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Item Number:

Brief Summary: The GGPNC reaffirms its opposition to supergraphic signs. In addition, we urge the City Council to retain the sign reduction program. In the event an entity erects different signage than permitted, then the permit should be revoked and the entity and signage should be deemed illegal and subject to the appropriate fines and penalties. Finally, the City Planning Commission should see all proposed signage before any permit is issued.

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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 21, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.
Los Feliz Community Police Center
1965 n. Hillhurst Ave. (2nd floor of Citibank)
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1. Call to Order. Quorum Check.

7:10pm

Napier, Mims, DeOcampo excused.

Here: RO, CK, TW, JG, MV, TO, JK, RD, FM, LVKC, HM, TH, MM

2. Reports from Public Officials

City Attorney, Bill Larson: Update on Bates Motel. Order in place for abatement has been appealed. Trial date pushed back to February 3rd 2011. Dana Hollister serving as a consultant. She used to be the owner. Current owners are investors and not local.

Gardner: Last update ownership had transferred quietly.

Larson: Correct. Still problem of transients and obstructions. There have been changes within the corporation, but it's essentially the same owners.

Wilson: Silverman Associates is the owner?

Larson: There is more than one person associated with that ownership. The attorney now pursuing the case is the attorney who was retained to represent the former owner.

O'Grady: City's costs are liened on the property?

Larson: If it's demolished the lien will be for demolition costs + 40%, which will hopefully be recovered.

Mary Rodriguez:

Introducing Joseph Orlanes. SLO for Griffith Park. Lot of people have been concerned about Ranger hours and the office of public safety will be stepping up protection. Joseph is a former park ranger as are many other OPS officers.

joseph.ornanes@lacity.org. 213-305-9234. Local resident. Graduated Marshall 1994. Working for the city since 96. Park since 99. GS since 2006. Work with LAPD SLO. Works with community groups (with UCLA volunteers today). Police LA City Parks, libraries, and city facilities. Work on quality of life issues.

Mauceri: How do you work with our 3 SLOs?

Orlanes: I'm with General Services Police. Armed officer police the parks. Park Rangers are not. Now Rangers don't have to call the LAPD, but can just go straight through us.

Kornberg: Fern Dell area.

Orlanes: Designated Griffith Park patrol unit for the entire area. Requesting extra units there.

Ostrow: Expanding on Kornberg's question. Sharing anecdote of seeing transient individuals in this area, which supports the complaints of trespassing.

Orlanes: homeless encampment only goes in to effect at 10:30pm. Call the dispatch number when you see this happening. (213) 978-4670.

Malhi: What happens when a call comes in about a homeless encampment?

Orlanes: Depending on the behavior the response may be a ticket or an arrest through LAPD.

Hyams: If someone is encamped and you cite them do they just stay there?

Orlanes: They would be given a citation and removed and given resource information about homeless assistance.

Gardner: River bed under your control? Requesting attention to footbridge by the senior center. Foliage invites illegal behavior. Advice on how to address this would be helpful.

Orlanes: In July CHP, CalTrans, Rec&Parks put a bike detail on the river. Cleaned from Fletcher to Victory Bridge. 14 illegal encampments, plugged the holes, and arrested a wanted felon. CHP and CalTrans control much of the access, so it's a collective process. Trimming on Caltrans is a massive job. But this is a goal. This bike path is isolated and dangerous and a high priority.

Ostrow: The distinction between Rangers and OPS is an area of concern for many of our stakeholders. Your background is ideal.

Mary Rodriguez: Many of the OPS officers are former rangers.

Mary Rodriguez:

650 UCLA volunteers cleaned up the park. 100 worked at Commonwealth nursery weeding and spreading mulch. The nursery needs more help.

Immaculate Heart cleaned up in Fern Dell.

Park Tour with Community Leaders including back end of the park on Vista del Val. Looked at Toyon landfill and met with head of sanitation as a result.

Attempted rape in the park about a week ago. Running in Fern Dell trail around 6pm. Pulled into bushes by two men. Escaped and called 911. One suspect in custody. No ID made. No charges pressed. Suspect being deported.

Armed Battery near Marshall on Labor Day at 1am. Still in critical condition. A similar attack occurred in Echo Park the same night.

Neighborhood Watch meeting 9/25 10-am12pm. Oral Arts Room in the Science Building at Marshall.

