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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 21, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Los Feliz Community Police Center
1965 n. Hillhurst Ave. (2nd floor of Citibank)
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1. Call to Order. Quorum Check.

7:10pm

Excused: Napier, Mims, DeOcampo

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

2. Reports from Public Officials

City Attorney, Bill Larson:

- Delivering an update on the abatement of the Bates Motel. The order in place for abatement has been appealed. Trial date pushed back to February 3, 2011.
- Previous owner now serving as a consultant. Current owners are out-of-state investors, but connected to the previous owner such that it is the view of the City Attorney that ownership is essentially unchanged.
- Problems with transients and unlawful activity continue.
- Explaining that if the abatement is upheld on appeal the cost of demolition plus an additional 40% to cover costs will be attached to the property in liens.

Gardner: Remembering that the last update ownership had transferred quietly.

Wilson: Inquiring whether Silverman Associates is the owner.

O'Grady: Inquiring as to how the City's costs are attached as a lien on the property

Joseph Orlanes, SLO Griffith Park OPS:

- Relaying contact information: Joseph Orlanes, SLO for Griffith Park OPS: joseph.ornanes@lacity.org. 213-305-9234.
- Explaining that he is a local resident. Graduated Marshall 1994. Working for the city since 1996. Began serving as a Park Ranger in 1999. Working with the General Services division since 2006.
- Explaining that he coordinates with LAPD SLOs in the Greater Griffith Park area, with community groups (with UCLA volunteers today). Responsible for policing LA City Parks, libraries, and city facilities. Work on quality of life issues. GS officers like Orlanes aren't armed and so turn to LAPD for some issues.

- Explaining that after an attempted rape in the Fern Dell area a patrol unit has been assigned to the area.
- Explaining how officers respond to homeless and transient population in the park.
- Requesting that members of the community call him whenever they see any thing that requires attention.
- Sharing that in July CHP, CalTrans, Recreation & Parks put a bike detail on the river. Cleaned from Fletcher to Victory Bridge. 14 illegal encampments were removed and a wanted felon was arrested. CHP and CalTrans control much of the access to the river, so it's a collective process. Trimming on Caltrans is a massive job. But this is a goal. This bike path is isolated and dangerous and a high priority.

Mauceri: Clarifying relationship to LAPD SLOs.

Kornberg: Inquiring about recent safety concerns in the Fern Dell area.

Ostrow: Expanding on Kornberg's question. The concern here pre-dates the most recent incident.

Sharing anecdote of seeing transient individuals in this area, which supports the complaints of trespassing.

Malhi: Inquiring about happens when a call comes in about a homeless encampment.

Hyams: Clarifying that if someone is encamped and cited, they are then required to leave the park area.

Gardner: Requesting attention to footbridge over L.A. River by the senior center. Foliage invites illegal behavior. Advice on how to address this would be helpful.

Mary Rodriguez, Councilman LaBonge, CD4:

- Reporting on project with 650 UCLA volunteers who cleaned up the park. 100 worked at Commonwealth nursery weeding and spreading mulch. The nursery needs more help. Meanwhile volunteers from Immaculate Heart cleaned up in Fern Dell.
- Reporting on Park Tour with Community Leaders including back end of the park on Vista del Val. Looked at Toyon landfill and met with head of sanitation as a result.
- Reporting attempted rape in the park about a week ago. The victim was running in Fern Dell trail around 6pm. She was pulled into bushes by two men. She escaped and called 911. One suspect in custody and being deported.
- Reporting an armed battery near Marshall on Labor Day at 1am. The victim remains in critical condition. A similar attack occurred in Echo Park the same night.
- Neighborhood Watch meeting 9/25 10am -12pm. Oral Arts Room in the Science Building at Marshall.
- Reporting ongoing Sewer Projects. Streets being torn up for projects for gas, sewers, Department of Building and Safety, and Department of Water and Power. If a concrete street trench is filled asphalt, it is only temporary and will be filled with concrete at a later date.
- Reporting on complaints regarding street sweeping not happening consistently. Friday's are particularly difficult because of furloughs. Trying for every other week.
- Announcing Northeast LAPD open house on October 30th. Need representation from this side of the river. Councilman will have a booth. Andrea Iaderosa has been invited to join them.

- Reporting on the ongoing issue of used cars on Los Feliz Blvd. There is no law against this. Working with the county to gather necessary data to enact a new law. Reached out to Assemblyman Gatto for state assistance as well.

