

- PUBLIC NOTICE -
All neighborhood stakeholders are invited to participate



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Tuesday, February 16, 2010
7:00 pm

Los Feliz Community Police Center
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1. Call to Order President Charley Mims called meeting to order, 7:05 pm.

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

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda items

John Martinez from Arts & Athletics Alliance re: upcoming Silver Lake Jubilee, May 22-23, 2010.
www.silverlakejubilee.com

3. Reports: Public Officials and City Staff

Mary Rodriguez (from Tom LaBonge's office) referred to the "Big Blue M Project" recently awarded to Project Managers Dorothy Lee & Sarah Napier. This grant is from the City of Los Angeles, Board of Public Works, Office of Community Beautification. 45 grants were awarded from 250 applicants received. Rodriguez also spoke about the ongoing conduit project and the Trust for Public Land currently attempting to "Save the (Cahuenga) Peak." If interested in attaining more information on the Cahuenga Peak, www.savehollywoodland.org. There will be a meeting at the Los Feliz Library on Feb. 24th re: Griffith Park. Kathy Kim from Labonge's office will be in attendance as well as Councilmember LaBonge. Rodriguez also spoke about the recent LFIA event with new LAPD Chief Beck and LAFD Chief Peaks. She also spoke about the upcoming Public Safety Meeting on March 3rd.

Senior Lead Officer, Gina Chovan updated the council on some ongoing public safety issues in the community. There has been an uptick in home robberies where elderly residents have been targeted. She also cautioned against leaving valuables in vehicles (even in the trunk).

4. Approval of minutes

Motion made by Louyse to approve substitute meeting minutes (May, June, July, September, November, December and January with exception of August 2009. Seconded by Napier.

Objection to approve by Ostrow. Changes to minutes will be made per inclusions/changes by board. May and January minute approvals moved to March, 2010 meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

A. Status report update on 2009-2010 budget is predicated on this year's funding. The status is currently changing on a daily basis due to budget concerns and review at the city council level. The treasurer has been working closely with EmpowerLA/DONE to determine whether rollover funds are still available to neighborhood councils.

B. Discussion of DONE staffing/reorganization and how the neighborhood councils will be impacted by the layoffs. The status is currently changing on a daily basis due to budget concerns and review at the city council level. The treasurer has been working closely with EmpowerLA/DONE to determine whether rollover funds are still available to neighborhood councils. He also mentioned the recent audits were directed at DONE, not the neighborhood councils.

C. DWP/ECAF (Energy Cost Adjustment Factor) brief report on discussion to separate renewable energy development costs from fuel-related production. There was no lifting on cap. Required no action.

6. Executive Committee Report

Update on the upcoming elections: currently there are no write in candidates at this stage. List of candidates running in upcoming election include DISTRICT A: Jeff Gardner, Laura S. Howe, Frank W. Masi, Robert J. Menz, Mio Vukovic. DISTRICT B: John F. John Jr., Christina A. Khanjian, Ron Ostrow, David A. Uebersax DISTRICT C: Alexander C. De Ocampo, Andrea M. Iaderosa, Harpreet K. Malhi, Dominic Patten, Daniel S. Sandman DISTRICT D: John Q. Lee, Sarah A. Latier Napier, Tomas O'Grady, Leslie Vankeuren, Thomas P. Wilson DISTRICT E: Jessica C. Kornberg, Mark F. Mauceri, James M. McEwen, Charley M. Mims Questions were raised re: available funding for second election posting which would include a sample ballot. DeMonte will get all particulars from city clerk's office.

7. Education Committee Report (PLEASE NOTE: item was taken out of order due to time constraints by presenter, Stephanie Vendig)

A. Stephanie Vendig from Griffith Park Adult Community Center & Club gave a brief overview of the past two years at the center (900 members and growing) and how city budget cuts will affect the center, plus information about the upcoming event: ¡Community Celebration! on March 6 from 11-4:30.