Sewer Projects. Streets being torn up for projects for gas, sewers, dbs, and dwp. If you have a concrete street and asphalt is laid down over a repair project it is only temporary.

Street sweeping: not consistent. Friday's are particularly difficult because of furloughs. Trying for every other week.

Used cars on Los Feliz Blvd. There is no law against this. Working with the county to gather necessary data to enact a new law. Reached out to Gatto for state assistance.

Hyams: These are business owners not individual car owners. Is there is a way to target that issue?

Rodriguez: Just gathering data right now. Multi-faceted problems arise from this. Residents nearby are parking to obstruct this. Confrontations between residents and residential security with these car resellers. Suggested permit parking as a possible solution.

Kornberg: asking about DMV pressure or other possible efforts.

DeMonte: Citizens arrests?

Rodriguez: Short on resources

Gardner: used car operation with great visibility and no overhead. There's an economic incentive for them to keep figuring out how to do this.

Mauceri: Permit parking is one of the solutions being discussed?

Rodriguez: There is a moratorium on preferential parking districts.

Khanjian: Parents in the Los Feliz Towers. Mostly elderly residents. No one can visit.

Wilson: Local press can do a story on the individuals who are perpetrating this?

Rodriguez: NE LAPD open house on October 30th. Need representation from this side of the river. Councilman will have a booth. Andrea invited to join them.

3. Executive Committee Reports

a. President's Comments

Ostrow: Sharing visit with LaBonge through the park. NC workshop with Kerkorian. There will be another one next month. Additionally Budget Workshop coming up on October 16th – looking for representatives from the GGPNC to attend. Next week meeting with new planning head. Storage facility cleaned out.

Correcting Budget line item. \$7,070.00 for unallocated community improvements.

b. Treasurer's Report: Presentation of Finalized Budget for Approval. Discussion and Action as appropriate regarding recommitment, cancellation, or reallocation of the 2008 board allocation of \$10,800.00 for Fire Recovery Signage.

Mauceri: Is there a motin?

Ostrow: Only questions about the report at this time.

Gardner: Confirmed with Vicky Israel that they don't want these funds?

Ostrow: No. They've never heard of this project. The Print Shop has no record of this project. This is not a viable project under the terms DONE has set forth.

Wilson: Has PROS Committee chair been consulted.

Ostrow: notified former chair and interim chairs consulted. Original intent of the signage was to address needs created by fire in 2007. Gerry Hans confirmed that this signage project no longer necessary. In addition, \$80k from Haunted Hayride might be directed towards signage. Gerry Hans indicated that \$80k more than adequate. PROS committee also feels less signage desirable.

Wilson: PZGPC has \$2500. Culture & Events has \$9,000. These numbers were given to us by committee chairs?

Ostrow: A call was put out to committees for budgets and we accepted what they submitted.

Hyams: Point of Information – Requested more money for Rules & Elections.

Ostrow: Point is well taken. This requires further discussion. In order for 2nd budget to be approved we first need to cancel fire recovery signage. Recommending we move on Budget 2 first.

MOTION: Khanjian moves to adopt Budget 2 with the cancellation and reallocation of the Fire Recovery Sign project funds. Kornberg seconds.

Discussion:

Gardner: in PROS meeting when these funds were approved. Mike Schull from Parks & Recreation to match these funds. Department was in charge of this project. I support this budget and we have to go through this process but I would note that there's more going on here. Throughout the year we can always reallocated to expend money. It looks crazy to have tied up these funds, but it was well-intended and the inaction lies with the city.

Wilson: voted for signage project. Commending Khanjian for her work. This is the clearest budget we've seen. The fact that PROS leadership isn't here to oppose is important as well. I support this budget.

Hyams: Also supporting this motion. However, there were items I submitted that are not included here. I support this budget because there's an extra fund here that I could possibly ask for those items back from that fund. But how can I know I'll have a chance to do that?

Ostrow: We now ask that funding requests identify a line item. Your future requests would identify the unallocated funds as your line item.

Hyams: But unencumbered funds are subject to greater scrutiny. I'm inclined to amend to include my budget item.

Khanjian: You asked for \$3,400.

Wilson: Motion to Amend to include \$2,400 for Rules & Elections and take those funds from the \$7,070.00

Mauceri: We need a budget and we need to move forward. When we lay money in a line item it's seen as set in stone. I am interested in this reading that amounts indicated in 2010-2011 are subject to board approval.

