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AGENDA

April 19, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Los Feliz Community Police Center
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1. Call to Order. Roll Call.
2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items
3. Reports from Government Officials
4. VP Administration's Report (Hyams; 5 Minutes)
5. Presentation from Bernadette Soter, GGPNC Representative to the Griffith Park Master Plan Working Group
6. Presentation from LA Live Streamers
7. Presentation from Found Animals Foundation
8. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Appointment Meeting schedule and organization – discussion and action as appropriate.
 - b. Treasurer's Report (Budget Documents Attached to Agenda) – Discussion and Action as appropriate.
 - i. MOTION to cancel emergency supply storage bin purchase authorization per DONE directive. (Supplement I & Attached Memorandum)
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Business Committee: MOTION to authorize up to \$1,000 for supplies, refreshments and outreach for a business forum.
 - b. Neighborhood Improvement Committee Report
10. MOTION to authorize expenditure to support Relay for Life – discussion and action as appropriate. (Ostrow; 15 minutes)
11. MOTION to Amend the Bylaws to create an Executive Committee position of Corresponding Secretary; discussion and action as appropriate. (Mauceri; 30 minutes; See Agenda Attachments)
12. MOTION to authorize up to \$750 for office supplies, including a locked file cabinet. (Mauceri; 15 minutes)
13. Discussion and action as appropriate regarding Code of Civility Violation at April 12th Special Meeting. (Arslanian; 15 minutes)
14. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (Supplement II & III)
15. Other Comments and Announcements
16. Adjourn

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SUPPLEMENT I:

On Fri, Apr 15, 2011 at 4:26 PM, Darren Martinez wrote:

Hello Ron,

Initially please note that the regional attorney assigned to advise your Neighborhood Council is Ms. Carmen Hawkins, who I have copied on this email. In the future, you and your legal liaison should direct your legal questions regarding your board's operations to Ms. Hawkins.

In response to your question about emergency preparedness, Mr. Canas was incorrect in that a "directive" exists from our Office prohibiting such a purchase. As the City's legal advisor, we expressed liability concerns and concerns that the appropriate contracting procedures should be followed when dealing with emergency bins. In response to these concerns, the Department determined that it would not approve any further expenditures until such time as an appropriate program may be developed and implemented. Accordingly, the Department is working with the City's Emergency Management Department to develop an appropriate plan for the purchase, maintenance and stocking of emergency bins. You may wish to direct your inquiries regarding this program to the Department. Thank you and please let Ms. Hawkins know if you have any further legal questions.

Darren R. Martinez
Managing Deputy City Attorney -
Neighborhood Council Advice Division,
General Counsel Division

SUPPLEMENT II: March 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order.

7:15pm

Present: Kornberg, Ostrow, Hyams, Khanjian, Gardner, Masi, Mauceri, Arslanian, DeMonte, Campbell, O'Grady

Excused: Mims, Malhi, Nubaravacharyan

Late: DeOcampo, Bae, Vukovic

Absent: Wilson

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Holly McKee-Clark, Kings College: Looking for host families for exchange students. \$200/wk stipend.

Eisenhower Lee, Wilshire Center/Koreatown NC: Hosting open forum on how to detect and fight counterfeiting.

Barbara Ferris, Symphony in the Glen: Noting error in minutes from the previous meeting. On presentation on Forest Lawn: Griffith Park Master Plan Working Group has been meeting for six years not three as written and Shakespeare in the Park and Symphony in the Glen are referred to incorrectly as increased commercial activities in the park, when in fact they are existing activities.

3. Reports from Government Officials

Rebecca Bernal, Senator Curren-Price's office: Portions of Griffith Park fall within the senator's district. Explaining matters that fall within the Senator's committee work, including licensing oversight and procurement for California High-Speed Rail, which will hold a Town Hall Meeting on this topic on March 18th at 1pm at the California Science Center. Looking for nominations for women from the district for the "SHeroes" recognition – deadline March 19th.

DeOcampo arrives.

