Ostrow, President, GGPNC

By Gary Khanjian, Chair, GPPNC – PZHPC

cc: Jessica Kornberg, Secretary

Doug Mensman, Assistant Planning Deputy, CD4

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SUPPLEMENT IV

Code of Civility

Collectively and individually, the members of the Governing of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council agree to abide by a Code of Civility to ensure our Neighborhood Council's business is conducted in a respectful and courteous manner, and in a way that will generate respect and credibility for our Neighborhood Council.

The freedom to express one's views about public matters is a cornerstone of the democratic process. The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council welcomes the diverse views and opinions of our other board members and stakeholders as they relate to the issues before us. In order for these discussions to be meaningful and effective, we must treat others with respect and dignity.

By affixing our signatures to this document, we collectively and individually agree to abide by this Code of Civility to the best of our abilities.

1. I will conduct myself in a professional and civil manner at all times as a representative of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council, including treating each member of the board and members of the public with respect at all times.
2. Even in the face of disagreement or differences of opinion, I will demonstrate esteem and deference for my colleagues and the public. During meetings, functions, or events I will not engage in or threaten to engage in any verbal or physical attack on any other individual. I will not use language that is abusive, threatening, obscene, or slanderous, including using profanities, insults, or other disparaging remarks or gestures. I believe derogatory language about an individual's ethnicity, race, sexuality, age, disability, or religion is not acceptable.
3. I will promote and enforce a safe meeting environment at all times. At moments when members of the public become disruptive and violate the rules of civility we have pledged to follow, I will join my fellow board members in demanding the persons conduct themselves in a respectful manner even if I agree with the point of view being expressed.
4. I will commit to communicate my ideas and points of view clearly, and allow others to do the same without interruption. I pledge to truly listen to and hear other points of view. I will practice the art of being able to disagree without being disagreeable.
5. I will take responsibility for my own actions, and will work to fulfill my role and responsibilities as specified in the bylaws
6. I will commit to learn the applicable laws that govern Neighborhood Councils, including bylaws, standing rules, meeting procedures, the Brown Act, conflict of interest laws, city ordinances, and the City Charter, and will not knowingly violate any of them so we can maintain a safe and effective environment for conducting business.
7. I will seek to present information truthfully, and will not knowingly misrepresent, mischaracterize, or misquote information received from others.
8. If I find myself representing my personal interests before my community's interests, I will publicly disclose the differences and recuse myself from participating in the debate and voting on such matters, and I will seek advice from the Office of the City Attorney whenever I have doubts about whether a conflict truly exists or not.

9. I will commit to good faith efforts to resolve grievances that come before our board as specified in our bylaws.

10. Out of respect to my fellow board members, the public, and the decision-makers who we are trying to influence, I will make the best possible effort to understand the issues before me; I will “do my homework.”