Malhi: Agreeing with Mauceri, that this locks us in without flexibility. Education and Culture & Events are asking for a significant portion of the budget. We need more flexibility.

O'Grady: Agreeing that fluidity is required.

Gardner: The money has to be categorized. It is the standard that this council must approve specific expenditures. When someone comes to the council asking for money they will identify the line item and we would reallocated as necessary. When I was the treasurer we couldn't have a checking account. Is that still the case?

Khanjian: we do not have a checking account. We have a debit card, which is limited to specific expenses. Citibank was closed in April.

Wilson: We have to categorize, but the default is that these are flexible.

Nyla: This is a good organizational practice to plan ahead and prioritize neighborhood needs.

Kornberg: These budget items are not entirely fluid. Education budget and Mass email as examples.

Mauceri: The budget process is not clear. We have allocated some funds. I think we should amend to say these things require board approval. We need a set of rules to codify our practice

MOTION TO AMEND: Amounts in 2 subject to board approval at the time specific requests are made for expenditures.

Malhi second.

Ostrow: The bylaws indicate the board approves the budget. There is a set of standing rules floating around that indicate some items don't require board approval. Recommending amendment for possible missing line item for Rules & Elections. Everything is subject to change until it's committed.

Hyams: This amendment deals with the fluidity of these numbers. If everyone in the room agrees that everything requires approval then each committee should just get an equal amount. Not every dollar amount needs to be voted on by the board – operations expenses are routinely spent without approval.

O'Grady: Amendment gets us out tonight. Next month, Budget comes back with the items delineated for pre-approval and items reserved for board approval.

Mauceri: When the council approves the budget, it approves these expenditures.

Wilson: You make intelligent projections based on what you think categories merit. An equal split may not be accurate. These items are not locked in.

Gardner: The board has to authorize these funds. Line items are specifically approved, committee budgets are not. Standing rule should be in place to pre-approve standard operational items up to a certain amount. We need two members of the council to take budget training. Treasurer has a fiduciary duty to uphold the rules.

O'Grady: we need to move on. This is an issue for Budget & Finance meetings. It's disrespectful to hold up the rest of the meeting.

Hyams: The money I requested does not fall under community improvement, but my budget is operations. And I need it reallocated.

Masi: If my budget wasn't correct I would vote for this and come back to Budget & Finance with the correction.

Ostrow: requesting clarification on amendment

Mauceri: You are approving a budget, which allocates money. To reallocate it would require a motion.

Ostrow: Then why do we currently go through the process of committee requests?

Mauceri: You need a framework. The budget process needs to be the subject of discussion in Rules & Elections. Until then, this protects us.

Wilson Objects

VOTE ON AMENDMENT

Abstain: none

In Favor: JK, FM, MV, MM, HM, TO, LVKC, LN

Opposed: TH, CK, TW, JG, NA, RD

Motion passes.

Kornberg: MOTION TO ADOPT 2nd AMENDMENT increasing budget for R&E to \$3400. Wilson seconds.

No objection. Consensus on 2nd Amendment.

Objection to 2nd Amended Motion: Gardner – this isn't balanced. There's still unallocated money.

Ostrow: explaining that the addition of this omitted line was noted at the beginning of debate and included in motion.

Gardner: Now all line items have to be approved. Proposing standing rule for president to make expenditures for less than \$500.

Ostrow: That standing rules exists. We don't need a motion to add the unallocated line item – it was included automatically in the motion.

Hearing no objections. Passed by consensus.

c. VP Administration's Report on Rules & Elections Bylaw Revision Progress

Hyams: GGPNC emails need to be working. I had a difficult time getting responses from Board Members on the receipt of the bylaw changes. Please give them a careful read before the October meeting.

d. Secretary's Report on Voicemail Options and Discussion & Action as Appropriate on Free Voicemail Options.

MOTION: to use Google Voice. Hyams seconds.

Mauceri: is there a way to forward?

Khanjian: change in all places.

No objections.

Consensus.

e. Outreach Update

LN: community blogs have supported out outreach efforts. They have yielded candidates for the PROS chair. Still looking for a Religious Rep. Deadline for that seat extended one week.

4. MOTION (Supplement 2): Contribute \$2,000 towards the after school "Theatre Arts" by Aimee Art Productions at the LACER/ENRICH KING afterschool enrichment program at Thomas Starr King Middle School. (Brought by O'Grady, Campbell, Mahli, Vukovic, Kornberg, Mauceri; 30 min.)