Mary Rodriguez, Tom LaBonge's Office: Introducing Renee Weitzer, the district planning director.

Renee Weitzer: Updating information on NBC/Universal DEIR: comment period is closed and final EIR is being drafted. Noting that comments, including the council's, must receive a response in the final EIR.

Gary Khanjian: Asking what came of the Nottigham project after the neighborhood meeting.

Weitzer: Explaining no appeal has been filed since the meeting.

Mary Rodriguez: Delivering Used Car lot update, including timeline. Sharing March 31st at 2pm in the Ranger Station Auditorium meeting of Griffith Park Master Plan Working Group. Griffith Park access is completely closed at Crystal Springs Dr. and will continue to be closed for 6 months. LA Marathon is on March 20th and will include road closures in the neighborhood. Sewer projects continue – noting that street repair happens somewhat later than the sewer completion and that complaints about street repair should be directed to the councilman's office. Sharing that Los Feliz Elementary has been chosen for a Big Sunday project! HBT Rain-barrell program. Prospect Ave. community meeting connected studio and neighbors with LAPD. Shakespeare garden on Monon St was ripped out by sewer project and has now been restored. GPAC has a new patio.

Vukovic arrives.

Ostrow: Asking about Vermont Ave. road closure and if Prospect Ave meeting included James McEwan.

Masi: Asking about street work on Glendower Ave.

Gardner: Asking if there are any new commercial projects planned for Griffith Park.

4. Executive Reports

a. President's Report

i. Announcements

Ostrow: Acknowledging ongoing tragedy in Japan. Noting success of CD4 candidate forum. Greater Griffith Park Master Plan Working Group meeting March 31st at Ranger Station Auditorium at 2pm. Asking that council members be careful not to "reply all" unnecessarily. Sharing update letter on Used Car Sales Lot. Announcing May 17th Appointments – normal meeting time. Encouraging members to spread the word and distribute postcards.

Reiterating procedural rules, including Roberts Rules governing members' addresses to the chair and not one another, breaches of order in the meeting.

Noting ongoing bylaw discussions in Rules & Elections in the coming months.

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

Ostrow: Explaining process in the executive committee. Suggesting this discussion be moved to be addressed later in the meeting.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves to table this item until motions that involve visitors have been addressed and to return to this item. Hyams seconds.

Gardner objects

Vote:

In Favor: Kornberg, Hyams, Khanjian, Gardner, Masi, Mauceri, Arslanian, DeMonte, Campbell, O'Grady, DeOcampo, Vukovic

Opposed: none.

Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Skipping to 5.b. PROS Committee

5. Committee Reports

b. PROS Committee

MOTION:

Gardner moves: Whereas the Forest Lawn project draft environmental impact report (DEIR) is thousands of pages long and involves building walls in Griffith Park as well as losing one hundred ten acres of open space and removing seven hundred oak trees, I move that the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council send a formal request to the Director of Planning and to Council member LaBonge requesting additional time to review the materials.

To The Honorable Tom LaBonge and

To Michael LoGrande, Director of Planning

Dear Sirs;

The Forest Lawn project draft environmental impact report consists of thousands of pages and involves numerous buildings, as well as constructing walls inside Griffith Park.

The current time schedule does not allow for adequate review by community members considering the scope of the project. The Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council hereby respectfully requests that the public comment period be extended by at least three months.

Thank you,

Ron Ostrow, President

Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council

Public Comment:

David Uebersax: Explaining his background on this issue.

Hyams: Asking if minutes were approved at the PROS meeting

Ostrow: Ruling question out of order

Hyams: Objecting to the ruling.

Ostrow: Opining that the previous month's meeting minutes are not relevant to the merits of a motion that came out of this month's meeting

Vote on Appeal of the Ruling:

Abstain: DeOcampo

In Favor: Hyams, Mauceri, O'Grady

Opposed: Gardner, Vukovic, Masi, Arslanian, DeMonte, Kornberg, Khanjian, Campbell

Ruling of the Chair stands by majority vote.

