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April 12, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
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1. Call to Order. Roll Call.

Present: Ostrow, Hyams, Khanjian, Gardner, Nubaravacharyan, Mauceri, Bae, Malhi, O'Grady, Campbell, Arslanian, DeMonte
 Absent: Wilson
 Excused: Mims, Masi, DeOcampo

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

3. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Hyams moves to adopt the draft March meeting minutes. Campbell seconds.

Gardner: Offering corrections including spelling of LEED, comments about Mauceri, and public comment by Barbara Ferris. Objections to this final correction.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Hyams moves to table further discussion of minutes until the end of the meeting. Campbell seconds. Gardner objects.

Vote to on Substitute Motion to Table:

Abstaining: DeMonte

In favor: Hyams, Khanjian, Mauceri, Luisa, Bae, Malhi, O'Grady, Campbell, Arslanian, Kornberg

Opposed: Gardner

Discussion of approval of past Meeting Minutes tabled until the end of the meeting.

4. Forest Lawn DEIR Public Comment Letter: Action & Discussion as Appropriate

Ostrow: Presenting motion and explaining background.

MOTION:

Ostrow moves to submit the following letter. Kornberg seconds.

Adam Villani
 Environmental Review Coordinator, EIR Unit
 City Of Los Angeles Department Of City Planning
 200 North Spring Street, Room 750
 Los Angeles, CA 90012

EIR Case No.: ENV-2007-1060-EIR
SCH# 2008111048
Project: Forest Lawn Memorial Park –
Hollywood Hills Master Plan
Location: 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, LA, CA
Community Plan Area: Hollywood
Council District: 4

Dear Mr. Villani:

By this letter the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) submits comments concerning the referenced DEIR.

The DEIR was released for review and comment in February 2011. As we stated in our March 17, 2011 letter requesting an extension of time to review the DEIR, the DEIR raises many issues relative to wildlife, wildlife corridors, biological resources, aesthetics, and the cumulative impact of a number of projects already underway or planned to begin soon. We believed then, and continue to believe, that the time allowed to comment on this massive document was inadequate. The fifteen-day extension granted was less than what we requested. Numerous other organizations, including the Los Feliz Improvement Association, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the Sierra Club also requested longer extensions of time to comment.

While this letter includes initial comments about a number of issues concerning the DEIR, the GGPNC may file additional comments as we uncover more concerns in the DEIR.

1. The DEIR refers to Griffith Park as a biological, isolated “island” through which land based animals do not pass. This is untrue. Griffith Park is both a geological and biological eastward extension of the Santa Monica Mountains. Land based wildlife does travel from the mountains to the west throughout Griffith Park, and numerous surveys have documented this travel. No one disputes the presence of deer, coyote, bobcats, foxes, and other animals in the area between Forest Lawn and Lake Hollywood. The proposed project, and all of the alternatives suggested, will restrict this narrow corridor.
2. The DEIR does not adequately address the threat to endangered or rare habitat. The animal surveys described in the appendices are inadequate. There are ongoing wildlife surveys taking place in and around Griffith Park, but these are not referenced in the DEIR. Without a comprehensive inventory of wildlife, the DEIR cannot competently address impacts on wildlife.
3. The DEIR minimizes the importance of riparian habitat. The proposed project would adversely impact approximately eight acres of streambed habitat. Two creeks in close proximity to one another, Sennett Creek and Royce Creek, are home to countless animal and botanical wildlife and the ecological damage to Sennett Creek could have an adverse impact on Royce Creek, even if Royce Canyon is beyond the project boundary. Furthermore, disruption of riparian corridor may also alter the migration of animals to and from the Los Angeles River.
4. The DEIR dismisses the cumulative impacts of the nearby proposed and ongoing projects. The DEIR makes scant mention of such projects as the NBC-Universal project and the headworks project. For example, the NBC-Universal project is expected to greatly increase the amount of traffic and noise, light, and pollution along Forest Lawn Drive. These impacts could disrupt the relative bucolic environment to which the wildlife is accustomed. Combined with the acknowledged loss of habitat of the proposed project and any of the alternatives, wildlife will be further and further marginalized and forced into ever-restrictive corridors and habitat. The DEIR does not address the cumulative impact of these projects.
5. The DEIR suggests that the destruction of over 800 ancient oaks and other trees can be mitigated by the planting of acorns and seedlings elsewhere, and not necessarily within the project boundary. This is patently absurd. These trees are at once the haven for an enormous variety of wildlife, a guardian against erosion, and a majestic ambience for all to admire. They are the linchpin of the ecosystem. While the suggested alternatives respectively impact fewer and fewer trees, the loss of any of these magnificent trees would be a tragedy, both in terms of biology and aesthetics.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ron Ostrow, President Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council