Hyams: Opining that the people in question are business owners not individual car owners and that there might be a way to target those businesses.

Kornberg: Asking about DMV pressure or other possible efforts.

DeMonte: Asking if residents might make citizens arrests.

Gardner: Explaining the logistics and economics behind this issue.

Mauceri: Clarifying that permit parking is not one of the solutions being discussed.

Khanjian: Sharing that her parents live in the Los Feliz Towers along with many other elderly residents.

This is a constant issue and conflicts between residents and car parking attendants have escalated.

Wilson: Suggesting local press can do a story on the individuals who are perpetrating this.

3. Executive Committee Reports

a. President's Comments

Ostrow:

- Sharing visit with LaBonge through the park, attendance at NC workshop with Kerkorian.
- Announcing a second workshop next month.
- Announcing Budget Workshop coming up on October 16th – looking for representatives from the GGPNC to attend.
- Announcing that next week there will be a meeting with the new planning department head.
- Storage facility cleaned out.
- Correcting Budget line item. \$7,070.00 for unallocated community improvements. All Board Members instructed to make the correction before the presentation of the Treasurer's Report.

- b. Treasurer's Report: Presentation of the Finalized Budget and Discussion and Action as appropriate regarding recommitment, cancellation, or reallocation of the 2008 board allocation of \$10,800.00 for Fire Recovery Signage.

Khanjian:

- Presenting Assets and Liabilities balance sheet and the placeholder budget numbers discussed at previous meetings. Providing updates on open liabilities.
- Explaining budget shortfall.
- Presenting two possible options: Budget 1 closes budget gap by making additional cuts to committee budget allocations. Budget 2 closes budget gap by canceling Fire Recovery Sign Project and reallocating funds.
- Explaining that DONE has been unequivocal in their requirements for payment on liabilities from previous years. These projects must have been started and receipts or invoices generated in the previous fiscal year in order to qualify. In this case, no work has been performed and no receipts or invoices have been generated.

- Expressing the opinion that if the Fire Recovery Sign Project is not cancelled it will not be paid for out of rollover funds from the city and the money will essentially be lost to the Council.

Question Period:

Gardner: Confirming that Vicky Israel indicated Parks & Recreation no longer plans to utilize these funds.

Ostrow: Explaining that no city agency, including Parks & Recreation and the Print Shop has any record of this project. Because no work has been commenced with any of the relevant parties this is not a viable project under the terms DONE has set forth.

Wilson: Confirming that the PROS Committee chair been consulted.

Ostrow: Explaining that the previous chair Bernadette Soter and the current interim chairs Laura Howe and Gerry Hans were notified of this item's placement on the agenda and Gerry Hans was consulted.

Gerry Hans has explained that the original intent of the signage was to address needs created by fire in 2007. Gerry Hans confirmed that this signage project is no longer necessary. In addition, \$80k from Haunted Hayride might be directed towards signage. Gerry Hans indicated that \$80k was more than adequate to address the remaining signage issues of which PROS is aware. PROS committee also feels less signage may be desirable in some areas of the park where trails tread through delicate environments.

Wilson: Asking for clarification of the source of committee allocations in the proposed budget. PZHPC has \$2500. Culture & Events has \$9,000.

Ostrow: Explaining that a call was put out to committees for budgets and the Budget & Finance Committee adopted all submissions.

POINT OF INFORMATION:

Hyams: More money was requested for Rules & Elections than is reflected here.

Ostrow: Point is well taken. This requires further discussion. In order for 2nd budget to be approved we first need to cancel fire recovery signage. Recommending we move on Budget 2 first.

MOTION:

Kahnjian moves to adopt Budget 2 with the cancellation and reallocation of the Fire Recovery Sign project funds. Kornberg seconds.

Discussion Period:

Gardner: Recollecting that in the PROS Committee requested these funds as part of a matching program with Parks & Recreation that Mike Schull had proposed. That department was in charge of this project. Expressing support for this and suggesting that throughout the year additional reallocations will be reasonable depending on what needs and projects present themselves.

Wilson: Remembering that he voted for signage project. Commending Khanjian for her work. Supporting this budget.

Hyams: Also supporting this motion. Reiterating that Rules & Elections Committee request not fully reflected. Supporting this budget because there's an extra fund here that could possibly remedy that omission.

