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**GREATER GRIFFITH PARK
 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**



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Tuesday, July 21, 2009 7:00 pm

CERTIFIED COUNCIL #36

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

1. Call To Order 7:05 pm

Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) President, Philip Gasteier, called the meeting to order. Quorum declared. Board members present: Gasteier, Carroll, DeMonte, Mauceri, Arslanian, De Ocampo, Hooper, Howe, Hyams, Kerr, Louyse, Ostrow, Soter, Uebersax, Vigderson, Wilson
 Absent: Napier, Owen
 Excused: O'Grady

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Ann Bradley of The Silver Lake DASH Coalition is proposing to expand service from Los Feliz into Silver Lake. The DASH Coalition requested inclusion on the August agenda to present a public/private partnership to formally propose the plan. They request the Board advertise and promote an October meeting bringing the public and officials from the LADOT together; CDs 4 & 13 would be affected.

Stakeholder Joe Cisneros made a formal request to check results of 2008 City Clerk elections and said he found "peculiarities; discrepancies with procedures," which have been brought to the attention of the City Attorney's office..

3. Reports from City Officials and City Staff

Mary Rodriguez, (Field Deputy for CD4) announced the Hoover Walk mural is featured on the cover for the City's grant application packet.

A traffic incident occurred at Hillhurst and Clarissa where an elderly woman was hit. The incident underlines the need for expedited installment of a traffic signal at Finley and Hillhurst, scheduled for October, 2009. LADOT recently finished re-stripping Los Feliz and Griffith Park Boulevards.

A Hoover Walk Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held at stakeholder Joseph Fiorillo's home on Camero and Hoover; film LA will be filming at Welch Street; 'NCIS' will be shooting in Griffith Park.

Soter noted erroneous wording on the landmark signs; they should read "Griffith Park Cultural Heritage Commission" not Heritage Board.

Staff members, Hae Young Kim and Alex Ponder from recently elected Assemblymember Mike Feuer's office came to introduce themselves.

John Hisserich, representative from Assemblymember Paul Krekorian's office, provided an update on bills Krekorian is currently working on. Bill AB-64 Senate Appropriations will require all utilities in California to get a 1/3 of energy resources from renewable power sources by 2030. Bill AB-7 calls for greater disclosure in campaign advertising. Of special interest to neighborhood councils, Bill 767 will allow local officials to regulate speeds on local streets. The bill, currently halted in the Senate with a meeting, is scheduled for August 10, 2009.

Betty Wong-Oyama from DONE/EmpowerLA announced the GGPNC had complied with its inventory requirement. She requested the upcoming fiscal year proposed budget be submitted as soon as possible. Also, the Neighborhood Council's funding program is undergoing an audit by the City's Controller's office. It's possible that excess funds will not roll over into the next the fiscal year. However, no official decision has been made. A sexual harassment video currently available online, must be viewed by all members of the Board with a quiz completion requirement within 60 days. The Mayor's Commerce and Budget day will be on October 10, 2009 at City Hall. Two members may be selected from the Board as designated attendees.

A Regional training session open to all Board members will be held July 23rd. Issues such as public safety, liability issues, gang reduction, dealing with challenging stakeholders or board members and other topics will be held at Aliso Recreation Center. Details to follow. Gasteier requested GGPNC members make an effort to attend.

Ethics training is also available on the DONE website and must be completed by all board members. A certificate of completion is awarded upon completion and is valid for two years.

City employees will begin to take their mandated furloughs on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. An Election Process/Outreach meeting for the 2010 election is scheduled for March 20th.

Requests to use the City Seal must first be approved by DONE. Neighborhood Councils are prohibited from using color versions of the City seal. City issued business cards are exempt because they're processed by the city's print shop.

DONE suggests "Roberts Rules of Order" be replaced with "Rosenberg's Rules of Order." They also suggest a Parliamentarian be appointed to help meetings run more smoothly.

4. Report from Northeast Senior Lead Officer

NONE

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Tomas O'Grady, emailed the Budget Report to be presented by Howe in his absence.

The accounts have been balanced with certain expenses estimated where information was not available. Monies previously allocated were debited and not rolled over to the new budget figures. Election outreach funds have been set at \$11K. Addition figures highlighted included: \$1,500 for the newsletter, and public Education grants at \$9K.

The Treasurer will submit a finalized 2009-10 fiscal budget at the next board meeting.

Ostrow raised questions, citing the figures appeared to be out of balance. Wong-Oyama advised DONE requires an estimated budget, which can be revised and resubmitted once all committees have submitted their final budget requests.

