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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

March 15, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
Los Feliz Community Police Center
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1. Call to Order.
2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items
3. President's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Rules & Elections Committee Report
6. City Service Committee Chair. Discussion and action as appropriate. (Supplement 1)
7. Motion: To unseat the chair of the Neighborhood Improvement Committee. (Hyams)
8. Code of Civility Violations – Discussion and action as appropriate.
9. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Supplement 2)
10. Other Comments and Announcements
11. Adjourn

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Supplement 1: Communications from Todd Sargent, City Services Committee Chair Candidate

From: Todd Sargent

Date: February 27, 2011 9:53:43 PM PST

To: ronostrow@ggpnc.org

Subject: GGPNC - City Services Committee

Dear Ron - I was catching up on the latest happenings with the GGPNC and saw that there was a need to support the City Services Committee. I am a resident of Los Feliz and would be very interested in helping in whatever way the Neighborhood Council sees value.

I am currently a Los Angeles City Commissioner, appointed by City Council President Eric Garcetti, within the Industrial Development Authority (http://ida.lacity.org/board_bio_ts.html). I've worked with Tom LaBonge's office to market the services of the IDA to local businesses for economic development purposes. I'm pretty aware of the city structure, in terms of services - and would be very interested in looking at ways to monitor the delivery of these services, as well as remove barriers to access to these services (as stated in the committee mission statement).

Many years ago, I was a staff member for Senator John Kerry in Washington, DC, where I worked on constituent services and support. I think that experience could be very helpful too.

I'd enjoy speaking with you more about this opportunity, whether to Chair the committee - or be a member. It seems that the committee hasn't met for more than two years, so I'd be interested in getting your take on what needs to happen to re-energize things in the area of city services advocacy. I've attached my current resume too, as you can get a sense of my professional experience.

Best Regards,

Todd Sargent

On Mon, Feb 28, 2011 at 11:31 PM, Todd Sargent wrote (in part):

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I'll make sure to introduce myself to you both, as well as any other GGPNC board members in attendance. I've been thinking about city services, in terms of what information the community may be interested in knowing more about. I found an interesting website from another community organization that lists a bunch of the services performed by the city (http://www.westadams-normandie.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=138&Itemid=1). I'm not sure how updated this is - or what the constituents of the area would be most interested in - but we could create a section on the GGPNC website with city services specific to the Greater Griffith Park area.

Also, as you probably know, the city has many Boards, Commissions, Departments, and Bureaus on a multitude of areas from the MTA to Cultural Affairs. There may be interest in the community to learn more about those entities. Specific to GGPNC, my guess is that the Council has ties to Department of Recreation and Parks, due to the inclusion of Griffith Park in the representation district. Maybe there are additional connections to city services that would be of value to explore?

Another idea I had was that the GGPNC could be a conduit for public maintenance and repair requests from the community. (This may already happen, I have no idea.) The City Services committee could collate requests on a regular basis and follow-up with the appropriate city department and/or the appropriate representative in the CD4 office.

Anyhow, I will see you both tomorrow evening - and I am available on March 15th to attend the Executive Committee meeting and chat more about this Committee.

Have a great day,
Todd

Supplement 2: February 2011 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order.

6:05 pm

Present: Ostrow, Hyams, Nubaravacharyan, Kornberg
Late: Khanjian

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

3. President's Update

Ostrow: Sharing news of leadership breakfast with Tom LaBonge and progress on March 1st Forum planning.

4. Treasurer's Report

Ostrow: Delivering updates on liability items, including Freedom Scientific sales tax issue.

5. Committee Chair Appointments. Discussion and Action as Appropriate.

a. PROS Committee

Ostrow: Introducing item to appoint co-chairs Laura Howe and Joe Young.

Laura Howe: Sharing her experience on the PROS Committee and her relationships with the coalition of city officials and local activists who make up the PROS Committee. Explaining her and Joe Young's idea for co-chair partnership.

Khanjian arrives.

Joe Young: Explaining his view that Laura brings experience with the council and he brings availability and engineering expertise to the partnership.

Ostrow: Explaining his goal that all committees comply with Brown Act, bylaw requirements, and standing rules. In particular, explaining goal and purpose of minute taking and posting, email contact sharing, reporting to the board and the budget committee. Also discussing the unused committee funds.

Howe: Clarifying process for bringing action items to the board and reporting to the board.

Kornberg: Identifying that Laura Howe will administer the committee webpage and that both co-chairs will use GGPNC email.

Hyams: Confirming both co-chairs have passed city ethics certification.

NOMINATION:

Kornberg nominates Howe and Young as PROS co-chairs. Nubaravacharyan seconds. No objection. Seated by consensus.

Ostrow: Passing on information about Forest Lawn EIR and meeting schedule.

b. Education Committee

Ostrow: Introducing Stephanie Widmer

Widmer: Sharing her motivation for getting involved locally and her background as a Teach for America teacher all around the city. Asking for additional background on past committee work.

Hyams: Explaining that the mission of the committee has been to hear from local schools and fill in gaps those schools were experiencing. Sharing examples of committee work, including new chairs for students and the Big Blue M.

Kornberg: Noting the committee also advocated for the local public library and has generally split the budget equally among local schools.

Ostrow: Noting that while the committee had made that recommendation about the budget, the board had subsequently adjusted that balance – citing this as an example of the relationship between committees and the board. Also noting upcoming appointment process and possible implications of bylaw

amendments on that process and this committee if a proposal to tie committee chair to appointed seat is adopted.

Widmer: Confirming her interest in chairing the committee, despite possible change in bylaws.

Hyams: Noting ethics requirement.

NOMINATION:

Kornberg nominates Widmer for the Education Committee chair. Hyams seconds. No Objection. Seated by consensus.

c. Green Committee

Kornberg: Explaining how this item came to the agenda.

MOTION to TABLE:

Hyams moves to table this item until the relevant parties are present. Kornberg seconds. No objection. Tabled by consensus.

6. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Hyams moves to adopt January meeting minutes. Nubaravachryan seconds. No Objection. Approved by consensus.

7. Other Comments and Announcements

None.

8. Adjourn

MOTION:

Hyams moves to adjourn. Nubaravacharyan seconds. No Objection. Adjourned 6:50pm.