Ostrow: Clarifying that future funding requests should be accompanied by an explanation of the line item in the budget from which they would be drawn and a future request of the Rules & Elections committee would identify the unallocated funds as its line item.

Hyams: Noting that unencumbered funds are subject to greater scrutiny.

Khanjian: Confirming that Rules & Elections submitted a budget for \$3,400, which was mistakenly reduced in the composition of Budget 2.

Wilson: Suggesting a Motion to Amend to include \$2,400 for Rules & Elections and take those funds from the \$7,070.00 unallocated line item.

Mauceri: Agreeing that the council needs a budget to move forward. But expressing concern that when money is in a line item it's seen as if it is set in stone. Expressing support for an amendment that indicated in 2010-2011 are subject to board approval.

Malhi: Agreeing with Mauceri, that this lacks flexibility. Education and Culture & Events are asking for a significant portion of the budget, our priorities may change for unforeseen reasons and we will need greater flexibility.

O'Grady: Agreeing that fluidity is required.

Gardner: Countering that the money has to be categorized somehow. Arguing that it is the standard that this council must approve specific expenditures. Noting that nothing in this budget prevents reallocation for future projects. Also clarifying that the council no longer maintains a checking account.

Khanjian: Confirming that the council's Citibank account was closed in April, but that the council maintains access to a city-funded debit card, which is limited to specific expenses.

Wilson: Agreeing with Gardner that the council has to categorize, but the default is that these categories are flexible.

Nyla: Agreeing that this is a good organizational practice to plan ahead and prioritize neighborhood needs.

Kornberg: Disagreeing that these budget items are entirely fluid and subject to reallocation. Citing the education budget as an example of a line item that must be set, because at a previous meeting the council voted to expend one quarter of the education budget on a King Middle School project. Citing the mass email line item as another example, because it would be inefficient to come to the council each month for this expense and to invest the time required to build the mass email newsletter template only to have the council rescind the funding a few months later.

Mauceri: Acknowledging that the budget process is still not clear. Agreeing with Kornberg that some funds have been allocated.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Mauceri moves that the Amounts in Budget 2 be subject to board approval at the time specific requests are made for expenditures. Malhi seconds.

Questions/Discussion:

Ostrow: Clarifying that the bylaws indicate the Budget & Finance Committee designs the budget and the board approves the budget. In addition there is a set of standing rules floating around that indicate some items don't require board approval. Sharing his view that everything is subject to change until it's committed and recommending amendment for possible missing line item for Rules & Elections.

Hyams: Opining that this amendment deals with the fluidity of these numbers and that if everyone in the room agrees that everything requires approval then each committee should just get an equal amount in this budget subject to adjustment. Additionally opining that not every dollar amount needs to be voted on by the board – operations expenses are routinely spent without approval.

O'Grady: Supporting the amendment as the measure required to move forward in this meeting and acknowledging that next month the Budget & Finance Committee will then be required to come back with the items delineated for pre-approval and items reserved for board approval.

Mauceri: Explaining concern that without this amendment when the council approves the budget, it approves these expenditures.

Wilson: Disagreeing with Hyams that an equal split makes sense. Arguing that it is reasonable for the board to make intelligent projections.

Gardner: Suggesting that standing rules should be in place to pre-approve standard operational items up to a certain amount.

Hyams: Objecting that the money Rules & Elections requested needs to be reallocated.

Masi: Suggesting that if he was faced with the situation Hyams describes and the budget wasn't correct he would vote for this and come back to Budget & Finance with the correction next month.

Ostrow: requesting clarification on amendment

President calls for consensus on the Amendment:

Wilson Objects

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND:

In Favor: Kornberg, Masi, Vukovic, Mauceri, Malhi, O'Grady, Campbell, Nubaravacharyan

Opposed: Hyams, Khanjian, Wilson, Gardner, Arslanian, DeMonte

Motion to Amend passes by majority vote.

2ND MOTION TO AMEND:

Kornberg moves to increase budget for R&E to \$3400. Wilson seconds. No objection. 2nd Motion to Amend adopted by Consensus.

President Calls for Consensus on 2nd Amended Motion:

Gardner: Objecting that the budget is not balanced until the unallocated community improvement line item is included in the budget by motion.

Ostrow: Ruling from the chair that no motion is required because the line item edit was made by the chair prior to the original motion being made. .

No additional objections. The 2nd Amended Motion Passed by Consensus.