Mauceri opined the budget appeared to not be for approval now, but was created as a first pass to let everyone know where the figures stood. From the report, it appeared many committee funds have yet to be allocated.

Gasteier requested committee chairs post their meeting notices and email their agendas to the entire Board when setting meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Parks, Rivers & Open Space

A. Park Rangers Update. Potential budget-based reductions in force/changes in duties impacting Griffith Park. Tabled until next meeting.

B. New DWP Municipal Park Fees/Usage. Soter moved: Although the GGPNC recognizes that Los Angeles is in a drought and while we support water conservation, we are concerned that restrictions on irrigation mandated in our parks is causing trees, picnic areas and sports fields to die of thirst. We support the City Council motion which calls for a review of the impact of current water restrictions and the potential impact of the water department's advancement into Phase 3.

Louyse seconded.

Approved by consensus.

C. Soter moved that the GGPNC write a letter to the Mayor and City Council Budget and Finance Committee and Council member LaBonge stating the GGPNC's position and asking the LADWP continue to provide water and power to our parks. Mauceri seconded.

Approved by consensus.

D. GGPNC Sponsorship for Griffith Observatory Cosmic Conjunction Concert/Fundraiser Oct. 4, 2009

Soter moved the GGPNC purchase a table at one of the pricing levels on behalf of the GGPNC and then donate the table back to FOTO so volunteers from that organization could take part in the event.

Mauceri seconded.

Approved by consensus.

Mauceri moved to amend the motion to allocate funding at the \$2000 'Planet' donation level.

Approved by consensus. 2 abstentions.

7. Rules & Elections Committee

Proposal for procedure for candidate presentations and selection of Appointed Members in September. Carroll directed the board's attention to a prepared document and reviewed the procedures for presentations and selection of Appointed Members in September 2009. He advised the board to consider agenda items 7a & 7b first and then review the document. Gasteier agreed.

A. Proposal to have candidate presentation meeting start at 1 pm on September 12, 2009.

Hyams moved: In order to allow for adequate examination and to make the most efficient use of both seated GGPNC Board and Appointed Board Member candidate's time, the meeting to consider the candidates shall be scheduled on Saturday September 12th, 2009 at 1:00 pm. Kerr seconded

Adopted by consensus.

B. Proposal to have regularly scheduled September 15th meeting (including Appointed member selection) moved to September 12th, 2009. Hyams moved: In order to save time via a more effective timetable, the regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm be moved to Saturday, September 12th, 2009 at 1:00 pm with the first

order of business after "1. Call To Order" and "2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items," be the candidate interview process, followed immediately by the actual selection of Appointed Board Members, and the last order of business before adjournment being the seating of the newly selected Board Members. Kerr seconded.

Soter moved to amend the motion to include the regular meeting by the Governing Board be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009. Howe seconded.

Gasteier restated the new amended motion: At the special meeting that will be held on Saturday September 12, 2009 at 1:00 pm will be a selection of the candidates following the candidate presentations.

Gasteier read from the bylaws to clarify them for the Board. "The selection, the terms, comments and election of officers must happen at the same meeting." Thus, the regularly scheduled meeting can be moved to Saturday, but the members will need to be selected and seated that same day. The original motion, as stated, would not comply with the bylaws.

Gasteier moved to substitute a newly amended motion: In order to save time via a more effective timetable, the regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm be moved to Saturday, September 12th, 2009 at 1:00 pm with the first order of business after "1. Call To Order" and "2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items," will be the candidate interview process, followed immediately by the selection of Appointed Board Members and the seating of the newly seated selected Board Members.

Mauceri seconded.

No consensus.

Moved to vote: 7 For, 6 Against. 3 Abstentions.

Motion adopted.

Gasteier read a newly amended motion to supersede the previous: "In order to save time via a more effective timetable, the regularly-scheduled Governing Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm be moved to commence on Saturday, September 12th, 2009 at 1:00 pm with the first order of business after "1. Call To Order" and "2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items," to be the candidate interview process, followed immediately by the actual selection of Appointed Board Members, and the seating of newly selected Board members, with the meeting to be continued to Tuesday, September 15th for the election of officers and conduct of other business."

Approved by Consensus.

Carroll moved to approve the procedures for selection of appointed members and change the website language regarding election procedures already posted to "conform where necessary" to the item changes resolved at this meeting.

Wilson seconded.

Approved by consensus.

