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GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

February 21, 2012 – 8:00 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.
2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items
3. Reports from Government Officials
 - a. Congressman Adam Schiff
 - b. City Planning Presentation on Autry Statue Project
4. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. President
 - b. VP Administration: NC Elections; GGPNC Bylaws
 - c. Treasurer
5. MOTION (Ferris, Masi, Demmers, Ghazarian; See Supplements): GGPNC Resolution on Council File No. 11-0993 specifically regarding the Second Track study (or the City's alternative to the LA Zoo privatization option). Should the City of Los Angeles chose to retain the Los Angeles Zoo as a City Department, the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council opposes any initiative that would result in:
 - The creation of a Sign District within the boundaries of Griffith Park including, but not limited to, the Los Angeles Zoo
 - Establishing a "fee for parking system" for the LA Zoo parking lot (LA Zoo parking is currently free of charge and should remain free of charge.)
 - The annexation of additional parkland outside of the existing LA Zoo footprint for any LA Zoo purpose including, but not limited to, a bio waste conversion facility and/or for the growth of specialized feeds
6. Committee Reports
 - a. PROS
 - b. Education:
 - i. Motion: The GGPNC Governing Board allocate \$1,500 of the Education Committee budget to T.S. King Middles School to buy periodical and magazine subscriptions as a literacy tool to be used in the school library.
 - ii. Motion: The GGPNC Governing Board allocate \$620 of the Education Committee budget to Represent LA to buy 1 pallet or \$1,500 worth of printer paper for John Marshall High School and, in doing so, will free up \$1,500 of the school's overall budget to be spent in the Small Learning Communities.
 - iii. MOTION (Price, Ghazarian & Ferris): To provide \$500 in GGPNC Education Committee funds to support the John Marshall High

School Academic Decathlon Team trip to the State Academic Decathlon finals in Sacramento taking place March 11 – 18.

- iv. MOTION (Price, Ghazarian & Ferris): Authorize up to \$100 in Outreach funds to produce a banner publicizing GGPNC support of the John Marshall High School Academic Decathlon Team. Banner will be placed at Marshall High School.
 - c. Rules & Elections: Motion to adopt Standing Rules, Policies, and Procedures for Committees (Demmers, Ferris, Mauceri; See Supplements)
 - d. Sports & Recreation: TS King Youth Basketball Access; Griffith Park Ball field Restoration
7. Motion: The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council resolves to send the attached letter to Councilmember LaBonge, stating our support for the Los Feliz Business Improvement District's (BID) desire to maintain their traditional one day street fair that takes place within their boundaries. The traditional street fair, organized by the BID, is a community event, by and for the people of Los Feliz and surrounding neighborhoods. Upon reviewing the pros and cons to the neighborhood residents and businesses, we support the BID's position to keep the street fair to a one day event, and oppose the two day event, proposed by O Entertainment, that would be organized without input or support of a community organization. (Menz; See Supplements)
 8. Motion: The GGPNC will provide \$2,500.00 in funding for the "Griffith Park Grows Art" sponsored by Barnsdall Arts to come from the Culture and Events budget line item. (Ostrow; See Supplements)
 9. Motion: Provide \$5,000.00 in funding for the Griffith Park Free Shakespeare Festival to be funded from line items from the Cultural Events, Green, Education and/or other Committee. (Ostrow; See Supplements)
 10. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (See Supplements)
 11. Other Comments and Announcements
 12. Adjourn

AGENDAS & PUBLIC COMMENT: Agendas are posted for public review on the Council's website, the Community Police Center at 1965 Hillhurst Avenue, the Public Library, Los Feliz Branch at 1874 Hillhurst Avenue, and possibly other locations. As an entity covered under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request.

To address the Board, the public is requested to fill out a 'Speaker Card' on any agenda item prior to the Board taking action on it. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only at the time the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on matters not appearing on this Agenda within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction are heard during the Public Comment period, limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless waived by the Board's presiding officer.

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed here if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action, or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: 1) Make a Motion for reconsideration and, if approved, 2) hear the matter and take an action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: 1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and 2) a [Proposed] Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act governing public entities.

DOCUMENT ACCESS: In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings distributed to a majority or all of the board members in advance of a meeting may be viewed at Los Angeles Public Library Los Feliz Branch (lobby reference shelf), at our website by clicking on the following link: www.ggpnc.org, or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact: ggpnc@ggpnc.org or call: (213) 973-9758.

SUPPLEMENT: LA Zoo Motion CIS/Letter Language

To: The Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor mayor@lacity.org

Subject: City Management Option for The Los Angeles Zoo

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa:

Griffith Park lies within the boundaries of the GGPNC and our NC represents stakeholders who are directly concerned with, and greatly affected by, City decisions made regarding the LA Zoo.

On February 22, 2012, The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) resolved the following, by _____ vote.

Resolution re Council File No. 11-0993: specifically to the Second Track study (or the City's alternative to the privatization option):

Should the City of Los Angeles chose to retain the Los Angeles Zoo as a City Department, the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) opposes any City initiative that would result in:

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[official sign off and signature of GGPNC President]

cc:

Herb Wesson, LA City Council President councilmember.wesson@lacity.org

Tom Labonge, LA City Councilmember, 4th District councilmember.Labonge@lacity.org

John R. Lewis, Zoo Director, LA Zoo john.lewis@lacity.org

Hard copy cc to Karen B. Winnick, President, Zoo Commission (Los Angeles Zoo, 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027)

The above will also be submitted as a CIS to the City Clerk for attachment to the appropriate City File.

**Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council
Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures for Committees**

Committee Chairs

Appointment of Chairs

The Executive Committee of the Governing Board appoints Committee Chairs.
“The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, and may be removed and replaced by the Executive Committee.” (Bylaws)

GGPNC BYLAW AND STANDING RULES (SR) REQUIREMENTS

1. All committees must meet at least once per quarter. (SR)
2. All committees must report to the Governing Board once each quarter. (SR)
3. All committees must report to the GGPNC Budget & Finance Committee at least once within each fiscal year. (SR)
4. Committees may not schedule a new meeting until draft minutes of previous meeting are posted on the committee’s webpage. (SR)
5. Committee chairs must abide by the GGPNC Code of Civility. (SR)
6. Committee chairs must, within 60 days of being seated, obtain a certificate of completion for [“Ethics and Open Government Training for Neighborhood Councils”](#) (Bylaws)
7. Chairs must use their assigned GGPNC.org email address for all GGPNC related email correspondence. (SR)

CHAIR DUTIES

1. Schedule meeting dates, times and locations. A consistent monthly date is preferred. Meetings must take place within the GGPNC boundaries. If meeting is in the Citibank Building, arrange for room access with VP Admin.
2. Compile the meeting agenda. Consult the GGPNC SRPP for agenda formats.
 - a. Set realistic time limits on agenda items, especially presentations.
 - b. Provide brief, unbiased descriptions, usually a brief paragraph, for each item.
3. Arrange for a meeting room for which there is:
 - a. No rental fee (If a fee is involved Executive Committee must approve.)
 - b. Ample parking for the expected number of attendees (provide parking passes if required).

- c. Tables and chairs for the expected number of attendees
 - d. Access for the disabled
 - e. Open access for attendees
4. Arrive at least 10 minutes before meeting to open and prepare meeting room.
 5. Set out speaker cards for members of the public.
 6. At the end of the meeting, tidy up and lock meeting room. If at Citibank retrieve doorbell.
 7. Provide sign-in sheets for attendees (stakeholder sign-in shall be voluntary).
 8. Keep accurate, concise meeting minutes (this may be assigned to committee secretary).
 - a. Post draft minutes online before scheduling next meeting.
 - b. Present draft minutes at the next meeting for committee approval.
 9. Maintain up-to-date committee membership rolls, including attendance records.
 10. Maintain Committee webpage on GGPNC website, including posting of agendas, draft minutes and approved minutes. Consult VP Admin for technical guidance.

CIVILITY

GGPNC Committee Chairs are responsible for setting a productive, civil and welcoming tone at all times to all persons even when emotions run high on an issue. It is advisable to consult the GGPNC President and other committee chairs for advice on defusing disruptive situations. In general, however, it is expected that chairs will:

1. Treat colleagues and stakeholders with equal courtesy at all times.
2. Actively discourage personal attacks, verbal bullying and discourtesy of any kind:
 - a. Between committee members
 - b. Between committee members and stakeholders
 - c. Exchanges between stakeholders during public comment
 - d. Directed at a stakeholder who is making a presentation
 - e. Directed toward City personnel
 - f. Demeaning remarks aimed at someone who is not in the room

NOTIFICATIONS

1. Notify the VP Communications of meeting dates and locations in a timely manner.
2. Post PDF versions of agendas (with attachments) online.
3. Post hard copy agenda notices at the designated locations at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting. (see GGPNC Bylaws for required posting places.)

4. Confirm availability of any person(s) slated to make a presentation.
5. Duly notify any person or group whose property, place of business, event or project is specifically slated for discussion on the meeting agenda.

CONDUCTING THE MEETING

1. Take the committee member attendance roll at the beginning of the meeting (to be reflected in minutes).
2. State for the record the voting members present.
3. Before opening public comment on non-agenda items, announce availability and purpose of speaker cards, brief attendees on decorum rules, time limits for public comment, meeting format, addressing all questions and comments to the chair, etc.
4. Keep agenda items on track by keeping committee discussions on topic.

REPORTING TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

When taking items forward to the Governing Board for discussion and action:

1. Preparation
 - a. Notify the Board Secretary, in writing, of any items to be listed on the committee report at the next Board meeting.
 - b. All motions brought forward to the Board, including letters to be endorsed by the board, must be submitted in writing to the President and Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the coming Board meeting.
 - c. Duly notify any person or group whose property, place of business, event or project is specifically slated for discussion on the Board agenda.
2. At the Board meeting
 - a. As supplemental material, provide a written summary that :
 - States the motion to be considered
 - States the known facts
 - Sums up the arguments, pro and con, as discussed at the meeting
 - States if the committee position was reached by consensus or vote
 - b. Report only on items with significant developments.
 - c. Respect your committee's findings. Committee decisions and documents should be presented to the Board without interim modification by the chair.

BETWEEN MEETINGS

Keep an accurate log containing time, place and a brief content summary, of communications (phone calls, emails and one-on-one meetings) with stakeholders, Council Office, City personnel, or committee members.

COMMITTEE MEMBER GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

“Any interested Stakeholder of the GGPNC, including Board Members, shall be entitled to serve on any Standing Stakeholder Committee upon request to the Committee or the Board. Stakeholder Committee membership shall be effective as of the second regularly scheduled Committee meeting following the request for membership on the Committee.” (GGPNC Bylaws, Article VIII, Sec. I-B Stakeholder Committees, Pg. 12).

APPOINTMENT

Membership on a particular committee is subject to the approval of the Executive Committee or the Governing Board. (see Bylaws quote above.)

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

In an effort to effectively cover issues that are of concern to GGPNC stakeholders, GGPNC Committee Chairs may assign areas of interest to various committee members. The intent is that these members function as point persons to monitor developments in specific areas and regularly inform the committee of items of concern that need to be considered by the committee and brought forward in a timely manner to the GGPNC Board for consideration and action.

DUTIES OF REPRESENTATIVES:

It is the expectation that these representatives will, among other things, remain abreast of the key players and the central issues in their area of concentration, attend meetings public and non-public where developments are being discussed that may directly impact the wider Los Feliz area and report the known facts to the committee in a fair and balanced manner.

When attending public or non-public meetings or engaging in correspondence on behalf of a GGPNC Committee it is important that point persons conduct themselves in a way that honors their position as representatives and that each one strives to adhere to the code of civility adopted by the GGPNC Governing Board and the Ralph M. Brown Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROTOCOLS FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

1. When speaking or asking questions at a public forum outside of regular GGPNC meetings, official committee point persons will identify themselves as “A representative of the _____ Committee of the Great Griffith Park Neighborhood Council.”
2. Refrain from expressing a personal opinion that can be construed as the official advisory position of the GGPNC Board.