Ostrow rules that council will skip ahead in the agenda to the King Middle School after-school arts program funding proposal in order to accommodate the schedules of members of the public in attendance. Remaining Executive Committee Reports to be delivered following conclusion of that item.

4. MOTION: To Allocate \$1,500 towards the “Theatre Arts” by Aimee Art Productions at the LACER/ENRICH KING after-school enrichment program at Thomas Starr King Middle School.

Point of Order:

DeMonte: Raising issue of a possible Brown Act violation due to motion’s six co-sponsors.

Ostrow: Clarifying that these are not co-authors but board members who compelled the item to the agenda in accordance with council rules. These are not people supporting the motion. These are people supporting the agendization of the motion.

O’Grady: Confirming that there was no discussion of the merits of the proposal prior to the meeting.

Kornberg: Confirming that she did not engage in any discussion of the merits of the proposal, only that O’Grady called her to ask if she would support putting a funding proposal on the agenda for an after-school program at King Middle and she agreed to help compel the item to the agenda.

DeMonte: Asking if O’Grady’s children will participate in the proposed program.

O’Grady: Suggesting that he can recuse himself from voting on this issue.

Ostrow: Ruling out of order. This issue is appropriate for discussion, but not a point of information. Further clarifying that the issue of possible conflict presented when neighborhood council members who are parents of children in LAUSD consider items that might benefit their children has been raised in other councils and that the city attorney has been unequivocal in its determination that there is no conflict in that scenario. Finally noting that board members cannot be compelled to recuse themselves from issues before the council.

MOTION:

O’Grady: Moves to grant \$1,500 towards the after school “Theatre Arts” by Aimee Art Productions at the LACER/ENRICH KING after-school enrichment program at Thomas Starr King Middle School. Malhi seconds.

Public Comment:

Erin O’Grady: Supporting program because it engenders teamwork.

Erin Murray: Supporting theater program because it’s fun and educational.

Debbie Simons: Speaking as a member of the education committee. No issue with benefit of the program.

First concern about equitable distribution of funding to 4 schools within district area. Reviewing education committee funding and noting that 1/4 of the education budget has already been allocated towards King.

Expressing opposition because this proposal ignores the intent behind the committee’s plan for GGPNC

support. Suggesting that if there is an additional \$1,500 available it should be divided equitably among the four schools. Concerned that a failure to do so will impact the council's credibility. Finally expressing concern about the timing of the proposal: this program is to start tomorrow.

Justine O'Grady: In support of bringing the arts to King. Elementary school has many more resources than King for these kinds of programs.

Aimee Hopkins, Franklin Elementary teacher: Explaining program development and benefits of these exercises.

Ostrow: 15 speaker cards submitted in support of this proposal from members of the public.

Question and Discussion Period:

O'Grady: Explaining that the money goes directly to the after-school program, not to Friends of King or another organization or individual. Clarifying that LACER and King Middle School are making this request, that he is the President of Friends of King, but not affiliated with LACER. Explaining that the idea for this program was generated by LACER. Friends of King developed the goal of an after-school program, but the school and LACER advised that it should be a performing arts program. Explaining that the details of the program, including the number of students who will be able to participate came from LACER.

Ostrow: Clarifying relationship between O'Grady, Friends of King, King Middle School, LACER, and Aimee Arts.

Vukovic: Clarifying allocation of education committee funds go to one high school, one middle school, and two elementary schools and that therefore the funding for King and Marshall represent larger populations than either middle school.

Arslanian: Expressing confusion about the relationship between this program and LACER. Explaining that she serves on an advisory committee to LACER and therefore may also need to recuse herself.

DeMonte: Clarifying that this funds 25 students and that additional students will be paid for by Friends of King.

Wilson: Clarifying that 1/4 of the education committee budget has already been spent and that this didn't go through the education committee because that committee has not met recently.

Masi: Supporting the division of the education budget and suggesting these funds could come from unallocated funds.

Wilson: Suggesting that the program be replicated at the elementary schools to avoid a perception that King is favored.

DeMonte: Expressing concern that King has gotten more money than the other schools in previous years.

Malhi: Explaining that an effort was made to take this through committee. The chair could not accommodate the schedule of this proposal. Expressing outrage that the council would decline to fund additional programming at King, which needs more help than other schools in our district and that the council would support previous programs like the Independent Shakespeare Company, but not this.