By: Laura S. Howe Joseph F. Young
Co-Chairs, GGPNC Parks, River and Open Space Committee

cc: Councilmember Tom LaBonge
Michael LoGrande, Director of Planning
Jessica Kornberg, Secretary
GGPNC Board Members

No objection. Motion passed by consensus.

5. Motion to adjust the budget to account for a previous over allocation to the Culture and Events committee, the cancellation of the previous funding to Friends Of The Los Feliz Library, undistributed deficit amounts and provide easier allocation of funds for upcoming committee request.

MOTION:

Ostrow moves to adjust the budget as follows to account for a previous over-allocation to the Culture and Events line item, the cancellation of a previous funding item to The Friends of The Los Feliz Library, an adjustment to account for undistributed deficit amounts and to more easily allocate funding for upcoming committee requests:

From Operations 100:

Decrease Bank Service Charges by \$50.00

Decrease General Meeting Copies by \$550.00

Decrease Business Cards by \$95.79

Decrease Rules And Elections by \$554.06

Decrease Operations Emergency Fund by \$3.25

From Outreach 200:

Decrease Web Hosting by \$33.00

Decrease Mass Email by \$75.00

From Community Improvement 300:

Decrease Transportation Committee by \$500.00

Increase Culture And Events by \$750.00

Decrease Neighborhood Improvement by \$250.00

Increase Community Improvement Fund by \$2,117.93

Decrease the 2009-10 Deficit by \$1,000.00 by canceling the reimbursement to the Friends of The Los Feliz Library for landscaping charges.

The net change to the budget is a reduction in expenses by \$756.83 and brings the budget back into balance.

Bae seconds. No objection. Budget adjustments accepted by consensus.

Nubaravacharyan leaves.

6. Approval of Budget Expenditure Proposals – Discussion and Action as Appropriate.

Ostrow: Introducing the topic, the process at DONE that precipitated this meeting, and the process for the discussion this evening which will hear requests first from committees who do not seek more funds than originally allotted.

Public Safety Proposal:

MOTION:

Gardner moves to allocate \$6,800 for emergency preparedness items including warning signs, survival products, and an emergency bin.

Ostrow: Clarifying that committees asking for expenditures within their current budget allocation will present first.

No second. Motion dies.

PZHPC Proposal:

MOTION:

Khanjian moves to approve \$677.18 for Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee open forum on Hollywood Community Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report. Kornberg seconds. No objection. Motion passed by consensus.

Green Committee Proposals:

MOTION:

O'Grady moves to reallocate previously authorized \$500 for gas blower enforcement, \$681.27 for EcoTour Outreach, and \$346.04 for Gas Blower outreach. Khanjian seconds. No Objection. Motion passed by consensus.

MOTION:

O'Grady moves to authorize \$1,200 for an organic garden at Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts. Campbell seconds.

Ostrow: Voicing his objection to this motion because the recipient is outside the GGPNC district.

O'Grady: Explaining his view about how this project is part of a larger effort to improve education resources in the community.

Mauceri: Explaining that a majority of the students in the charter school come from schools within the council neighborhood and the school was founded by residents of this neighborhood because of deficiencies in the schools here.

Arslanian: Agreeing with these characterizations.

Public Comments:

Cheryl Grenier, school parent: Explaining her history in the school and her wish that the school could have been in Los Feliz.

Charlie Clark, school parent: Confirming the comment from Mauceri that most students are from this neighborhood.