DeMonte: Point of Order – Violation of the quorum to have these co-authors.

Ostrow: These are not people supporting the motion. These are people supporting the agendization of the motion.

O'Grady: confirming no discussion.

DeMonte: Asking if O'Grady's children in the program.

Ostrow: Ruling out of order. Appropriate for discussion not point of information.

O'Grady: MOTION to grant \$1,500 towards the after school "Theatre Arts" by Aimee Art Productions at the LACER/ENRICH KING afterschool enrichment program at Thomas Starr King Middle School. Malhi seconds.

Erin O'Grady: Supporting program because it engenders teamwork.

Erin Murray: Supporting theater program because it's fun and educational.

Debbie Simons: Speaking as a member of the education committee. No issue with benefit of the program. First concern about equitable distribution of funding to 4 schools within district area. Reviewing education committee funding. Opposed to this item because it ignores the intent behind the committee's plan for GGPNC support. If there is an additional \$1,500 available it should be divided equitably among the four schools. Second concern with impact on credibility. We must treat four schools equally. Especially true for any school with which a council-member is affiliated. This program is to start tomorrow. Has a contract been signed. Where is the funding coming from.

Justine O'Grady: In support of bringing the arts to King. Elementary school has many more resources than King for these kinds of programs.

Aimee Hopkins, Franklin Elementary teacher: Explaining program development and benefits of these exercises.

Ostrow: 15 speaker cards submitted in support. Addressing conflict of issue question. Parents of children at public schools who serve on NCs do not have to recuse themselves from issues of funding for public schools. However, Tomas has used the term "we."

O'Grady: I am the President of Friends of King. This money goes directly to the afterschool program.

Ostrow: An organization has come here to ask for money. You are the President of Friends of King. That is the group advocating this. Though it is not the group receiving the money.

O'Grady: Friends of King is a PTO. It's only role is to raise money. They don't have a role in setting policy.

Ostrow: Who is asking for this money. It's not Aimee. Somebody connected to King is asking for this.

O'Grady: Friends of King is not making this request. LACER and King Middle School are making this request.

Ostrow: Reviewing Conflicts of Interest policy and recusal policy.

Vukovic: Asking question of Debbie. Clarifying allocation. King, Marshall, and two elementary schools.

Arslanian: Concerned about relationship with LACER. I'm on their advisory committee.

Ostrow: You cannot be compelled to recuse.

Arslanian: Clarifying LACER's role in this program.

DeMonte: Clarifying this funds 25 students.

O'Grady: Consultation with LACER. Artistic Director determined there would be a cutoff.

O'Grady: recusing from vote.

DeMonte: Additional \$800 for extra student?

O'Grady: Friends of King is going to kick in \$800 if there are additional students.

Wilson: This didn't go to committee because of a deadline? How much of the budget have the two elementary schools received? Are we taking from one school and giving to this school.

Ostrow: 1/4 of education budget allocated to garden at King.

O'Grady: We started with LACER 6 weeks ago. We requested a meeting. The chair could not schedule a meeting. The program has to start tomorrow because of the school year. I don't know how this affects the other schools. I know we just voted to say our budget is fluid and this is a great program, and it's discounted.

Discussion

Masi: We have unallocated money that could be used for a program like this. The division of the education budget makes sense. If the money for this project comes from unallocated money it's not taking anything from other schools.

Wilson: The other schools should come here if they want assistance. But it's also incumbent upon us to be equitable. I would prefer to double the program and do it at the elementary schools. There's a perception that King is favored.

DeMonte: King has gotten more money than the other schools in previous years. It makes us look like a piggy bank for pet projects.

Malhi: I agree that it should go through committee. An effort was made to take this through committee. The chair could not accommodate. We just amended the budget to be more fluid. I'm appalled by the representative from the education committee saying we shouldn't fund King. No one wants to send their kids to King. We're here to improve our community. It's disgusting to decline this program when we're just gave \$4,500 to Independent Shakespeare Company.

Vukovic: I went to three of the four schools in question. I'm sensitive to the equity issue. But there isn't a single parent in this neighborhood who doesn't have a discussion about what to do about the Middle School. It's triage there right now. And if we need to allocate extra money to do so, it will be worth it.

Gardner: Sharing history of work with children. This program is rushed. And there's an impression of impropriety. There's a 5th school in Griffith Park that we're not funding. This is an incomplete application. There's no item we're purchasing to donate. It's not complete and should come back after another month of preparation.

