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## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

### AGENDA

October 18, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
Los Feliz Community Police Center  
1965 N. Hillhurst Ave. (2<sup>nd</sup> 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
4. Executive Committee Reports
  - a. President
  - b. Treasurer
5. Election Of Secretary
6. Update on Citywide Sign Regulation. Discussion and action as appropriate. (Ostrow)
7. Update on Draft Hollywood Community Plan and final Environmental Impact Report. Discussion and action as appropriate. (Supplement 1) (Ostrow)
  - a. Motion: GGPNC representative should attend open house and restate its recommendations, including one to have only one sign district in the HCP area and the ones for the GGPNC area, as well as ones that address impacts on the GGPNC area.
8. Rules And Elections Committee (Demmers)
  - a. Report
  - b. Motion: adoption of the GGPNC Bylaws, dated October 6, 2011. (Supplements 2 & 3))
  - 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. (Supplement 4 & 5)
  - 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.
9. Bylaw Motions (Masi)
  - a. Motion: Whereas, on Page 6, Article V – Governing Board, Section 1 Composition, Item B. Appointed Board Members, the use of the words "position" and "positions" is ambiguous, may cause confusion, and is inconsistent with the wording of Section 6 – Vacancies, I move to:
    - 1: delete the words "*appoint Board Members to complete the terms of any vacated Board positions*" and insert in their place the words "*fill Board Member vacancies by appointment*", and;
    - 2: replace the word "*can*" with the word "*may*", and;

- 3: insert the words *“Board Membership”* between the words *“or be considered for”* and *“appointment”*; and;
- 4: delete the word *“position”* in the second to last line and replace it with the words *“Board Member seat”*; and;
- 5: delete the word *“position”* in the last line and replace it with the word *“appointment”*; to that the revised Item B reads as follows:

**B. Appointed Board Members.** The Governing Board shall fill Board Member vacancies by appointment. No sitting Board Member may stand for or be considered for Board Member appointment unless they have formally resigned and vacated their Board Member seat and met the requirements specified in these bylaws for the appointment sought.

- b. Motion: Whereas to be consistent with the use of the word *“may”* on Page 14, Item B. Removal of Committee Members and to be consistent with the use of the word *“will”* in place of the word *“shall”* in contract language to indicate choice, I move, In Section 3. Official Actions, Item A. Consensus, to:
    - 1: in the first line, replace the word *“can”* with the word *“may”*, and;
    - 2: in the second to the last line, replace the word *“should”* with the word *“will”*
10. Sports And Recreation Committee (Mauceri, 30 Min.)
- 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, (Committee). (Supplement 6)
  - 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 (Committee). (Supplement 6)
  - 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 (Mauceri).
  - 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 (Mauceri).
  - e. MOTION: Appropriation of up to \$1000 for outreach campaign to promote creation of expanded Winter Youth Basketball league for Greater Griffith Park / Silver Lake (Committee).
11. Outreach Committee and Business Committee (McCarthy, Menz)
- 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.
12. Outreach Committee (McCarthy)
- 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). May require a small expenditure (TBD) for Halloween candy to be distributed from the booth. Volunteers are needed to man the booth and take outreach materials with them after tonight's meeting.

13. Approval of Past Meeting's Minutes

- a. July 2011 (Supplement 7)
- b. September 2011 (Supplement 8)

14. Other Comments and Announcements.

15. Adjourn

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## Supplement 1

### **DRAFT HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY PLAN & FINAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT: GGPNC *MEETING* WITH DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING (DCP) STAFF 9/30/11 [Prepared as draft for PZHP Mt. 10/5 and GGPNC Bd Mt. 10/18 by Spicer.]**

#### **A. Schedule, Content, and Next Steps in the Decision-making Process**

**October 5 Wednesday.** Draft Final Environmental Impact Report, including **responses to public comments**, available late morning (a) on the DCP web site and (b) two free print copies (including CDs) at the DCP front desk, as well as for purchase additional CDs.

For GGPNC, Charley Mims picking two free copies and one extra CD for delivery to Spicer house in time for use at the PZHP Committee meeting Oct. 5. Discussion and possible action for GGPNC Board meeting 10/18/11.

**November 7 and 10, Monday and Thursday.** Open Houses and Public Hearings at the Hollywood Presbyterian Church. Open Houses starting at 4:30, Public Hearing at 6:30 (current estimated times). City staff will be available to answer a wide range of questions, including person new to the process and documents, familiar with them, lot specific to policy. Materials will be available to view. Details still being worked out.

Based on these meetings, the DCP staff may make recommended changes. See below under GGPNC Recommendations and DCP Staff Possible Considerations.

PZHP Committee meets November 2.

\*\*\*GGPNC should attend open house and restate its recommendations, including one to have only one sign district in the HCP area and the ones for the GGPNC area, as well as ones that address impacts on the GGPNC area.

**December 8, Tuesday.** City Planning Commission (CPC), usually starts at 8:30 am at Downtown Los Angeles City Hall or at San Fernando Valley City Hall. PZHP Committee meets December 7.

DCP staff presents the DHCP, (perhaps with some staff recommendations for changes) and final Draft EIR (with responses to public comments and proposed mitigation measures of significant impacts, as well as overriding considerations),

The CPC makes its recommendations that go to the City Council Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee. PLUM makes recommendations to the City Council.

**January 2012 or Later.** PLUM and City Council Meet. No dates set.

#### **1. GGPNC Recommendations and Possible DCP Staff Considerations**

Based on the 9/30/11 meeting with Kevin Keller, Mary Richardson, and Susan Ambrosini (DCP) and Rosemary DeMonte and Richard Spicer (GGPNC), the staff will consider GGPNC recommendation to retain current zoning on Hillhurst Franklin to Los Feliz instead of proposal to apply the provisions of the SNAP (Vermont Station Neighborhood Area Plan) and a 30 foot height limit, instead of 25. Plus CDP may recommend a Community Design Overlay Zone to that segment of Hillhurst.

Other DCP considerations: no more auto repair uses on Hyperion and height recommendation of 30 feet instead of the 45 currently proposed and the 25 from GGPNC. Some changes to street and sidewalk citywide standards that would help to retain the neighborhood character of the GGPNC area.

2010 US Census data for population, housing, and employment related to the current and forecasted data for the HCP area: review the FDEIR and any revisions to the DHCP. Currently, DCP staff appear to be inclined to use the data in the 2010 DHCP, which is not based on 2010 census data. However, this issue should be regarded as subject ongoing discussion.

Nexus Study to look at feasibility of development fee to pay for traffic impacts still under consideration, with potential funding.

**Community Planning Implementation Overlay (CPIO).** Regarded as an effective tool for city and communities for implementing community plans and addressing effectively some “loop holes” in general zoning ordinances and community design overlays.

## Supplement 7



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### MINUTES (UNAPPROVED)

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### 1. Call to Order. Roll Call.

7:15 pm

Late: Khanjian, Mauceri

Present: Ostrow, Kornberg, Bae, McCarthy, Masi, Ferris, Desai, O'Grady, Robbins,  
Campbell, Malhi, Iaderosa, Demmers

Absent: DeOcampo, Menz

Excused: Price

### 2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

None.