B. Education Committee Chair, Sarah Napier gave a brief report on the LA Beautification Grant for the Big Blue "M" Project. (see attachment)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation

- A. 4628 Hollywood Blvd., Proposed wine and beer bar with 47 seats seeking to remain open to 2 a.m. Committee recommends non-opposition subject to conditions. (letter attached Item 8A)
Motion made by Uebersax to recommend non opposition. Seconded by Soter.
Adopted by consensus.
- 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. Adopted by consensus.
- C. City Planning Commission Special Meeting on January 21, 2010 with no or inadequate notice. Committee recommends letter of concern/summary of meeting and request for correction of this policy. (letter attached Item 8C)
Motion made by Carroll to send letter to Gail Goldberg, Director of City Planning and William Roschen, City Planning Commission. Seconded by Napier.
Adopted by consensus.
- D. Statement of Policies and Procedures for Committee. Moved to March/2010 meeting.

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. Motion by Soter to send letter highlighting concerns re: impact on park usage and usage of funding. Seconded by Napier. Adopted by consensus.
- 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. Motion made to expend \$2,000 made by Soter, seconded by Napier. Motion fails.
Motion to ammend monetary expenditure to \$1,000 by DeMonte, seconded by Arslanian. No consensus.
Request for hand count vote on expenditure of \$1,000.
Vote (Y) Arslanian, Carroll, DeMonte, Gardner, Louyse, Napier, Soter, Wilson
(N) DeOcampo, Hyams, Mauceri, Ostrow, Nubaravacharyan
(Abstain) Uebersax, Mims
Motion carries.
- C. Motion to send letter of position on recreational aspects of the L.A.-D.O.T. Bicycle Plan now in draft form. Seconded by Louyse. Adopted by consensus.
- 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. Information is available online at <http://www.savehollywoodland.org>.

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 was withdrawn.

11. Other Comments and Announcements

NONE

12. Approval of minutes (from supplemental minutes #1)

Motion to approve minutes for February, 2010 minutes by Louyse. Motion to also approve minutes from Oct, Nov. and Dec., 2009 with new language inserted.

Seconded by Napier.

Moved to insert minor change language provided by Ron Ostrow (renumber #2 in February) and accept minutes with this change. Further language changes to minutes from June, July, September will be reviewed by the full board on April 20, 2010. Approved by consensus.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Carroll. Seconded by Napier.

10:15 pm

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

Community Beautification Grant 2009-2010

The Big Blue "M" Mural Project: C13-010

Project Managers: Dorothy Lee & Sarah Napier

250 Applicants / 45 Awards



The Big Blue "M" Mural Project is a combined effort by community agencies and Marshall High School staff and students to improve the campus and surrounding neighborhood environment. The new tiled mural will replace the current painted "M" which is deteriorating. This mural is in a highly-visible location at the corner of St. George and Griffith Park Blvd. where it stands as a neighborhood landmark, anchoring a corner of the football field undergoing an upgrade to meet professional standards. The corner where the mural sits is a busy, heavily trafficked intersection, used by commuters headed toward Hollywood or towards the major freeways intersecting Los Feliz; ultimately, the newer mural will beautify the area, visually accentuating the new track and attracting many of the neighborhood's walking crowd.

The "M" Project commenced with a design contest among Marshall High students to create a mural for the corner reflecting the school and the neighborhood. Designs were voted on by students and community members. Prizes were awarded and the winning design was created using five shades of blue (John Marshall's school colors) and a large "M" dominating the center, surrounded by trees and mountains and a silhouette of the school's prominent central tower. The mural, once completed will extend 36' wide by 8' high on the wall. Yuriko, a local mural artist, will install the tiles with help from school and community volunteers. The mosaic tile medium was chosen for its qualities of beauty, durability and resistance to vandalism and graffiti. Yuriko has considerable experience using mosaic tiles for a project which she created for trash receptacles in the neighborhood.

The project will include removal of the dirt behind the wall in order to seal and waterproof it. The dirt will then be replaced and the wall will be sandblasted to clean it. The artist will then prepare the surface, overlay the design and with the help of the volunteers, cut and set tiles. Once completed, the mural will be sealed to protect the surface from graffiti and the elements, as well as provide for easier maintenance.

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February 17, 2010

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ZA 2009-4021 (CUB)
4628 Hollywood Blvd
Hearing: February 24, 2010

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky:

Although this property is in the area of the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council it is directly across Hollywood Boulevard from our area. Given the absence of on-site parking the change in use of this site can significantly affect our stakeholders located to the north, particularly the residents of Rodney Drive.

