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GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

October 18, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Los Feliz Community Police Center
1965 N. Hillhurst Ave. (2nd floor of Citibank)
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1. Call to Order. Roll Call.

Present: Ostrow, Demmers, Kornberg, Price, Desai, Iaderosa, Campbell, Ghazarian, Bae, Masi

Late: Mauceri, McCarthy, DeOcampo, Menz

Excused: O'Grady, Malhi, Ferris, Khanjian, Robbins

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

None.

3. Reports From Government Officials

Greg Hernandez, Assemblyman Mike Gatto's Office: Updating legislative progress on grey water bill that was signed by the governor and green electricity bill that was not. Update on apron parking issue, particularly vocal community support for the practice and assemblyman's support for the issue.

Ostrow: Sharing GGPNC CIS on apron parking. Updating representative on Fern Dell water leak issue.

Campbell: Asking about letters of support for single use plastic bag and Styrofoam container legislation.

Hernandez: Gatto voted in favor of the referenced-measures in committee, but they did not come to a vote in the full chamber.

Menz arrives.

Nicole Carcel, Mike Feuer's Office: Noting that this is the assembly member's last year in office before he is termed out of office in 2012. Currently compiling legislative agenda and looking for community input. Noting Congressman Howard Berman's helicopter legislation. Sharing event information for healthcare forum on October 24th at 7pm at the Park La Brea Activities Center.

Mauceri arrives. DeOcampo arrives.

Mary Rodriguez, CD4: Noting LA River clean up day on October 29th. LAPD open house on the same day. Griffith Park Resource Board Meeting at the library on November 9th. DWP River Supply Conduit Project Quarterly meeting at Ivanhoe on November 14th. Street resurfacing continues on Aloha, Alexandria, N. New Hampshire, Barendo, Tracy, the Oaks, and others. Vermont Triangle will now have a monthly cleanup courtesy of the taxi-cab association. Homeless RV campers camping on Finley and other neighborhood streets are on the rise. Party houses, including one on Glendower Ave are a matter of an upcoming meeting. Auto-related property crimes, including in Griffith Park, continue to be an issue. Sewer work wrapping up in the area. Palermo is having a \$1 special on Monday nights.

Bae: Asking about pronunciation of Los Feliz.

Masi: Asking about party house issue on Glendower.

Mauceri: Asking for response on recent communications, including letter on closing of batting cages.

Demmers: Noting that street lights on Chiselhurst have been out for two months. There is a serious public safety issue.

4. Executive Committee Reports

a. President

Ostrow: Reporting on committee non-compliance. Majority of committees are not in compliance to varying degrees. Executive Committee has decided that VP of Admin will contact all committee chairs to understand compliance measures. All committees will be afforded 30 days to comply. Those committees who refuse to comply will not be permitted to bring motions before the board.

Demmers: Noting there are new committee chairs who may need additional assistance understanding their obligations.

Ostrow: Noting committee chair openings. McCarthy has resigned as Outreach Chair. John F. John has resigned as Transportation Chair. Looking for publicity in the Los Feliz Ledger. Hoping to seat new chairs next month.

Kornberg: Asking if McCarthy will remain on as Website Committee Chair.

Ostrow: Sharing experience on funding workshop and reporting lack of participation, generally in these Kerkorian-organized meetings.

Mauceri: Asking if Council resolutions were a request that DONE come up with a plan to address four key NC issues, as opposed to suggesting that DONE establish new rules which the Council would then adopt.

Ostrow: Agreeing and suggesting DONE has stepped beyond this original purview and is preparing more than reports on current activities and instead proposing solutions.

Final meeting tomorrow night on the grievance process at the field office on Fountain Ave. Also noting that City Clerk lacks funds to facilitate NC elections, despite continuing mandate that they monitor next year's elections. Reporting on Griffith Park Master Plan meeting. Continuing to wait for letter from DONE confirming approval of bylaw changes. Also noting that stakeholder complaint about agenda error will be addressed by the City Attorney. Updating status on accounting issues that have continued with business card mis-billing and unpaid neighborhood watch sign demand warrant.

b. Treasurer

Bae: Presenting budget. Business cards and photocopies the only new items. Noting missing documents in Aimee Arts and ArtCycle demand warrants. P-Card has been cancelled. New card should be issued for new treasurer, but it has not arrived. Accounts frozen until this is resolved.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves to adopt budget as presented with a correction changing the Culture & Events Committee allocations amount to \$2200 from \$2300. Campbell seconds. No objection. Passed by consensus.

Masi: Updating status on Greek Theater contract issue. Kornberg, Masi, and Bae are working on this issue and will present recommendations to appropriate committees in the near future.

5. Election Of Secretary

Ostrow: Seeking nominations.

None.

Kornberg: Noting that a number of members have offered to fill this role if the Executive Committee meetings were held at a different time.

Masi: Clarifying that Secretary need not be responsible for taking the minutes at the meetings.

Ostrow: Agreeing that this is not a requirement, though a permanent solution has not been finalized.