Ostrow: Attached materials indicate there is a specific program with a contract in the back.

Campbell: Drama at King has been completely cut. We've funded art in the park. Now we can bring art to the park. We're holding on to the money for hypothetical programs for the future. They're here now and we should be proactive.

Mauceri: There are other sources of contributions available for this program. King serves a large swatch of our community. Two schools feed into this institution. I compelled this because I felt this was quashed. If our neighborhood has good schools it's a good neighborhood. Investing in good public schools improves the entire neighborhood across the board. When we underwrite a program we don't ask for line items. This approach is consistent with previous expenditures. \$750 could come from Arts & Culture. \$750 should come from education. King is here asking for the money and the other schools aren't. That still leaves \$2000 for each of the other schools.

Hyams: There are issues in the way this motion is written which can be fixed by amendment. But it's funding afterschool enrichment program not a school and that is stated correctly. I joined the council because I wanted to impact the community. The concept of equality makes sense, but we're here to improve our neighborhood and this would have a great impact. This isn't education or arts & culture. It's neighborhood improvement. But there's an obvious positive community impact here.

Arslanian: Concerned with process. In favor of bringing arts and culture to middle schools. LACER should be here asking for the funds. The relationship remains unclear. Why is LACER involved?

Khanjian: I wouldn't have sent my kids to King. To bring something to that middle school is huge. For the council to do it speaks volumes. It's a crying shame that none of the families in my neighborhood would go there. Impressed with the kids.

LN: I would have loved if my middle school had a program like this. Too many kids are just in front of tvs and video games.

Wilson: I would send my kids to King. I think this is a great idea. I'm in the arts. Teaching kids through the arts is a magical way.

MOTION TO AMEND: Fund \$2,000 for each elementary school and \$1,500 for King. Mauceri seconded.

Vukovic: Franklin has this program.

O'Grady: Franklin has this program and another program. We raised all the money in-house for afterschool programs at Franklin. Franklin will be coming to the council for money for additional technology.

Mauceri: Had I known there was a program doing this at Franklin I would not have seconded.

LVKC: Concerned they don't even want it

DeMonte: Where does this money come from? Shouldn't we be more careful about how we spend our money?

Vukovic: Support the spirit. Franklin is covered for afterschool, but unfamiliar with what the need is at Los Feliz.

Gardner: I would like to hear from the schools before we allocate money. This is improperly vetted.

O'Grady: This should be in committee. This one issue is urgent and so can't wait for committee. Benefit letter is here from LACER.

Khanjian: Clarifying that no other funding items have required benefit letter for passage.

Ostrow: Reasonable to imagine that the other schools will come and ask us for money throughout the year. Not concerned with the perception of a pet project – we have lot of pet projects. Concerned about asking for this outside committee. We have committees to make plans and bring us the big picture.

Gardner: We have not heard from King Middle School. Saying we've heard from Mauceri about O'Grady. Mauceri – point of information – I made no representations about O'Grady's role in this.

Wilson: Motion made outside committee. Amendment made outside committee. I think this program should be offered to every school.

Motion to expend \$5,500 to offer Aimee Afterschool enrichment program for King, Franklin, and Los Feliz.
Objections.

VOTE on AMendment:

Abstention: Malhi, Nyal, Tor, Gardner

In favor: Wilson

Opposed: JK, CK, FM, MV, MM, TO, LBKC, RD, LN,

Original motion:

O'Grady to close discussion. This is a public school with 1,400 students. This is a program for the whole school, not the magnet. My daughter is in the magnet. I offered LACET a gardening programming. LACER said no we need an afterschool program. They told me this is what they needed and wanted. I'm putting a garden in at Micheltorena and I don't have any kids there. I'm focused on getting King up to 900 API. I'm not going to stop until we get there. I know Committee Chair supports that goal. King is on course for change. No violence at King this year. Record number of kids from Franklin and Ivanhoe attending King this year. This school is on its way.

Gardner: We have to allocate the funds from the budget.

Malhi: AMENDMENT \$750 from Edu and \$750 from Arts and change contribute to fund. LVKC seconds.

DeMonte: Can we do that without the committee?

Ostrow: Yes. The board has ultimate authority over the budget and all expenditures. If this money comes out of education then it may impact the money previously allocated to the garden at King.