Vukovic: Sharing that he went to three of the four schools in question and is therefore sensitive to the equity issue, but that there isn't a single parent in this neighborhood who doesn't have a discussion about

what to do about the Middle School. It's triage there right now. And if the council needs to allocate extra money to make a difference, it will be worth it.

Gardner: Expressing concern about the rushed nature of this item, about the documentation and allocation requested, and about the appearance of impropriety.

Ostrow: Correcting that the attached materials indicate there is a specific program with a contract in the back.

Khanjian: Clarifying that no other funding items have required benefit letter for passage.

Campbell: Noting that the drama program at King has been completely cut and that holding on to the money for hypothetical programs for the future is less important than supporting a good program that's ready to be implemented now. That was the rationale the council relied upon in supporting Shakespeare in the Park and it is equally applicable in this case.

Mauceri: Explaining that he compelled this item to the agenda because he felt this was quashed by committee leadership without full committee consideration. Expressing support for the general proposition of investing in good public schools. Finding this approach is consistent with previous expenditures.

Suggesting that \$750 could come from Arts & Culture and \$750 should come from education. That still leaves \$2000 for each of the other schools.

Hyams: Suggesting that there are issues in the way this motion is written, which can be fixed by amendment. But the basic point is that it's funding after-school enrichment program not a school and that is stated correctly. Opining that the concept of equality in funding makes sense, but we're here to improve our neighborhood and this would have a great impact.

Arslanian: Expressing support for bringing arts and culture to middle schools, but concerned that LACER should be here asking for the funds.

Khanjian: Sharing that most of the children from her neighborhood don't go to King because it's not as good a school and that bringing a program like this to King could make a huge difference and send an important message about the kind of work the council supports.

Nubaravacharyan: Expressing support for this program.

Wilson: Expressing support for the program.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Wilson moves to fund \$2,000 for each elementary school and \$1,500 for King. Mauceri seconds.

Discussion

Vukovic: Explaining that this is duplicative because Franklin has this program already and doesn't need additional help in this particular area.

O'Grady: Explaining that Friends of Franklin has already raised all the money in-house for after-school programs at Franklin. Franklin will be coming to the council for money for additional technology.

Mauceri: Explaining that had he known there was a program doing this at Franklin he would not have seconded.

Campbell: Echoing Mauceri's view that Franklin doesn't want or need this program.

DeMonte: Concerned about where this money comes from in the budget.

Vukovic: Supporting the spirit of the amendment, and noting that while it may not be needed at Franklin he is unfamiliar with what the need is at Los Feliz.

Gardner: Expressing preference to hear from the schools before the council allocates money.

Ostrow: Opining that it is reasonable to imagine that the other schools will come and ask us for money throughout the year. Expressing concern about asking for this outside committee.

Gardner: Concerned that King Middle School has not sent a representative, only that Mauceri has told the council O'Grady speaks for them.

Point of Information

Mauceri: Clarifying that he made no representations about O'Grady's role in this.

VOTE on AMENDMENT:

Abstention: Malhi, Arslanian, Hyams, Gardner

In favor: Wilson

Opposed: Nubaravacharyan, DeMonte, Campbell, O'Grady, Mauceri, Vukovic, Masi, Khanjian, Kornberg

Amendment fails to pass by majority vote.

Return to Discussion on Original Motion:

O'Grady: Explaining that this is part of a plan for improvement at King that is already underway. King is a public school with 1,400 students. This is a program open to the whole school, not the magnet. Originally he had approached LACER with a gardening programming. LACER said they needed an after-school program. The focus is on getting King up to 900 API. The Education Committee Chair supports that goal. King is on course for change. No violence at King this year. A record number of kids from Franklin and Ivanhoe attending King this year. This school is on its way.

Gardner: Requesting that before a vote is taken the motion be amended to include the allocation of the funds from the budget.

2nd MOTIN TO AMEND:

Malhi: moves to amend the motion to reflect that \$750 will come from the Education Committee Community Improvement line and \$750 will come from the Culture and Events Community Improvement line and the language will be that the Council funds, rather than contributes to this project. Campbell seconds.

DeMonte: Clarifying that the board may take this action without committee approval.

Ostrow: Confirming that the board has ultimate authority over the budget and all expenditures. If this money comes out of education then it may impact the money previously allocated to the garden at King.

Kornberg: Clarifying that the 1/4 allocation is unchanged by this motion.

Masi: Suggesting that his should be sent to the Budget committee.