### 3. Reports From Government Officials

Dale Berhoyne, Bureau of Sanitation: Explaining his role at the Bureau. Talking about waste-water sewer infrastructure, concerns about age and pace of maintenance of the system, and upcoming City Council hearings on this issue beginning August 2, 2011. Proposing raising rates (averaging \$34 per year per household over 10 years) to increase maintenance and replacement budget. New budget would include funds to assist low-income households with their sewer connections.

Mauceri arrives.

Question Period:

Robbins: Asking if there is a similar shortfall in resources for solid waste.

Berhoyne: DWP has their own proposals for rate increases. But solid waste proposals will probably wait 4-5 years

McCarthy: Asking how the recycled water program can be increased.

Berhoyme: Explaining that recycled water is generally used for irrigation near the treatment plants. The expansion depends on DWP spending additional funds on infrastructure as well.

Campbell: Asking about he estimated closing of the local landfill in 2013 and impact. Noting that there are long term savings associated with recycled water.

Berhoyme: Access to Sunshine Canyon landfill will continue. Other cities will rail haul waste to the desert and those communities will experience a rate increase. City has no such plans.

Mauceri: Clarifying rate increase will be roughly \$340 over ten years per household and asking if the increase will remain in effect after that period.

Berhoyme: Not anticipating they will go back, but also predicting future increases will be less likely.

Nicole Carcel, Assemblymember Mike Feuer's Office: Update on Bill 52 (health insurance regulation). Free small business seminar on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 in West Hollywood.

#### **4. Executive Committee Reports**

##### **a. President**

Ostrow: Reporting on special Executive Committee meeting, including resolution of two grievances. Third grievance was largely resolved, but requires additional input from the City Attorney before

Noting August 16, 2011 Independent Shakespeare Company performance of Hamlet will highlight the GGPNC's support.

Noting upcoming DONE training – to be scheduled for a later meeting.

Reporting on idea of official liaisons to various entities.

##### **b. Treasurer**

Bae: Explaining he will participate in the Treasurer training next week. Thanking Education Committee for submitting budget. Requesting other committees do the same.

#### **MOTION:**

Kornberg moves to adopt Budget. O'Grady seconds. No Objection. Adopted by consensus.

#### **5. Appointments to fill vacancies on the Rules and Elections and Budget and Finance Committees.**

Ferris volunteering to serve on Rules & Elections.

#### **MOTION:**

Bae moves. Iaderosa seconds. No objection. Approved by consensus.

O'Grady volunteering.  
Mauceri nominating Khanjian.

**MOTION:**

Ferris moves. Robbins seconds. No objection. Approved by consensus.

**6. Motion: Authorize expenditure of \$5,000 to Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church for water damage repair**

**MOTION:**

Bae moves. Iaderosa seconds.

Allan Carop, Michael Albrant, Ross Almaza, Mt. Hollywood Congregational Church: Presenting history of the church in the community, including record of progressive values and local supportive programs. Explaining long term water damage, insurance coverage issue, current budget shortfall.

Question Period:

McCarthy: Clarifying no budget category identified in the motion.

Bae: Confirming this and explaining this didn't come through committee.

Ferris: Clarifying what the current shortfall is and the projected timeline.

Albrant: Construction has begun. Loan to cover this work has been applied for. Congregation is very small.

Khanjian arrives.

O'Grady: Suggesting this could come through the Budget Committee and asking if other councils have been approached.

Bae: No other councils contacted yet, on his advice.

Ostrow: Asking about funding timeline.

Almaza: Explaining that this will be an ongoing carrying cost, because the loan will probably come through and then funds like this would be used to pay back the loan.

Kornberg: Confirming that a funding allocation of this kind is acceptable.

Malhi: Asking if the building has historic preservation status.

Discussion Period:

Masi: Noting that the board had previously determined that funding proposals must be presented indicating what budget item this comes through.

O'Grady: Agreeing.

McCarthy: Asking if the budget will be finalized in time to address this.

**MOTION:**

Mauceri moves to second until budget finalized. Masi seconds. No objection. Tabled by consensus.

Ostrow: Suggesting the discussion skip ahead to other items.

Masi: Objecting to this practice. Explaining his experience that this is not a good habit and that the council should proceed as planned. If this is a concern it should be addressed in the agenda process.

O'Grady: Noting the hope was to address items involving members of the public.

Mauceri: Agreeing with both comments.

Ostrow: Noting there is precedent for this. Explaining the way the agenda is compiled.

Ferris: Asking if anyone came to comment on this from the public.

Ostrow: No speaker cards on this issue aside from the presenter.

**7. Motion: The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council urges that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners and the City Council not consider or act upon the DWP proposed water and power rate increases until the Ratepayers Advocate is established and has thoroughly reviewed and analyzed the proposed rate increases and presented such review and analysis to the Ratepayers and the public for their careful consideration. The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council SUPPORTS the motion, as introduced by Councilman Englander (Council file # 11-0452-S4) calling for the RPA (Office of Public Accountability) to first review the current DWP rate increase proposal. The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council OPPOSES any rate increases until the Ratepayers Advocate has reviewed and analyzed these rate increases and discussed the review and analysis with the ratepayers and the public. The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council AUTHORIZES the filing of a COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT to Council File # 11-04520S4.**

**MOTION:**

O'Grady moves. Kornberg seconds.

Ostrow: Noting the CIS cannot exceed 100 words and the submitted CIS exceeds this limit.

O'Grady: Providing background on Ratepayer Advocate.

Public Comment:

Greg Bartz, DWP Representative: Noting available resources for learning more about this issue and other DWP matters and encouraging stakeholders to get involved.

David Uebersax, DWP MOU liaison: Other communities have approved similar measures or are considering similar measures in the next month.

Question Period:

Ferris: Clarifying that the language in Supplement 1 would be submitted as the CIS.  
Ostrow: Reiterating that the length exceeds the 100 limit and will have to be reduced accordingly before it is submitted.

Discussion:

Mauceri: Noting that this issue has come up before and the RPA is a concept the council has supported in the past.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

**8. Committee Reports:**

a. Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation

- i. Motion: The board approves the letter of support for Case No. ZA 2007-4177-CUB-ZV (Little Dom's Restaurant)

**MOTION:**

Masi moves to approve letter of support. Ferris seconds.

Masi: Explaining compliance history on expiring CUB, applicant's role in the community, public support for the application - including support from NE Division Vice Officer - and committee's support for the application.

Public Comment:

Washington Irving: Supporting applicant.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

**MOTION:**

Malhi moves to change agenda order. Mauceri seconds.

Ostrow rules the motion out of order.

Mauceri moves to overrule. Malhi seconds.

Mauceri: Explaining need to move public statement items along.

**VOTE:**

In Favor: Demmers, McCarthy, Khanjian, Mauceri, Ferris, Malhi, Iaderosa, O'Grady, Masi, Bae

Opposed: Kornberg, Robbins, Desai, Ostrow, Campbell

Motion to overrule passes.

O'Grady moves to add other items.

**VOTE:**

Abstaining: Ostrow

In Favor: Demmers, McCarthy, Khanjian, Mauceri, Ferris, Malhi, Iaderosa, O'Grady, Masi, Bae

Opposed: Kornberg, Robbins, Desai, Campbell

Amended Motion to move forward in agenda passes by supermajority vote.

