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GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Board of Directors Meeting MINUTES (UNAPPROVED)

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1. Call to Order 7:16 pm by President Charley Mims.

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

2. Public Comments on Non Agenda Items

Barbara Ferris with Symphony in the Glen re: FOTO event at the Observatory thanked the Board for their financial support.

3. Public Officials and City Staff

Mary Rodriguez (Education & Field Deputy) representing CD4 (Councilmember Tom LaBonge) Thanks for inviting students to the FOTO event. Noise generated by concert events held at the LA Coliseum are currently being addressed. Future concerts will cease at 2 am. Issue with water damage in Ferndall area generated (possibly) by natural springs damaging homes. DWP is attempting to address issue. Homeless situation at Masonic Temple area is currently being addressed. Norm Benches (broken bus benches) has been contacted. Marshall athletic field reopening.

John Hisserich representing Assemblyperson Paul Kerkorian. Scams targeting Hollywood actors. New bill introduced evicting individuals with firearm or other violations.

Betty Wong Oyama with DONE (Empower LA) re: Cremin mediation. currently under review. Upcoming election (March, 2010) outreach. Misuse of city funding by some neighborhood councils may result in background checks of board members. City controller is currently reviewing all submitted treasurer budget reports. Ethics training (www.lacityneighborhoodtraining.com). Currently the ethics training must be completed one year from selection/election (under review).

4. Treasurer Report

A. Board Resolution authorizing new Treasurer for Funding requests.

Resolution: The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council Board has elected David Uebersax as Treasurer on September 15, 2009, and with the appropriate training and funding forms completed, transfers authority to submit Demand Warrants and fulfill approved funding transactions as appropriate with the petty cash account, as well as the credit card issued to be administered on in accordance with the GGPNC bylaws and within the guidelines set forth by the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

Friendly ammendment proposed by Charley Mims. Wilson moves. Carroll seconds.

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Motion presented was passed as amended above.

B. (See report from Betty, above) Treasurer Report must be resubmitted. Should have a more expanded treasurer report once controller has released NC funding after completion of audit.

5. Executive Committee Report

A. Cremin grievence has been moved to DONE for further review and possible action.

B. Betty (DONE) Revised budget of \$45,000 will be relased as soon as possible. (see further information above)
Ethics training information and list of individuals who have received training was given to president.

C. Website/Communications Committees tabled.

D. Public Safety Chair appointment/Daniel Sandman appointed by consensus. Need at least 3 members to form committee.

E. New Business Committee. Phil moved to agendize to next month's meeting (Nov. 2009). Rosemary seconded.
Approved by consensus.

F. Resignation of current Transportation Chair (Tor Hyams) moved by Phil. Seconded by Rosemary.
Approved by consensus.

Candidates nominated for new Transportation Chair John F. John and Jessica Kornberg.

Rosemary nominated John F. John, seconded by Phil. John appointed by white ballot.

- G. Outreach. Discussion regarding upcoming election. Dates discussed for generation of election (candidate request)materials. Fee schedule for copying of GGPNC materials public requests discussed. Flat fee was proposed/moved by Charley (\$10/\$.25 per page). Seconded by Phil. Approved by consensus. (Pending further review of existing fee schedule at city level.)

6. Approval of Minutes May, June, July, August and September, 2009.

No approval at this point.

Note: request by Planning/Zoning/Historic Preservation Chair to go out of turn due to time constraints and public comment on item 10A.

10. Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee

- A. *2223 Nottingham Ave.* Request to retain recently constructed over-height walls and hedges in required front yard setback. Committee recommends opposition. Motion introduced by Chair, Ken Owen. Several neighbors who border the property spoke against retention of the walls, suggesting this posed a safety threat when backing out of driveways. The majority of stakeholders living in the immediate vicinity of the residence spoke against this variance. A representative for the homeowner spoke in favor. Motion to support findings of committee made by Tom Wilson, seconded by Sarah. Approved by consensus.
- B. *Ruen Pair Thai Restaurant, 5257 Hollywood Blvd.* Request to sell beer and wine at existing restaurant until 2 a.m. Committee recommends non-opposition provided service not extend beyond 11 p.m., permission cease upon change of ownership and other conditions accepted by applicant. Proposal made to clarify ABC service cutoff time by Bruce and Ken because of different rules regarding food/drink. Question raised re: other restaurants (beer/alcohol) in area. Move to question by Bruce, seconded by Sarah. Nine members for/3 against. Motion requested to identify vote. In favor of motion: Charley, Kathryn, Rev. Dan, Laura, Tom Wilson, Sarah, David, Bruce, Jeff
Against: Mark, Tomas, Tor, Rosemary
Abstain: Phil.
Motion carries.
- C. *2208 Catalina* (4821 Los Feliz Boulevard) request to build 345 foot, 7 ft. high wall set back 5 ft. from property lines on Catalina and Los Feliz with higher pedestrian and automobile gates. Committee recommends opposition. Applicant has indicated he may reconsider proposal and ask for subsequent review by committee.) No hearing date has been set, resident has indicated he will reconsider proposal and the committee has taken no position due to this information. Approved by consensus.

7. Education Committee

- A. Request for \$5,000 for Big Blue M Project at Marshall High School as part of matching grant of \$10,000 from LA Beautification Grant. This was a request from the chair of the committee, not the committee, due to time constraints re: beautification grant. Motion made by Sarah N., seconded by Dan. Tomas inserted a strong objection to this motion, indicating that all items must first be presented through committee.
1. Friendly ammendment to provide maintenance in lieu of dollar expenditure by Mark/ seconded by Tor. Motion fails.
 2. Friendly ammendment to provide \$2,500 rather than \$5,000 by Laura/ seconded by Bruce. Motion fails.
- Original motion passes.
- B. Request for letter to be written to Mr. Cortines, LAUSD to keep fourth vice-principal at King Middle School. Mr Mark Jolley has been of great assistance to us and the school needs the consistency of a vp that has been there for 6 years, needs the continuity in the process of going from year-round to traditional school year and the perpetuation of good community relationships. Motion to send letter made by Sarah, seconded by Dan. Approved by consensus.

8. PROS Committee

- A. Coyote killings controversy in Griffith Park. Discussion of circumstances leading to the euthanizations, and proposed remedies. Motion was made by Laura/seconded by Mark to support Community Impact Statement #09-2327 drafted in response to the euthanizations, would establish a zero-tolerance approach to feeding wildlife in Griffith Park. Approved by consensus.
- B. Update on community and CD4 response to possible changes in duties and reassignments within the Recreation and Parks Department's Park Ranger Division. No motion required.
- C. Update on final plan for the LADWP 2009 Light Festival in Griffith Park, including public comment and GGPNC opinion

poll results. No motion required.

9. Outreach Committee

- A. Request from LA City re: 2010 Census. Mark made a motion that the GGPNC support and all efforts to completing the 2010 Census after additional information becomes available, and to formulate a plan of action.
- B. Report on upcoming election timelines. No action required.

11. Cultural Committee

- A. Request for funding for Hollywood Remembers, Inc., for production expenses of its annual World AIDS Day observance on Sunday November 29, 2009 in the amount of \$1,000. Motion made by Rev. Dan.
Approved by consensus.

13. Adjourn

Kerr moved to adjourn. Mauceri seconded
Meeting adjourned. 10:07 pm.