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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

CERTIFIED COUNCIL #36

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July 20, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
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1. Call to Order. Quorum Check.

7:15pm

Excused: Napier, O'Grady

Late: DeOcampo (arrived 7:26pm)

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

Absent: Mims

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Steven Box: Announcing candidacy for CD4 seat.

3. Reports from Public Officials

Greg Bartz, DWP Liaison: Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget Presented and Summarized.

Hyams: Suggesting circulate packets digitally

4. Reports from Community Organizations

Arslanian: On behalf of the Hollywood Arts Council, announcing Children's Arts Festival on August 8

5. LA Animal Services Reserve Animal Control Officer Program Proposal

Jarren Sorko: Presenting information about a volunteer program that trains community members to become Animal Control Officers. Program has lost funding. One volunteer remains and Animal Services is looking to raise money for 15 trainees for a new class. Asking for \$1500 for one officer. 4 NCs have committed. They need to be current volunteers to qualify.

Ostrow: Explaining that all motions should be brought to the agenda by a board member.

Malhi: Clarifying that she has been in touch with this presenter.

MOTION:

Malhi: Moves to allocate \$1500. Wilson seconds.

Kornberg: Clarifying that if 15 volunteers aren't fully funded then program won't move forward – so any funding allocation is contingent on 10 other councils committing to the program.

Arslanian: Clarifying what services Animal Services provides and that 15 volunteers would be added (at 16 hours a work).

DeMonte: Clarifying they will have the same equipment as full officers and be supervised by officers.

Hyams: Clarifying that LA Animal Services is a city agency, and that the city has declined to fund this program.

Campbell: Inquiring about basic policies and functions of the animal shelter.

Mauceri: Inquiring whether the current plan contemplates assigning volunteers to this area.

Khanjian: Clarifying that there is no line item in the budget from which these funds would logically be drawn.

Ostrow: Suggesting funding proposal be tabled until after Treasurer's report. Tabled by consensus.

Discussion continues following Treasurer's Report.

6. Sierra Club, Renewable Energy Campaign Report (Agenda Supplement I & Addenda I-III)

MOTION:

Campbell: Moves that the GGPNC endorse the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign and send letter included in agenda as Supplement I. Malhi seconds.

Chrissy Scarborough, National Beyond Coal Campaign: Presenting the details of the campaign and explaining that the city of LA is already working towards this goal. The campaign is looking for community support before integrated resource plan presented to the City Council. Proposed by Mayor and DWP working towards these goals. 128 of 150 proposed plants have been stopped by this effort. Letter asks LA to be off coal by 2020, using 40% renewable energy sources. City working towards 20% this year. This is an additional 20%.

Public Comment:

Coralie LaSalle: Explaining that she supports this proposal because she has emphysema from LA air. Coal is the dirtiest energy and stopping these plants is the equivalent of turning off 19 million cars.

Masi Objects for Purposes of Discussion:

Arslanian: Clarifying plants in question are in Utah and Arizona, not LA.

Gardner: Inquiring about mercury pollution to the water supply and transmission losses

Hyams: Expressing support for the policy and concern with setting a precedent of this local body weighing in on national policy.

Masi: Clarifying that there has not been direct neighborhood organizing or involvement through the GGPNC – that this has an indirect impact on the neighborhood through pollution on stakeholders but is not an issue whose genesis was in stakeholder expression.

Mauceri: Expressing support because LA has a demand for coal. We can act locally on global issues.

Arslanian: Remembering that there was an issue before the council in a previous meeting about DWP rate hikes. Recalling that renewable energy was responsible for some of those increases and expressing concern that this proposal does not explain what 40% renewable will mean in terms of costs to stakeholders.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Masi: Moves to Amend to change words like mandate to a more appropriate tone. DeMonte seconds.

Gardner Objects for Purposes of Discussion:

Gardner: Opining that letter won't be read as requiring but as conveying our support for expanding a renewable portfolio.

Wilson: Acknowledging that the letter could benefit from wordsmithing, but suggesting that that is more appropriately the work of a committee not the board.