**9. Motion: The GGPNC requests a traffic study along Finley Avenue (between Vermont and Hillhurst Ave) and Avocado Street (between Hillhurst and Commonwealth Ave) by the Los Angeles Department Of Transportation.**

**MOTION:**

Malhi moves. Ferris seconds.

Will Dean, Miles Shapman, stakeholders: Explaining the speeding issue on the street.

Question Period:

Desai: Clarifying no speed bumps currently in this area.

Mauceri: Clarifying the Finley section in question is in Malhi's district.

Kornberg: Asking if there are any changes since the last request on this topic.

O'Grady: Noting the benefit of multiple requests even if they are duplicative.

Campbell: Asking if it's possible to request additional LAPD patrol.

Iaderosa: Explaining that yes, this is a possible option.

Robbins: Asking if there have been any documented accidents.

Malhi: Suggesting a follow-up with local law enforcement.

Discussion Period:

Ferris: Requesting signs that measure speeding are another possible deterrent.

Mauceri: The question is a simple one, which is whether or not to send a letter – the solution to that problem will be determined by DOT.

Robbins: Suggesting it be tabled for a month to collect statements or incident reports.

O'Grady: Opposing the idea that we wait, instead supporting immediate action.

Ostrow: Noting letter should be written to accompany motions in advance of the meeting.

Malhi: Letter will simply ask for a traffic study. Additional support can be gathered later.

Ostrow: Supporting the letter. But not supporting the inclusion of petitions and other materials.

Masi: Supporting letter as defined by the motion.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

**10. Motion: To send letter to Zoning Administrator supporting applicant's effort to create alternate vehicle entry/egress plan for proposed development at 2131 North Hillhurst Avenue.**

**MOTION:**

Mauceri moves. Masi seconds.

Mauceri: Providing background on project and review by the committee and council in previous meetings.

Ostrow: Noting comments and discussion should be limited to the content of the letter and not stray into the merits of the underlying proposal.

Public Comment:

Matthew Hayden: Speaking in support of the letter and the project. Noting changes made to the plans to locate exit on Hillhurst instead of Avocado in response to community concern.

Carrie Sutkin: Speaking in opposition to the letter. Noting that she does not live on Avocado and raised issues other than those noted in the letter. Enjoys retail and residential nature of the area. This is a CUP application because the use is not consistent with the general plan, which requires neighborhood commercial use. Nuisance standard also violated on this site in the past. This applicant has an over-concentration in this area and is therefore inconsistent with the community plan.

Patrick Renna: Speaking in support of the letter and submitting letters and petition in support of the mission. Noting that this project is funded independent of the larger church organization and significant funds have been expended to adjust the plans to meet community needs and concerns.

Washington Irving: Speaking in opposition to the letter and suggesting that if the council does discuss changing the letter it should also consider not recommending the project. Suggesting that additional concerns would have been aired had more discussion been allowed.

Amy Tsai-Shen: Land use attorney speaking in support of the letter and suggesting the council submit a letter of approval in light of the new plans. Noting that the zoning code does allow this use in this zone. C4-1 is a commercial zone and the parking site hasn't been used for a residential use since 1964.

Katarina Ryan: Speaking in opposition to the letter. Noting that they don't have DOT variance for the driveway yet – this proposal has not been approved by DOT. A letter of support for this project would be premature. There is overwhelming opposition in the neighborhood to this use, particularly the shift from residential zoning to commercial use. Offering letters and petitions in opposition.

Question Period:

Malhi: Expressing confusion about current zoning.

Mauceri: This is a question left to the Zoning Administrator.

Masi: Zoning has been documented in all the minutes. There are three lots. The one on Hillhurst is zoned commercially. The other two are zoned residential.

Campbell: Clarifying that church falls within commercial use.

O'Grady: Clarifying that Mauceri wrote the letter – that it was written before the new plans were submitted.

Masi: Explaining that he provided technical information in response to Mauceri's requests, including the case number, etc.

Mauceri: Explaining there is no Brown Act issue here because the public is weighing in on this process now.

Ostrow: Explaining there is no Brown Act issue here because only three members, Mauceri, Masi, and Ostrow had any role in crafting the letter and agendizing it.

Demmers: Correcting date of the letter. Confirming letter written by Mauceri who affixed an electronic signature.

Robbins: Clarifying that the council makes a recommendation based on what's put forward and has no control over what is ultimately presented to the ZA, but that applicant plans to submit this new plan.

Discussion Period:

Mauceri: Explaining his experience on Avocado, where there was ample parking and ample off street parking. Concerned that the neighbors keep moving the ball on this issue – the focus at the last meeting was clearly the egress on Avocado. This applicant has come before the council 5 times and responded to community concern on each occasion. We cannot constantly bring additional new objections to a good faith applicant.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Mauceri moves to strike the second to last paragraph to instead read: "The applicant has now presented this council with a site redesign which diverts the traffic flow to Hillhurst Ave. where the residential impact on Avocado St. would be ameliorated. Therefore we support the application for adjustments with the applicable conditions in the attached document." Malhi seconds.

Mauceri: Explaining the attachments would be the conditions proposed by the PZHP motion at the last meeting.

Demmers: Clarifying that the amendment is to the text of the letter. The motion to send the letter should be handled first and then the language of the letter could be addressed second.

Campbell: Noting that the petition and the letters submitted at the last meeting highlight other concerns besides the Avocado St. issue.

McCarthy: Explaining all the public comments concerned the Avocado St. issue.

Point of Information:

McCarthy: Asking for clarification about the Hollywood Community Plan

Ostrow: Explaining that the draft Hollywood Community Plan is a planning document being developed by the city planning department.

Masi: Addressing the zoning of the three lots and suggesting that this request to put parking on this lot is consistent with past use. Some commercial property will be built on this lot eventually and it will require parking. To not allow the use of this lot for parking will result in whatever business goes into that lot parking on the street. Noting the applicant has been remarkably responsive to community and committee concerns.

Kornberg: Sharing her recollection that during the meeting the Avocado St traffic issue was the focus and not just because that was the only item there was time to discuss.

O'Grady: Noting that the letters in opposition to the application stress a number of other items in addition to the Avocado St concern.

**Point of Order:**

Ferris: Asking about timing.

Ostrow: Not timing this discussion.

Malhi: The parking lot is blighted. The owner is the applicant. The owner has gone back and changed their plans to conform with the council's suggestions. The comments by O'Grady suggesting this applicant should be restricted to a residential use despite the commercial use of past owners are impractical and unrealistic.

Robbins: Acknowledging this is the 5<sup>th</sup> time the applicant has presented and acknowledging the public speakers who waited to speak tonight. Also remembering that the Avocado St. issue was the primary concern at the last meeting. Supporting the Substitute Motion.

McCarthy: Noting that this might not be his first choice, but it's far more responsive to the community concerns that what he would choose for this site or what's likely to be built if this is not.

Khanjian: Noting that LADOT and ZA will need to agree on this.

Ostrow: Clarifying that the substitute letter is contingent on this condition.

Iadecola: People on this street are against it.

Ostrow: Explaining that the community concerns were distributed to the board in advance of the meeting. He read those concerns and listened to the public comment and agrees that those focused on the parking issue. Noting the limited scope of the council's purview on these matters and sharing his view that this represents an improvement for the block and the neighborhood.