3. In email correspondence with City officials or City staff regarding a particular issue, always cc the Chair, the GGPNC President and the VP Communication.
4. Whatever the GGPNC Board decides by vote becomes the official advisory position of the GGPNC. Committees can have no official positions.
5. The GGPNC President is the spokesperson for the Board.
6. Respect the following order of precedence for speaking at public comment sessions of City meetings. Those authorized to convey the official GGPNC advisory position on any issue are in descending order of precedence depending on which of them are present at the meeting:
 - a. GGPNC President (or the President's specific designee)
 - b. Committee Chairs
 - c. Committee representatives

COMMENTING PUBLICLY AS A PRIVATE PERSON

Chairs and committee members may from time to time wish to attend a meeting as a private citizen to offer a personal opinion or voice a concern regarding a particular issue. In that case it is expected that committee members will refrain from identifying themselves as chair or member of the committee and clearly state, "I am commenting today as a private citizen."

In matters related to the chair's or point person's area of concentration, it is expected that the representative will, in advance, notify the GGPNC President, the Board Secretary and the Committee Chair that they will be attending a publicly noticed meeting or non-public meeting as a private citizen for the purpose of conveying a personal opinion. This includes one-on-one meetings with the Council Office or any other City officials or City employees.

RESIGNATION

Committee members may officially resign by sending a notification letter or email to the GGPNC President, with a cc to the committee chair, outlining the reason(s) for resigning. Once a resignation is accepted a former member may no longer claim an official connection with the committee.

SUPPLEMENT: Los Feliz Street Fair Motion

Additional Support:

Melissa Tornay, Owner, Primrose Organic Salon, BID Board Member

My "job" as a Board member is to do what I think is right for the businesses, and I truly don't feel like a 2 day street fair (and having streets shut down from Friday evening through Monday morning) is in the best interest of anyone. Even with a 1 day fair the majority of businesses feel like they actually lose money, but the PR for the neighborhood and brand exposure is worth that loss to everyone. Increasing it to 2 days really makes a big dent in the income of a small business. It changes the loss from "a reasonable one day loss of income cost vs value of future customers" consideration to just a big chunk taken out of their income on the 2 busiest days of the week during an already difficult financial time. The only reason the 2 day fair is even on the table is because the company that puts it on wants to make more money. That is a reasonable thing for them to try and do, however, we already voted against it, and, my concern can not be about much money one private company makes off the event, my concern can only be for the BID members and the surrounding community.

Chris Serrano, Coldwell Banker, BID President

From the BID's perspective, our street fair is a gift of goodwill for this community. It showcases the best of what our community has to offer and hopefully brings people out of the neighborhood in. I feel this can adequately be achieved with a one day fair. The BID, nor any of the other participating neighborhood groups, do this for financial gain. However, we also want to limit the headache/hassle of street closures and potential business loss to our business owners on the participating street and surrounding residents. I feel a 2 day fair only increases those things and possibly decreases the good will. Lastly, the only reason we are even having this recurring discussion is because the promoter's say they need to make more money. This, in my opinion, is not a good enough reason to consider a 2 day fair nor should it be our concern. We are not looking to grow our fair, we are happy with the status quo!

SUPPLEMENT: Barnsdall Art Motion

Dear Ron,

Thank you for taking the time to deal with my dilemma last night at the LFIA meeting. Here is a request for funding the Griffith Park Grows Art free family art workshops. The GGPNC established this annual program with full funding at \$5,500 in 2008. Over the next few years the GGPNC support of \$2,500 was matched by Barnsdall Arts. We hope that the GGPNC will continue to support this extraordinary program which has become an integral part of family Spring and Summer weekends at the pony and train rides.

Barnsdall Arts is requesting that you consider continuing your matching \$2,500 funding for Griffith Park Grows Art: a series of twenty free family “green art workshops” held during the summer from 2:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays from April through September at Griffith Park. Each workshop costs \$250. We provide an excellent arts teacher, Patty Sue Jones, who created the curriculum and has a long association with our community. We also provide all art supplies and a bilingual assistant. The workshops are geared to acquaint families with the opportunities that abound in Griffith Park: the Autry, Zoo, Observatory, Carousel, Greek Theater as well as the native flora, fauna, and Native American culture. The curriculum created specifically for this program highlights the park's resources, ecology and attractions.

We know this will be a difficult fiscal year for our city, but we are asking that you continue funding these community-building workshops at \$2,500 for another season. We will seek the remaining matching funds from other local sources to support another imaginative session in 2012.

Approximately 1,200 people participate in Griffith Park Grows Art each summer since 2008. The families are deeply appreciative for the opportunity to enrich their visit to the park with an arts experience. The concessionaires also welcome our presence each session.

The cutbacks in arts education at LAUSD underscore the importance of our program. Families return week after week. Many families sign notes to express their appreciation to the GGPNC. The GGPNC /Barnsdall Arts partnership is an excellent example of community organizations leveraging resources to benefit the city. We hope you will continue your sponsorship this year so that we can continue the program in the summer of 2012.

We proudly acknowledge your sponsorship by posting a large ten-foot vinyl banner with the GGPNC logo. Hundreds of people view this banner weekly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shelah Lehrer-Graiwer
Executive Director
BarnsdallArts/FOJAC

GRIFFITH PARK GROWS ART 2011

Free family art workshops every Saturday April 23 to September 3 2011.

Time: 2 – 4, with free art instruction and supplies provided at picnic tables near pony and train rides. Enjoy a day in Griffith Park and create an artwork to take home about its nature, attractions and culture.

April 23 **ANIMAL TOTEM POLES** Celebrate **EARTH DAY** and create a totem of your favorite Griffith Park animal with recycled materials.

April 30 **PONY PAINTING** Ride or watch the ponies and trot over to GPGA to paint a portrait of your favorite pony using watercolors.

May 7 **LEAF PRINTS** Gather leaves from the variety of GP trees and create colorful leaf print designs.

May 14 **TRAIN TRIPS** Take a ride on the train and draw a pictorial map of your journey.

May 21 **AMATLE (BARK) PAINTING** Collect together various GP tree barks to make a textured painting with insect symbols.

May 28 **CULTURAL FOOTPRINTS** Where have you walked today in Griffith Park – the zoo, Autry Museum, Observatory or trails.