Hyams: Asking for clarification as to who contributed to the drafting of the letter?

Campbell: Clarifying that she wrote the letter with Chrissy Scarborough and then emailed to Green committee members, but that there was no meeting of the Green committee to discuss its contents. Three board members were on the Green Committee email list and so also received the email.

RULING FROM THE CHAIR:

Ostrow halted discussion of the letter out of concern that the letter was distributed to and considered by the entire Green committee via email outside of a publicly noticed meeting. Ostrow ruled that discussion by the board could not continue because it might violate the Brown Act. Ostrow clarified that the issue was not whether items had to come to the board via committee or could come via individual board members, but rather that any item that comes to the board must do so in accordance with the Brown Act.

MOTION TO OVERRULE CHAIR:

Gardner: Objects to ruling and Moves to consider motion, the basic content of which has been the subject of numerous committee meetings.

Ostrow: Stating that the Brown Act is clear on this point and that until he is convinced that the procedure followed in this case did not violate those precepts the Motion will not be considered.

Vote on Motion to Overrule the Chair:

Abstentions: DeMonte, Nubaravacharyan

In favor: Gardner, Mauceri, Malhi, Campbell

Opposed: Khanjian, Hyams, Kornberg, Wilson, Masi, Vukovic, Arslanian

Ruling of the Chair Upheld. Motion fails by Ruling of the Chair

7. Executive Committee Reports

a. President

Ostrow: Explaining that from now on the council need not vote on whether or not to vote, must more closely adhere to time limits and to Roberts Rules, so that now the meeting procedure will be: Motion, Presentation, Questions, Public Comment, Discussion, Vote.

Malhi leaves.

b. Treasurer

Khanjian: Clarifying process for submitting demand warrants to the city and explaining that the failure to file a business tax registration certificate is an issue in many previous filings. Based on the latest information from DONE the council is still in the red \$1,2010.00. We must now reallocate funds from PROS Newsletter.

MOTION:

Khanjian: Moves to reallocate \$9,760.00 from 2009-2010 PROS Newsletter towards other liabilities in order not to lose the funds. Those alternative items are: Star Education, Direct Advantage, Safety Seminar, Hollywood Remembers, Silver Lake Jubilee, Website costs, Library improvement, rare plants study, Center for Inquiry rent, permit parking room, and copying expenses, totaling \$9,793.88. Kornberg seconds.

Vote on Motion to Reallocate:

Abstention: Tom Wilson

In Favor: Kornberg, Hyams, Campbell, Mauceri, Masi, Vukovic, DeOcampo, Khanjian, Nubaravacharyan, DeMonte, Arslanian, Gardner

Motion passes by Majority Vote.

Khanjian: Explaining that GGPNC funds are frozen at DONE due to failure to submit Quarterly Reports since August 2009 and because there has been no accounting on petty cash or the bank account.. In order to receive \$45k for 2010-2011 fiscal year, new budget template must also be submitted. No board action required on either matter. Now that we've provided that information they may give us a credit card. Not sure how long that will take.

Returning to Agenda item 5: LA Animal Services RACO proposal (see Agenda Item 5).

TABLED MOTION TO FUND RACO:

Masi: Objects for purposes of further discussion:

Ostrow: Clarifying that this would be a 200 line item expense and there is no line item allocated for this.

Arslanian: We had a procedure that motions for funding. This wasn't vetted in committee.

Ostrow: Explaining that this motion comes from the previous month's meeting and that the item was agendized properly.

Hyams: Arguing that item has not been agendized properly. The council has previously agreed that all motions requesting funding will include that language on the agenda including the amount and that they will come through committee.

Mauceri: Explaining that this is one of many gray areas in the rules. The Animal Welfare Committee has been inactive and disbanded – in the past this would have come through that committee.

MOTION:

Mauceri: Moves to continue to TABLE MOTION UNTIL BUDGET FINALIZED. Hyams Seconds.

Kornberg Objects: Requiring that someone volunteer to take responsibility for this item in the absence of an active Animal Welfare Committee.