Bae objects

**VOTE on the SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

Abstaining: Khanjian, Demmers, Campbell

In Favor: Kornberg, McCarthy, Masi, Mauceri, Ferris, Robbins, Malhi, Ostrow

Opposed: Bae, O'Grady, Desai, Iaderosa

Substitute Motion passes by majority vote.

O'Grady: Asking if a letter detailing the community concerns can be attached to the letter just passed.

Mauceri: Suggesting that all the letters, not just those from one side be submitted.

Masi: Both groups have been here and if they haven't already have submitted their letters they will certainly do so tomorrow. This is not the job of the council.

Campbell: Announcing that stakeholder meetings on commercial trash collection franchising issue previously voted on by the council (Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm).

**Returning to Item 8.**

b. Ad Hoc Street Fair

- i. Motion: To expend up to \$950 for supplies and materials for GGPNC outreach at the July 24, 2011 Los Feliz Street Fair.

**MOTION:**

McCarthy moves. Masi seconds.

McCarthy: Explaining that this money is for helium tanks and balloons as well as outreach material.

Question Period:

Robbins: Clarifying that time frame is too short for refrigerator magnet

Khanjian: Clarifying that there are sufficient funds on the credit card

Discussion Period:

Campbell: Opposing the balloons. Noting that her opposition to this was stated in the discussion of the Silver Lake Jubilee when there was insufficient time to adjust the plans. There was plenty of time to take these concerns into account.

Bae: In the ad hoc committee meeting this concern was addressed. Caitlin did some research on the particular balloons, which are biodegradable and the hope was that this was a good option.

O'Grady: Reiterating Campbell's concerns.

Masi: Bag of 500 balloons are biodegradable and represent a fairly small volume, seeing clarification on this issue.

Desai: Suggesting that this issue would be resolved by ordering a large quantity in advance.

Ferris: Expressing her concern that one committee dictate conduct to another. Committees should work in collaboration.

Robbins: Noting that McCarthy was appointed to this position a couple hours ago and that the balloon issue slipped through the cracks without overt disrespect to anyone.

Demmers: Also not a fan of the balloons, but agreed despite that because the chair and another member were leaving on vacation. It's not a great solution, but we made it with time sensitivity concerns.

Mauceri: Finding these concerns slightly extreme.

Ostrow: Noting that 1,000 balloons were purchased for the Jubilee. This is a proposal to buy an additional 250 to augment those remaining from the original batch.

Campbell: Jubilee will not allow balloons in the future. Biodegradability is not the only concern. Many balloons don't end up in the landfill but go in the air or land in the street. Moreover, there is no regulation of the term biodegradable – plastics will not biodegrade in a reasonable period.

Masi: Thanking Campbell for her contributions and suggesting an alternative to balloons be adopted.

O'Grady: This is an image issue – people, especially young people – like to see this effort to be conscious.

Ferris: This has become a moral argument. It shouldn't be.

Mauceri: Noting that the committee delayed moving forward on this so that there could be discussion on this and now the council may have to agree to disagree.

McCarthy: Explaining the timing of these decisions.

Campbell objects.

**VOTE:**

Abstaining: McCarthy, Ostrow

In Favor: Kornberg, Demmers, Khanjian, Mauceri, Ferris, Robbins, Desai, Kornberg, Bae

Opposed: Masi, Campbell, Iaderosa, O'Grady

Motion passes.

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Tabled.

- iv. Request to form ad hoc committee to consider the proposal of the LA RAP to permit advertising in city parks including the use of billboards, logos on park structures such as picnic tables, sides of buildings, and trash receptacles and other surfaces.

Tabled.

- v. Request to form an ad hoc committee to consider the possible conflict of interest of members of the LA RAP Commission who hold positions in related organizations, which are involved with the RAP Department, specifically the LA Parks Foundation.

Tabled.

- d. Green Committee
  - i. Letter of support for Senate Bill 568

### **Point of Order**

Robbins: Asking if the council authorized to send advocacy letters to state officials.

Ostrow: The council is not allowed to lobby

Ferris: City Attorney advises councils that we are not advising other government bodies besides the city council.

Ostrow: This letter will be addressed to a city representative

### **MOTION:**

Campbell moves. McCarthy seconds.

Campbell: Explaining the issue and the solution contemplated by the bill.

Kornberg: Asking what the banned materials will be replaced with.

Campbell: Paper products.

Demmers: Supporting the motion and sharing her experience in the Malibu council discussion on this issue.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

ii. Letter Proposing the approval of an ordinance restricting the distribution of single-use plastic bags in Los Angeles.

**MOTION:**

Campbell moves. Laderosa seconds.

Question Period:

Bae: Asking what the recommended method for dog waste disposal is.

Campbell: The ideal would be composting, but the realistic solution is to buy bags.

Ostrow: Clarifying that this issue has come before the council today

Campbell: The previous issue was a state one, this is a city measure

Discussion Period:

O'Grady: Noting the state will likely act on this before the council.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

iii. Motion: The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council will only use 100% post consumer recycled paper for the printing of agendas and supplemental materials.

**MOTION:**

Campbell moves. O'Grady seconds.

Campbell: noting that CopyCat has some, but we need to request it.

Kornberg: Asking if it will cost more.

O'Grady: Estimating it will likely increase costs 30%

Masi: Asking that Green Committee facilitate this.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

**11. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

Kornberg moves to table. Ferris seconds.

Tabled.

**12. Other Comments and Announcements.**

Robbins: Marshall track open 6 – 7 am.

**13. Adjourn**

## Kornberg moves to adjourn. Bae seconds. Adjourned 11:54 pm.

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MINUTES**

September 20, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
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**1. Call to Order. Roll Call.**

7:10 p.m.

Present: Ostrow, Demmers, Robbins, Menz, Price, Ferris, Desai, Malhi, Iaderosa, Kornberg, Bae

Late: O'Grady, Khanjian, McCarthy, Mauceri

Absent: Masi, Campbell, DeOcampo

**2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.**

Karen Schwartzman, Resident: Resident on Rosalia and Clayton, reporting public safety issues. First reporting increased coyote attacks. Seeking advice about alerting neighborhood to this issue. Second reporting robbery on Commonwealth. Incident was reported to the police. Finally, reporting increase in helicopter traffic due to new children's hospital, specifically lower flying helicopter traffic.

Iaderosa: Introducing herself and noting she has already responded to coyote question.

Nathan Green, Resident: Speaking in support of anti-gas blower ordinance enforcement.

Linda Jamentz: Also noting coyote problem.

Joe Cisneros: Also noting coyote problem. Suggesting that this problem is caused by construction in Griffith Park and that future programs should take this into account. Also noting that pesticide dusting, currently used to reduce incidence of bubonic plague in the park is also dangerous to park goers.

Richard Spicer: Noting that through 3-1-1 you can reach the Los Angeles animal control officer to seek city action on coyote issues.

**3. Reports From Government Officials**

Greg Hernandez, Mike Gatto's office: Sharing recent legislative achievements, including voting protections for seniors, new speed limits, and grey water facilitation. Noting boundary changes which will make Mike Gatto the only representative for the Los Feliz/GGPNC area.