June 4 **ZOO ANIMAL PORTRAITS** Visit your favorite animal at the zoo and paint a portrait of it.

June 11 **NATIVE AMERICAN SAND PAINTINGS** Stroll through the Autry Museum with Western and Native Arts then create a pictograph sand painting at the GPGA.

June 18 **NATURE SHAKERS** Enjoy a concert at the Greek Theatre and build a musical instrument at GPGA with the sounds of nature.

June 25 **PLANET CONSTRUCTIONS** Soar into space at the Observatory and create a sparkling universe with pencils and paper.

July 2 **WILD ANIMAL DRAWINGS** Visit the Ranger Station to see a bobcat, coyote, fox and other wild animals of GP and draw a nightscape of these creatures.



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- July 9 **BIRDS BUTTERFLIES AND BEES** Make a colorful and “B” artwork with flapping wings to fly in Griffith Park.
- July 16 **NATURE BOOK** Construct a handmade book, write a story and illustrate it about your day in Griffith Park.
- July 23 **HORSE SHOE ART** Ride over to the Los Angeles Equestrian Centre for a horse show then gallop over to GPGA to decorate a recycled horse shoe.
- July 30 **WEAVINGS** The first people’s of Griffith Park were the Tongva of Gabrieleno and to honor their culture create a nature weaving.
- August 6 **CAROUSEL HORSES** Ride the historic Merry-Go-Round.
- August 13 **SNAKE ON A STICK** Have you seen a gopher, king snake or rattlesnake slithering through GP. Create a fantasy or replica snake with colored papers and pastels.
- August 20 **NATURE WINDSOCKS** The wild wind blows through GP and we will make a windsock to fly in the breeze.
- August 27 **PARK PAINTINGS** Paint a landscape of your cherished GP nature area. Is it Ferndell, Bronson Caves, the Bird Sanctuary?
- September 3 **GRIFFITH PARK FLAGS** Design and decorate a flag with symbols for GP attractions. A cowboy hat for the Autry, train for Travel Town, plants, animals and stars.

Sponsored by Barnsdall Arts, the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council, Council Member Tom Labonge, Blick Art Materials and the Charitable Foundation Agent Community Outreach of Prudential California Realty.

Workshop Artist: Patty Sue Jones. Assistant: Kim Montano www.barnsdallarts.org

SUPPLEMENT: Independent Shakespeare Company Motion

Dear GGPNC Board of Governors,

Independent Shakespeare Co. (ISC) respectfully requests \$5,000 in program support for our upcoming 2012 season of the **Griffith Park Free Shakespeare Festival**.

2012 will be our third season of FREE Shakespeare in Griffith Park, and our ninth season since the program began in Barnsdall Park in 2004. In that time, the attendance has grown significantly. Throughout our first season in 2004, fewer than 1,000 people attended. Last year, over 25,000 enjoyed free, professional theater in Griffith Park.

The Festival takes place on a purpose-built stage at the site of the Old Zoo in Griffith Park. This area, long popular with picnicking families, is a perfect setting for outdoor theater. The slope of the natural amphitheater allows many people excellent vantage to see and hear the performance.

In 2012, there will be 40 nights of free programming. Audience members will enjoy full productions of *The Winter's Tale*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *A Comedy of Errors*. Performances will be June 28 – August 2, Thursday – Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm.

In addition to these fully staged, professional productions, the Festival includes significant educational programming:

There are nine **PLAYERS IN THE PARK/JUGAMOS EN EL PARQUE** pre-show workshops on select evenings. These workshops are an interactive, entertaining way for families to learn about the evening's performance. Led by ISC Teaching Artists, workshop participants learn about Shakespeare's language, theatrical staging, and what to look for in the play they will be seeing. They also get to speak lines of dialogue from the stage, and have a backstage tour and meet the actors they will be seeing perform.

In 2011, we received a substantial grant from the **James Irvine Foundation** in order to expand this workshop series to include bilingual families. We created study guide materials in Spanish and English as well as a Spanish-language web portal, and now offer the workshops in both Spanish and English. We were also able to do significant outreach into the Latino community. (Through these efforts, we increased attendance to the Festival by Latinos; in 2012, 19% of our audience identified themselves as Latino.)

The second educational component is the Summer Salon Series, lecture-discussion groups on topics relating to Shakespeare. These are led by people noted in their field. Past lectures have included subjects ranging from rhetoric to Renaissance music.

Rounding out the season are pre-show performances by other local artists. Past Festival Partners include Invertigo Dance Theatre, Corazon de la Tierra, Ritmo y Sabor Dance, the Jumbo Shrimp Circus, Carter Wallace Jazz Trio, and the Craig Woods Renaissance Ensemble.

In all, The Griffith Park Free Shakespeare Festival has grown to be the largest, free, performing arts festival in Los Angeles, providing free access to cultural programming to everyone in the community.

Our long-standing commitment to diversity on stage as well as in the audience has resulted in a remarkably diverse acting company. As importantly, our audience is a reflection of the many

ethnicities and income levels in the city (49% are non-Caucasian and well over half are at a low- or mid- level income.)

Our audience is also unusual in that 29% percent are under 18, proving that we are achieving our goal of offering families an opportunity to share a cultural experience.

The Griffith Park Free Shakespeare Festival is truly CLASSICAL THEATER FOR ALL. Each summer, tens of thousands of Los Angelenos enjoy professional productions of classical plays in a welcoming, family-friendly, community-centered environment. There has been no other free theater program offering such a wide variety of experiences to so many in the history of the City.

Since 2008, GGPNC has been an essential component in the success of this program. We hope you will continue your support.

Many thanks for your consideration,

David Melville

1. Call to Order. Roll Call.

Present: Kornberg, Ostrow, Demmers, Price, Ferris, Masi, Desai, Khanjian, Menz, Iaderosa, Ghazarian, Bae

Late: De Ocampo, McCarthy, O'Grady, Campbell, Khanjian

Excused: Malhi

Absent: Robbins

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

None.

