



GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

CERTIFIED COUNCIL #36

MINUTES

PRESIDENT
 Ron Ostrow

VICE PRESIDENTS
 Tor Hyams - Administration
 Luisa Nubaravacharyan - Outreach

TREASURER
 Christina Khanjian

SECRETARY
 Jessica Kornberg

August 17, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.
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1. Call to Order. Quorum Check.

Present: Nubaravacharyan, Ostrow, Kornberg
 6:05pm

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

John F. John: Complaining that financial reports are not on the website.

Kornberg: Correcting John, financial reports are up with the minutes on the GB page. EC minutes makes passing reference to 6 motions in June, doesn't list them in full. Additional link will be added.

John: Budget numbers change each month.

Ostrow: DONE has given us information we did not have from David Uebersax. That new information has been reflected each month.

3. Timeline for PROS Chair & Religious Community Representative Appointments. Discussion and Action as Appropriate

Ostrow: Explaining that PROS interim chairs have requested an opportunity to give input in chair selection. Outreach Committee's suggested process makes sense: a single, publicly noticed, open meeting of the Executive Committee, followed by a second meeting after a period of time that allows the PROS committee to make a recommendation.

Schedule set for PROS Chair selection:

Deadline 9/24 for submissions

Special Meeting of the Executive and Outreach Committees: October 5th at 7:30 pm at the Ranger House.

October 19th Executive Committee Meeting (Selection will occur on this day)

Nubaravacharyan: Reporting that she has spoken to Allison about putting this info in the ledger and collected information on contacting local organizations.

Ostrow: Suggesting Outreach also talk to Canyon News.

Schedule for Religious Community Seat:

9/24 deadline for applications.

October 19th GB meeting will hear presentations and make a selection.

Kornberg: Clarifying all submissions should be made to GGPNC email address.

4. Discussion of Previously Unapproved Minutes from May, June, Sept and Aug. 2009

Ostrow: Four months of minutes from the Governing Board that have not been approved. Previous President decided original minutes would be rewritten. Ron objected at the time. Objection was not sustained. Now representing these four months' minutes over the next few months.

5. Approval of July 20th Meeting Minutes (Supplement 1)

Ostrow: Correction on pg 2. of name spelling

Kornberg moves. Nubaravacharyan seconds.

Consensus

6. Other Comments and Announcements

Ostrow: Reporting on meeting with PROS and LaBonge and visit to storage unit. We don't need the space there. But there are large items we need to relocate somewhere.

Kornberg: Reporting custody of key to space in Citibank Building has been transferred from LFIA to GGPNC.

John: Written report for preferential parking presented at Transportation mtg. Question as to whether stakeholder report should be presented in conjunction.

7. Adjourn

6:33pm

Supplement 1: July 20th Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order. Quorum Check.

6:03 pm

Ostrow, Hyams, Nubaravacharyan, Kornberg present
Khanjian Late (6:09pm).

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Barbara Ferris: Requesting that drafts of letters to be adopted by President disclose their original author.

3. President

- a. Meeting Rooms

Ostrow: Explaining that Budget & Finance Committee is suggesting that committees try to locate free meeting spaces in light of our budget shortfall. Phone calls to possible locations being made now. Efforts to locate free meeting locations will be coordinated through the council President. No policy has been changed. Our pre-existing policy is to pay. But we want to clarify this a recommend cost-free alternatives.

Hyams: Agreeing that all committees should try to have meetings in free spaces. But clarifying that these efforts shouldn't impede the functioning of our board and committees.

Ostrow: We need a schedule from committee chairs of when they meet, how often, and for how long and then find appropriate spaces.

- b. PROS Chair Vacancy

MOTION

Ostrow: Moves to name Gerry Hans and Laura Howe as interim co-chairs of the PROS Committee. Nubaravacharyan seconds. Hyams opposes.

Ostrow: Explaining that this committee is well established. No one else has stepped up to take the position.

Hyams: Objecting that the appointment of interim chairs is not in keeping with the standard procedure, which is to do outreach, have interested persons come to executive meeting.