O'Grady arrives.

Mauceri arrives.

Ostrow: Noting that the Assemblyman has expressed some interest in attending a future meeting, but that there is a scheduling problem.

Eric Wright, LADOT: Introducing himself and the watch the road program. Lawn signs donated to the GGPNC.

Khanjian arrives.

Robbins: Asking Wright how the roadside speedometers, which alert speeding drivers, are placed. Wright offering to follow-up outside the meeting.

#### **4. Executive Committee Reports**

##### **a. President**

Ostrow: Asking about email access issues.

laderosa: Explaining she sometimes has issues finding the webmail site.

O'Grady: Receiving emails, but having trouble syncing with non-webmail email program.

Robbins: Explaining sometimes his password is rejected.

Demmers: Able to receive email but having trouble replying with @ggpnc.org username

Mauceri: Offering to resolve this issue.

Ostrow: Announcing citywide neighborhood council elections meeting on Thursday.  
laderosa attending

Ostrow: Neighborhood Council Congress this weekend.  
laderosa attending

Ostrow: Next meeting of the Griffith Park Master Plan Working Group on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:30 at the Griffith Park Visitor Center Auditorium

Ostrow: Explaining communications with Haunted Hayride production company. GGPNC had expressed concern about this event and the council had sought their presentation, but they have now declined the invitation to attend and present to the council.

Ostrow: Reporting meeting with Congressman Schiff and Councilman LaBonge.

Ostrow: Sharing email from John F. John noting incorrect notice on Executive Committee Agenda on July meeting Agenda that listed the meeting time at 7pm instead

of 6pm. The meeting in fact began at 6:20 p.m. The website had the right time on the calendar. The error on the agenda was Ostrow's typo.

Ostrow: Email from DONE confirming all bylaw changes have been approved. The vast majority were actually approved last November, but DONE neglected to inform the council. DONE instructed Ostrow to continue operating under bylaws as amended and as we have been. DONE has issued an apology for confusion and delay.

Ostrow: Noting Executive Committee appointed Lisa Sedano as new City Services Chair. Reporting that Transportation Committee, Green Committee, and Business Committee are not in compliance with Standing Rules, including minutes requirements, meeting requirements, etc. These three committees are officially notified of their non-compliance.

#### b. Rules & Elections

Demmers: Explaining new Table of Contents requirements from DONE have been implemented in bylaw versions attached to the agenda. Subsequent to making these changes and sending them both to the board and to DONE, there has been word back from DONE that they have additional changes. Recommending that the council table the agenda item approving these changes tonight and handle them next month.

Mauceri: Suggesting we should move forward as planned.

#### **MOTION:**

Kornberg moves to table. Bae seconds. Mauceri objects.

Mauceri: Not moving forward will increase our workload.

Ostrow: Agreeing that the council will have to deal with DONE's changes one way or another. Recommending tabling.

Demmers: Fine to leave it on the agenda and if the bylaws pass the committee will have the same amount of work regardless.

#### VOTE:

In Favor: Robbins, Price, Desai, Iaderosa, Khanjian, Bae

Opposed: Demmers, Mauceri, Menz, Ferris, Kornberg

Motion tabled.

#### c. Treasurer

Bae withdrawing motion on P-Card

#### **MOTION:**

Robbins moves to accept budget. Bae seconds. No Objection. Budget adopted by consensus.

**5. Motion: that the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and Los Angeles Department of**

**Transportation to adopt a new “apron”/parkway parking policy that allows appropriate and needed parking in the City of Los Angeles while still respecting and protecting the rights of the disabled and submit the following CIS:**

Regarding File #11-1341, GGPNC supports amending LAMC 80.53, implementing a permit process to allow parkway parking. Because CVC states such an ordinance is permitted by local authority, the Council can act without the state legislature. Plaintiffs of the lawsuits shouldn't be included in the review of this ordinance. The Council should seek review from disability rights groups or other experts in evaluating this proposal. GGPNC's view is that for safety reasons, driveways shouldn't be used for accessing sidewalks by mobility devices and the Council shouldn't consider driveways as access points for wheelchairs in the evaluation of this ordinance.

**MOTION:**

Kornberg moves to adopt above position and CIS. Bae seconds.

Kornberg introduces Liz McDonald, district resident and activist on this issue.

Liz McDonald: Explaining background of the issue, including long-standing non-enforcement of apron parking prohibition until recently in response to disability rights law suit. Presenting proposal to implement an ordinance to allow apron parking permits like similar measures in San Francisco, Long Beach and other California communities with parking shortages.

Public Comment:

Rex Link: Asking about homeowners who simply don't use their garages and that this issue is caused by that behavior.

Karen Schwartzman: Agreeing that there is a severe parking shortage in the neighborhood, particularly where there are multi-unit building without sufficient parking on-site.

Question Period:

Desai: Asking how this translates to apartment complexes.

McDonald: Suggesting that this is primarily an issue for renters. For example her building has 15 units and only 6 spaces.

Ferris: Complimenting McDonald on her preparation and background material. Clarifying that apron and parkway refer to the same area between the curb and the sidewalk.

Bae: Asking about opposition.

McDonald: The most significant argument comes from urban planners who are trying to force drivers to cut back on the number of vehicles.

O'Grady: Asking why the city can't just change the ordinance to allow this.

McDonald: The California Vehicle Code prohibits this and allows for this permit process.

Robbins: Clarifying the issue in these lawsuits that precipitated this enforcement change is access to the sidewalk on the apron.

McDonald: Explaining that driveway blocking is also an issue.  
Mauceri Objects.

Discussion:

Mauceri: Arguing that parking is a serious issue, and this is a band-aid, not a cure. Permitting this is also problematic.

Ferris: Arguing that this has to be permitted – otherwise how would enforcement know whether or not the car blocking a driveway is doing so legitimately. The council’s job is just to listen to stakeholder groups on this issue and pass the word along to the council.

O’Grady: Clarifying that paralleled parked in front of a driveway is also prohibited by the municipal code and that that kind of parking would also be included in this proposal.

Robbins: Suggesting that permitting will help with the parking issue. This isn’t a band-aid, it’s a tourniquet.

Desai: Asking to call the question.

No Objection. Passed by consensus.

**6. Committee Reports:**

a. Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation

- i. Motion to send a letter approving application for extending hours of operation of Home Restaurant.

**MOTION:**

Khanjian moves to send the following letter to the hearing officer:

After consideration at a publicly noticed, regular meeting of its Planning, Zoning and Historical Preservation Committee (PZHPC) on September 7, 2011, and its regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting on September 20, 2011, the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) agreed by consensus to recommend approval of the above referenced application presented in its entirety, to wit:

“Approval of Plans as required by condition No. 14 of Case No. ZA 2008-3701 (CUB)-1A in order to review the operation and compliance with the imposed conditions. The applicant also requests to modify Condition No. 8 to change the hours of operation to 8 a.m. to 12 midnight daily from the approved 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 12 midnight Thursday through Saturday, in conjunction with an existing 3,537 square-foot restaurant dispensing a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption with seating for 36 patrons indoors and 60 on the outdoor patio.”

