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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**
Tuesday, April 14, 2009 – 7:00 pm

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01. CALL TO ORDER:

7:20 PM –

Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) President, Philip Gasteier, called the meeting to order.

Committee members present (05):

Carroll, Bruce VP, Administration	DeMonte, Rosemary VP, Communication & Outreach	Gasteier, Philip President
Mauceri, Mark Secretary	O'Grady, Tomas Treasurer	

Absent: None.

A quorum was declared.

02. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2009 MEETING:

7:21 PM –

Gasteier asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Carroll moved to accept, Mauceri seconded; approved by consensus.

03. CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF GRIEVANCE FILED BY DANA CREMIN.

7:25 PM –

a) Gasteier outlined the procedural format for the meeting.

The Executive Committee would view excerpts of a video taken at the April 10, 2007 Transportation Committee Meeting. There would be discussion of the draft report compiled by Bruce Carroll and himself acting as staff. The committee would hear stakeholder comments and committee members. The Committee would attempt to resolve the grievance where possible and consider what additional steps should be

taken to completely resolve the grievance, including finalizing the draft report. Gasteier explained to the extent any decision at this meeting required action by the GGPNC Board, and it would be agendized for a GGPNC Board meeting before it is effective.

Gasteier explained the Findings Report is a "draft" and a "work in progress."

b) Video excerpts of 04/10/07 Transportation Committee Meeting shown.

04. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS; PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:35 PM –

Gasteier opened the floor for comments.

Stakeholders, JOE CISNEROS, PETER MCDONALD, MARIA DUENAS, and ANN MACKEN presented comments.

9:15 PM –

COMMENT:

Gasteier said the Committee complied with the public records request to the best of its ability, including information from former Transportation Committee Chair, James Balesh. Gasteier also clarified that, per the position on the Brown Act expressed by the City Attorney and DONE, during the grievance discussion GGPNC Board members present who are not members of the Executive Committee could not comment during the meeting. However, Board Members could present information, but must refrain from any deliberations.

Appointed Boardmember, Jacqueline Kerr, stated that statements made about the boundary of the proposed PPD had been inaccurate in that it had not been stated until more recently that it should extend to Hollywood Boulevard.

9:15 PM –

Gasteier opened the item for Board Comments:

O'Grady spoke about Cremin's character, stating he found her to be honest and trustworthy, as he has had the chance to work with her personally. He said he felt Cremin did not get a fair chance to present her PPD presentation to the Transportation Committee. O'Grady requested the GGPNC Board issue an apology to Cremin for mishandling her chance at a fair hearing.

Carroll moved to adopt the Draft report; DeMonte seconded with friendly amendments.

DISCUSSION:

Gasteier handed the gavel over to Carroll relinquishing the Chair. He asked anyone finding fault with the process to look at the facts before accusations are made. Gasteier said the mindset of many stakeholders at the time of the Transportation Committee meeting was the GGPNC was going to enact the PPD process but by the end of the meeting it was clear this was not the case. Everyone got to make his or her statements and speak to the issue.

Gasteier outlined the options for recommendations made in the draft report. He stated members of GGPNC need to ask for specifics and deal with facts.

Mauceri opined the Council made only one mistake at the Transportation Committee meeting, which was drawing conclusions beforehand, and he felt many key elements were not addressed. He felt any decision based on what he had seen from the video was faulty as the meeting had inherent procedural problems. He stated he felt the ultimate decision to not support a PPD study was like "fruit from a poisoned tree" and that decision should be rethought. Mauceri questioned whether the draft report was designed to resolve the grievance as specified in the bylaws or to refute it outright?

Gasteier responded that the goal of the grievance process was to attempt to resolve a grievance, but pointed out the nothing would be resolved by splitting facts halfway.

Mauceri added the video clearly showed at least nine voting Boardmembers participated in the committee meeting and that may constitute a Brown Act violation.

Gasteier noted that no action had been taken by the Committee on the PPD issue at the Transportation Committee meeting.

Mauceri moved the Committee not vote on a report recommendation to the Board, but to reconvene after further studying the draft report and present a decision to the Board later; O'Grady seconded; Carroll in opposition, consensus not reached.

VOTE: Motion was carried 3 to 1 in favor with one abstention (DeMonte); motion passed.

DISCUSSION:

DeMonte raised questions as to what was being submitted to DONE? Gasteier stated the Committee should say here's our report and here's our recommendations for actions required by the Board.

O'Grady raised objections regarding meeting and some of the findings in the draft report.

Gasteier asked Dana Cremin if she wanted a chance to respond in writing or otherwise to the Draft Report proposals. CREMIN stated that she would like the opportunity to address her issues in an open forum.

O'GRADY moved the Board to apologize to Ms. Cremin; with no second, the motion was dropped.

11:15 PM -

Gasteier asked for a motion to adjourn; Carroll so moved, O'Grady seconded; approved by consensus.

MEETING SUMMARY:

Duration:	Three Hours, 55 Minutes
Motions:	Three (3)
Resolutions/Statements:	None (0)
Official Correspondence:	None (0)
Funds Allocated:	None (0)

Approved by Committee consensus (as revised; amendment and corrections) on 08/13/2009.

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Mark F. Mauceri
Secretary (interim), Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council