Masi: Suggesting that letter include case number and that extension of time be delineated in days, not months.

Hyams: Noting that the board ruled that a committee shall not meet until it has posted minutes.

Kornberg: Confirming the committee is in compliance with this rule, that she posted the committee's minutes and agenda to the website.

No Objection. Motion passed by consensus.

c. Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation Committee

i. 3160 Riverside Dr. Request for Support. Discussion and Action as Appropriate

Masi: Sharing committee activity on 3160 Riverside Dr.

MOTION:

Masi moves to approve the following letter to the Fore Property Company:

Dear Mr. Cornelius:

The Governing Board of the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council concurs with the conclusions and comments expressed by the members of our Planning, Zoning and Historical Preservation Committee in following portion of the minutes from their publicly noticed, regular meeting Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

Very truly yours,

Etc.

Hyams seconds.

Public Comment:

Uebersax: Expressing support for this project.

Weitzer: Sharing history of collaboration with CD4.

Gary Khanjian: Explaining the reason for sending the minutes as opposed to a letter of support, to avoid establishing a difficult precedent.

Question Period:

Campbell: Expressing her confusion with the format of the letter and the attachments that follow.

Hyams: Clarifying that the committee approved the motion by consensus

Gardner: Asking about design and whether this is a LEED project.

Discussion Period:

Gardner: Suggesting that the letter ask for further review in the future.

DeMonte: Disagreeing with this suggestion, because it is a by-right project and there is no obligation for them to return to the committee.

Hyams: Supporting the motion.

Masi: Speaking against adding conditions to the letter.

Ostrow: Explaining he is not inclined to add these suggested conditions. Asking for a clarification about the GGPNC role in approving funding.

Point of Order:

Hyams: Moves to end this line of questioning.

Ostrow: Ruling from the Chair that the questioning may continue

Hyams: Appealing the Ruling. Explaining the question was out of order because the GGPNC is an advisory body and cannot impede funding and so the answer to the question is irrelevant.

Ostrow: Arguing that the relevancy of the question isn't the issue, but the appropriateness of the point of order.

Vote on the Appeal of the Ruling from the Chair:

Abstain: Mauceri, Khanjian, Kornberg, O'Grady, DeOcampo

In Favor: Hyams

Opposed: Ostrow, Gardner, Masi, DeMonte

Ruling of the Chair Stands. Discussion Continues. No Objection to the Main Motion. Motion passed by consensus.

ii. Report on Planning Department DEIR briefing.

Masi: Proposing event on March 30th for public forum on Hollywood Community Plan

Richard Spicer: Explaining more about the event planning: 6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 30th at Our Mother of Good Counsel. Sharing proposed notice for outreach efforts. Encouraging board members to attend so that they are prepared to act on these issues at the April meeting.

Masi: Adding detail about volunteering for outreach and other volunteer roles.

Public Comment:

Rex Link: Noting issues that arise from DOT role in Griffith Park and wondering about the impact this will have.

David Uebersax: Sharing his role in the committee discussion and the Neighborhood Improvement Committee's work on the urban design chapter.

Question Period:

Gardner: Asking about the proposal for a parking structure on Vermont in place of the Post Office.

Masi: Clarifying that the Post Master has said that the property is not for sale.

Gary Khanjian: Explaining the whole point of the event is to get these questions answered.

Discussion:

Ostrow: Explaining that PZHPC has been previously approved to spend money on copying and up to \$500 on materials for this. But the board will need to approve other expenditures on items like venue, refreshments, etc.

Arslanian: Noting that the DEIR comments included cultural resources and therefore will combine her meeting with this event.

Returning to item **4. Executive Committee Reports** in order to approve the budget prior to spending motions.

b. Treasurer's Report

Khanjian: Reviewing budget documents attached to the agenda.

MOTION:

Mauceri moves to approve the GGPNC 2010-2011 Budget. Hyams seconds.

Question Period:

Gardner: Clarifying that there is approximately \$30k unspent this year that could be lost in rollover.

