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**GREATER GRIFFITH PARK
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APPROVED MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 17, 2009
7:00 pm

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1. Call to Order 7:05 pm by GGPNC President Charley Mims.

Board members present. Arslanian, DeMonte, Gardner, Hooper, Howe, Hyams, Napier, Nubaravacharyan, O'Grady, Ostrow, Wilson, Louyse, Mauceri, Soter, Uebersax. Absent/excused: De Ocampo, Carroll
Quorum declared.

2. Public comments on Non-Agenda Items; Public Announcements

Stakeholder Abby Antweil: New business along Hyperion are eliminating street parking along St. George and Hyperion. Request GGPNC address problem, possible solutions.

3. Reports: Public Officials and City Staff

Greg Bartz (DWP Government & Neighborhood Relations Liaison) reported on water main breaks and how LADWP is attempting to resolve some of these issues. Also, public urged to go online for information: power shortages. Noted that former commissioner Wally Knox will be returning to the DWP as Director of External Affairs covering Public Relations.

Betty Wong Oyama, DONE (Empower LA) discussed the March 4th, 2010 meeting where potential candidates will be given a brief overview of time commitment expectations (among other election related issues).

She distributed brochure highlighting election procedures for the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council.

Fabiola Vilchez (Office of the Mayor/ Central Area Director Neighborhood & Community Services) distributed and discussed the LARx Prescription Savings Card to boardmembers.

Haeyong Kim (field representative/ Mike Feuer, 42nd District Representative). Water usage bill signed. Pilot program to begin in 2010 re: DUI (1st time offenders). Also indicated Assemblyman Mike Feuer would like to attend the Dec., 2009 board meeting.

Mary Rodriguez (education/field deputy for Councilmember Tom LaBonge CD4) introduced new staff member Kathy Kim (deputy, special projects). Discussed upcoming meetings; LaBonge's Winter 2009 Community Congress with City attorney Carmen Trutanich on Nov. 18, Holiday Festival in Toluca Lake on Dec. 4, and the Community Meeting on Dec. 9 to discuss the river conduit trunk line.

4. Treasurer's Report

A. Treasurer's Report. Available funds not reflected in documentation. As this information becomes available, it will be presented to the board.

5. Executive Committee Report

A. Motion to create Business Committee DeMonte. Seconded by Napier.
Adopted by consensus.

B. Motion by Louyse to allocate funds to purchase shelving in storage unit/approved by Executive Committee.
Motion by Mauceri to overturn allocation of funds. Seconded by Ostrow.

Treasurer raised question of whether Executive Committee approval could be vacated.

Motion to vacate expenditure by Mauceri. Seconded by O'Grady. Motion fails.

Vote: to allocate expenditure. Passes.

6. Outreach Committee Report

- A. Election outreach plans/ clarification of Budget for Election.

7. Presentation on Dental Care in Community

Presentation by Robert Menz (representing Alan Nunez). The Free Dental Care for needy kids in the Hollywood/Los Feliz area project is slated to take place in early March, 2010. This clinic requires approximately \$60,000 (per week), and is currently attempting to raise funds in the community.

Because this item was not agenzized without funds requested, suggestion was made to return to the board in the future after placing financial request on agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. Public Safety Committee

Dan Sandman gave a brief update on the CERT training slated to begin in January, 2010. This 7-week course is taught by the Fire Department, currently 25 individuals have signed up. He spoke further about policing/safety concerns in the community.

9. Education Committee

- A. Napier made a motion to provide \$3,100 toward purchase of new library chairs for the Los Feliz Elementary School. Seconded by Uebersax. Approved by consensus.
- B. Napier made a motion to provide \$2,000 toward purchase “smart board technology” in the fifth grade classrooms at Franklin Elementary School. Seconded by O’Grady. Approved by consensus.

10. Outreach Committee

- A. DeMonte made a motion to hold 2 forums for upcoming election (each forum, max. 2 1/2 hours). Seconded by Uebersax. Passed by consensus.

11. Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee

- A. 4360 Sunset Blvd. proposed 95 seat “tavern” with no on-site parking. Committee recommendation: Require guaranteed adjacent free patron parking for 25 cars; support CD 13 proposal to limit to bona fide restaurant serving only beer and wine. Motion by Carroll to require parking. Seconded by Wilson.
- B. Planning Department Appeal Fees. Committee recommends community impact statement and letter supporting nominal fees for non-applicant appellants and related matters. Mauceri moved to separate and focus on fees. Hooper seconded. Motion to amend fails. Original motion: strongly opposed 2. Vote: 14 in favor. 2 opposed. Motion carries.
- C. Chair report and request Re: Hollywood Heritage’s opposition to demolition of any portion of the CBS Building at 947 Sunset Blvd. (classified a Historical Cultural Monument). Request from Committee chair to write letter opposing demolition. Passed by consensus.
- D. Chair Report on upcoming Hollywood Community Plan. No action.

12. Green Committee

- A. Bottled Water
Motion by Tomas O’Grady. Seconded by Hyams.
The GGPNC recognizes the environmental problems associated with the use of bottled water. We encourage as an alternative, the use of tap water. We will strictly adhere to the policy of the City of Los Angeles which forbids the use of our public funds to purchase bottled water. The GGPNC calls on all City departments to adhere strictly to this rule. Friendly amendment recommended by Mauceri. The GGPNC encourages, as an alternative, the use of tap water, and eliminate the rest of the motion.

Ostrow moves to adopt alternative motion: The GGPNC recognizes the environmental problems associated with the use of bottled water. We encourage as an alternative, the use of tap water. We will strictly adhere to the policy of the City of Los Angeles which forbids the use of our public funds to purchase bottled water. The GGPNC strongly encourages the use of alternatives to bottled water and will give preference to funding community events or programs that do not utilize bottled water at these events or programs. This does not prohibit the funding of events that use bottled water. The green committee is ordered to publish on the green page, practical and easily executable alternatives to the use of bottled water at these programs and events. The GGPNC calls on all City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils to adopt a similar resolution. Gardner seconds.

Move to vote on alternative motion fails with tie vote.

Motion to vote on original motion.

Motion fails for lack of consensus.

Chair recommends sending back to committee for review, rewrite.

B. Trees & Plant watering tank acquisition.

Tomas O'Grady proposes: the GGPNC approves up to \$350 to purchase a small 45+ gallon water tank and accessories for watering trees in Los Feliz. Seconded by Mauceri.

Passed by consensus.

C. Eastview Ecotour 2009

Motion from Tomas O'Grady: The GGPNC will contribute \$300 towards expenses for the Eastside Ecohome Tour 2009, organized by Farm Feliz, Eco-Home Network and the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council Green Committee. Further, the GGPNC agrees to post promotion material on the front page of its website and to email the GGPNC database so as to encourage participation. Seconded by Ostrow.

During discussion, Tomas O'Grady was asked to recuse himself, as he has an interest (his home is one of the homes in the EcoHome Tour) as well as his involvement in Farm Feliz. He stated this was insufficient reason for recusal.

Motion to amend by Mauceri/Seconded by Hyams: the GGPNC will only contribute \$300 and will not email the database. Amended motion passes.

13. Rules & Elections Committee

Outreach Report-Election outreach plans and clarification of Budget for Election. This motion re-addresses a *Rules & Elections agenda item* from August that was tabled (it is an expansion on the original motion which only addressed the City Clerk's election materials:

"Any stakeholder's contact information such as name, mailing address, phone number and/or email address, culled through meeting sign-in sheets, email inquiries, the GGPNC website, or through various election related materials shall only be accessed and used for Board approved initiatives, primarily outreach. This information may not be used by any individual board member without express approval of the Board, after defining the scope and limitations on the use of said information."

Mims proposed sending motion back to committee. Carroll seconded.

Passed by consensus.

14. Fill the Vacant Position of Vice President, Administration.

Appointment of new v.p., administration.

DeMonte nominates Bruce Carroll. Seconded by Louyse

Mauceri nominates Ron Ostrow. Seconded by Hyams.

Carroll: 11 votes / Ostrow: 3 votes.

15. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn, DeMonte / seconded Carroll.

Adjourn 10:45 pm