3. Reports from Government Officials.

a. DWP representative Greg Bartz: Reporting on rate increases and ratepayer's advocate

b. Assemblymember Mike Gatto: Explaining district line changes that will go into effect in the next election that will keep all Griffith Park adjacent neighborhoods in one district. Sharing his goal of working closely with local offices on neighborhood and stakeholder issues. Noting Assembly office's role in encouraging DMV raids on Los Feliz Blvd to resolve used car sales issue. Explaining his support for a Rainy Day Fund and a reduced reliance on capital gains revenue to help curb impact of tax revenue cycles on state budget.

Bae: Asking if the office will again offer tax preparation assistance.

Gatto: Confirming this will again be offered in March.

Ferris: Asking about views on High Speed Rail

Gatto: Explaining that this is a political issue and he has not yet seen enough to know how key committee members will vote, but he thinks it is possible it will not be supported by the legislature.

Ostrow: Expressing his dismay at cuts to education and social support systems.

Gatto: Sharing his agreement that education cuts have been horrific. Explaining that the initiative process has strangled the budget process and left higher education and the judicial system vulnerable.

De Ocampo arrives.

Public Comment: Asking about proposed constitutional amendment LA City Council has recently supported limiting definition of person to humans and denying corporations equal speech rights.

Gatto: Agreeing with the basic sentiment of the proposal that corporations should not enjoy the same free speech protections as humans.

Bae: Asking about initiative process and voter education.

Gatto: Noting groups like Think Long and others are calling for this kind of education process, including a constitutional convention, but suggesting that reform is more likely to come in a piecemeal fashion through the legislature.

c. Nicole Carcel, Assemblyman Mike Feuer's Office: Noting this is the Assemblymember's last term. Sharing legislation on AEG stadium in the last term and on proposed legislation for similar future projects. Still looking for other legislative ideas from local groups and stakeholders.

Bae: Asking if the Assemblymember has announced his plans after he leaves this office.

Carcel: Feuer is running unopposed for City Attorney

d. MetroExpressLanes Program Presentation, Kathy McCune: Congestion reduction project. \$274 million budget. Converts HOV lanes to Metro Express Lanes. MetroExpress lanes serve busses and “dynamic pricing users.” Effort to change travel behavior to carpool and bus use. Carpoolers and bus users will use the lanes for free. Goal is to keep Metro Express Lanes moving at 45 mph. Enforcement by CHP monitoring through FastTrak technology. For those not using the program the most noticeable change will be in signage. Adding 59 new buses, other partnering transit agencies will also be adding additional buses. Revenues will be reinvested in the corridor for improvements. Express Lanes will open in October 2012 and February 2013. Transponders will be available in April. More information available at www.metro.net/expreslanes

Ghazarian: Asking about enforcement mechanisms.

McCune: Explaining that ticketing will be issued both by CHP and automated camera system.

Desai: Voicing opposition to this proposal. Concerned about unintended consequence of creating congestion in an uncontested lane designed to encourage carpooling.

McCune: Noting that this program has been implemented throughout the country and has been proven effective. Also noting that this is a one-year demonstration program.

Kornberg: Asking about minimum speeds.

McCune: Currently more than 45 mph. Under new system, if average trip falls below that speed trip cost is refunded to single drivers who paid.

Menz: Clarifying that current 110 lanes and one 10 lane will be converted, while additional 10 lane is added.

Ostrow: Asking about use of red-light cameras.

McCune: Explaining that cameras are only used to catch cars that don't have transponders.

Ostrow: Asking about out-of-state drivers.

McCune: Explaining they will be required to follow the same rules as local drivers.

Ostrow: Asking about how drivers will know what costs are if they don't know how their distance.

McCune: Explaining signs will show price per quarter mile, price to major mid-way hub, and to end of corridor.

Ostrow: Asking fees charged to “inactive” users.

McCune: Explaining that free rides by carpoolers count as activity.

Desai: Asking about signage.

McCune: Explaining the signs will be similar to current traffic signs.

O'Grady arrives.

Campbell arrives.

Public Comment:

Norma Zager from Los Feliz Ledger: Asking how budget and revenue.

McCune: \$274 in public funds. Projecting \$10 million dollars per year once it's operational. Explaining performance measured in terms of average vehicle speeds for all lanes and other measures.

Ostrow: Tabling Executive Reports until after other items.

4. GPAC Spring Fling Presentation & MOTION to send GGPNC Representatives to the April 7th Event

McCarthy: Introducing Michael Pickering, representative of Griffith Park Community Center and Club

Pickering: Sharing event details, including games, vendors, and live entertainment. Explaining table and two chairs available for GGPNC representatives.

MOTION:

McCarthy moves to accept this invitation and send representatives to staff this event. Ghazarian seconds. No Objection. Passed by consensus.

5. Committee Reports

- a. **Education Committee: MOTION:** Submit a letter and Community Impact Statement (CIS) to the L.A. City Council supporting its previously adopted Council Resolution 11-0002-S123: "Corporate Activities in Electoral Processes" also asking they urge our State and Federal Representatives follow suit in advocating for a U.S. Constitutional amendment, specifying corporations and individuals are differentiated, and monetary contributions to political entities does not constitute free speech. (submitted by Price, Mauceri, O'Grady; presentation by Julia Russell)

MOTION:

Prices moves. Campbell seconds.

Public Comment:

Julia Russell: Representing Move to Amend. Explaining history of Amendment and approval in city council and other neighborhood councils. Sharing large number of petition signatures. And explaining that this language can be amended however the board wishes.

Dave Bass: Supporting this motion and recommending the book "Unequal Protection."

Barry Levine: Supporting this motion. Encouraging public outreach on this issue.

Nathan Green: Supporting the motion and encouraging public outreach.

Questions:

Ferris: Asking about McCain Feingold and Citizens United decision, and impact on unions, because unlike that legislation and decision, this amendment seems to attempt to unlink those two types of entities.

Russell: Explaining she doesn't know if this would cover unions or not, or why the word union is not included here as it is in other documents.

Public Commenter explains that unions are treated identically to corporations.

Bae: Confirming LA City Council has already approved this.

Discussion:

McCarthy: Supporting this motion and urging public outreach on this topic.

Ferris objects.

VOTE:

In Favor: McCarthy, Price, Masi, Desai, Campbell, Khanjian, De Ocampo, Bae, Ostrow, Demmers, Iaderosa, O'Grady

Opposed: Menz, Ghazarian

Abstaining: Ferris, Kornberg

Motion passes by majority vote.

b. Public Safety Committee: Report, Discussion and Action as Appropriate regarding the proliferation of medical marijuana dispensaries in the Los Feliz area.