O'Grady: Clarifying that ECO-tour includes more than water bottles.

Bae arrives.

Discussion:

Gardner: PROS newsletter heading should be adjusted. Noting funds for fire project were allocated away from PROS in a previous board action.

MOTION to AMEND:

Gardner moves to reallocate previously cancelled PROS Fire Recovery Sign project back to PROS. DeMonte seconds.

Question Period:

DeMonte: Clarifying why the \$10,800 would have to come out of other committee budgets.

O'Grady: This is appropriate for Budget & Finance Committee not the Board.

Campbell: Agreeing with O'Grady that this is an inappropriate time to consider this decision.

Hyams: Committees are required to report to the Budget & Finance Committee – that's how this process works.

Ostrow: Explaining that those committees that reported to the committee after the meeting will have to be accounted for next month. And committees are not prohibited from bringing budget items out of this process, though it's not preferred.

Khanjian: Multiple emails went out asking committee chairs to send her this information.

Mauceri moves to end debate. Hyams seconds.

Vote on Amendment:

Opposed: Kornberg, Hyams, Khanjian, Gardner, Masi, Bae, DeOcampo, Mauceri, Campbell, O'Grady, DeMonte, Arslanian, Vukovic

2nd MOTION to AMEND

Kornberg: Moves to amend to cancel and reallocate the previously authorized allocations for the Artwalk Banners for \$108.25 and the Lilly Burke Safety Seminar of \$500.00. Hyams seconds.

No Objection. Main Motion is Amended by Consensus

No Objection to the Motion as Amended. Amended Motion passed by consensus.

Returning to item **5. Committee Reports**

d. Culture & Events Committee

i. Independent Shakespeare Company

MOTION:

Arslanian moves to support funding Independent Shakespeare Company's Summer 2011 season in the amount of \$5,500. Hyams seconds.

Ostrow recuses himself and leaves. Hyams assumes the chair.

David Melville: Reviewing success of last season and noting GGPNC support. Introducing this season's program. Explaining grant from James Irvine Foundation for Sunday workshops. Noting how the council is acknowledged in the program and the performances.

Question Period:

Mauceri: Asking about the budgeting for these items

O'Grady: Asking if ISC could come to King Middle School

Discussion:

Kornberg: Clarifying that current Culture & Events Budget doesn't cover both this item and the committee's next item.

Mauceri: Expressing support for this project.

O'Grady: Expressing support.

No Objection. Motion approved by consensus.

Ostrow returns to the Chair.

ii. Silver Lake Jubilee

MOTION:

DeMonte moves to support funding the Silver Lake Jubilee in the amount of \$2,500. Hyams seconds.

Arslanian and Campbell recuse themselves and leave.

Jack Martinez, Silver Lake Jubilee: Explaining the event, the GGPNC's past relationship, and the ways the sponsorship will help the GGPNC including help with outreach, social networking, and on site presence. Website received 175,000 hits and festival had more than 20,000 participants.

Public Comment:

Uebersax: Supporting the event.

Questions:

Mauceri: Clarifying location is on Myra from Hoover to Sunset Bridge.

Hyams: Asking about total budget and other NC support.

Bae: Asking about booking and spending.

Kornberg: Asking about waste management.

Discussion:

MOTION TO AMEND

Hyams moves to support Silver Lake Jubilee with \$2,000 from NI, \$750 from Culture & Events, and \$5,000 from additional sources. No second. The amendment fails.

O'Grady: Supporting event.

Ostrow: Explaining that Culture & Events Committee only has \$750 remaining in the allocated budget. At the Budget & Finance Committee it was discussed that the remaining \$1,750 come from the \$2,000 allocated to Neighborhood Improvement.

Kornberg moves to amend. O'Grady seconds.

Discussion:

Gardner: Clarifying that the money would be reallocated to Culture & Events.

Hyams moves to end debate:

VOTE to END DEBATE:

In Favor: Kornberg, Khanjian, Hyams, Vukovic, DeMonte, Mauceri, Masi, DeOcampo, Bae, O'Grady, Gardner

None.