VOTE:

In Favor: Hyams, Gardner, Mauceri, Nubaravacharyan, Bae, Malhi, O'Grady, Campbell, Arslanian, DeMonte

Opposed: Kornberg, Ostrow

Motion passes by majority vote.

MOTION:

O'Grady moves to authorize \$1,600 to partner with FOLAR for river clean up on two Los Feliz sites. Malhi seconds.

O'Grady: Explaining that this is an annual project and that the GGPNC participated last year as well. After meeting with FOLAR this year a second site was suggested at Betty Davis Park. Money will go to buying stainless steel water bottles and other outreach efforts for this event.

DeMonte objects for the purposes of discussion.

DeMonte: Asking what the \$1,600 buys.

O'Grady: Explaining that the funds buy water bottles, food, and water filters.

Kornberg: Clarifying that the council will retain the use of the water filters after the event.

Arslanian: Confirming bottles will include GGPNC outreach.

VOTE:

In Favor: Kornberg, Gardner, Khanjian, Hyams, Mauceri, Nubaravacharyan, Bae, Malhi, O'Grady, Arslanian, DeMonte

Opposed: Campbell

Motion passed by majority vote.

MOTION:

O'Grady moves to authorize \$55.84 to Griffith Park Adult Community Center for recycling and garbage cans. Malhi seconds.

Hyams objects for purposes of discussion.

Hyams: Asking why the city doesn't already provide this facility.

O'Grady: Explaining that the Department of Parks and Recreation doesn't generally recycle. The committee has already secured the large blue residential cans for outside. These cans will be for inside the facility.

No objection. Motion passed by consensus.

MOTION:

O'Grady moves to authorize \$300 for Anti-Gas Blower Outreach. Malhi seconds. No Objection. Motion passed by consensus.

Ostrow: Explaining that this concludes the presentations from committees staying within their existing allocations and that all other proposals will require reallocation of funds from one committee budget to another.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves to proceed with the presentation of all other committee proposals. Campbell seconds.

Hyams objects.

Hyams: Explaining he operates better dealing with one item at a time.

Mauceri: Explaining that the alternative process favors those who go first.

Vote:

In Favor: Khanjian, Mauceri, Nubaravacharyan, Bae, Malhi, O'Grady, Campbell, Arslanian, DeMonte, Kornberg

Opposed: Hyams, Gardner

Motion passes by majority vote.

Public Safety Proposal:

Andrea Iaderosa: Presenting requests, noting that her committee has roughly \$933.55 remaining in the previously allocated budget.

1. \$2,775.25 for emergency supplies, including hand sanitizer, waste disposal bags, hand crank, emergency radio

Malhi: Inquiring where supplies will be stored.

2. \$2,869.96 for emergency supply storage container

Ostrow: Inquiring where storage container would be installed.

Iadlerosa: Explaining that her tentative preference is at a site at Our Mother of Good Council

3. \$1,063.60 for 20 neighborhood watch signs, does not include installation

Malhi: Asking about hospital preparedness.

Iadlerosa: Explaining that hospitals and schools have emergency preparedness, but that it is not clear that they will be sufficient to serve the entire community.

Campbell: Explaining her experience in the CERT training where they warned that emergency services will commandeer many of these supplies for other neighborhood needs.

Malhi: Asking who would have access.

Iadlerosa: Explaining that the five residential districts in the council would each have access.

Mauceri on behalf of Sports & Recreation:

Mauceri: Noting that committee has \$1,000 remaining in previously approved budget. Presenting proposal:

1. \$3,398 for two adjustable basketball backboards for Thomas Starr King Middle School to allow a children's basketball league.

Mauceri: Explaining process at LAUSD.

DeMonte: Asking about process of payment to out-of-state vendor

Mauceri: Explaining money will flow through Friends of King with a neighborhood purposes grant

Education Proposal:

Mauceri: Noting committee has \$6,000 remaining in previously approved budget. Presenting all the requests brought to the committee by the neighborhood schools and the committee's funding proposals, which come to 173.28 more than originally allocated:

1. \$2,900 for audio visual recording equipment and software for music department at John Marshall High School. Noting original request was reduced from \$3,250. Noting Marshall students also asked for funds for travel to an orchestra festival, which the committee did not approve to move forward to the board.