In deference to our neighboring neighborhood council, which we understand has not objected to the change in use, we have no objection provided:

1. There is a guaranteed minimum of 16 parking spaces from opening until 6 p.m. and 30 parking spaces from 6 p.m. until closing. This may be either self parking or valet which is provided with no charge or nominal charge to patrons. The guarantee should be for the entire period of the conditional use permit. Such parking should be within 150 feet if self parking and within 300 feet if valet parking. We understand from the applicant that he has procured such parking

for the next 12 months. Thus any determination allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages at this location should be conditioned on the extension of this parking or the obtaining of alternative parking to be shown in a plan approval with notice to our neighborhood council.

2. The establishment will have available to its patrons at all times a selection of foods, not requiring a full kitchen however.

3. The hours of operation shall not extend beyond midnight Sunday through Thursday or 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. We believe this is necessary as inevitably some patrons will park on the street in residential areas, and the noise from patrons returning to their cars should not be at hours later than midnight on work days.

Very truly yours,

Charley Mims, President



By Kenneth E. Owen

Chair, Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee

Cc: Kathryn Louyse, Secretary
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Hollywood Community Plan
Commission Special Meeting
Held January 21, 2010

Dear Mr. Roschen and Ms. Goldberg:

The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council ("GGPNC") has been working on the proposed revision of the Hollywood Community Plan for over five years. We have given comments to the staff of the Planning Department from time to time; our first letter of comment is dated May 4, 2005. In addition, we have participated with staff in meetings both sponsored by the department and

by GGPNC regarding the development of this proposed revision. Our serious interest in this project is well known to the staff and is well documented.

A properly designed and conceived community plan is critical to our stakeholders, and we are in the midst of intensive work regarding the current partial draft of the plan. We await receipt of the balance of the draft plan and the draft environmental impact report.

Therefore, we were, mildly put, very disconcerted to learn that the commission and staff, including the most senior member of the department, held a meeting to devote a significant amount of time (2 hours) to this project without notice to us or to the public at large. The occurrence of this meeting in this manner was considered by the GGPNC Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee and by the GGPNC board at their duly noticed meetings on February 10 and 16, 2010, respectively.

Whether the January 21 meeting was consistent with the letter of the Brown Act we leave to others.

However, we believe that the failure to publish notice on the website consistent with the usual practice for commission meetings and the apparent failure to record the meeting and make that recording available to the public are not consistent with the spirit of the Brown Act nor with the transparency of city government which has been espoused by the Mayor and widely assumed to prevail by the citizens.

An opportunity for us and other members of the public to attend this meeting would have afforded us valuable insight into the thinking of the commission and the department and would have allowed us to focus our attention more directly on issues raised by the proposed plan.

We fear this apparently intentional exclusion of neighborhood councils and the stakeholders of the community directly affected by this plan bodes ill for the cooperation which should exist between the citizens and their city employees and commission members.

We ask that you:

1. Cause the staff to prepare a complete summary of the meeting and to publish the same promptly for full review by the citizens of Los Angeles;
2. Publicly adopt a policy of strict compliance with the notice requirements of the Brown Act for all meetings, regardless of how they are characterized, and strictly follow that policy;
3. Give each neighborhood council in an area subject to discussion of a community plan or other major matter **actual notice** directed to the president and to the person designated to receive planning notices of each

neighborhood council, such notice to be by mail and by email as far in advance of the meeting as possible; and

4. Post on the department's website all documents to be considered at each meeting contemporaneously with those documents being distributed to members of the commission.

Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council will appreciate your prompt attention to this matter of great concern to our stakeholders and to other stakeholders affected by the Hollywood Community Plan.

We ask that Mr. Williams send a copy of this letter to each member of the City Planning Commission.

Very truly yours,

Charley Mims, President



By Kenneth E. Owen
Chair, Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee

Cc: The Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa
The Hon. Ed Reyes
The Hon. Jose Huizar
The Hon. Paul Krekorian
The Hon. Eric Garcetti
The Hon. Tom LaBonge
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