Wilson: Opining that the procedure and agendizing while incorrect was an honest mistake.

Hyams: Opining that no rule precludes us from funding this despite improper agendizement.

Vote to TABLE:

In favor: unanimous

c. Outreach

MOTION:

Nubaravacharyan: Moves to set the deadline for candidates to submit interest in the vacated Religious Community Representative Seat by September 16th. Hyams seconds.

DeMonte Objects for Purposes of Discussion:

DeMonte: Inquiring whether there will be an application form available.

Gardner: Asking who can vote on this appointment?

Ostrow: Clarifying that all board vacancies are voted on by all board members.

No further objection. Motion passes by Consensus.

Gardner: Point of information whether the June 15 vote to change the bylaws concerning the appointment process remains open to reconsideration until the appointments take place in May?

Ostrow: Clarifying the procedure for a motion to reconsider. Motion to reconsider would need to be raised immediately following motion or in the subsequent meeting. Reconsideration of a bylaw change requires a supermajority. Only those who participated in vote in the affirmative can make a motion for reconsideration.

8. Committee Reports

a. Public Safety Update

Andrea Iaderosa: Reviewing months' activity including: attended the CRT meeting on June 17th representing the GGPNC that was held at Battalion 5, Fire Station 27. CRT is different from CERT - it is the Community Response Team, and spoke with them about helping to get the word out about their program. Attended the Activist Workshop this past Saturday that was sponsored by CALPIRG and the Public Interest Network, representing the Public Safety committee. Networked with other area activists and focused on training in volunteer recruitment, coalition outreach, and planning a news conference. Attended services at the Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church and met with Senior Pastor Rev. Rachel as well as congregants regarding public safety. Able to secure a meeting location for our public safety meetings. Sent out e-mail introducing myself as well as forwarding crime notices from the LAPD affecting our area to everyone on the e-mail lists given to me by Dan Sandman. Attending religious services in the area every weekend all over our area to introduce myself to congregants. Speaking at services in the future regarding public safety, CERT, neighborhood watches, and getting involved with the GGPNC. Corresponding with the Silver Lake public safety group, and will be outreaching to the public safety committees of the other neighborhood councils as well.

b. Planning, Zoning, Historic Preservation

i. MOTION re: Thai Patio, Case No. ZA 2009-3236-CUB (Agenda Supplement II)

MOTION:

Masi: Moves that 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, which reads:

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

Ron: Clarifying the request is for live music to be performed on the premises.

DeMonte seconds.

Mauceri: Clarifying that applicant is not present, but agreed to this recommendation in committee.

No Objection. Motion approved by Consensus.

ii. MOTION re: Speranza, Case No. ZA 2010-3979-CUB-ZV (Agenda Supplement III)

MOTION:

Masi: Moves that 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, which reads:

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

Khanjian seconds.

Mauceri: Clarifying that applicants are in attendance and agree to these recommendations.

Approved by consensus.

- 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)

MOTION:

Masi: Moves to adopt letter to Mayor, reading proposal into record, explaining purpose. DeMonte Seconds.

Public Comment:

Richard Spicer: Motion speaks for itself. You have all necessary information to support it.

Gardner: Concerned that this is an inappropriate political statement to the Mayor.

Richard Spicer: Explaining that this committee and board work with this department and the skills of the director are relevant.

DeMonte: Expressing support for the timing of this letter because it will be beneficial to try to influence the next director.

Wilson: Clarifying that the outgoing Director resigned on June 30th and that this is the council's first opportunity to express a position in this matter.

No Objection. Motion passes by Consensus.

c. Rule & Elections

- i. MOTION: Adopt standing rule for all GGPNC Committees to adopt Code of Civility. (Agenda Supplement IV)

MOTION:

Hyams: Moves to adopt Code of Civility, which reads as follows:

Collectively and individually, the members of the Governing Board 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."

Arlanian seconds.

DeMonte: Inquiring about previous Code of Civility proposed to the Board.

Ostrow: Clarifying that a previous code was proposed but never adopted.

No objection. Motion approved by Consensus.

- 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.