Kornberg: Clarifying that the 1/4 allocation is static and unimpacted by this motion.

Masi: This should be sent to eh Budget committee.

Gardner: We're spending reallocated money anyway. The whole thing should have gone to committee.

Nyla: Afterschool programs have traditionally come from Education. Culture & Events doesn't traditionally support this type of program. This will take funding away from community events.

Artsanian objects.

VOTE:

Abstain: Khanjian, Wilson, Hyams

In favor: JK, FM, MV, MM, HM, LVKC, LN, TO

Opposed: JG, NA, RD

VOTE ON AMENDED MOTION:

Abstain: TO, TW, NA

In Favor: JK, CK, TH, FM, MV, MM, HM, LVKC, LN

Opposed: JG, RD

Back to Executive Committee Reports

5. Committee Reports

- a. Planning, Zoning & Historic Preservation Committee (Supplement 3): MOTION to Adopt 6 Recommendations in Response to City Planning Commission Signage Approval Authority Recommendations

Masi: MOTION to accept all 6 recommendations. Arslanian seconds.

Presentation from Jacqueline Kerr: This super-graphics issue is already on the agenda for next Tuesday without going to PLUM. This will be an ordinance next week. The message was don't even bother with these recommendations, just work on a CIS. City's ordinance against super graphics has been upheld by courts of appeal. Now there is an amendment to continue to prohibit supergraphic, eliminating sign reduction program, and continuing digital marquis regulations. Adding grandfather clause which will allow developments with entitlements before date certain to retain life of the entitlement. Explaining each recommendation.

Recommendation 1: Require that the City Planning Commission review and approve all signage--including signage on land, existing buildings, and proposed on new building--covered by the HSSUD adopted ordinance and in all other signage supplemental use districts (ssuds), including in downtown Los Angeles and ssuds proposed in the future.

Recommendation 2: Limit New Signage in the large HSSUD Primarily to Two "Nodes" in Central Hollywood and current signs in Central Hollywood.

Recommendation 3: Continue to oppose new super graphic and roof top signs, consistent with past GGPNC Board Recommendations.

Recommendation 4: For any new signs--including super graphic, wall, and roof top--require reduction of current signs, such as conventional billboards, as required in the HSSUD ordinance approved by the City Planning Commission in early 2009.

Recommendation 5: Support the HSSUD Ordinance, with amendments, sent by the City Council to the CPC in Mid-July, 2010.

Recommendation 6: In the event an entity erects a different signage than granted a permit, then that permit is considered revoked and the entity and existing signage subject to the cancellation of the permit.

Hyams: Ruling in absence of the chair

Questions

Kornberg: Is this motion obsolete?

Kerr: Yes.

DeMonte: If it's too late to send the letter, then we have to create a CIS?

Kerr: Yes.

Ostrow: There is confusion about what is being asked of the council. That confusion continues. We need a motion to frame support for this position to be embodied in a CIS.

Discussion

Mauceri: MOTION for authorize Secretary to craft and send CIS. Wilson seconds.

Mauceri: AMENDED MOTION for Secretary in consultation with members of the PZHPC to craft and submit a CIS on this point.

No objection. Consensus.

Tabling Green committee motions and File letter item

b. Green Committee

i. MOTION: To grant \$2,000 to support Eco Tour

Malhi: MOTION to fund \$2,000 to support Eco Tour (get text of full motion). October 24th. O'Grady seconds.

Mark Stoffer: This has a profound community impact. Benefits neighborhood, kids, families, housing prices.

Malhi: Presenting details of the tour. 500 people attended last year. Anticipating 2,000 this year. Other orgs: Sustainable SilverLake, SilverLake Farms, Farm Feliz. Request for funds is for stainless steel water bottles and outreach materials.

Questions:

Ostrow: how many bottles?

O'Grady: ~700

Kornberg: In the budget?

O'Grady: Yes.

Gardner: Who is the grant to?

O'Grady: GGPNC is making this expenditure through the Green Committee to purchase these bottles and outreach posters.

Gardner: Clarifying that LVKC's organization is not involved.

Hyams: What is the desired outcome?

Malhi: To inspire others through example.

Discussion:

Wilson: I am committed to a green lifestyle. I support this. But we don't need to create new products. We should be recycling and encouraging people to be producing less.

VKC: Next motion tabled due to time. But it's an important education to give people an alternative to bottled water.

