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**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 30, 2011 – 5:00 PM

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01. CALL TO ORDER:

5:15 PM – Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council (GGPNC) Education Chair, Stephanie Widmer, called the meeting to order.

Committee Members present (03):

Widmer, Stephanie - Chair		
Dodge, Marian	Mauceri, Mark	Simmons, Debbie
Jolley, Mark	O'Grady, Tomas (5:55 PM)	Tyler, Justine
Lee, Dorothy	Rodriguez, Mary	

Absent: 6; Dodge, Jolley, Lee, Rodriguez, Simmons, Tyler.
Late: 1; O'Grady (5:55 PM)

Stakeholder Jane Agua announced she's interested in being part of the committee, Chairperson Widmer asked if the committee objected to Jane taking part in the discussions as a non-voting guest. No objections.

Mauceri briefly reviews committee protocols for new Chair, Widmer, and meeting structure relative to the Brown Act. Indicates a poll should be taken of "known" committee members to gauge their on-going interest in serving.

02. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

5:35 PM – None.

03. APPROVAL OF JUNE 14, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

5:40 PM –

Mauceri reads through draft minutes of last meeting (9-months previous) and explains the draft, to his recollection, adequately represented the meeting. Widmer calls for a motion to approve the minutes:

MOTION (Mauceri): To approve June 2010 minutes as written

SECOND: (Widmer).

APPROVED: By consensus.

04. FUNDING PROPOSALS FROM MARSHALL; DISCUSSION AND ACTION AS APPROPRIATE

5:45 PM –

Mauceri opines committee member O’Grady may believe the meeting was scheduled to start later; suggests postponing agenda items 4-6 until after 6:00 PM.

MOTION (Mauceri): Table Agenda Items 4-6 until after 6:00 PM.

SECOND: (Widmer).

APPROVED: By consensus.

(Item taken out of order, see #6)

05. FUNDING PROPOSALS FROM LOS FELIZ ELEMENTARY; DISCUSSION & ACTION AS APPROPRIATE

6:00 PM –

(Item taken out of order, see #6)

06. FUNDING PROPOSALS FROM FRANKLIN AVENUE ELEMENTARY; DISCUSSION & ACTION AS APPROPRIATE

6:00 PM –

Brett Boyd, Instructor at Marshall High School, introduced himself and said he wished to speak to the Marshall High School’s request for funding towards music education equipment.

Mauceri commented the committee had recommended--and the council had approved-- previous funding this fiscal year, including \$2250 and \$750 towards projects and programs at T.S. King. O’Grady said he had received additional funding requests he thought should be added to the mix for review, tonight, including Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts and an additional request from Marshall High School.

Mauceri suggested the committee do a “dry run” of each request in the amounts only, before we debated the relative merits of each to see if the committee was still on budget.

Finding the total requested amounts exceeded the committee’s current budget, Mauceri opined any request of the Board be made in two parts: One that exhausts the current budgeted funding, and a second that would recommend overages.

O’Grady opined there was unallocated Council monies available and it was reasonable to ask for additional committee funding given we were fast approaching DONE’s submission deadline before any unallocated monies would be “swept” back into the City’s general fund.

MOTION (Mauceri): The committee split any budget spend and additional allocation into two parts; the remaining \$6750, and an “overage” amount (TBD).

SECOND: (O’Grady).

APPROVED: By consensus.

Boyd explains the music program at Marshall and their request, indicating the equipment pricing was at great discount from the vendor (Guitar Center Hollywood). The committee debated the pros and cons of each proposal (Franklin: tree benches; LFE: lunchroom support; Marshall: music education and band travel costs; Los Feliz Charter School for the Arts: garden installation) individually, and then in total.

MOTION (Mauceri): Committee recommend to the Board allocating \$6750 as discussed and the additional monies in a second Board motion.

SECOND: (O’Grady).

DISCUSSION:

O’Grady clarifying recommendation to the Board includes the total amounts discussed. Mauceri confirms all of the figures will be compiled into a presentation worksheet, but the motions will be separate. Mauceri feels it’s easier for the Board to “get its head around the numbers” if we split them.

VOTE: For - Three (3); Mauceri, O’Grady, Widmer. Against – Zero (0). Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION (Mauceri): The committee recommends the Board approve an additional “overage” amount (TBD; apprx. \$5900) to cover the further funding requests, including an overage of approximately \$800 for work at T.S. King Middle School.

SECOND: (O’Grady).

APPROVED: By consensus.

07. OTHER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

5:50 PM –

(Item taken out of order)

Widmer comments she had received three (3) proposals outlined in agenda items 4-6 and had prepared large “review sheets,” which she affixed to the walls for later review.

Mauceri recounted his knowledge of the committee’s previous project funding and the committee’s past successes focused on the four (4) public schools within the GGPNC’s boundaries; Los Feliz Elementary, Franklin Avenue Elementary, T.S. King Middle School and Marshall High School. Further commenting that he, personally, thought monies allocated should have a clear line to tangible educational benefits. Contrary to popular belief, he did support the idea of the council funding Marshall’s “Big M” mural, but felt the funds should have come all in part from the Neighborhood Improvement budget at the time.

08. ADJOURN:

7:35 PM – Motion to adjourn by O’Grady. Seconded by Mauceri; meeting adjourned.

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Submitted, reviewed and approved by committee consensus on 07/11/2011.

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Caitlin Mendoza-Price
Chair