Iaderosa: Sharing that two marijuana dispensaries have opened in a one block area in Los Feliz. These businesses are supposed to report to the city and neighborhood council. A third has opened two blocks away. Asking that the council join other neighborhood councils in supporting a ban on dispensaries until regulation by the city is possible. Introducing Captain Murphy.

Public Comment:

Captain Gillian Murphy: Explaining that he does not take a position on this issue and is only here to share concerns and statistics. There are 47 dispensaries in the Northeast division's jurisdiction. There are concerns in the neighborhood, including concerns about a secondary market.

Eric Moore, Vice President EHNC: This is an issue the EHNC has been working on for some time. This is not about the legality of marijuana, but about the regulation of local businesses.

Craig Cox, Public Safety Chair, EHNC: Sharing experience with these businesses, including one building which remains vacant as landlord looks to find a paying tenant besides a local known-gang affiliate who wishes to open a dispensary there.

Doug Hanes, EHNC: Neighborhood has a high vacancy rate and new dispensaries opening. Noting that pending lawsuits would be mooted by this measure and would save funds. Any other business is subject to greater regulation than this.

Mauceri arrives.

MOTION:

Iaderosa moves to support pending City Council proposal to ban marijuana dispensaries. Ghazarian seconds.

Questions:

Menz: Asking if a dispensary license is required.

Murphy: It's a business license.

Bae: Asking about crackdown in the city last year.

Murphy: Explaining that narcotics division has to enforce that and it has been difficult to do so. Violators continue unabated.

Bae: Asking how the ban will work.

Iaderosa: Confirming all existing businesses would be shutdown, but individuals would be permitted to grow their own supply.

Ferris: Asking about state involvement.

Murphy: District Attorney and City Attorney could not agree on interpretation and so law enforcement was prevented from acting.

laderosa: State appellate court ruled that Federal law preempted state and local measures regulating these businesses.

McCarthy: Asking about enforcement against doctors.

Cox: City of Long Beach tried to regulate doctors, but state licensing board prevented this.

Desai: Asking where users who used to frequent dispensary will buy product once it's banned.

laderosa: Previous, illegal sources.

Campbell: Clarifying ban would make all existing business banned, but individuals with prescriptions who frequent a banned dispensary won't be committing a violation.

De Ocampo: Asking about budget impacts.

laderosa: These are collectives and are not paying city taxes.

De Ocampo: Asking about realities for legitimate users.

Murphy: Explaining users can grow up to eight plants, but also noting that it will be many years before they are all closed and hopefully in that time regulation will be possible.

Demmers: Clarifying this is a city ordinance and other nearby towns won't be impacted.

Ostrow: Confirming this was caused by conflict in state decision and City Attorney opinion. Asking if any effort was made to reach out to local dispensaries. Confirming there are three dispensaries in our area.

laderosa: Explaining she did not ask why local businesses did not approach the neighborhood council because she learned that the court decision struck down that requirement.

Campbell: Asking how the ban helps law enforcement.

Murphy: Additional regulation is required. But this is a stop gap measure until regulation can be enacted.

Discussion:

McCarthy: Root cause seems to be doctors over prescribing. One suggestion might be tying prescription pickup to location of doctor's office.

Mauceri: There is an exploited loophole here. This measure a first step in controlling this issue.

Masi: Supporting this. It is the only way to move towards regulations. Not concerned about what those regulations will be yet.

Bae: Opposed to this ban because there is a fundamental supply and demand issue and this ban won't change that. It's not fair to businesses to enforce a ban because government can't figure out what else to do.

Desai: Opposing motion because these businesses will just seek black market venues to continue their operations.

Menz: Clarifying that these should be taxed beginning this year.

Ghazarian: Supporting the ban and arguing that legitimate avenues will remain intact despite the ban.

O'Grady: Reflecting on original intent of legislation was to help those who had a medical need, and this will help return to that intent.

Ferris: Supporting motion. Noting this has all happened rapidly and the ban allows additional time for the city to adjust to the new paradigm.

Ostrow: Does not see this as a supply and demand issue or as a physician abuse issue. This is about the ability to regulate a business in the city. Growing marijuana at home is not a practical solution. Regulations we had weren't bad, but they were preempted by federal law. If the city council passes this it will be subject to the same conflict. Predicts this will be an empty gesture.

Masi: Explaining the goal isn't to get rid of anything, but to properly regulate to communal satisfaction. Police discretion will target abusive violators first and hopefully regulation will be in place in time.

De Ocampo calls the question. Bae seconds.

Bae objects.

VOTE:

In Favor: Khanjian, Menz, Iaderosa, O'Grady, Kornberg, Demmers, Mauceri, McCarthy, Price, Ferris, Masi, Campbell, Ghazarian

Opposed: Ostrow, Bae

Abstains: De Ocampo, Desai

Motion passes by majority vote.

c. Green Committee: MOTION: GGPNC supports efforts to legalize urban beekeeping in Los Angeles and encourages the City Planning Department to initiate an ordinance that would allow residents to raise their own honeybees, a practice that helps boost struggling honeybee populations and ensures local food security.

MOTION:

Campbell moves. Ferris seconds.

Chelsea McFarland: Sharing her experience in her garden with a bee swarm and her support for this measure. 80% of plants are bee-pollinated. Bee colony collapse is a serious issue and threatens food supply. Individual beekeepers are a simple solution to this issue. County inspector reports there are 9 existing colonies per square mile in the city already. So these bees will exist regardless, but under this policy they can exist safely and healthily.

Public Comment:

Joe Andrews: Supporting motion and sharing experience as a bee-mover.

Ashley Fontenot, Ceebs Bailey, Roberta Kato: Supporting motion.

Summer Spanton: Sharing experience as beekeeper and supporting motion.

Maritza Prez kop: Co-chair of outreach committee in Mar Vista. Supporting this effort and sharing benefits her community has enjoyed through their involvement.

Kirk Anderson: Supporting the motion and sharing experience as a bee-removal specialist.

