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**GREATER GRIFFITH PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – 6:00 pm

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01. CALL TO ORDER; QUORUM CHECK:

6:15 PM -

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

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

Committee members present, five (05). A Quorum was declared.

02. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 2009 MEETING:

6:17 PM -

Mauceri read the minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting, as they were not included in the agenda packet.

Gastier clarified his comments regarding the new website, and the minutes were amended.

Mauceri moved to approve the minutes as revised; DeMonte seconded; approved by consensus.

03. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS; PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

6:25 PM -

None.

04. REPORTS FROM PUBLIC OFFICIALS

6:25 PM -

Betty Wong-Oyama, DONE representative, talked about meeting minutes being required by DONE to verify budget expenditures, but the level of detail was left up to individual councils. She said DONE recommends "Roberts Rules of Order" be removed from council bylaws as a Parliamentary procedure, and in any case the 'The Brown Act' supercedes.

Wong suggested mediation services are available to the GGPNC, and has helped to ease friction on other councils in the past.

Further, each neighborhood council would be allocated \$45K this fiscal year; however, DONE is recommending Councils set aside at least \$10K dollars for outreach as the City Clerk's NC election outreach budget has been eliminated. She also added the Vote By Mail component will not available for the next election excepting those physically unable to make it to the polls. Finally, she reminded the committee if our fiscal budget is not submitted by its due date, monies could be frozen.

Mauceri added GGPNC's City Clerk election date is set for MARCH 20th, 2010 at time to be determined. He added there was talk of other councils in our region pooling their outreach dollars to leverage combined effectiveness with each council sharing the same poll date.

04. AD HOC COMMITTEE - COMMUNICATIONS:

6:30 PM –

Mauceri stated the scope of the Ad Hoc committee: Communications, has widened and moved Ron Ostrow be added to the to help facilitate and finalize its ultimate recommendation, but he is unsure as whether doing so falls to the Executive Committee or the Governing Board?

DISCUSSION

Gasteier expressed hesitation at approving the addition at this evening's meeting. He recommended Mauceri move the addition of Ostrow and be ratified at the next Board Meeting.

Mauceri moved Ostrow be added to the Ad Hoc Committee, DeMonte seconds; approved by consensus.

Gasteier asked for clarification of current committee members: Tal Vigderson, Alex De Ocampo, and Mauceri.

Betty Wong-Oyama added Board Presidents do have jurisdiction to amend meeting agendas at the beginning of the meeting with Board approval.

O'Grady questioned whether this would be in violation of the Brown Act?

Wong-Oyama clarified that according to the City Attorney's office this can only be done by the President and only at the beginning of the meeting.

There was a brief discussion and it was agreed to put the motion on the July Board Agenda.

05. AD HOC COMMITTEE - WEBSITE:

6:35 PM -

Carroll gave updates on planned website switchover for the end of June. He stated the committee is moving towards having new website ready by the end of June. Pages are being reviewed and the old website will be made available via links on the new site.

COMMENT:

Gasteier added the progress being made and having that the site can be what GGPNC needs it to be. By posting documents, procedures, community postings, etc. on the website, it will allow committees to have easy access to these resources. He also spoke about having only authorized persons to place items on this web site and keep the pages maintained as expeditiously as possible.

06. BUDGET & FINANCE STATUS:

6:40 PM -

O'Grady stated the committee had their first meeting for the new budget and will be meeting again in July. At the July Board meeting he anticipated a new budget will be presented.

07. ROLE OF THE SECRETARY:

6:42 PM -

Mark Mauceri discussed materials regarding the Secretary's role and responsibilities from The Parliamentary Authority. He stated meeting minutes have to be validated by the Secretary's signature attesting that they are true and correct.

GASTEIER acknowledged this will be discussed further in this evenings Board meeting.

08. ADJOURNMENT:

6:53 PM -

CARROLL moved to adjourn; seconded by DEMONTE.

MEETING SUMMARY:

Duration: 38 minutes

Motions: Three (3)

Recommendations: None (0)

Official Correspondence: None (0)

Submitted and approved by Committee consensus (as revised) on
07/21/2009.

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