MOTION:

Hyams: Moves to require 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. Mauceri seconds.

Discussion:

Hyams: Providing background on the issue of using city email.

Wilson: Concerned there will be grey areas about what does and does not qualify as related matters but supporting the motion in substance.

Gardner: Complaining that he hasn't gotten his email since it was switched to a ggpnc account and concerned about who can see emails.

Hyams: Clarifying that the email administrator sets an initial password, which can be changed at any time by the user.

Ostrow: Clarifying that under public records requirements the council has an obligation to make email available upon request. This motion brings us closer to compliance.

Wilson Objects: Expressing concern about timing of email switch – wondering if it should follow the switch to archiving as opposed to preceding it. Supports motion generally, but at this time is unclear about access and archiving.

Mauceri: Explaining that the purpose is to set us all on a standard that's professional and transparent. We're getting caught up in technical problems.

DeMonte: Expressing concern this violates her privacy.

Masi: This is a simple motion. If you have technical questions then that's a separate issue to take up with the administrator.

Ostrow: Motion implicates all GGPNC communications – both those you receive and those you send.
Addressing privacy concerns: I'd rather they turn over my ggpnc email than my personal email in a public request.

Kornberg: Clarifying that as the email administrator she has the authority and access to reset passwords but not to read emails and that once a user changes his/her password she loses any access.

VOTE:

Abstention: Ostrow

In favor: Kornberg, Khanjian, Masi, Mauceri, DeOcampo, Campbell, Nubaravacharyan, Hyams, Vukovic

Opposed: Wilson, Gardner, Arslanian, DeMonte

Motion passes by majority vote.

- iii. MOTION: Adopt standing rule: that the three posting locations for GGPNC agenda 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.

MOTION:

Hyams: Moves that the three posting locations for GGPNC agenda 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. Khanjian seconds.

Hyams: Explaining that the motion was prompted by problems posting at post office. This motion requires that we post where we are guaranteed that we can.

Arslanian: Library always closed.

Gardner: City Council only posts at City Hall. But to make the change to our bylaws is difficult.

Hyams: Clarifying that there is no provision in our bylaws requiring specific posting just compliance with the Brown Act.

Mauceri: There's a passing reference in the bylaws in the section on impeaching a board member to our five posting places, but those locations are never spelled out and we're not required to post in five places.

Public Comment:

John John: Reporting that this week BONC recommended an increased number of posting places.

Chris Kaufman, Outreach for Hollywood Hills Neighborhood Council. Are you discussing the requirement because it's too much work?

Hyams: BONC hasn't told us anything, their recommendations are not requirements.

Masi: Expressing support because public places are unprotected. They can be torn down, blown away, etc. This guarantees accuracy.

Gardner: Inquiring whether BONC required this at certification.

Mauceri: Clarifying that there is no BONC rule – it was a condition of certification.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Masi: Motion to Amend to add “four other locations that are reasonably accessible and appropriate.” No second. Motion to Amend fails.

Wilson: Expressing concern that this board will be perceived as making less notice to the public.

VOTE:

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

Opposed: Gardner

Motion passes by Majority Vote.

d. City Services

MOTION:

Mauceri: Moves to approve council commentary added to City Council File: No. 05-1853, regarding property owners' responsibility for sidewalk repairs. Reads text into the record:

The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council opposes the above referenced motion(s) before the City Council as they are presently contemplated.

Requiring property owners to absorb the cost of repairing damaged sidewalks caused by forces generally beyond their control, primarily tree roots, should fall to the City.

While we are cognizant of the fiscal crisis Los Angeles currently faces, spreading these costs to our stakeholders who are already burdened with unusually high taxes is not the solution to ameliorating a long-standing and complex financial infrastructure problem. It's simply a way of offsetting a small portion of our overall costs by passing them off to taxpayers.

If the city council is of the mind that “desperate time [sic] demand desperate measures,” then we ask the following points be given due consideration and incorporated into any decision binding on our stakeholders:

1. We believe there is not a one size fits all approach to this problem. Therefore, an appeal process should be put in place to determine if there are extenuating circumstances regarding the nature of the repair. For example, a tree root from an adjacent property actually damages the sidewalk in front of yours. Who is actually responsible? Who decides?