VOTE on MAIN MOTION

Gardner objects.

Vote:

In Favor: Kornberg, Khanjian, Hyams, Vukovic, DeMonte, Mauceri, Masi, DeOcampo, Bae, O'Grady

Opposed: Gardner

Motion passes by majority vote.

6. Super Mixer

MOTION:

Kornberg: moves to co-sponsor, with the LFIA, a "Connect Los Feliz" Super Mixer event in the first week in April and to authorize up to \$300 expenditure from the Outreach budget allocation to help cover expenses. Khanjian seconds.

No Objection. Passed by consensus.

Returning to item **4. Executive Reports**

a. President's Report

ii. Code of Civility and Bylaw Violations. Discussion and Action as appropriate.

MOTION:

Ostrow moves to limit discussion to the narrow issue of whether or not the code of civility was violated by the events detailed in the previous emails to the board. Kornberg seconds.

No public comment.

POINT OF ORDER

Mauceri: Objecting to this procedure.

Ostrow: Overruling the objection.

Mauceri: Appealing the ruling and Moving that the discussion be opened to a broader range of topics. Arguing that to understand the situation more context is necessary.

Ostrow: Explaining his reasons for ruling, including the executive committee's process.

VOTE on APPEAL of the RULING:

In Favor: Hyams, Khanjian, Vukovic, Masi, DeOcampo, Campbell, Mauceri, O'Grady

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

The chair is overruled by a majority vote. Motion to limit discussion fails by majority vote.

Discussion Period:

Gardner: Reading Statement condemning actions by Mauceri.

MOTION TO END DISCUSSION:

Campbell moves to end discussion on this item. Khanjian seconds.

Public Comment:

John F. John: Agreeing this should be dealt with in Executive Committee.

VOTE on MOTION to END DISCUSSION:

Abstain: Khanjian

In Favor: Kornberg, Ostrow, Gardner, Arslanian, DeMonte

Opposed: Bae, Vukovic, Masi, DeOcampo, Mauceri, Campbell, O'Grady, Hyams

Motion to end discussion fails by majority vote.

MOTION

Mauceri moves to enter discussion of charges made by Gardner against Mauceri regarding blog post and email response. Hyams seconds.

Public Comment:

Barbara Ferris: This is an attack on the Los Feliz Forward. To participate in this discussion is to validate that bullying attack.

John John: Disagreeing with Barbara. Arguing that there is bullying from the other side. Bad behavior is not an excuse for retaliatory bad behavior. The name calling in this example is uncivil.

Discussion:

Hyams: Supporting motion and asking to hear from Masi about previous allegations against Gardner

Gardner: This issue was raised in response to a solitary incident. There is nothing to support his being included in this discussion.

Mauceri: Arguing that anonymous blog attacks precipitated this series of events. Refusing to take responsibility for anonymous blogging and other attacks is problematic for the council. Quoting from the

Griffith Park Wayist examples of uncivil posts and comments, including material that suggested Mauceri was a pedophile and a pornographer, material that criticized Arslanian, and other members.

Introducing materials from another council demonstrating Gardner's past uncivil behavior. Introducing resignation letter of Atwater NC member over the harassing communications from Gardner and memo from Atwater NC member regarding Gardner's unauthorized actions on that council.

Admitting the material cited by Gardner in the original complaint to the Executive Committee was material he posted. Accusing other members of the PROS Committee leadership and NC members of defamatory anonymous blogging.

DeMonte: Arguing this is a bad procedure to be engaged in. This issue won't go anywhere. And these new allegations are just as problematic.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

DeMonte moves to end discussion as this is an unresolvable issue. Arslanian seconds.

Discussion:

Mauceri: The source of these attacks need to be addressed.

2nd SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Masi moves to formally condemn the practice of the Griffith Park Wayist blog of publishing anonymous and defamatory attacks. Hyams seconds.

Question:

DeMonte: Asking why naming one blog solves the problem.

