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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

September 20, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
Los Feliz Community Police Center
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1. Call to Order. Roll Call.

7:10 p.m.

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

Late: O'Grady, Khanjian, McCarthy, Mauceri

Absent: Masi, Campbell, DeOcampo

2. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

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

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

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

Linda Jamentz: Also noting coyote problem.

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

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

3. Reports From Government Officials

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

O'Grady arrives.

Mauceri arrives.

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

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

Khanjian arrives.

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

4. Executive Committee Reports

a. President

Ostrow: Asking about email access issues.

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

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

Robbins: Explaining sometimes his password is rejected.

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

Mauceri: Offering to resolve this issue.

Ostrow: Announcing citywide neighborhood council elections meeting on Thursday.

laderosa attending

Ostrow: Neighborhood Council Congress this weekend.

laderosa attending

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

Ostrow: Explaining communications with Haunted Hayride production company.

GGPNC had expressed concern about this event and the council had sought their presentation, but they have now declined the invitation to attend and present to the council.

Ostrow: Reporting meeting with Congressman Schiff and Councilman LaBonge.

Ostrow: Sharing email from John F. John noting incorrect notice on Executive Committee Agenda on July meeting Agenda that listed the meeting time at 7pm instead of 6pm. The meeting in fact began at 6:20 p.m. The website had the right time on the calendar. The error on the agenda was Ostrow's typo.

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

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

b. Rules & Elections

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

Mauceri: Suggesting we should move forward as planned.

MOTION:

Kornberg moves to table. Bae seconds. Mauceri objects.

Mauceri: Not moving forward will increase our workload.

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

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

VOTE:

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

Opposed: Demmers, Mauceri, Menz, Ferris, Kornberg

Motion tabled.

c. Treasurer

Bae withdrawing motion on P-Card

MOTION:

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

5. Motion: that the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council urges the Los Angeles Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and Los Angeles Department of Transportation to adopt a new "apron"/parkway parking policy that allows

appropriate and needed parking in the City of Los Angeles while still respecting and protecting the rights of the disabled and submit the following CIS:

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

MOTION:

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

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

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

Public Comment:

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

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

Question Period:

Desai: Asking how this translates to apartment complexes.

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

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

Bae: Asking about opposition.

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

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

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

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

McDonald: Explaining that driveway blocking is also an issue.

Mauceri Objects.

Discussion:

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

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

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

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

Desai: Asking to call the question.

No Objection. Passed by consensus.

6. Committee Reports:

a. Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation

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

MOTION:

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

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

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

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

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

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

O'Grady seconds.

Questions:

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

Discussion:

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

Robbins: Supporting motion.

No objection. Passed by consensus.

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

MOTION:

Khanjian moves to send the following letter to Zoning Administrator:

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

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

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

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

Kornberg seconds.

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

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

Menz: Suggesting that the letter is no longer appropriate.

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

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

Mauceri: Asking to hear from the applicant.

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

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

Mauceri: Clarifying this is in Laughlin Park

O'Grady: Asking what is there right now?

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

Ferris: Clarifying that this is within the gated community

Menz: Confirming neighbors were notified.

Kornberg objects to motion.

Discussion:

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

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

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

Discussion:

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

O'Grady: This was inadvertent.

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

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

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

McCarthy arrives.

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

MOTION:

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

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

Jacqueline Kerr and Rosemary DeMonte in attendance to answer questions.

Public Comment:

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

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

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

Questions:

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

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

MOTION TO AMEND:

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

No Objection. Motion passed by consensus.

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

MOTION:

Khanjian moves to adopt additional CIS. Kornberg seconds.

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

MOTION TO AMEND:

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

Questions:

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

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

No objection. Amended motion passed by consensus.

b. Parks, River and Open Spaces

- i. Motion: Resolved, that the Autry National Center shall adhere to the terms of its long standing commitment to upgrade the Southwest Museum and to operate the Southwest Museum so that the public may have access to that site and be able to admire artifacts and artworks that have historically been maintained at that site.

MOTION:

Ostrow makes the above motion. Kornberg seconds.