Questions:

Bae: Asking about current legal status?

Campbell: Explaining it is illegal by default, but requires a permit. This measure would encourage legal regulation of beekeeping.

Discussion:

Ferris: Supporting this and thanking the Green Committee for bringing this.

O'Grady: Sharing his experience in bee removal and supporting this motion.

Menz: Supporting the motion, and clarifying this would put our name on a list of supporting councils.

Ostrow: Supporting the motion.

No Objection. Passed by consensus.

d. Sports & Recreation Committee:

- i. **MOTION:** Adopt a resolution supporting the youth ball field project in Griffith Park.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves. Menz seconds.

Mauceri: Explaining Proposition K makes money available for recreation in areas lacking facilities. CD4 received funds to restore funds in Griffith Park. The proposal is to reinstate ball fields that were removed when the I-5 freeway was built. There is an expiration date on the funds and so timely action is important.

Public Comment:

Erica Chapman: Mom of two young children and past president of Los Feliz Mom's Club and supporting this resolution. Suggesting there is huge community support for this proposal.

Joe Young: Chair of GGPNC PROS committee. Explaining that this resolution is premature. The local committee has only met once and has been encouraged to explore all options. Those options have not yet been explored. The LVNOC should get a chance to weigh in on this. The GGPNC PROS Committee should also be given an opportunity to weigh in on this.

Questions

Ferris: Asking if the LVNOC will consider our proposal.

Mauceri: Explaining that the LVNOC is tasked with gathering community support.

Kornberg: Asking about timeline?

Mauceri: Explaining ball field proposal has already been through vetting by larger regional group and it is now the LVNOC's role to vet local support.

Masi: Asking is this proposal has large chain link fences?

Mauceri: LVNOC has already told engineers this needs to fit in with the character of Griffith Park. Certain materials will be preferable. But that has been the recommendation of the LVNOC thus far. Explaining existing ball field in this location is an adult field and proposed additional fields will be smaller and designed for children's leagues.

Campbell: Clarifying funds that have been granted are granted for the purpose of building a ball field in Griffith Park. Asking why PROS support has not been sought?

Mauceri: Explaining that he represents the Sports & Recreation Committee only and can't speak for PROS.

Joe Young: Explaining his view that it is not yet appropriate for the committees or the council to weigh in on this. That should wait until after the LVNOC has finished its work.

Khanjian: Clarifying that this proposal has been approved at regional level and must be finalized by LVNOC by spring.

Mauceri: Explaining that Bureau of Engineering has developed this plan and it will probably change before it is finished. Final decision holder is the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Demmers: Asking about timeline. Asking if there is competition for the funding.

Mauceri: Prop K passed 10 years ago and there is rolling funding. This plan about to expire. If the LVNOC decides there is not support for this then we would forgo funding.

Ostrow: Clarifying that the resolution supports basic concept but not plan specifics. Clarifying that LVNOC is supposed to seek this kind of support but also public input on plan specifics. Asking since additional input will be needed in the future how this is pressing.

Mauceri: Explaining that the plan specifics will come back before this body as well as historic monument commission and other groups. Pressing today because the first question the LVNOC is supposed to answer is whether there is community support.

Ghazarian: Questioning urgency.

Mauceri: Explaining that if the council waits the LVNOC may lose its chance to support this.

Menz: Clarifying that GGPNC is just voting on this basic idea, not on a final plan.

Kornberg: Asking is there is a CEQA review.

Mauceri: Has heard conflicting information on this question and does not know the answer.

Ferris: Confirming PROS Committee members were made aware of LVNOC meeting.

Masi: Confirming proposed fields are adjustable for different ages/games.

Discussion:

Demmers: Two committee chairs interpreted this process differently. But failing to vote now will look like a lack of support, which is not preferable.

Menz: Supporting this motion and sharing positive experiences playing team ball as a young child and softball as an adult.

Campbell: Supporting project but urging collaboration with PROS Committee.

Ostrow: Supporting motion. Ultimately engineers will have to meet certain requirements and their plans will be subject to public review.

Ferris: Noting that there are limited options for LVNOC to explore – this is a proposal for a ball field. There was an opportunity for a PROS Committee meeting on this. And if the PROS Committee wants to meet in the future they can bring additional comments at that time.

Mauceri: Clarifying that the resolution does not include the attached maps. Noting that comparable city parks in other locations have many ball fields and this is an area where our community is lagging. This is an active committee. The inactivity of one committee should not be a reason to stymie the activity of another.

Masi: Noting that representative from PROS did not voice any opposition, just that there is another more appropriate time to address this.

Ghazarian: Sharing his concern that both sides have not been heard on this.

O'Grady: Urgency comes from wanting to get things done. To wait another month just puts off the work another month. And there will be other opportunities to oppose this.

Ostrow: Noting that the PROS committee didn't meet because it was their position that a meeting at a later time would be appropriate. The PROS Committee had 72 hours notice on this, just like the public.

Kornberg: Supporting the motion.

Menz calls the question. Bae seconds. No objection. Passed by consensus.

Khanjian leaves.

- ii. **MOTION** (Mauceri, Bae, Menz): Appropriate up to \$75 for field sign installation hardware at T.S. King Athletic Field.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves. Bae seconds.

Mauceri: explains double-sided signs need to be bolted together. This motion allocates funds for that process.

Masi calls the question. Bae seconds. No Objection. Passed by consensus.

- iii. **MOTION** (Mauceri, Bae, Menz): Appropriate up to \$300 for informational print materials for Griffith Park Youth Ball fields Proposition K Project.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves. Menz seconds.

Mauceri: Explaining there is a ban on lobbying.

McCarthy calls the question. Bae seconds. No objection. Passed by consensus.

De Ocampo leaves.

c. Rules & Elections Committee:

Demmers: Delivering VP Administration's Report: Explaining DONE is working on bylaws and will approve after this month's final change. City Elections survey received 26 NC responses and 39 stakeholder responses. City Council acted before the survey deadline, asking City Attorney to transfer authority of elections to DONE. Motion was approved and DONE sent out an email saying they were taking over the election. For now it appears the Elections are back on and will occur in spring or summer. There is a minimum of 10 seats up in the next election and we need to do significant outreach to fill them. Tips from LaBonge's leadership meeting: host a table at the farmer's market, use the public library as a venue, post the agenda in more locations, more meaningful programs, list of registered voters is available to us. Finally, reporting on budget hearings and Jack Humphreyville is the budget advocate. Survey will be distributed and the council should distribute the link.