2. Clear, measured, standards for urgency of repair where safety is a concern, and an appropriate timetable be established to give property owners adequate notice to resource and plan for repairs.

3. Clear standards for quality of workmanship regarding repairs should be continued, and easy-to-follow checklists and procedural assistance should be provided so the average property owner can facilitate[sic]

4. A simplified, fast-track, no-cost permit application process should be instituted for property owners to ease the burden of the repair cost and process.

5. If the city council places the burden of repair on private citizens and entities, those citizens should have the right to select licensed contractors of their choice at competitive market rates.

6. Walking routes to and from schools should be given priority for any general repair work currently budgeted and funded directly by the city.

Mauceri (cont'd): Explaining that this issue started in 2005, and that this position is based on research with Ricardo Gomez and Richard Spicer. Only one other council is on record speaking on this issue. This vote will come up, we don't know when. LA is trying to transfer costs of sidewalk repair to residents.

Hyams seconds.

Wilson Objects:

DeMonte: CIS can only be 100 words.

Wilson: Clarifying that phrase in quotations is not a direct quote, but a euphemism. Suggesting that zoning committee look at this.

DeMonte: Recalling that the Department of Transportation talked about this and said they would go to Transportation Committees.

Wilson: Arguing that there is no urgency to pass this, because it is not currently scheduled for a vote in the City Council, and that in the meantime it should come through committee – either Transportation or Planning.

Gardner: Expressing support for position taken in proposal.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Wilson: Moves that this document be passed along to PZHPC for additional review. Kornberg seconds.

No Objection. Motion to Refer to Committee passed by Consensus.

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.

MOTION:

Kornberg: Moves that council adopt letter to LaBonge, explaining stakeholder complaint after recent L.A. Coliseum event.

Mauceri: Reading text of the letter as follows:

Dear Council Member LaBonge:

As you're aware, the effect of outdoor concerts in and around the L.A. Coliseum have a detrimental impact on the residents of Franklin Hills and the Los Feliz Hills areas. It was reported the LAPD received over 500 noise complaints related to the recent "Electric Daisy Carnival."

While we're not experts on audiology or the atmospheric science explaining why a venue nearly eight miles away produces thunderous noise here, we do know the noise is palpable. Especially after the most recent event where low frequency bass associated with ambient music favored at 'raves' sounded like it was coming from around the block (regardless of where residents may have been disturbed).

Last year, when a similar problem occurred, we were assured mechanisms were put in place to abate this disturbance affecting our area. Therefore, we are left to believe either the guidelines for the latest event were not adhered to, or there are other atmospheric conditions, which have not been adequately evaluated to abate the noise.

As you're also aware, the Noise Enforcement Team (NET) is an LAPD unit trained to aggressively enforce the Los Angeles noise ordinances. Their specialized equipment can determine whether these events violate the L.A. Municipal Code. Without this monitoring, proving any violation has actually occurred is difficult. The GGPNC recommends the Coliseum Commission be required to compel event promoters to cover the cost of the NET monitoring of any future events at either the L.A. Coliseum or the Sports Arena.

We urge you use your office to insist this problem be adequately studied, so the imposing noise levels can be abated, or to support a moratorium on these events until the problem is solved. This includes imposing significant penalties on event promoters who fail to comply with established guidelines. The "Love Festival" is scheduled for August

21th 2010 and is being promoted to operate between the hours of 4 PM and 4 AM. We trust, going forward, any disruption of a resident's reasonable expectation of peace and quiet can be avoided, especially until 4:00 AM.

All best and thank you. Sincerely, Ron Ostrow

By Jessica Kornberg & Mark F. Mauceri, District E Representatives

No objection. Motion passed by Consensus.

10. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Addendum V)

Campbell leaves. Kornberg moves to approve minutes. Rosemary seconds. No Objection. Motion passed by consensus.

11. Adjourn

10:23 pm.