2. \$1,900 for tree well benches at Franklin Elementary School. Noting original request was reduced from \$2,200.

3. \$975 for lunch room supervision at Los Feliz Elementary School. Noting original request was reduced from \$2,200.

4. \$398.28 additional funds for landscaping at King Middle School.

5. \$4,875 for the additional funds requested in committee for the first three above projects.

Brett Boyd, Public Comment from Marshall teacher explaining intended use of A/V equipment

Arslanian & DeMonte:

Arslanian: Noting that Arts & Culture committee no longer has any unspent funds available. Presenting requests in her individual capacity.

1. \$5,000 for Sponsorship of the Hollywood Arts Council to support Arts Cycle

Arslanian: Noting that when appropriate she will be recused from the voting on this item due to her affiliation with the Hollywood Arts Council.

David Bell, President of EHNC: Explaining that event closes Santa Monica Blvd between Vermont and Virgil to showcase arts and that the participants are stakeholders of Griffith Park. Previous years have had participation from other neighborhood councils. Each year the festival has grown. This money would help ensure the event is sustainable and that musicians and artists are compensated.

Booth and banner display available. Total budget for this year's event is \$35,000. Event is on August 15th. Money would flow through Hollywood Arts Council.

O'Grady: Noting this request did not come through committee and is being requested by a board member. Clarifying that funds will go through Hollywood Arts Council and be dispersed by event organizers. Identifying issue with neighborhood purposes grant, which lists Hollywood Arts Council as recipient, but then lists EHNC officials as contacts.

2. \$1,000 for Bitter Lemons online theatrical community resources

Colin Mitchell, co-founder of Bitter Lemons: Explaining organization promotes theatrical productions and community through online resources, including job postings, reviews, press releases, and show information. In exchange for sponsorship GGPNC can advertise local theaters, including Skylight, Knightsbridge, Autry, and Independent Shakespeare Company. GGPNC would partner with Bitter Lemons as a patron of the arts and have its own page on the site highlighting these theaters and other local businesses. Presenting alternative proposals for \$500 and \$250.

Kornberg: Asking for site traffic information.

Mitchell: 20,000 visitors per month

Khanjian: Asking about method of payment and what documentation has been collected to submit to DONE. Explaining that payment can be made without BTRC as a first time exemption.

O'Grady: Clarifying Bitter Lemons is not a non-profit, but a partnership

Hyams: Noting that this doesn't seem time sensitive, so perhaps better to present this at a future meeting.

Ostrow: Recapping the various requests and the amount by which they exceed available funds.

MOTION:

Kornberg moves to eliminate \$1,063.60 for neighborhood watch signs from consideration. Bae seconds.

Point of Information:

Hyams: Asking how much money remains unspent in the 2010-2011 budget.

Ostrow: Explaining that roughly eight thousand dollars is available to reallocate among these requests for overages.

Point of Information:

Mauceri: Asking how much was allocated to each committee

Ostrow: Public Safety had \$1,600 and has \$955 left. Education started with \$9,000 and has \$6,000 left. Sports & Recreation has \$1,000. Arts & Culture spent \$15,750.

Returning to Discussion of the Main Motion.

Hyams objects.

Hyams: Supporting item because police have told him that signage is the biggest deterrent to crime.

O'Grady: Noting that the committee chair identified this as the least pressing of her requests

Malhi: Supporting project, because other committee requests need additional information, but this is a known value.

Bae: Noting this can be brought at a future date.

Mauceri: Explaining that the council is concerned funds will be lost if they are not allocated now.

Suggesting the body prioritize items with lasting value as opposed to short term value. Suggesting the council prioritize items that must be funded now as opposed to later.

DeMonte: Noting urgency of emergency supplies and public safety concerns.

Campbell: Agreeing with DeMonte and supporting emergency supplies items.

Gardner: Suggesting the storage facility should be purchased first, and then it can be filled with donations.