The applicant provided the PZHP committee with the following immediate area restaurants operating time schedules as reference:

	<u>Mon-Wed</u>	<u>Thur-Sat</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Alcove	6:00am – 12am	6:00a.m. – 1am	7:00am - 12am
Little Dom’s	8:00am - 11pm	8:00a.m. – 12am	8:00am - 11pm
Figaro	8:30am -10:30pm	8:30a.m. – 11:00pm	

Only one speaker offered public comment and spoke in support of the applicant and the PZHP Committee approved this application with no objections

O'Grady seconds.

Questions:

Bae: Clarifying that Home isn't changing nature of their service.

Discussion:

Mauceri: Asking if Home is still required to provide free valet parking. And noting that the other three restaurants listed here have no such requirement. Suggesting there should be a standard for all these establishments both with respect to hours and parking.

Robbins: Supporting motion.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

- ii. Motion to send a letter opposing the variance to allow a gate and fence in excess of the permitted height at 1974 DeMille Drive.

**MOTION:**

Khanjian moves to send the following letter to Zoning Administrator:

The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) Planning, Zoning and Historical Preservation Committee (PZHPC) meets monthly to address a variety of planning and zoning issues and encourages all stakeholders to participate in our meetings and hearings. We are active in our community and often submit recommendations to your office on various conditional uses, variances and other land use entitlements.

We have recently been informed of the subject ZA Adjustment application involving a proposed front yard wall varying in height from 7 feet to 8 feet. These types of cases are often controversial and generate a lot of concern from neighbors. In this particular case, although invited to appear before the PZHPC, the applicant has elected not to come forward to present and justify the over in height wall before the community and the neighbors.

We are very concerned that a Zoning Administrator will render a decision on this issue at a future meeting without advice and recommendation from the Neighborhood Council.

As a result we wish to register our opposition to this application and we hope that you relay our position to the appropriate decision maker and include this correspondence as part of the ZA file.

Kornberg seconds.

Khanjian: Explains that applicant declined the committee invitation to seek committee support. The committee then recommended the following letter.

Gary Khanjian, Committee Chair: Explaining that after the applicant saw this letter they then asked to come to the board to seek approval. So the applicant is here to present and the neighbors have been notified that they will be presenting tonight.

Menz: Suggesting that the letter is no longer appropriate.

Robbins: Asking why the letter is before the board if the chair opposes it.

Ostrow: Explaining that the committee asked to bring this forward and so Khanjian doesn't have the authority to override that decision despite new information.

Mauceri: Asking to hear from the applicant.

Ostrow: Ruling that the council will hear from the applicant and then consider the letter.

Andres Ariza, Project Manager for 1974 DeMille: Presenting plans for wall and gate, sharing photos of neighboring properties with similar walls. The purpose of these walls is for privacy and security.

Mauceri: Clarifying this is in Laughlin Park

O'Grady: Asking what is there right now?

Ariza: A chain link fence temporarily replaced a 9 foot hedge during construction.

Ferris: Clarifying that this is within the gated community

Menz: Confirming neighbors were notified.

Kornberg objects to motion.

Discussion:

Mauceri: There are two separate issues here. The first is that this wall is probably appropriate for this site. The second is procedurally how to move forward given that there wasn't a proper presentation to the committee.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

O'Grady moves to send a letter of approval. Robbins seconds.

Discussion:

Demmers: Suggesting that this is a case where the committee should have been given an opportunity to weigh in. But we cannot set a precedent to allow folks to circumvent the committee process.

O'Grady: This was inadvertent.

Robbins: There is a suggestion that there was a miscommunication and the applicant should be given the benefit of the doubt.

Ostrow: Voicing opposition to original letter, because it automatically condemns a project for not seeking approval and this is not a good precedent either.

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

McCarthy arrives.

- iii. Motion: To send a letter to Councilman Reyes with attached recommendations of the GGPNC in regard to the Proposed Citywide Sign Ordinance and to file a CIS explaining the board's opposition to the adoption of the revised ordinance.

**MOTION:**

Khanjian moves to adopt CIS and send letter to Councilman with recommendations on sign ordinance. Bae seconds.

Richard Spicer: Presenting background material on supplementary revisions to 2009 recommendations to sign ordinance. Specifically recommendations about inter-department communications, opposition to off-site signs in city parks, sign district approval mechanism, and other ordinance provisions.

Jacqueline Kerr and Rosemary DeMonte in attendance to answer questions.

Public Comment:

Joe Young, PROS Committee Chair: Explaining committee work on this issue because the ordinance only refers to city-owned properties, presumably including parks.

Ostrow: The requirements on CIS's have changed and now they can be longer than 100 words, but there can only be one CIS per issue from each NC. We have two proposed here tonight, but if we adopt both we will need to combine them.

Kerr: Recommending that the council pass the two short versions and the authorization to file them together as a longer statement if necessary.

Questions:

Ferris: Clarifying references to signs versus off-site signage.

Spicer: Agreeing CIS should be corrected to make it clear it refers to off-site signage.

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

Ferris moves to amend CIS and supporting documents to refer to off-site signage. Mauceri seconds. No objection. Amendment adopted.

No Objection. Motion passed by consensus.

- iv. Motion: To file an additional CIS proposing the establishment of a citizens' committees wherever sign usage districts are proposed.

**MOTION:**

Khanjian moves to adopt additional CIS. Kornberg seconds.

Jacqueline Kerr: Explaining that this has been prompted by the City Attorney's office no longer handling private suits over signage.

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

Kornberg moves to amend to allow this language to be added to the previously approved CIS if it is determined that the council is no longer allowed to file multiple CIS's. Mauceri seconds. No objection. Amended by consensus.

Questions:

Robbins: Asking why there needs to be a new committee and why neighborhood councils can't handle this.

Kerr: This proposal is preferable to leaving this to the NCs because not all NCs are competent to handle this.

No objection. Amended motion passed by consensus.

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**MOTION:**

Ostrow makes the above motion. Kornberg seconds.

Joe Young, PROS Chair: Noting that this is not an anti-Autry initiative. Explaining history of prior commitments to the rehabilitate the Southwest Museum site. Noting recent statements have undermined those commitments. This motion seeks to remind the Autry of its prior commitment.

Questions:

McCarthy: Asking about location of the museum

Ferris: Asking if this is already the subject of a lawsuit by the Friends of the Southwest Museum.

Young: Explaining the lawsuit is not about this commitment, but about the space within the museum and the collection.

Menz: Asking about effect of resolution.

Ostrow: Confirming this would just be a position of the council.

Mauceri: Asking about handout that contains Autry President's commitment.

Young: The GGPNC is not being asked to specify the commitment, but to reaffirm that a commitment exists.

Discussion:

Ferris: Concerned that Autry is also a set of stakeholders and this is a hotly contested thing.

Mauceri: Noting there was an ad hoc committee formed on this when it was before the city council. At that time the head of the Autry was asked about the possibilities of rehabilitation and he answered it was not possible. This is part of a larger contract that is the subject of litigation. This motion assumes that there is an agreement.

**MOTION TO TABLE:**

Mauceri moves to table until the litigation reaches a ruling on this point. Bae seconds. Kornberg objects.

Ostrow: Noting that Ferris asked about the litigation and Young answered that he didn't know whether or not this is in fact the subject of the lawsuit.

