



GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



CERTIFIED COUNCIL #36

PRESIDENT
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AGENDA

VICE PRESIDENTS
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 Luisa Nubaravacharyan - Outreach

April 19, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
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1. Call to Order. Roll Call.
2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items
3. Appointment Process Update and Planning – Discussion and Action as Appropriate
4. Code Of Civility Violation at the 4/12/2011 special governing board meeting - discussion and action as appropriate.
5. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes. (Supplement I)
6. Other Comments and Announcements
7. Adjourn

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SUPPLEMENT I: March 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order.

5:45 pm

Present: Ostrow, Hyams, Khanjian, Kornberg

Excused: Nubaravacharyan

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Frank Masi: Lending a gavel to the council. A symbolic and useful gift, which will help to preserve civility in the council and to better establish a clear line of authority.

3. President's Report

Ostrow: Recapping the success of the candidates forum on March 1st.

John F. John: Sharing his view that the GGPNC forum was the best of the 7 that were hosted.

Ostrow: Reviewing the budget documents attached to the governing board agenda.

4. Treasurer's Report

Khanjian: Reviewing work of budget and finance committee meeting. Motions coming to the board out of that meeting tonight.

Ostrow: Noting budget slightly out of balance. Sharing PROS request for additional money and suggesting further clarification needed before that request is addressed.

5. Rules & Elections Report

Hyams: Explaining progress so far on bylaw review and plans to address stakeholder voting in the future.

Ostrow: Clarifying whether next meeting will be to undertake new issues or simply to set agenda going forward.

Hyams: Explaining that the committee must first address table of contents from DONE. Then the committee will move on to other bylaw issues.

Ostrow: Suggesting a notice go out through the e-newsletter updating stakeholders about the process.

6. City Service Committee Chair. Discussion and action as appropriate.

Ostrow: Explaining Todd Sargeant could not attend tonight. Tabled until a future meeting.

7. Motion: To unseat the chair of the Neighborhood Improvement Committee.

MOTION:

Hyams moves to unseat Neighborhood Improvement Committee. Khanjian seconds for discussion.

Hyams: Explaining that since June 2010 the committee has only met twice. Minutes have not been posted. Agenda not posted on the website. Responsiveness both to council and stakeholder communication has been an issue. Availability in the neighborhood has also been an issue. Presenting information about stakeholders interested in chairing the committee.

Public Comment:

John F. John: Unfair to criticize on the basis of the new rules regarding meetings and minute posting. The priority should be on preserving good volunteers, not driving people out.

Jeff Gardner: Pointing out that current chair has a proven track record of volunteerism.

Frank Masi: Noting that the issue is functionality of the committee, not the breaking of small rules.

DeMonte: Remembering that there was a meeting in the fall. These new rules, they pertain to volunteers, and there needs to be more flexible.

David Uebersax: Explaining his change in residency to Wineka. Explaining that Neighborhood Improvement and Culture & Events committees often met jointly far before he took the chair. Sharing his ties to the community and family history in the area. Explaining he has now completed ethics training and is working to bring other record keeping into compliance. Explaining his time constraints in recent months and his expectations about his availability going forward.

Kornberg: Asking about communication and responsiveness.

Ostrow: Explaining he is not concerned about the smaller rule violations. Explaining he is concerned about the refusal to respond to email. Asking if there will be more time to devote to this work in the future.

Hyams: Explaining his history with this issue, including previous promises to bring committee into compliance in the past, which have gone unfulfilled. Asking for the trust of the committee on his work on this issue.

Kornberg: Explaining her preference to hold off a decision until the committee can assess progress over the next month.

Ostrow: Sharing his concerns and recognizing the improvements already in evidence in the chair's presence here tonight.

Kornberg objects.

Vote on the MOTION:

In favor: Hyams, Khanjian

Opposed: Kornberg, Ostrow

Motion fails to gain a majority vote.

8. Code of Civility & Bylaw Violations – Discussion and action as appropriate.

Ostrow: Explaining the background for this item and how he would like to limit discussion.

Public Comment:

Frank Masi: Should be passed on to the board

John F. John: Sharing his opinion that this is a violation of both the bylaws and the standing rules and should be passed down to the governing board.

Jeff Gardner: Explaining he is not responsible for recent blog posts penned under his name and believes this should be passed down to the board.

Mark Mauceri: Should be passed on to the board

Hyams: Explaining that because the emails in question included the full board and so should be evaluated by the full board

Khanjian: Thinks it should not go to the board.

Ostrow: Should go to the board.

MOTION:

Ostrow moves to pass discussion to the board. Kornberg second.

Vote:

In favor: Kornberg, Hyams, Ostrow

Opposed: Khanjian

Motion passes by majority vote.

9. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Kornberg moves. Hyams seconds. Minutes approved by consensus.

10. Other Comments and Announcements

None.

11. Adjourn

Kornberg moves. Hyams seconds. 6:53pm.