Khanjian: Explaining that documentation is required in order to be paid this fiscal year.

Hyams: Supporting the neighborhood watch signs as an imminent need because property crimes and violent crimes are on the rise.

Substitute Motion

Mauceri moves to spend 5 minutes per item and proceed through each proposal in the order presented. O'Grady seconds.

Hyams objects.

Hyams: Objects to time limits on discussion.

DeMonte: Agreeing that 5 minutes is insufficient.

VOTE on Substitute Motion:

In Favor: Ostrow, Khanjian, Mauceri, Malhi, O'Grady, Kornberg

Opposed: Hyams, Bae, Gardner, Arslanian, DeMonte

Motion passes by majority vote.

Proposal 1: Emergency Preparedness Supplies

MOTION

Gardner moves to authorize funds. DeMonte seconds.

Campbell: Supporting this item

Gardner: This is a huge amount of work, prioritizing this first makes sense.

Khanjian: Agreeing with Malhi's previous comments that we shouldn't approve this without additional information.

Hyams: Agreeing with Malhi's previous comments.

O'Grady: Supporting the shed first, then the supplies.

Arslanian: Noting how helpful it has been to have Laderosa in the Public Safety chair, but agreeing with previous comments about establishing a more informed plan for emergency response.

Malhi: Noting some items are redundant.

VOTE on Motion:

In Favor: DeMonte, Campbell

Opposed: Kornberg, Ostrow, Hyams, Khanjian, Mauceri, Bae, Malhi, O'Grady, Arslanian

Motion fails by majority vote.

Proposal 2: Storage Container

MOTION

Gardner moves. DeMonte seconds.

Mauceri: Supporting this expenditure.

Malhi: Asking where it will be housed.

Hyams: Not as urgent as other needs, and the same arguments about a plan made in the last item apply here.

O'Grady: Objecting to a vote for the shed but not the supplies.

VOTE on Motion:

In Favor: Ostrow, Gardner, Mauceri, Kornberg, DeMonte, Campbell, O'Grady

Opposed: Hyams, Bae, Malhi, Arslanian

Motion passed by majority vote.

Campbell leaves.

Proposal 3: Neighborhood Watch Signs

MOTION:

Gardner moves. DeMonte seconds.

Hyams: Crime prevention method.

Arslanian: Clarifying that signs would be distributed to Neighborhood Watch groups. Noting ambiguity about where these would go and that without a specific plan these could just end up sitting in someone's garage.

O'Grady: Noting additional funding required for installation.

Campbell: Argument here is to have supplies available when someone is ready to use them. Not as imminent.

VOTE:

In Favor: Ostrow, Hyams, Malhi, O'Grady, Arslanian

Opposed: Kornberg, Gardner, Mauceri, Bae, DeMonte

Motion dies with a tied vote.

Proposal 4: Adjustable Basketball Backboards

MOTION:

Mauceri moves. Kornberg seconds.

DeMonte: Clarifying that documentation is ready and that money will go to Friends of King.

VOTE to Motion:

In Favor: Ostrow, Hyams, Gardner, Mauceri, Bae, Malhi, O'Grady, Arslanian, DeMonte, Kornberg

Opposed: None

Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Proposal 5: \$2,900 for Audio Visual at Marshall, \$1,900 for Franklin Tree-Well Benches, \$975 for Lunch Room Supervision at Los Feliz, \$398.28 for King Garden overages.

MOTION:

Khanjian moves. Mauceri seconds.

DeMonte: Objecting to this plan because Los Feliz Elementary is underfunded.

Mauceri: Explaining that Los Feliz Elementary failed to submit proposals to the committee.

Hyams: Noting chairs were funded for the elementary school in a previous budget.

Khanjian: Sharing that she has been hearing this same complaint about unresponsiveness from other members of her district.

O'Grady: Sharing that he met with elementary school principal and is planning to submit a proposal for a garden there next year.

Ostrow: Clarifying that funding will go directly to Marshall and the elementary school and through Friends of King for the additional items.