Mauceri: Agreeing that Secretary's role no longer includes minute taking. Also noting that communications role has been shifted to Communications Chair.

Demmers: Primary responsibility is simply archiving records on the website and otherwise.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves to circulate job description to entire board. Masi seconds.

Ostrow objects because most of those who are not present tonight were present last meeting. So it appears there is no one prepared to assume the position.

Desai: Asking why the executive meeting cannot be moved to a different time.

Ostrow: Opposed to moving the meeting time because of availability of meeting space.

Campbell: Suggesting that an inquiry about availability at a different time should be included in the job description.

Desai: Agreeing with Campbell and suggesting as another alternative that the schedule could be shifted an hour and meetings could be shortened.

VOTE:

Abstaining: Menz, DeOcampo

In Favor: Bae, Demmers, Kornberg, Price, Mauceri, Iaderosa, Campbell, Ghazarian

Opposed: Ostrow, Desai

Motion passes by majority vote.

6. Update on Citywide Sign Regulation. Discussion and action as appropriate.

Richard Spicer: Updating on hearing at PLUM, noting many NCs participated, and many of the issues the GGPNC raised were echoed by other NCs and were addressed in the meeting.

7. Update on Draft Hollywood Community Plan and final Environmental Impact Report. Discussion and action as appropriate.

Richard Spicer: Distributing CD versions of the EIR. Noting print copies available at the library and through the PZHPC committee. Noting open house on November 10th at the Hollywood Presbyterian Church. Noting December 8th City Planning Commission on this issue.

Ostrow: designating Spicer as a representative of the GGPNC at this meeting, obviating the need for the originally agendaed motion.

8. Rules And Elections Committee

a. Report

Demmers: Introducing the work of the committee over the last month to meet DONE reformatting requirements. First attempt to simply cut and paste the GGPNC's existing bylaws into that format left a number of categories blank, which DONE would not accept. DONE also had a number of corrections to existing language. Committee worked through these issues. "Cheat sheet" produced to help board members follow these changes. Explaining that after October 6th revisions were created DONE came back with additional notes, which the second motion reflects.

b. Motion: adoption of the GGPNC Bylaws, dated October 6, 2011.

MOTION:

Demmers moves to adopt this version. Masi seconds. No objections. Passed unanimously: 13 members in the room vote yes (Kornberg, Price, DeOcampo, Masi, Mauceri, Desai, Iaderosa, Campbell, Menz, Ghazarian, Bae, Ostrow, Demmers).

- c. Motion: adoption of modifications to October 6, 2011 Bylaws per supplemental materials. Discussion: these changes are based on more recent information received from DONE, minor text modifications, and Stakeholder input.

Demmers: Noting this did not come out of committee, due to the chronology of events.

MOTION:

Demmers moves to adopt this version. Bae seconds.

Mauceri: Noting changes came back from DONE after committee had met. So Demmers and Mauceri support this motion as board members.

No objections. Passed unanimously: 13 members in the room vote yes (Kornberg, Price, DeOcampo, Masi, Mauceri, Desai, Iaderosa, Campbell, Menz, Ghazarian, Bae, Ostrow, Demmers).

- d. Motion: Send a letter outlining the rational behind our position and urge the City Council, DONE and BONC to find a workable solution for holding NC elections in 2012.

Demmers: Explaining that the City Council has not allocated any funding for the 2012 elections that were supposed to be administered by the city clerk. Resolution, to be sent in letter form presented to the board.

MOTION:

Demmers moves. Bae seconds.

Mauceri: Noting history of formation of NCs, reform movement in 2006 which resulted in City Clerk administering elections.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Mauceri moves to strike “for the sole reason of saving money” from item number six. Bae seconds.

No objection. Amendment passed by consensus.

No objection to main motion as amended. Main motion as amended passed by consensus.

Masi: Suggesting that our council would be better able to address this issue if it were permitted to raise funds for this and other activities.

Ostrow: Noting this was discussed by the last meeting as were other creative funding solutions. But cancellation is the threshold issue.

9. Bylaw Motions (Masi)

Demmers: Explaining both motions Masi proposed are now moot given revisions adopted earlier this evening.

Masi: Agreeing and withdrawing proposed motions.

10. Sports And Recreation Committee

- a. MOTION: Appropriate up to \$100 to purchase age-appropriate sized 'Nerf' footballs for newly formed, ages 5-6 "Pee Wee" flag football league organized by Silver Lake Recreation Center. Presentation includes equipment demonstration; discussion and action as appropriate.

Mauceri recused.

MOTION:

Bae moves. Ghazarian seconds.

Desai: Clarifies that this will come out of Sports & Recreation.

Kornberg: Noting that reimbursement paperwork has not been submitted.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Menz moves to increase to \$200. Masi seconds.

Desai: That should come out of committee.

Menz: Explaining he is on the committee.

Bae: Noting he is also on the committee but agrees with Desai.

Bae objects.

