

HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2010
Women's Club of Hollywood Lounge
1749 North La Brea Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90046

1. Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann: 6:40 p.m.
2. Roll call by Secretary, Khaled Kaawar: Anastasia Mann, Orrin Feldman, Khaled Kaawar, Aaron Rogers, Wayne Johansson, Brian Johnson, Maria Rychlicki , Valorie Keegan, Alison Connell, Bryce Lowery, Jarone Johnson Jr., Dietrich Nelson, Rebecca Arce, Jonathan Sweet, Robin Moreno, Christopher Kaufman. Absent: Terry Migliaccio, Barbara Witkin and Daniel Savage.
3. Minutes: (Kaawar/Feldman) moved to approve the minutes as corrected from June 7, 2010.
4. President's Report by Anastasia Mann alerted the board to a glitch in the website. She reported that DWP's Power Integrated Resource Plan public outreach workshop takes place on Sept. 13 at the Steven Wise Temple. The Recycled Water Advisory Group is also holding workshops. Also, DONE's website's info for HHWNC is out of date due to staffing problems.
 - a. Executive Committee meeting report
 - i. Agenda Submission Form: Anastasia introduced the board to a new format when submitting agenda items for board meetings. Valorie requested there be an item placed on the agenda for scheduling/calendaring future board meetings. The Executive Board recommended setting up three new Ad Hoc Committees: The NBC/Universal Evolution Plan Ad Hoc Committee, to be chaired by Wayne Johansson; the Hollywood Community Plan Ad Hoc Committee, to be chaired by Maria Rychlicki; and the Ad Hoc Bylaws Revision and Review Committee, to be chaired by Aaron Rogers.
 - b. Public Official Reports
 - i.) CD13 - Angela Motta, Field Deputy, Office of Council President Eric Garcetti, spoke about the Rate Payer Advocate Meeting. She will email the board in advance of the next meeting in Sept.
 - ii.) Hollywood Community Studio – Jessica Cowley talked about her non profit's outreach project to create more pedestrian areas. On Sept. 17 -23, they will hold an event on Hollywood Blvd.
 - iii.) CD4 –Stacy Marble, Field Deputy, Office of Councilmember Tom LaBonge said the Councilmember supports the Tour Bus and the Party House motions. She also spoke about the Enterprise Zone motion.
5. Open Board Positions: Anastasia explained how the bylaws work in regards to elections and the qualifications for voting. Each candidate then made a short statement as to their background and why they were running for the HHWNC seat. The following were the results:
 - Issue 5: HOUSING & HUMAN SERVICES, RELIGIOUS & CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, PLANNING & SUPPORT: Marcello Robinson was elected to the board over candidate Jeffery Papes.
 - Area 4: HOLLYWOOD HEIGHTS/HOLLYWOOD BLVD. Joyce Dyrector was elected to the board.
 - Area 8: MT. OLYMPUS/LAUREL CANYON: Donovan Ryan was elected to the board.

Anastasia encouraged the board and stakeholders to additionally serve on area and issues boards.

6. Vice President's Report, Orrin Feldman introduced the following motion on the Hollywood Community Plan: (Feldman/Connell) moved, "Resolved (i) that the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council urge the City's Planning Department to extend the comment period on the Hollywood Community Plan update from 45 days to not be less than 180 days, and (ii) that the HHWNC ask City Council Members Garcetti, LaBonge and Koretz to urge and, if necessary, direct, the Planning Department to extend the comment period to not be less than 180 days." The motion carried with one abstention.
 - a. Orrin also spoke about the proposed Hotel Indigo, located next to the Methodist Church.
7. Treasurer's Report, Michael Meyer reported that DONE is requiring all NCs to use their new budget template. He has adapted the budget, already approved, to this format, but forgot to include \$5,000 allocated for the trust for public land for "Save the Cahuenga Peak." (Meyer/Lowery) moved that HHWNC adopt the FY 10-11 HHWNC Budget in its new format." The motion carried.

Neighborhood Council Grant Approval: Michael explained the Demand Warrant process required by the City to receive reimbursement for NC expenses. The board discussed changes in the payment process regarding checks and credit card payments by board members. He then updated the board on monies spent. The current budget remaining is \$56,184.00 for the fiscal year. (Meyer/Rychlicki) moved that HHWNC approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried unanimously.

8. CRA Report – Presentation by Christopher Rudd/Alison Becker.
 - a. Hollywood Boulevard District and Franklin Avenue Design District urban design standards and guidelines: Kip Riley of CRA introduced their 2010 Hollywood plan for urban design of Hollywood Boulevard and the Franklin corridor. Their goals include: conserving cultural and historic assets, activating the sidewalks, promoting active uses along the sidewalks, converting new buildings to old and inspiring new buildings in keeping with the overall plan. It also suggests open space and height limits for buildings. They will hold a joint meeting with the Planning Commission in October.