VOTE on Motion:

In Favor: Ostrow, Kornberg, Khanjian, Mauceri, Gardner, Bae, Malhi, DeMonte, Arslanian, DeMonte

Opposed: None.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Proposal 6: Additional \$350 for A/V equipment

MOTION:

Mauceri moves. Hyams seconds.

Ostrow: Opposing motion

Arslanian: Supporting motion

Mauceri: Supporting motion

Hyams: Supporting motion

VOTE on Motion:

In Favor: Hyams, Khanian, Mauceri, Kornberg, Malhi, O'Grady

Opposed: Gardner, Arslanian, DeMonte

Motion passes by majority vote.

Proposal 7: \$2,200 for Marshall Orchestra Project

O'Grady: Suggesting this be stricken

Mauceri: Agreeing. Moves to table. Malhi seconds. No Objection.

Proposal 8: Additional \$300 for Tree-Well Benches

MOTION:

Mauceri moves to allocate \$100. Mahli seconds. No Objection. Motion passed by consensus.

Proposal 9: Additional \$1,225 for lunch room supervisors

MOTION:

Mauceri moves to allocate \$275. Malhi seconds.

Hyams: Supporting full amount.

MOTION to AMEND:

Hyams moves to allocate \$1,225. DeMonte seconds.

Bae objects.

Arslanian: There are only two months remaining in the school year. Perhaps this is better addressed in the next school year.

DeMonte: Supporting full amount.

VOTE on Amendment:

In Favor: Hyams, DeMonte, Ostrow

Opposed: Kornberg, Khanjian, Gardner, Mauceri, Bae, Mahli, O'Grady

Amendment fails by majority vote.

VOTE on Main Motion:

In Favor: Ostrow, Mauceri, Khanjian, Gardner, Malhi, O'Grady, DeMonte

Opposed: Kornberg, Bae

Motion passed by majority vote.

Proposal 10: \$800 for Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts

MOTION:

Mauceri moves to allocate an additional \$300. O'Grady seconds.

O'Grady: Noting parental involvement and administrative support

MOTION to AMEND:

Hyams moves to allocate \$800. O'Grady seconds.

Mauceri: Explaining committee rationale for reducing this amount in committee.

Ostrow: Reiterating his concern about supporting this school. Sharing that his family was in the school the first year and that it is run by lottery and is not a neighborhood school.

Hyams: Noting challenges associated with starting a charter school and the positive impact of gardening on child development.

VOTE on Amendment:

In Favor: Hyams, O'Grady, Malhi

Opposed: Ostrow, Gardner, Mauceri, Bae, Arslanian, DeMonte, Kornberg

Amendment fails by majority vote.

VOTE on Main Motion:

In Favor: Mauceri, Hyams, Malhi, O'Grady, Arslanian, Khanjian

Opposed: Ostrow, Kornberg, Gardner, Bae, DeMonte

Motion passes by majority vote.

Proposal 11: \$5,000 for Hollywood Arts Council to support Arts Cycle

Point of Order:

Kornberg confirms \$5,532.69 of \$7,916 available funds allocated.

Public Comment:

Jennifer Moran, ArtCycle: Explaining her role and the value of the event. The previous success of the event reflects widespread community support and generosity.

Arslanian recuses herself.

MOTION:

Kornberg moves to allocate \$2,000 to the Hollywood Arts Council for the Arts Cycle. DeMonte seconds.

Malhi: Supporting the event, but noting that this committee has already spent the majority of our funds this year.

Khanjian: Agreeing with Malhi that this committee has done great work, but that perhaps this item should be moved into a future fiscal year.

Kornberg: Noting that the budget for the next year is speculative and that this proposal is ready to be paid this year.

MOTION to AMEND:

Gardner moves to reduce amount to \$1,500. Khanjian seconds.

Bae: Noting this is outside our boundaries. Clarifying that there is precedent for funding events outside our boundaries.

Hyams: Concerned that the reduced amount will not buy valuable outreach and that there is no information about what outreach is provided in exchange for support.

Moran: Guaranteeing booth, banner, and logo will be provided.

O'Grady: Hollywood Arts Council is acting as a holding company to receive this money under a neighborhood purposes grant. If money is provided to this organization it should be in support of their primary objective.