Kornberg: Clarifying that outreach effort has already been made and that someone has submitted their interest in the position.

Ostrow: Confirming an interested stakeholder has inquired about he position and explaining that the executive committee cannot make them a chair before the next PROS meeting. Arguing that there is a precedent for appointing interim chairs, but no formal procedure. Arguing that PROS is an active and vital committee, because they meet ten times a year and there's work for them to do – especially the bicycle plan right now. Arguing that it is neither necessary nor desirable to stop having meetings. Committees have met without their chairs, and at the last meeting they formed a search committee to find someone to fill the chair. The person who expressed interested showed up at the meeting so they are engaged in the process as are committee members.

Hyams: Expressing concern about an unsanctioned meeting of an ad hoc committee and emphasizing that our bylaws (Article IX) don't prevent the committee from meeting without interim chairs. Further arguing that past precedent is not binding or even persuasive given the tainted history of previous appointment processes. Arguing that if a policy of appointing interim chairs is to be adopted it should first be vetted through the Rules & Elections Committee.

Khanjian: Expressing concern that whoever is appointed helps with funding issues. The two interim nominees have been contacted and if they were interested they would have responded.

Public Comment:

Barbara Ferris: Opining that this motion sends a good signal to send to the committee. Recommending conditioning interim chair on rebuilding contacts

VOTE on MOTION TO APPOINT INTERIM CO-CHAIRS

In Favor: Khanjian, Nabaravacharyan, Kornberg

Opposed: Hyams

Motion passes by majority vote.

MOTION:

Ostro: Moves that the Executive Committee adopt the PROS Ad Hoc Committee's proposed timeline for vetting committee chair candidates. Window for applications through August 6th. September 13th PROS meeting will present candidates and make recommendations.

Hyams Objects: Arguing that no committee should have this power to choose their own chair.

Kornberg: Voicing opinion that there is a precedent for having people outside the Exec. Committee recommend candidates.

Ostrow: Clarifying that Ad Hoc Committee does not preclude the Executive Committee from hearing from everyone who expresses an interest.

Public Comment:

Barbara Ferris: Advising that the appointment of a new PROS chair can't be a private process – it has to be public. Ad hoc committees are special entities with special privileges.

Motion dies. No second.

MOTION

Ostrow: Moves to proposed accept timeline for seating chair but not proposed procedure and instead of vetting candidates through ad hoc committee, go through special executive committee meeting with representatives from PROS.

AMENDED MOTION

Khanjian: Moves to amend Motion to send issue to Outreach to set timeline. Kornberg Seconds.

Consensus on amending motion. Consensus on amended motion.

Amended Motion to refer question of procedure and timeline for PROS Chair Appointment to Outreach Committee passes by consensus.

4. VP Administration
 - a. Animal Welfare Committee Status

MOTION

Hyams: Moves to disband Animal Welfare Committee due to lack of participation and activity.

Nubaravacharyan seconds.

Ostrow: Questioning whether there is some requirement to maintain an Animal Welfare Committee under City Charter or Department guidelines.

Hyams: Explaining that this question has been raised with the city attorney and that no response has been given.

Motion to disband Animal Welfare Committee approved by consensus.

5. VP Outreach
 - a. Vacant Religious Community Seat

Nubaravacharyan: Reporting that Outreach will publicize on the GGPNC website, in free coverage in the Los Feliz Ledger both online and in print, and post notices in local establishments. Deadline to express interest: September 16th.

6. Treasurer
 - a. Reallocation of Rollover Funds

Khanjian: Providing a basic update from Budget and Finance, including explaining that GGPNC funds were frozen because quarterly reports weren't filed and that DONE has just published their 2010-2011 Budget Template.

Ostrow: Explaining that in order to use the duplicated 2009-2010 PROS Newsletter funds in the rollover accounting the board must vote to reallocate those funds towards other liabilities.

7. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Public Comment

John F. John: Identifying failure to include budget materials in previous minutes.

MOTION

Kornberg: Moves to Adopt June 15, 2010 draft minutes with corrections as noted. Nubaravacharyan seconds.

Passed by consensus.

8. Adjourn

7:06pm