VOTE on Amendment:

In Favor: Menz, Ghazarian, Demmers, Price, Frank

Opposed: Kornberg, Bae, Ostrow, Desai, Campbell, Iaderosa

Amendment fails.

No objection to main motion. Passed by consensus.

- b. MOTION: Appropriate up to \$500 to purchase upgraded field-use signage for T.S. King Middle School Athletic Facilities; discussion and action as appropriate.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves. Bae seconds.

Mauceri: explains background on access to turf field at King Middle School, one of few recreation areas in the neighborhood, and neighborhood groups' opposition to unpermitted after-hours use.

Iaderosa: Clarifying total of 12 signs.

Menz: Noting phone number will be changed once a new working number is identified.

Iaderosa: Suggesting graffiti coating.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

- c. MOTION: Send Council supported letter urging LAUSD, Council Member LaBonge to support giving first-use booking priority for neighborhood facilities to neighborhood youth programs; discussion and action as appropriate.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves. Bae seconds.

Mauceri: Providing background on Beyond the Bell. Explaining that letter has not yet been drafted but will include reference to growing population of families with young children, lack of recreation facilities, benefit provided by local use, and suggestion for policy enforcement. Noting support from local school officials.

McCarthy arrives.

Ostrow: Clarifying private groups would not have priority over Beyond the Bell afterschool programs.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

- d. MOTION: Authorize potential relocation of some or all of previously approved Youth Access Program basketball equipment from T.S. King Middle School to Marshall High School pending outcome of pending LAUSD facility use allocation decision.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves. Bae seconds.

Mauceri: Providing background on new basketball hoops and recent information suggesting original placement at King may no longer be available.

Masi: Asking for clarification on use of the word authorize.

Mauceri: Explaining that previous allocation was for King, and new authorization is needed to move forward incase that location falls through. Time sensitive issue, because league needs to start playing soon.

Campbell: Clarifying Marshall has time available for this league.

Kornberg: Clarifying installation is semi-permanent.

Ostrow: Noting that once these are installed the council won't be able to take them out. Asking what assurances were given by King prior to the original \$5,000 funding motion. Noting \$4,400 in funds have already been sent to the vendor, so cancellation is impractical. Clarifying that LaBonge's promised contribution has come through.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

- e. MOTION: Approve of up to \$1000 for outreach campaign to promote creation of expanded Winter Youth Basketball league for Greater Griffith Park / Silver Lake.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves. Bae seconds.

Mauceri: Explaining that this expenditure will be contingent on finalizing location of new program.

Ghazarian: Clarifying planned expenditures.

MOTION TO AMEND:

McCarthy moves to change amount to \$500. Ghazarian seconds.

Desai: Noting that this is unnecessary, since the committee has indicated it will spend less anyway.

Ostrow: Opining it would be better to have a realistic number on the books.

Mauceri: Opposing the amendment.

Ghazarian: Suggesting less expensive advertising methods.

Menz: Supporting the original motion.

Bae objects to Amendment.

VOTE on Amendment:

Abstain: Ostrow

In Favor: Ghazarian, Campbell, McCarthy, Kornberg

Opposed: Bae, Desai, Mauceri, Masi, Price, Demmers, Menz, Iaderosa

Amendment fails by majority vote.

No objection. Main motion passed by consensus.

11. Outreach Committee and Business Committee

- a. Motion: spend \$500 from the Business Committee and up to \$500 from the Outreach Committee to sponsor a trolley during the Los Feliz Holiday Festival, organized and primarily funded by the Los Feliz Business Improvement District, for the purpose of supporting local businesses and creating an outreach opportunity for the GGPNC.

MOTION:

Menz moves. Bae seconds.

Menz: Providing background on trolleys at the holiday street fair. Sponsorship would place our banner on the side of the trolley.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

Campbell left.

12. Outreach Committee

- a. Motion: In order to promote wider community awareness of the GGPNC will accept the offer of free booth space at "Trick-or-treat Village" for EEK! at The Greek on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011. Prior to the concert, from 5:30 PM to 6:40 PM, event attendees will trick-or-treat from booth to booth, collecting Halloween candy (along with information given out by booth participants). Volunteers are needed to man the booth and take outreach materials with them after tonight's meeting.

McCarthy provides background.

MOTION:

McCarthy moves. Desai seconds. No objection. Passed by consensus.

Ghazarian volunteers to help out. Bae and laderosa also volunteer.

Demmers: Offering to fund candy purchase.

13. Approval of Past Meeting's Minutes

- a. July 2011

MOTION:

Kornberg moves. Menz seconds. No corrections or objections. Passed by consensus.

- b. September 2011

MOTION:

Kornberg moves. Menz seconds. No corrections or objections. Passed by consensus.

14. Other Comments and Announcements.

McCarthy: Presenting bronze sponsorship from the American Cancer Society. Asking committee chairs to send meeting summaries to him to post on the website.

Mauceri: Thanking Ron for his service.

15. Adjourn

Desai moves to adjourn. Bae seconds. Meeting adjourned 10:05 pm.