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Citywide Issues Committee Meeting: Minutes

Thursday: July 21, 2011

7:30 PM

**GHNNC Office, 11139 Woodley Ave.
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All agenda items are subject to discussion and possible committee action

1. **Roll call:** The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM: in attendance, Carl Buettner, Ralph Kroy, Bill Hopkins and Sid Gold, Kim Thompson ex officio
2. **Public comment non agenda items:** There were no comments by public members
3. **Discussion regarding DWP Issues:** Discussion was held regarding possible water and power rate increases proposed by DWP. The committee noted that residents of LA City had passed a resolution to establish a rate payer's advocate position. To date, this position and the office of public accountability has not been filled or set up by LA city Council.

The following resolution is proposed:

GHNNC opposes any rate increase water or power rate increase until the Office of Public Accountability and Independent Rate Payor Advocate, in consultation with NC's, is in place and has had sufficient time to study the proposal and has reported the findings to the residents of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles City Council regarding the appropriateness of any rate increase.

Also resolved:

GHNNC inform all appropriate parties regarding this resolution.

The committee heard reports from Bill Hopkins and Sid Gold regarding necessity to cover all the reservoirs under the jurisdiction of the city of Los Angeles. The proposed covering of the Silver Lake reservoir that would involve cementing over the reservoir and placing a park on top would cost approximately \$150 million. An alternate plan using a special plastic covering would only cost approximately \$25 million.

The committee proposes the following resolution:

GHNNC opposes the proposed cement covering for Silver Lake Reservoir and supports the use of the less costly plastic covering.

Also resolved:

GHNNC inform all appropriate parties regarding this resolution.

4. Los Angeles Education and Neighborhood Recommendations regarding NC's;

Sid Gold updated the committee regarding the proposed resolutions from Paul Krikorian's the Education and Neighborhood Committee of Los Angeles City Council. One area that Mr. Krikorian discussed was regionalization of neighborhood councils. Sid Gold suggested that if a regionalization does occur that this may be a method to empower neighborhood councils and to be given the opportunity to initiate Council files without having to complete disclosures. The present method inhibits individual neighborhood councils from initiating Council files

The following resolution was proposed by the committee:

GHNNC proposes that if and when a regionalization program is established for the Los Angeles City Neighborhood Councils, that these regional councils be allowed to open Council files without the need to complete the present disclosure forms that are required.

Also resolved:

GHNNC inform all appropriate parties regarding this resolution.

5. **Update on parking passes:** Bill Hopkins and Sid Gold reported that DONE in conjunction department of General Services will allot two parking passes to each neighborhood Council. Each pass will be given to an individual and may be used only by that person. The committee believed that this method would interfere with neighborhood Council members from attending meetings at Los Angeles City Hall.

The committee proposes the following resolution:

GHNNC opposes the proposed method for allotting parking passes to neighborhood councils and recommends that the previous method for allotting parking passes be reestablished, where passes could be used by a member of the board.

Also resolved:

GHNNC inform all appropriate parties regarding this resolution.

6. **Football Stadium in Los Angeles:** the committee believes that Los Angeles city Council is moving quickly to allow AEG to build the proposed stadium. In the past GHNNC opposed any public money going toward the building of a downtown stadium

The committee proposes the following resolution:

GHNNC resolves that no proposal to build a downtown football Stadium be approved until the people of Los Angeles are given the opportunity to vote of approval or disapproval through a ballot measure.

Also resolved:

GHNNC inform all appropriate parties regarding this resolution.

7. **Food Trucks:** Discussion held regarding what position should GHNNC take regarding the food trucks. As this was not properly posted, the committee decided to discuss this and its August meeting
8. **Comments by committee members:** Bill Hopkins discussed issues regarding the increased sewage fees, DWP rebate program and reinstatement of solar programs

9. **Adjournment:** 9:00 PM

Submitted

Sid Gold

GHNNC, Citywide Issue Chair