Hyams: I produce a big concert in August and there are 600 people on staff for the concert. We're trying to make it a green event. For the first time this year we had these steel bottles. My experience was really

positive. I liked getting it and because I had it I stopped myself from getting the bottled water. I probably saved 30 bottled waters because I had thing. I'm in support.

Masi: A great idea. Get more mileage out of this – maybe put our website or telephone number. Or a slogan like “Join a Committee” or “Get Involved.”

O'Grady: will work with Outreach on this point.

Wilson: Reiterating previous point.

O'Grady: hopefully people who already have them won't take it.

No Objection. Consensus!

c. Culture & Events Committee

- i. Joint MOTION of the Outreach and Culture & Events Committees: that the GGPNC support the October 5th at 6:30 pm Stakeholders Information Gathering regarding Barnsdall Art Park. Event will be hosted by Barnsdall Art Park Foundation in cooperation with EHNC and the Hollywood Arts Council.

Arslanian: Introducing Motion and context of staff and facilities impact by cuts at Department of Cultural Affairs. Barnsdall impacted and much confusion about the future of the facilities there remains.

Hyams seconds.

Ostrow: What are we committing to?

Hyams: Point of information clarifying language.

Arslanian: Use of the name and invitation to GGPNC members to participate in the planning and execution of the event. Will take some pamphlets to the meeting.

Hyams: Recapping the process in Outreach meeting. This is a show of collective community support.

Mauceri MOTION TO VOTE

consensus

- ii. Discussion and possible action on letter regarding motion to City Council from Arts Parks and Health Committee of RFP Process.

Arslanian: Explaining that the issue is moving very quickly towards the city council. There is a timeline for the RFP to have this wrapped by September 30th. There is a proposal to charge market rate for rent to arts programming. This will limit the ability of non-profits to undertake new programs. One recommendation is that the city allocate funds to support arts organizations using these spaces. An overarching concern is that this process be made transparent. Barnsdall has 4 facilities, but only one entity will get the rights to be there.

Ostrow: At the committee you were asked to draft a letter to be approved and sent by the council. No such letter is forthcoming.

Mauceri: POI – is there a deadline?

Arslanian: Yes.

MOTION: to authorize letter to the city council supporting the recommendations as set forth by the cultural affairs department and emphasizing the importance of transparency and community input in creating these guidelines.

DeMonte seconds.

Malhi: Letter drafted by Nyla and approved by Ostrow.

MOTION TO AMEND: To send the letter to the board before it is sent?

Ostrow: No. That would be a violation of the Brown Act to request approval over email.

Gardner: You can authorize drafting and period for objections.

Ostrow: Reiterating that approval or tacit approval of the letter over email is a violation of our public meeting requirement.

Arslanian: We will make the letter general and supporting these two basic concepts.

Mauceri: You're entrusting the chair to draft the letter. We've done this once before tonight to draft a CIS. We need tighter agendas. Motions need to be tighter. Letters need to be written.

Wilson: This is something we've done in the past. It's an appropriate action.

O'Grady: I tabled my letter because it was so late and now we're spending time on a letter that's not even written.

VOTE:

In favor: CK, TW, JG, FM, MV, MM, LVKC, NA, RD, LN, TH

Opposed: JK, TO, HM

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 2009 and August 2010

DeMonte: Correction for Sept 2009 – 3.c. Sarah Napier recused not Rosemary in voting on education.

Gardner: Sept 2009 part II – 14. moved that we adopt the code of civility and that was missed by the secretary.

Ostrow: I remember something else, which is that no action was taken on this.

Mauceri: Moving to table Sept 2009 part II until recording can be rejected.

LVKC: correct language on City Council president support

O'Grady: Correction.

No Objections. 2 months passed.

No objections to approval of August 2010 and September 2009 part I

7. Other Comments and Announcements

Masi: Straw poll on gas blower letters.

Ostrow: I have questions

Hyams: Read materials before the meeting.

Kornberg: Prefer to receive corrections in advance of the meeting

Ostrow: No one is precluded from offering corrections in the meetings.

8. Adjourn

11:55pm



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Re: Council File 07-2858-S1

The GGPNC reaffirms its opposition to supergraphic signs. In addition, we urge the City Council to retain the sign reduction program. In the event an entity erects different signage than permitted, then the permit should be revoked and the entity and signage should be deemed illegal and subject to the appropriate fines and penalties. Finally, the City Planning Commission should see all proposed signage before any permit is issued.