Arslanian: Noting that after-school programs have traditionally come from Education. Culture & Events doesn't traditionally support this type of program. This will take funding away from community events.

President calls for consensus on the 2nd Amendment. Arslanian objects.

VOTE on 2nd MOTION to AMEND:

Abstain: Khanjian, Wilson, Hyams

In favor: Kornberg, Masi, Vukovic, Mauceri, Malhi, Campbell, Nubaravacharyan, O'Grady

Opposed: Gardner, Arslanian, DeMonte

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

Abstain: O'Grady, Wilson, Arslanian

In Favor: Kornberg, Khanjian, Hyams, Masi, Vukovic, Mauceri, Malhi, Campbell, Nubaravacharyan

Opposed: Gardner, DeMonte

Amended Motion passes by Majority Vote

Board Discussion Returns to Executive Committee Reports

5. Executive Committee Reports Continued

a. VP Administration's Report on Rules & Elections Bylaw Revision Progress

Hyams: Reporting on his experience collecting confirmation of receipts of the proposed bylaw amendments from board members. Reminding council that GGPNC emails need to be working and utilized for council business. Requesting that all council members give the proposed changes a careful read before the October meeting.

b. Secretary's Report on Voicemail Options and Discussion & Action as Appropriate on Free Voicemail Options.

MOTION:

Kornberg moves to change GGPNC voicemail service from MaxEmail, a paid service, to Google Voice, a free service, recognizing that this will mean losing our current number and rendering some GGPNC materials obsolete. Hyams seconds.

Mauceri: Inquiring whether MaxEmail provides a forwarding service.

Kornberg: Clarifying that there is no forwarding available but that the old number will remain in service for one month during the transition.

Khanjian: Reminding council members to change this on committee pages and committee agenda.

No objections.

Motion passed by Consensus.

c. Outreach Update

Nubaravacharyan: Reporting that community blogs have supported outreach efforts to recruit new PROS chair and Religious Representative. Deadline for that seat extended one week to October 1st.

6. Committee Reports

a. Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation Committee: MOTION to Adopt 6 Recommendations in Response to City Planning Commission Signage Approval Authority Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Require that the City Planning Commission review and approve all signage--including signage on land, existing buildings, and proposed on new building--covered by the HSSUD adopted ordinance and in all other signage supplemental use districts (ssuds), including in downtown Los Angeles and ssuds proposed in the future.

Recommendation 2: Limit New Signage in the large HSSUD Primarily to Two "Nodes" in Central Hollywood and current signs in Central Hollywood.

Recommendation 3: Continue to oppose new super graphic and roof top signs, consistent with past GGPNC Board Recommendations.

Recommendation 4: For any new signs--including super graphic, wall, and roof top--require reduction of current signs, such as conventional billboards, as required in the HSSUD ordinance approved by the City Planning Commission in early 2009.

Recommendation 5: Support the HSSUD Ordinance, with amendments, sent by the City Council to the CPC in Mid-July, 2010.

Recommendation 6: In the event an entity erects a different signage than granted a permit, then that permit is considered revoked and the entity and existing signage subject to the cancellation of the permit.

MOTION:

Masi moves to accept all 6 recommendations. Arslanian seconds.

Presentation from Jacqueline Kerr, PZHPC Committee Member: Explaining that this super-graphics issue is already on the agenda for next Tuesday's City Council meeting without going to PLUM and is expected to pass. Now there is an amendment to continue to prohibit super-graphic, eliminating sign reduction program, and continuing digital marquis regulations, while adding a grandfather clause, which will allow developments with entitlements before date certain to retain life of the entitlement.

Question Period:

Kornberg: Clarifying that this motion is obsolete, because it was crafted before this issue was scheduled for a vote by the City Council. It is now too late to send a letter.

DeMonte: Clarifying that it is the recommendation of the committee member that the council draft a CIS for submission to the Council file.

SUBSTITUE MOTION:

Mauceri moves that the Secretary in consultation with members of the PZHPC craft and submit a CIS on this issue that expresses the viewpoint embodied in these 6 recommendations.

No objection. The Substitute Motion passes by Consensus.

b. Green Committee

- i. MOTION: To fund \$2,000 to support the Eastside Eco Tour

MOTION:

Malhi moves to fund \$2,000 to support the Eastside Eco Tour on October 24th. O'Grady seconds.

