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**GOVERNING BOARD  
AGENDA ITEMS**

Tuesday, February 16, 2010  
7:00 pm

Los Feliz Community Police Center  
1965 N. Hillhurst Ave, 2nd Floor (at Citibank)  
Los Angeles, CA 90027

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**1. Call to Order; Quorum Check**

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

**3. Reports: Public Officials and Staff**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**5. Treasurer's Report**

- A. Status update on 2009-2010 budget and expenditures, based on this year's funding.
- B. Discussion of DONE staffing/reorganization and how the neighborhood councils will be impacted by the layoffs.
- C. DWP/ECAF (Energy Cost Adjustment Factor) report on discussion and recommendations to separate renewable energy development costs from fuel-related production.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**6. Executive Committee Report**

Update by Outreach on upcoming March 2010 election.

**7. Education Committee**

- A. Stephanie Vendig will do presentation on senior center and take questions.  
Subcommittee report by Sarah Napier
- B. Report: \$10,000 LA Beautification Grants for the Big Blue M Project award to the GGPNC..

**8. Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation**

- A. 4628 Hollywood Blvd., Covell. Proposed wine and beer bar with 47 seats seeking to remain open to 2 a.m.  
Committee recommends non-opposition subject to conditions.

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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](http://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](mailto:secretary@ggpnc.org) or call: (323) 908-6054.

- B. Affordable Housing Study. Committee recommends Community Impact Statement to support request for study by Planning Department of effects of density bonus grants on affordable housing, particularly the possible reduction of such housing.
- C. City Planning Commission Special Meeting with no or inadequate notice. Committee recommends letter of concern and request for correction.
- D. Statement of Policies and Procedures for Committee.

**9. Parks, River & Open Space**

- A. Approval of concerns about specific CAO proposed budget reductions in the Department of Recreation & Parks budget and new fees impacting Griffith Park and other parks.
- B. Request for financial support towards the Griffith Park Natural History Survey "Rare Plants of Griffith Park Survey." This first comprehensive, scientific report on the rare and endangered plant species of Griffith Park will locate and compile a written report with occurrence maps that will be available to all public and private entities, organizations and individuals with an interest in Griffith Park. Total survey budget: \$10,000. Request for support from GGPNC: \$2000.
- C. Approval of position on recreational aspects of the L.A.-D.O.T. Bicycle Plan which is now in draft form.
- D. Update on the Trust for Public Land initiative to purchase and add to Griffith Park the 138-acre Cahuenga Peak parcel above the Hollywood Sign. The TPL must raise a total of \$12.5 million by April 14, 2010, the date on which the option on the property expires.

**10. Request from Boardmember Ron Ostrow**

Motion: All discretionary funding and expenditures shall be frozen until such time as the Treasurer can provide the board with an accurate and reliable accounting of its finances.

**11. Other Comments and Announcements**

**13. Adjourn**

**Supporting documentation Item 8B.**

**City Council File 09-0966**

**Community Impact Statement from Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council  
February 16, 2010**

Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council supports the request for a study of the Density Bonus Program but requests that the study include: an analysis of: the loss of affordable housing in developments benefiting from density bonuses (a result of the proposed projects in our community is a net loss in affordable units) and the effect on the neighborhoods in which density-bonus projects are built.

## Supporting documentation Item 9B.

### Rare Plants of Griffith Park (proposal) Griffith Park Natural History Survey

Updated: Jan. 2010

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*The Griffith Park Natural History Survey is an effort to document the flora and fauna of America's largest municipal park, which protects more than 4,000 acres of wildlife habitat. Since spring 2007, Cooper Ecological Monitoring, Inc. has worked with the Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks and other organizations to develop baseline inventories and species lists for the park.*

**Project:** Rare Plant Survey of Griffith Park  
**Partners:** Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation and Parks  
**When started:** N/A  
**Duration:** Feb. - July 2010  
**Funding:** \$10,000

Native plants are a key component of any natural community, and form the heart of ecosystem, providing food and shelter for animals, some of which are incredibly specialized and wholly dependent on a single species or restricted ecosystem. The flora of Griffith Park has never been formally described, although D. Cooper (CEM, Inc.) and R. Fisher (City of Los Angeles) have been working on a list of plants, including irregular collecting of specimens, since spring 2007. Currently, 296 species of native plants are known from the park and adjacent Cahuenga Peak by specimen or photograph, with 230 having been verified by recent collections and/or sightings (the remainder are from early collections, and have not been verified by trained botanists).

Ten species known from the park are considered "rare" by the California Native Plant Society, which publishes an annual review of plants felt to be of conservation concern in the state. Of these, seven have been documented as occurring in Griffith Park since 2007, but their populations have yet to be quantified; some of these have been found to be relatively common here, making Griffith Park important for their survival both in the Los Angeles area and in California as a whole.

The seven documented CNPS-rare species are:

- *Berberis nevinnii* Nevin's barberry
- *Juglans californica* Southern California black walnut
- *Phacelia hubbii* Hubby's phacelia
- *Calochortus catalinae* Catalina mariposa-lily
- *Calochortus clavatus* Yellow mariposa-lily
- *Calochortus plummerae* Plummer's mariposa-lily
- *Lilium humboldtii* var. *ocellatum* Humboldt lily

Three CNPS-rare species are known (apparently; yet to be verified) from the park from specimens, and may be extant, but have yet to be systematically searched-for; their discovery would be extremely significant, and could result in the discovery of a heretofore unrecognized area of high conservation concern in the park.

These three "mysteries" are:

- *Calandrinia breweri* Brewer's redmaids
- *Dudleya multicaulis* Many-stemmed dudleya
- *Horkelia cuneata* Wedgeleaf horkelia

We propose a comprehensive rare plant survey of Griffith Park, both to research historical occurrences of the three "mystery" species above, and to perform field surveys in 2010 to more fully describe the range and population size of the seven species known from the park.

Based on our findings, we will produce a **report** (by Oct. 2010) that includes **occurrence maps** of all ten species, which should help in future planning efforts that need to balance recreation and other uses with biodiversity conservation.



Plummer's mariposa-lily  
(D.S. Cooper, May 2008)