C. Selection of proposed polling places for 2010 elections; submission of Polling Place Selection Form to City Clerk. Carroll moved: Regarding the election polling locations, Rosemary DeMonte be authorized to submit the city form with five locations for consideration by the City Clerk for voter polling places: Hollywood Lutheran Church, Our Mother of Good Council, Los Feliz Elementary School, King Middle School, Friendship Hall, or the Masonic Temple (if available).

No action taken.

8. Outreach Committee

DeMonte reported that a poster was created to recruit for appointed board member positions. She requested funding approval to have the poster printed and is seeking volunteers to help post them in the community. She is also seeking organizations that she could speak to about the GGPNC and their role in the community. A mailing notification will also be prepared for stakeholder organizations to solicit them to submit prospective candidates. Schools, small business, the Armenian community, the religious community, etc. were mentioned

Mauceri moved to approve up to \$2,500 for expenditures.

DeMonte seconded.

Adopted by consensus.

DeMonte requested all Committee Chairs turn in their articles and letters (200 word minimum) for the newsletter within two weeks. She will follow up with an e-mail reminder.

Adopted by consensus.

9. Executive Committee

Three motions were offered for consideration by Bruce Carroll.

A. Records of the GGPNC and Committees are available to board Members upon reasonable request. Officers, Committee Chairs and Board Members shall attempt to make information available to Board Members, Officers and Board Committees as promptly as is practical.

Any dispute or uncertainty shall be presented to the Executive Committee. Louyse seconded.

Approved by consensus.

B. Carroll moved that the GGPNC letterhead or any written communication incorporating the GGPNC logo or name above the name of the addressee shall be used only for official GGPNC business, including authorized communications in conducting

the business and affairs of the GGPNC and communications of GGPNC positions adopted or approved by the GGPNC Board, but not including communications of positions or expression of views which have not been adopted or approved by the GGPNC Board. Wilson seconded.

Approved by consensus.

Soter moved to amend: the GGPNC letterhead or any written communication incorporating the GGPNC logo or name above the name of the addressee shall be used only for official GGPNC business, including authorized communications in conducting the business and affairs of the GGPNC and communications of GGPNC positions adopted or approved by the GGPNC Board, but does not include communications of positions or expression of views which have not been adopted or approved by the GGPNC Board. Louyse seconded.

Approved by consensus.

Carroll moved: GGPNC correspondence should be copied to the GGPNC email address at *GGPNC@GGPNC.org* so that it can be retrieved if necessary from one central location. This includes emails and electronic copies of meeting notices, agendas, and replies to stakeholder inquiries. GGPNC correspondence to City official or agencies should be also copied to the GGPNC Secretary, posted in a file on the website, and maintained by the Secretary in a file designated as "Official Correspondence." Wilson seconded.

Gasteier proposed a substitute motion to read: GGPNC correspondence limited to communicating approved GGPNC positions to City Officials or agencies should be also copied to the GGPNC Secretary, posted in a file on the website, and maintained by the Secretary in a file designated as "Official Correspondence."

Approved by consensus.

Mauceri moved to add Ron Ostrow to the Ad Hoc Committee. Kerr seconded.

Approved by consensus.

10. Approval of Minutes from May 2009; (June 2009 Held Over for August Meeting)

Gasteier and Mauceri suggested approval of the minutes be tabled.

Approved by consensus.

11. Website Ad Hoc Committee

DeMonte reported committees needed to step up their submissions to the website. Gasteier announced that board members should be on the look-out an email from Bruce Carroll outlining how to work with the website.

12. Other Committee Reports

NONE

13. Comments & Announcements

Gasteier announced the formation of the Northeast Central Alliance (NECA) modeled after the Valley Alliance, an informal alliance of neighborhood councils from the North, East and Central areas of Los Angeles and not subject to formal procedures or the Brown Act. It is a way for committees to participate in an organization with a bit more clout. It does not require approval of the GGPNC Board. A five-member interim Board of various neighborhood board members has been elected. Gasteier described the formations "a very positive development."

Mauceri added a number of NECA participants attended the City Clerk's election day meeting and the idea of pooling election between neighborhood councils in our region (F) with the same election date was discussed. Gasteier pointed out Mauceri's comments were separate from his announcement, but the idea of pooling election outreach resources can be taken up by the Outreach or an Ad-Hoc Committee.

Hyams alerted everyone about the DASH initiative and asked everyone to do more research on it.

Ubersax reminded everyone that the ability to comment on the DWP proposed plan is still possible on the DWP website.

14. Adjourn

10:07 pm. Motion to adjourn: Kerr, seconded by Mauceri.

Meeting adjourned.