Malhi: Presenting details of the tour. 500 people attended last year. Anticipating 2,000 this year. Other orgs: Sustainable SilverLake, SilverLake Farms, Farm Feliz. Explaining that the request for funds is for stainless steel water bottles and outreach materials.

Public Comment:

Mark Stoffer: This has a profound community impact. Benefits neighborhood, kids, families, housing prices.

Question Period:

Ostrow: Clarifying that this funding would produce roughly 700 bottles.

Kornberg: Clarifying that this \$2,000 was one of the items included in the committee's submissions for the budget process.

Gardner: Clarifying that this money will be paid directly to the water bottle vendor not to any other organization, including Campbell's organization SustainLA.

Campbell: Confirming that SustainLA is not affiliated with the event.

Discussion Period:

Wilson: Supporting green committee's goals and this project. Noting that even these sustainable bottles still represent new and unnecessary production.

Campbell: Noting that her presentation on best practices will be next motion, but that it's an important education to give people an alternative to bottled water.

Hyams: Supporting the reusable bottle production.

Masi: Suggesting the designers put our website or telephone number or a slogan like "Join a Committee" or "Get Involved" on the bottles

No Objection. Motion passed by Consensus.

Tabling additional Green Committee motions until the October Meeting.

c. Culture & Events Committee

- i. Joint MOTION of the Outreach and Culture & Events Committees: that the GGPNC support the October 5th at 6:30 pm Stakeholders Information Gathering regarding Barnsdall Art Park. Event will be hosted by Barnsdall Art Park Foundation in cooperation with EHNC and the Hollywood Arts Council.

MOTION:

Arslanian: Introducing Motion and context of staff and facilities impact by cuts at Department of Cultural Affairs. Barnsdall impacted and much confusion about the future of the facilities there remains.

Hyams seconds.

Ostrow: Clarifying that the council would be committing to the use of the name of the council on announcements.

Hyams: Recapping the process in Outreach meeting. Describing the motion as a show of collective community support.

Mauceri moves to vote.

President calls for consensus. No objections voiced. The Motion passed by Consensus.

- ii. Discussion and possible action on letter regarding motion to City Council from Arts Parks and Health Committee of RFP Process.

Arslanian: Explaining that the issue is moving very quickly towards the city council. There is a timeline for the RFP to have this wrapped by September 30th. There is a proposal to charge market rate for rent to arts programming. This will limit the ability of non-profits to undertake new programs. One recommendation is that the city allocate funds to support arts organizations using these spaces. An overarching concern is that this process be made transparent. Barnsdall has 4 facilities, but only one entity will get the rights to be there.

Ostrow: Explaining that at the committee meeting it was agreed that the committee chair would draft a letter to be approved and sent by the council. No such letter is forthcoming.

MOTION:

Arslanian moves to authorize letter to the city council supporting the recommendations as set forth by the cultural affairs department and emphasizing the importance of transparency and community input in creating these guidelines. DeMonte seconds.

Ostrow: Reiterating that approval or tacit approval of the letter over email is a violation of our public meeting requirement and rejecting proposals to draft letter for circulation and subsequent approval over email by the board.

Mauceri: Agreeing that the motion entrusts the chair to draft the letter. Noting that this is the second such motion this evening and that agendas needs to be more exact and letters need to be written before the meeting.

Wilson: Countering that this practice is something the council has done in the past.

O'Grady: Arguing that he tabled his letter due to the late hour and now finds other matters that are not ripe for consideration are being discussed.

VOTE:

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

Opposed: Kornberg, O'Grady, Malhi

7. Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 2009 and August 2010

DeMonte: Correction for Sept 2009 – item 3.c. Sarah Napier recused not Rosemary in voting on education.

Gardner: Sept 2009 part II – item 14. Gardner moved that we adopt the code of civility and that was missed by the secretary.

Ostrow: Disputing this account.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves to adopt September 2009 part I and August 2010 and table September 2009 part II until dispute can be resolved. Kornberg seconds.

No Objections. August 2010 and September 2009 part I passed by Consensus.

8. Other Comments and Announcements

Masi: Suggesting the council take a straw poll on gas blower letters so that that issue may be resolved tonight.

Ostrow: Rejecting this proposal to allow time for questions.

Hyams: Requaesting that council members read materials before the next meeting.

Kornberg: Expressing preference to receive minutes corrections in advance of the meeting

Ostrow: Clarifying that no one is precluded from offering corrections in the meetings.

9. Adjourn

11:55pm