Discussion:

Mauceri: Supporting the motion, because it states there is no connection with this site and those like it.

Arslanian: Arguing that a simple apology would have sufficed here. Disputing that the people at this table are responsible for these blogs. Incredulous that the council has gone down this path and are discussing these measures. This is a waste of the council's time.

Arslanian leaves.

Hyams: Suggesting that by talking so much about this blog the council only inflates its importance.

Gardner: Explaining communications about previous elections and previous board activity. Noting that anonymous attacks were circulated by Mauceri in previous episodes.

Campbell: Agreeing with previous comments about giving a blog undue weight. Arguing that disassociating ourselves from anonymous commenting is important as well.

Ostrow: Noting that the same board member who repeatedly admonished him for paying attention to the Wayist is now asking us to condemn them. Arguing the council cannot win by engaging with anonymous bloggers.

Kornberg: Explaining her personal history with anonymous blogging and her opposition to this motion.

DeMonte: Encouraging the council to be a model of neutrality and a representative of all stakeholders.

Khanjian: Sharing her experience of also being the victim of these attacks. Arguing that this discussion is a waste of time.

Khanjian leaves.

O'Grady: Explaining he's doing the best he can to serve the community, but that these attacks are impeding his ability to do that work.

DeOcampo: Urging the council to move on. Political blogs are not going to go away. We need to tone down our own rhetoric. We are public figures and we accept this with the territory.

DeOcampo leaves.

Mauceri: This may seem like a small thing, but this is hate and it shouldn't be condoned. Noting that after he called out the names of the anonymous bloggers, commenting on the site was shut off and the posts he referred to were taken down.

Masi: The intent isn't to try and stop activity, but to see if the board can have some unanimity censuring these types of blogs.

Gardner: Clarifying that he does not write for the Wayist and was not the author of this or any other referenced materials. There was a clear violation of the code of civility and instead we spent the whole discussion on an unrelated blog.

Ostrow: Disputing Mauceri's analogy to the KKK or other hate groups. The purview of the GGPNC is not to weigh in unsolicited on these kinds of issues. This is not a matter of concern to the city. This is not a pending issue in our community. This is a discussion that only creates more attention for this blog.

VOTE on the 2nd SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Abstain: Kornberg, Campbell

In Favor: Masi, Mauceri, O'Grady

Opposed: Hyams, Gardner, DeMonte, Vukovic, Ostrow, Bae

2nd Substitute Motion fails by majority vote.

VOTE on DeMONTE's 1st SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Abstain: Mauceri

In Favor: Kornberg, Gardner, Vukovic, Masi, Bae, DeMonte, O'Grady, Campbell

Opposed: Hyams,

DeMonte's 1st Substitute Motion to End Discussion passes by majority vote.

7. MOTION: to authorize expenditures from the outreach budget to patron a local business and provide food for general public and board members at April (and future) GGPNC governing board meetings.

MOTION:

Bae so moves. Hyams seconds.

Discussion:

Bae: Arguing this will help businesses suffering in the recession and attract folks to council meetings.

Campbell: Supports the idea. Urging the effort be mindful of recycling and waste.

Gardner: Urging this be modified to include a price limit.

Ostrow: Not supporting this issue. Not a prudent allocation. The budget is still in flux.

Hyams: Supporting this motion.

Masi: The outreach potential is worth it. Anything we can do to make it more fun to come to these meetings.

No objection. The motion passes by consensus.

8. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Hyams moves to adopt the February 2011 minutes. Bae seconds.

Ostrow objects.

VOTE:

In Favor: Kornberg, Gardner, Vukovic, Masi, Bae, DeMonte, O'Grady, Campbell, Mauceri, Hyams

Opposed: none.

Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

9. Other Comments and Announcements

None.

10. Adjourn

Kornberg moves to adjourn. Hyams seconds. Meeting adjourned at 11:58pm.

SUPPLEMENT III: April 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes

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.

Iaderosa: 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.

Iaderosa: 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.

Iaderosa: 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.