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

Questions:

McCarthy: Asking about location of the museum

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

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

Menz: Asking about effect of resolution.

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

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

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

Discussion:

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

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

MOTION TO TABLE:

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

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

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

VOTE:

Abstaining: Demmers, Ostrow

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

Opposed: McCarthy, Robbins, Iaderosa, Kornberg

Motion tabled.

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

MOTION:

Ostrow moves the above motion. Malhi seconds.

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

Questions:

Bae: Asking how big the cell towers will be.

Young: They range from 2 to 30 feet.

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

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

Ferris: Asking about the height of the tanks.

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

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

Discussion:

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

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

MOTION TO AMEND:

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

Discussion:

Desai: Objecting to the vagueness of the proposal.

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

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

MOTION TO TABLE:

Mauceri moves to table. Bae seconds. Kornberg objects.

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

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

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

VOTE ON MOTION TO TABLE:

Abstaining: Ostrow, Demmers, Desai, McCarthy

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

Opposed: Kornberg, Robbins, Price

Tabled.

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

MOTION:

Ostrow moves. Demmers seconds.

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

Questions:

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

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

Robbins opposes.

Discussion:

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

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

MOTION TO AMEND:

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

VOTE on MOTION AS AMENDED:

Abstaining: Price, Ostrow, Iaderosa

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

Opposed: Bae

Motion passed by majority vote.

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

MOTION:

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

Kornberg recuses herself.

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

Bae leaves.

Questions:

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

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

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

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

Discussion:

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

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

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

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

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

VOTE:

Abstaining: McCarthy, Ostrow, O'Grady

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

Motion fails.

c. Education

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

MOTION:

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

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

Questions:

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

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

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

Ferris: Asking about maintenance.

Malhi: Explaining the concept of a teaching garden.

Khanjian: Explaining that this was included in budget proposal.

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

Menz: Confirming there has been outside fundraising.

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

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

No objection. Passed by consensus.

d. Culture and Events

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

MOTION:

Ostrow moves. Demmers seconds.

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

MOTION TO AMEND:

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

Mauceri and Ostrow object.

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

VOTE on MOTION TO AMEND:

Abstaining: Khanjian, Ostrow

In Favor: O'Grady, Robbins

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

Amendment fails.

Returning to Main Motion:

No objection to original motion. Passed by consensus.

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

MOTION:

O'Grady moves. Robbins objects. Mauceri objects.

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

Questions:

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

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

Discussion:

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOTION TO AMEND:

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

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

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

No objection. Motion as Amended passed by consensus.

Desai and Malhi leave.

e. Rules And Election

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

MOTION:

Demmers moves. Robbins seconds.

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

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

MOTION:

Demmers moves. Robbins seconds.

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

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

No objection. Passed by consensus.

MOTION to UNTABLE:

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

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

MOTION:

Demmers moves. Mauceri seconds.

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

Question Period:

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

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

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

Menz: Clarifying impact of DONE's comments.

Ostrow objects.

Discussion:

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

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

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

MOTION TO AMEND:

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

Returning to Main Motion:

Khanjian: Asking to call the vote.

Robbins calls the question. No objection.

VOTE:

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

Unanimous.

Bylaws Amended by supermajority.

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

MOTION:

Demmers moves. Robbins second.

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

No objections.

VOTE:

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

Unanimous

Bylaws Amended by super-majority.

7. Appointments to fill District A Vacancy

Ostrow: Introducing candidate Rafik Ghazarian.

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

Ferris moves to appoint. Kornberg seconds.

VOTE COUNT: Unanimous for Rafik Ghazarian.

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

Ghazarian leaves.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MOTION:

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

Khanjian: Supporting the motion.

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

VOTE:

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

Substitute Motion passed by majority vote.

9. Appoint Secretary and VP, Communications.

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

Ostrow: Reading bylaw descriptions.

O'Grady nominates Mauceri for Secretary. Mauceri declines.

Menz volunteers for VP, Communications.

VOTE COUNT: Unanimous for Menz.

Khanjian moves to close appointment process. Ferris seconds.

10. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

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

11. Other Comments and Announcements.

None.

12. Adjourn –

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