

KPFK Local Station Board Finance Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2011

The regular, monthly meeting of the KPFK LSB Finance Committee was held on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:30 PM (scheduled) at Radio Station KPFK, 3729 Cahuenga Blvd. West, North Hollywood, California, CA 91604-3504. Kim Kaufman served as Chair. John P. Garry III served as Secretary. No minutes were approved.

Four LSB members were present: Ken Aaron, Fred Blair, Kim Kaufman (Chair), Margie Murray,

Two listener members were present: John De Simio, John P. Garry III (Secretary).

Three LSB members were absent: Leonard Isenberg, Summer Reese, John Wenger.

Two listener members were absent: Douglas Barnett, Marla Bernstein.

Also present: Bernard Duncan (KPFK General Manager).

Authority and Notice: This meeting was noticed electronically by the Finance Committee Chair on November 27, 2011. Specific notice for this meeting was posted on KPFK.org and other websites beginning on Monday, November 28, 2011 (see Appendix A).

Contact: Google Groups "KPFK LSB Finance Committee."
To post to this group, send email to kpfklsb_finance@googlegroups.com.

Quorum lacking, De Simio moved to proceed with an unquorumed meeting. Motion **passed** without objection (the Chair abstained).

An unquorumed meeting began at 7:40 PM.

AGENDA

Transmitter Update
Solar Project
General Finances

TRANSMITTER UPDATE (7:45)

The General Manager reported on the progress of the new transmitter and the power supply. Discussion followed.

SOLAR PROJECT (7:59)

The solar project was discussed.

GENERAL FINANCES (8:10)

There was a discussion of the upcoming fund drive, the Gabor Mate event, potential holiday appeals (via letter and email), and text fund-raising.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES (8:44)

The following members were dropped from the roster due to accumulated unexcused absences: Israel Feuer, Fred Klunder, Brenda Medina.

A quorumed meeting began at 8:56 PM.

SOLAR ARRAY PROJECT MOTION (8:56)

Whereas the solar project status report from Management, of November, 2011, in response to the LSB motion, did not address the LSB's concerns relating to unsoundness of the contract, the accuracy of the budget or the science asserted in SunGreen's estimates;

Whereas former KPFK management did not return to the LSB with proposals, as the LSB authorized the Operations Director to do, but instead incorrectly signed a contract for \$107,649 (only officers of the corporation are vested to sign contracts) with additional unbudgeted and unaccounted costs bringing the possible total for the project up to or above approximately \$150,000;

Whereas press releases and promotional material contain speculative and misleading statements;

Whereas former KPFK management presented the Solar Array Project to the public and LSB as a *fait accompli* and an "off budget" project, while still making use of station resources including staff time, solicitation of donations during fund drive and otherwise, promotion on the website, promotion in the e-newsletter and a special fund raising event promoted on-air, and time spent in soliciting grants -- all for an "off budget" project with funds in a restricted account and not for the general operational budget of the station;

Whereas the October fund drive came in \$180,000 under budget and there are already significant outlays for unbudgeted expenses, such as for the new transmitter;

The Finance Committee moves that the solar project be brought to the National Finance Committee for review and recommendations as soon as possible and that until that adjudication is obtained, there will be no further promotion, press releases, solicitation of donations, acquisition of grants or any other actions that would act to fund this project.

Motion **passed** without objection (with one abstention, Garry)

De Simio moved to adjourn. The meeting **adjourned** without objection at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted by John P. Garry III, Secretary
(these minutes have not been approved)

APPENDIX A—Meeting Notice

Emailed by Terry Goodman on Monday, November 28, 2011 7:07:12 PM

The KPFK Local Station Board's Finance Committee will meet on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:30 pm in the downstairs conference room at the KPFK station, 3729 Cahuenga Blvd. West, North Hollywood, CA 91604-3504, 3/4 block southeast of the intersection of Lankershim and Ventura Blvds. Main phone: (818) 985-2711.

Refs:

<http://www.kpfk.org/lspbpbmenu/93-calenderandnotices/5455-finance-12052011-730-pm.html>

http://www.kpfk.org/eventcal.html?task=view_detail&agid=2369&year=2011&month=12&day=05