Outpost HOA stakeholder Estera Slamer asked that CRA remove two multifamily residences included in this plan, to which the HOA is opposed. She stated that City Planning disagreed with having these residents in the plan.

Laura Fox, an Outpost stakeholder, also opposed the two multifamily residences in the Plan. Meyer, president of Outpost HOA moved, "HHWNC request that the CRA amend the boundaries of the recommended design guidelines to remove the two single two-family homes at 1800 and 1805 Outpost Drive at the entrance to the neighborhood's historic homes and that they remain as single family residences."

Orrin suggested a friendly amendment to extend CRA's review west to LaBrea with regard to two lots on the north side which have the same issues. Michael did not except the amendment.

During discussion, Kip stated that CRA would revise the Plan to indicate that the two, single family homes would remain as single family homes at which point, Michael withdrew his motion.

b. Committee Reports: AREA COMMITTEES

Area 3 - YUCCA CORRIDOR/WHITLEY HEIGHTS/CAHUENGA EAST - Robin Moreno reported on issues of interest to Area 3 including nightclubs and tenants rights.

Area 5 - OUTPOST/CAHUENGA WEST – Jarone Johnson (Multiple Area Committees) presented a motion to limit bus tours in residential areas: (Johnson/Feldman) moved, “Resolved that the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council is in receipt of the Motion presented by Council members LaBonge and Garcetti and we unanimously endorse the intent of the motion to have the city draft “reasonable regulations to mitigate noise and traffic impacts caused by bus tours in residential areas.”

It is herein requested that the HWNC Board of Directors approve this Motion to accept the following resolution to be submitted to the L.A. City Council, Public Safety Committee, L.A. Police Chief, LAPD Hollywood Division and City Attorney Office and that HHWNC endorse the LAPD Hollywood Division efforts to strictly enforce vehicle code, traffic, noise and vice violations against both the tour company and the individual tour bus/van operator/driver.

It is further resolved that the Public Safety committee in its review of the above stated motion, include in its investigation the wider impact that the increased volume of residential neighborhood sightseeing tours are having on the collective residential “Quality of Life” issues to include but not be limited to:

1. Traffic and Safety Impairment (throughout HHWNC’s area)
 - a. Stopping on narrow hillside, winding streets
 - b. Blocking Driveways
2. Willful violation of Vehicle Code
 - a. Speed Limit Infractions
 - b. Endangerment of others
 - c. Driving Unsafe Vehicles (and driving in an unsafe manner)
3. Hours of Operation
4. Public Nuisance Violations
 - a. Noise
 - b. Taunting Celebrities
5. Jeopardizing Residents Personal Privacy Rights
 - a. “Peeping Tom” type tactics
 - b. Child Safety Issues
6. Unethical business practices
 - a. Bait and Switch practices for higher fees
 - b. Fabricated or misleading information for higher tips

During discussion, Valorie noted that 138 tour buses were counted recently driving through one hillside area. Orrin made a friendly amendments to points 1. and 2 (in the parentheses). The amended motion carried unanimously.

Area 6 - NICHOLS CANYON/WATTLES/RUNYON CANYON - Dietrich Nelson reported on issues in his area including a zoning variance issue on a new restaurant on LaBrea, which they presented to the zoning administrator. He’s been attending Hillside Ordinance meetings in regards to the Wattles Canyon Improvement Plan.

Area 7 – SPAULDING SQUARE/HOLLYWOOD SUNSET FLATS – Rebecca Arce presented information on a conditional use application for the on-site sale and consumption of alcohol at Chipotle, 7660 Sunset Blvd. (Arce/Khaled) moved that HHWNC approve the application with the conditions.” The motion carried.

c. ISSUE COMMITTEES

Emergency Services Chair - Valorie Keegan announced the Emergency Services Event is scheduled for Sept. 25, 8 a.m. to noon, at Runyon Canyon Park. Seven city departments are participating in this event. (Keegan/Rychlicki) moved, “That HHWNC approve the Emergency Service and Area 6: Emergency Services event to allocate \$750.00 for event materials and supplies. The focus of this event is emergency preparedness and awareness for individuals and their pets in the event of a disaster, fire or evacuation.” The motion carried.

Outreach and Networking Committee Chair Chris Kaufman reported on his Committee’s five part plan for Outreach with particular emphasis on using social media. (Kaufman/Johnson) moved, “That HHWNC create secure, one-way content "social bookmarks" on the aforementioned social networking sites. There is no cost to creating any of these groups. And the Outreach chair can secure the content so no individual stakeholder can freely post. These sites reach 100's of millions of users, and make it easy for our stakeholders to bookmark, track, and stay up to date with the works of all the area and issue chairs of the HHWNC.”

After discussion, (Aaron/Orin) moved to table the motion. The motion to table carried: 11-3-1.

9. Public Comments: None.

10. Old Business: None.

11. New Business: None.

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Kelly Services.