Kornberg: Against tabling the motion because the outcome of the lawsuit doesn't change the fact that this motion misstates the prior commitment contained in the letter.

**VOTE:**

Abstaining: Demmers, Ostrow

In Favor: Mauceri, Bae, Ferris, Desai, Menz, Bae, Malhi, Price, Khanjian, O'Grady

Opposed: McCarthy, Robbins, Iaderosa, Kornberg

Motion tabled.

ii. Motion: Whereas there currently exists sufficient cell phone reception throughout Griffith Park and that the use of water reservoirs as bases for cell phone towers represents an unwanted and unnecessary intrusion of the natural environment of Griffith Park, be it resolved that the GGPNC oppose cell phone tower installations within Griffith Park.

**MOTION:**

Ostrow moves the above motion. Malhi seconds.

Young: Explaining impetus for this measure and the reasons for opposing this proposal. Asserting this is about revenue streams from the park, not safety.

Questions:

Bae: Asking how big the cell towers will be.

Young: They range from 2 to 30 feet.

Mauceri: Asking if there have been plans to camouflage these towers.

Young: The current proposal before the council is to work with the telecommunications companies – there are no specs.

Ferris: Asking about the height of the tanks.

Demmers: Asking if the goal is to improve service in the park or to the communities around the park.

Young: Not about service in the park, it's about improving service in the community generally.

Discussion:

Menz: Recalling that during the budget cuts there was outrage about the ranger's being cut and perhaps this revenue generation could be a net benefit. Noting that there is a tower on his building that is imperceptible because it's so small.

McCarthy: This is going to happen eventually. There isn't sufficient reception in the park. We should fight it until it happens.

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

McCarthy moves to eliminate reference inadequate cell phone reception. Ferris seconds. Desai objects.

Discussion:

Desai: Objecting to the vagueness of the proposal.

Demmers: Should read the GGPNC opposes the installation of cell phone towers within Griffith Park.

Mauceri: Concur that he can't get reception in the park. Reading stakeholder letter on public safety in the park.

**MOTION TO TABLE:**

Mauceri moves to table. Bae seconds. Kornberg objects.

Robbins: Explaining why data is important and why this should be voted down at this time.

Iaderosa: Relating conversation with fire department which does not support increased cell phone reception in the park because it provides a false sense of security in an area that will never have full coverage due to the nature of the space.

O'Grady: The PROS Committee is trying to make a statement. The City doesn't have to come before this body to ask permission to build these.

**VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE:**

Abstaining: Ostrow, Demmers, Desai, McCarthy

In Favor: Mauceri, Menz, Khanjian, O'Grady, Ferris, Bae, Iaderosa

Opposed: Kornberg, Robbins, Price

Tabled.

iii. Motion: Resolved, that the City of Los Angeles, including but not limited to the Department of Water and Power and the Department of Street Maintenance, shall determine the cause(s) of excess surface water in Fern Dell and resultant property damage and shall bring resources to the resolution of that problem.

**MOTION:**

Ostrow moves. Demmers seconds.

Young: Explaining issue, DWP's abdication of responsibility.

Questions:

Menz: Clarifying that a motion to send a letter is preferable.

Ferris: Asking about involvement of Friends of Fern Dell and appropriate follow-up.

Robbins opposes.

Discussion:

Robbins: This is not what DWP is designed to do.

Menz: This addresses that concern and sends it to the city as well.

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

Menz moves to create a letter based on this resolution. Mauceri seconds. No objection. Motion amended.

**VOTE on MOTION AS AMENDED:**

Abstaining: Price, Ostrow, Iaderosa

In Favor: Kornberg, Mauceri, Robbins, Demmers, Menz, Ferris, Desai, Malhi, O'Grady, Khanjian, McCarthy

Opposed: Bae

Motion passed by majority vote.

iv. Motion: Resolved, that no member of the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Commission shall hold any position or post in any organization that conducts any business, directly or indirectly, with the Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department, or acts in any advisory capacity with the Department or with other City agencies including but not limited to the Office of the City Attorney.

**MOTION:**

Ostrow moves, noting this did not come through committee but from Joe Young. Desai seconds.

Kornberg recuses herself.

Young: Explaining background and problems of perception of conflict of interest. Explaining that currently Barry Sanders serves as the president of the commission and the LA Parks Foundation and is a prominent member of lobbying firm Latham & Watkins. Noting KCET profile on this topic.

Bae leaves.

Questions:

Ferris: Noting that sign issue has been the source of much conflict with Mr. Sanders. Asking about inclusion of City Attorney in this motion.

Young: Explaining that Latham & Watkins worked through the City Attorney's office on the signage issue.

Robbins: Asking if there are any other people to whom this would apply.

Young: It would apply to others in this position, but no others known at this time.

**Discussion:**

Ferris: There are state rules and codes governing ethical conflicts. A resolution from us will not change those rules or Mr. Sanders. Not supporting this because this is so personally targeted to one individual.

Robbins: According to the ethics training if there is an appearance of impropriety it should be brought to the City Attorney. That is where this should go.

McCarthy: Suggesting an amendment can be made to accomplish this.

Ostrow: Noting that it's ok to stand on principle and make a policy statement even if you don't think it will make a difference.

Mauceri: The Department of Recreation and Parks already has an issue with this council and this will further hinder council efforts to work with the department. There is a mechanism to file a complaint through the city attorney and that is the appropriate path to follow.

**VOTE:**

Abstaining: McCarthy, Ostrow, O'Grady

Opposed: Demmers, Robbins, Price, Mauceri, Menz, Ferris, Desai, Malhi, Khanjian,

Motion fails.

c. Education

- i. Motion: The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council will contribute \$4,000 towards the new edible garden project, known as Farm Franklin, located on the north end of the campus of Franklin elementary school, a public school in Los Feliz.

**MOTION:**

Malhi moves. Robbins seconds. O'Grady recuses himself.

Malhi: Explaining that principal approached council with this proposal. Reading letter from the principal. Noting this is a \$16,000 project being financed by other neighborhood groups. Sharing parent letters.

**Questions:**

Kornberg: Asking if this will leave sufficient funds for other school projects.

Mauceri: Explaining that this was contemplated by the committee. State is mandating Franklin to pull down old structures and this will go there.

Robbins: Confirming that the committee has asked other schools to submit proposals and that they have not been forthcoming.

Ferris: Asking about maintenance.

Malhi: Explaining the concept of a teaching garden.

Khanjian: Explaining that this was included in budget proposal.

Demmers: Asking how the letters were collected. Noting that letters of support are duplicative and identical.

Menz: Confirming there has been outside fundraising.

Ostrow: Confirming all schools notified of opportunity to submit proposals.

Mauceri: Explaining he communicated with Marshall and O'Grady communicated with Los Feliz Elementary.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

d. Culture and Events

- i. The GGPNC will provide funding for an after school arts program at King Middle School to be provided by Aimee Art Productions in the amount of \$300.00 from the Culture and Events budget line item.

**MOTION:**

Ostrow moves. Demmers seconds.

Ostrow: Noting this represents 10% of Culture and Events budget. Distributing program information. Last year \$1,500 from both committees (half from each).

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

Kornberg moves to consolidate two motions on this topic. Ferris seconds.

Mauceri and Ostrow object.

Khanjian: Clarifying Special Projects budget is \$1,000.