- i. **MOTION:** The Rules and Elections Committee moves that the GGPNC By Laws be amended to change the eligibility requirements for candidates for the ten (10) District representative positions scheduled for the 2012 NC election. (Note: This amendment does not affect the remaining five (5) District Representative positions, scheduled for the 2014 NC election or the four (4) Community Interest candidates. If approved, this amendment will be forwarded to DONE for incorporation into the GGPNC By Laws.)

MOTION:

Demmers moves. Bae seconds.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Kornberg moves to amend to eliminate reference to "Legal." Price.

Discussion:

Ferris: Supporting the amendment.

Mauceri: Explaining term is lifted from election guidelines.

Demmers: Concerned about taking the word legal out, because of county supervisor race issue.

Iaderosa: Suggesting the council define "legal."

Ostrow: Expressing opinion that these limitations require complicated enforcement issues.

Menz: Asking if this then means "illegal" residents can serve?

Kornberg: Clarifying her position that this was an undefined term and should either be defined or not included.

Ghazarian: Opposed to removing this word.

Masi: Support of removing the time limit and the word legal.

O'Grady: All our elections are done by self-affirmation. There is no verification process.

Campbell: Asking if there's a stakeholder proof requirement.

Ferris: Understanding sensitivity to the language. But noting that if DONE doesn't flag this language then it's fine.

Kornberg: Explaining self-affirmation was ignored by previous city clerk administrator. The goal in this process should be to produce language that reflects the council's best efforts and best intentions and the word legal doesn't reflect that.

Ghazarian: This is standard language. And not using it may create additional problems.

Demmers objects.

VOTE on AMENDMENT:

In Favor: Bae, Ostrow, McCarthy, Price, Campbell, Kornberg

Opposed: Demmers, Mauceri, Ferris, Masi, Desai, Menz, Iaderosa, Ghazarian, O'Grady

Amendment fails by majority vote.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

In Favor: Ferris, Masi, Desai, Campbell, Menz, Iaderosa, Ghazarian, O'Grady, Kornberg, Bae, Ostrow, Demmers, Mauceri, McCarthy, Price

Bylaw amendment passes by supermajority vote.

Desai leaves.

- ii. **MOTION:** The Rules and Elections Committee moves that the GGPNC By Laws be amended to reflect the boundary change adopted by the GGPNC Board on December 20, 2011. (Note: This By Law amendment was approved at the last meeting. We will be submitting this to DONE along with the amendment to the candidate eligibility requirements (if passed) as changes to the GGPNC By Laws.)

Demmers: Withdrawn.

- iii. **MOTION:** The Rules and Elections Committee moves that the GGPNC adopt the document, GGPNC Committee Protocols into "Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures." (Note: This is a document that Rules and Elections has been working on since late summer to codify Committee chair and committee members' responsibilities. It is more detailed than the Committee "cheat sheet" which the Rules and Elections Committee Chair distributed

earlier this fall. We feel that it is an important addition to the Standing Rules Handbook, particularly with the number of new chairs currently in place. Note: We are asking approval for the content of this document. Once reviewed, revised, and approved, it will be reformatted to be consistent with the SRPP manual that each Board member has.)

Demmers: Tabled.

6. Executive Committee Reports.

a. President

Ostrow: Sharing meeting with LaBonge. Culture and Events and Neighborhood Improvement chairs are vacant. Copying at CopyCat must be signed for.

Masi: Asking if there has been a discussion about functionality of the PROS Committee.

Ostrow: Explaining that VP Admin conducted a survey of the committees and determined which committees were and were not in compliance with the various activity requirements. PROS was in compliance.

b. Treasurer

Nelson: Introducing budget documents and noting updates.

MOTION:

Kornberg moves to adopt the budget. Bae seconds. No objection. Passed by consensus.

7. MOTION (Bae): to spend up to \$40 for coffee and donuts (from Outreach budget) for a GGPNC-sponsored Outreach effort/intro meeting on Sat., Feb. 18th, at 11am in library conference room where community volunteers are asked to devote time each week to help reshelv books. (Note: Due to budget crunch, our local L.A. Public Library has had to reduce staffing. As a result, I've recently counted eight entire carts and two walls of unshelved books. There's not enough manpower to reshelv all the returned books. The library serves our community not only as a venue to check out books/dvds, but also provides internet, word processing, lectures, community gatherings, books sales among other services. For some, it is a quiet sanctuary to read - for others, it is a vital lifeline to information and help.)

MOTION:

Bae moves. Ferris seconds.

Bae: Providing background on budget cuts, volunteer needs, and collaboration with Outreach.

No Objection. Passed by consensus.

8. MOTION (Bae): The GGPNC believes that the boundaries of our neighborhood council should remain intact and reside within a single City Council district. The president will immediately communicate this position to the Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commission via the commission's web site.

MOTION:

Bae moves. Ferris seconds.

Ostrow: Providing background on the issue.

Menz: Noting lack of clarity in language.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Ferris moves to delete "remain intact and" from motion language. Ghazarian seconds.

No objections. Amendment passed by consensus.

Discussion on Motion as Amended:

Iaderosa: Clarifying there is no danger of Griffith Park being split among council districts.

Demmers: Noting no one filled out the survey that was dropped off last week.

Ferris: Noting the e-blast newsletter included links to this.

No objection to Amended motion. Passed as amended by consensus.

9. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Ostrow: noting corrections in two areas in November minutes.

Kornberg: Noting changes to 7c.

MOTION:

Bae moves to adopt November draft minutes. O'Grady seconds. No objection. Passed by consensus.

Kornberg: noting change to December minutes.

MOTION:

Bae moves to adopt December minutes. Mauceri seconds. No objection. Passed by consensus.

10. Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Campbell: Clarifying Transportation Committee meeting schedule.

11. Adjourn.

Bae moves to adjourn. Kornberg seconds. Meeting adjourned 11:35pm.