Ostrow: Disagreeing with O'Grady. Agreeing that this application requires adjustment before it is submitted – but this is normal. Almost no proposal comes forward with its paperwork entirely in order. And there is a precedent for working through a somewhat cumbersome system to support causes that are important to the council. This was true with our money for Silver Lake Jubilee. In this case we are sending money to Hollywood Arts Council to support the Arts Cycle and that is not an unusual request.

Mauceri: This is a grey area. Not as concerned about how the money gets sent as long as it supports the right cause. Agreeing with earlier comments about the portion of funds allocated to arts in our community this year.

2nd MOTION to AMEND:

Mauceri moves to reduce amount to \$1,000. Malhi seconds.

Hyams: Reiterating support for full amount and that this sponsorship should be tabled until a future meeting.

Gardner: Whether it's \$1,000 or \$1,500 – this is support and cooperation with the neighboring neighborhood council.

VOTE on 2nd AMENDMENT:

In Favor: Khanjian, Mauceri, DeMonte, O'Grady

Opposed: Kornberg, Hyams, Gardner, Bae, Ostrow

2nd Amendment fails by majority vote.

VOTE on 1st AMENDMENT:

In Favor: Gardner, DeMonte

Opposed: Kornberg, Hyams, Mauceri, Bae, O'Grady, Malhi, Khanjian

1st Amendment fails by majority vote.

VOTE on MAIN MOTION:

In Favor: Kornberg, Gardner, Ostrow

Opposed: Hyams, Mauceri, Khanjian, Malhi, Bae, O'Grady

Motion fails by majority vote.

Malhi leaves. Arslanian returns.

Proposal 12: \$1,000 for Bitter Lemons

MOTION:

Arslanian moves. DeMonte seconds.

O'Grady Objects.

O'Grady: This is an outreach issue and if it's a priority of the Outreach Committee it can come back through that body.

Hyams: Supporting the organization but not the motion.

Mauceri: Supporting the idea and suggesting they return in the next fiscal year.

VOTE on Motion:

In Favor: Gardner, Arslanian, DeMonte

Opposed: Mauceri, Khanjian, Hyams, Kornberg, O'Grady, Bae

Motion fails by majority vote.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves to re-enter discussion on Public Safety items. Hyams seconds. No objection. Enter discussion by consensus.

Mauceri: Supports jump starting Neighborhood Watch formation and momentum

MOTION:

Gardner moves to allocate \$1,063.60 for neighborhood watch signs. Hyams seconds.

Ostrow objects.

Ostrow: Arguing the council is not a prospective supply body. If and when neighborhood watches come to the council with this need then it would be appropriate to meet it.

Hyams: Explaining these signs take an unusually long time to produce. Reiterating deterrent value.

Mauceri: Reiterating this will help motivate community movement. Analogizing to basketball hoops for a prospective league.

Khanjian: Clarifying that the number 20 has the benefit of a discount.

VOTE on Motion:

In Favor: Hyams, Khanjian, Gardner, Mauceri, Arslanian, O'Grady, DeMonte

Opposed: Kornberg, Bae

Motion passed by majority vote.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves to spend up to \$750 for office supplies, including file cabinets and locks. Hyams seconds.

Ostrow: Expressing opposition to proposals like this that are not ready to be submitted and must be placed on the credit card.

Mauceri moves to table until a future meeting. Hyams seconds. No objection. Motion tabled by consensus.

MOTION:

Gardner moves to allocate \$500 for Arts Cycle event. No second. Motion fails.

MOTION:

Gardner moves to allocate \$500 for Bitter Lemons. No second. Motion fails.

MOTION:

Khanjian moves to end budget discussions. Hyams seconds. No Objection. Discussion ended by consensus.

7. Other Comments and Announcements

MOTION:

Kornberg moves to table minutes until the regular April meeting. Mauceri seconds. No objection. Minutes tabled by consensus.

8. Adjourn

Kornberg moves to Adjourn. Gardner seconds. Meeting adjourned 11:37 pm.