**VOTE on MOTION TO AMEND:**

Abstaining: Khanjian, Ostrow

In Favor: O'Grady, Robbins

Opposed: Desai, Ferris, Mauceri, Price, Demmers, Kornberg, McCarthy, Malhi

Amendment fails.

Returning to Main Motion:

No objection to original motion. Passed by consensus.

- ii. Related Motion, not from Culture and Events Committee: Fund Aimee Art Productions in the amount of \$700.00 to come from the Special Projects budget.

**MOTION:**

O'Grady moves. Robbins objects. Mauceri objects.

O'Grady: Explaining his support for this program, the council's history with this, and the importance of these types of programs at King in particular.

Questions:

Ferris: Asking why this isn't coming out of Education.

O'Grady: Explaining that money allocated for King has been requested by the principal to go towards school trips.

Discussion:

Mauceri: The Special Projects budget is for emergencies. 70% shouldn't be spent at this early date on this type of program.

Khanjian: Pointing out that there is an operations emergency fund of \$1,500.

Robbins: Noting emergency funds are likely to be used for a secretary.

O'Grady: Noting that generally the council has a surplus.

Ostrow: Noting previous discussion on Education budget and that King requested field trips and Franklin requested a garden. The council allocated \$7,500 to education. The committee should have accounted for this. It is unfortunate there isn't enough money to fund both, but the principal has indicated what the priority should be. This is the first year the council will actually live within this budget – because previous years had rollover funds and cancelled projects. Every committee wants to do more. If it's important enough to fund it should come from education.

Ostrow (reading absentee comment from Bae): Sharing his view that this should come from education budget. Special funds are for unforeseen projects.

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

Mauceri moves to amend amount to \$200 from special projects. Ferris seconds. No objection. Motion amended.

Price: Explaining that there are funds from the city council from buses for field trips and so perhaps that is not as critical a concern.

O'Grady: Explaining that city money for buses doesn't cover the school's costs and continuing support for the motion.

No objection. Motion as Amended passed by consensus.

Desai and Malhi leave.

e. Rules And Election

i. MOTION: To adopt Procedures for filling Standing Board Committee positions (Executive, Budget and Finance, Rules and Elections) as previously utilized striking the language limiting the nature of comments.

**MOTION:**

Demmers moves. Robbins seconds.

Demmers: Explaining content of the proposed rule and that it is precisely what has been used in the past. No objection. Passed by consensus.

ii. MOTION: Recommend Governing Board adoption of Procedure for Board Member appointments previously utilized (with language modifications); discussion and action as appropriate.

**MOTION:**

Demmers moves. Robbins seconds.

Demmers: Explaining content of the proposed rule and is the procedure that has been used in the past.

Kornberg: Clarifying this is a procedure for filling vacancies in which the whole board participates.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

**MOTION to UNTABLE:**

Mauceri moves to untable table of contents motion. Demmers seconds. No objection. Passed by consensus.

iii. MOTION: To approve the reformatting of the GGPNC Bylaws to be in compliance with the new DONE Table of Contents requirements. Note: With the exception of text required by City Ordinance and mandated by DONE, there is no change to the existing Bylaws.

**MOTION:**

Demmers moves. Mauceri seconds.

Demmers: Explaining that response from DONE will be incorporated next month.

Question Period:

Mauceri: Explaining this is mandated by DONE and represents no substantive change. Helpful to pass this now because it will only get more complicated as DONE continues to respond.

Ferris: Clarifying this is approving the material we reviewed in preparation for this motion.

Kornberg: Clarifying that next month the council will approve the changes made by DONE earlier today.

Menz: Clarifying impact of DONE's comments.

Ostrow objects.

Discussion:

Ostrow: Arguing that this doesn't set the work back.

Mauceri: The committee has done this work and the council should defer to that opinion.

Ferris: Noting that there is a member in the community who files every possible grievance. And so moving to amend to eliminate that possibility.

**MOTION TO AMEND:**

Ferris moves to amend motion to approve changes made thus far in anticipation of refinement in response to DONE's corrections at the next meeting. No second. Amendment dies.

Returning to Main Motion:

Khanjian: Asking to call the vote.

Robbins calls the question. No objection.

**VOTE:**

In favor: Demmers, Robbins, Price, Mauceri, Menz, Ferris, Iaderosa, O'Grady, Khanjian, McCarthy, Kornberg, Ostrow

Unanimous.

Bylaws Amended by supermajority.

iv. MOTION: To Approve Bylaws as Amended. These changes to the Bylaws seek to clarify and redefine the roles and responsibilities of the VP for Communication and Outreach, the Secretary, and the Vice President Administration.

**MOTION:**

Demmers moves. Robbins second.

Demmers: Explaining impetus for this change was to lighten the load of the executive committee.

No objections.

**VOTE:**

In favor: Kornberg, Ostrow, Demmers, Robbins, Price, Mauceri, Menz, Ferris, Iaderosa, O'Grady, Khanjian, McCarthy

Unanimous

Bylaws Amended by super-majority.

**7. Appointments to fill District A Vacancy**

Ostrow: Introducing candidate Rafik Ghazarian.

Ghazarian: Introducing himself and explaining his reasons for wishing to volunteer.

Ferris moves to appoint. Kornberg seconds.

**VOTE COUNT:** Unanimous for Rafik Ghazarian.

Mauceri moves to end appointment process. Robbins seconds. No objection.

Ghazarian leaves.

**8. Shall the GGPNC hire someone to take/transcribe the monthly minutes?  
Discussion and action as appropriate.**

Mauceri: Objecting to this motion because already voted on in the past.

O'Grady moves to enter discussion on the topic. McCarthy seconds.

Ferris suggests the solution is to give President the authority to delegate the minute taking to a hired professional or to another board member in the absence of a Secretary.

Mauceri: Having Kornberg take the minutes is only a temporary solution.

Robbins: It is not ideal to have Kornberg taking the minutes. The council should have a complete and professional record of the meeting minutes.

McCarthy: Logging is an alternative option. Propose Kornberg continues to take notes until the tape recorder/logging is

**MOTION:**

Mauceri moves to hire a professional transcription service for the Executive Committee meeting minutes as a test. McCarthy seconds. Ostrow objects.

Khanjian: Supporting the motion.

Mauceri moves to end debate. No objection. Passed by consensus.

**VOTE:**

In Favor: In favor: Kornberg, Ostrow, Demmers, Robbins, Price, Mauceri, Menz, Ferris, Iaderosa, O'Grady, Khanjian, McCarthy

Substitute Motion passed by majority vote.

**9. Appoint Secretary and VP, Communications.**

Mauceri: Explaining the Secretary and VP, Communications jobs in light of new bylaw amendments.

Ostrow: Reading bylaw descriptions.

O'Grady nominates Mauceri for Secretary. Mauceri declines.

Menz volunteers for VP, Communications.

**VOTE COUNT:** Unanimous for Menz.

Khanjian moves to close appointment process. Ferris seconds.

## **10. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:**

Ferris moves. McCarthy seconds. Kornberg abstaining. No objection. Approved by consensus.

## **11. Other Comments and Announcements.**

None.

## **12. Adjourn –**

Kornberg moves. Khanjian seconds. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 a.m.