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BOARD MEETING

March 15, 2017

6:00 pm

**Will and Ariel Durant Library Branch
7140 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046**

Directions: East of N. Fairfax Ave and West of N. La Brea Ave of Hollywood Blvd. Building is accessible and free parking is available behind the building.

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ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THIS AGENDA ARE SUBJECT TO: POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING A BOARD MOTION AND VOTING ON THE MOTION.

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a Proposed Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann**
- 2. Roll Call by Secretary Kathy Bañuelos**
- 3. Approval of minutes**
- 4. Public Official Reports**
 - a) CD13 – Dan Halden, Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell
 - b) CD4 –Field Deputy, Catherine Landers, Office of Councilmember David Ryu
 - c) Mayor’s Office, Central Area NC Rep, Robert Park
 - d) 46th Assembly District, Angie Aramayo, Office of Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian
 - e) 43rd Assembly District, Rep. from the Office of Assemblyman Mike Gatto
 - f) 50th Assembly District, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom
 - g) 3rd Supervisorial District, Rachel Zaiden, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
 - h) LAPD
 - i) LAFD
 - j) LADWP
- 5. President’s Report (Anastasia Mann)**
 - a) Update on Mayoral Forum held Feb 15th at American Legion Hall. Motion to approve \$500 to Cover additional security personal, sound engineer, microphones to be paid to American Legion
 - b) Update on CD4 Discretionary Fund Task Force
 - c) HUNC request to BONC & CD4 to share Ford Amphitheatre with HHWNC boundary. Second request.
 - d) Review of state legislation re Email accounts and public records.
 - e) Discuss re NC Budget Advocates white paper and motion to support: The HHWNC hereby supports the works of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their White Paper dated 3/8/2017 and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council file :_____17-0600_____. (See handout in board packet.)
 - f) Discussion and possible motion on CIS re NC online elections. (See handout in board packet.)
 - g) Community Business
 - i. Discuss proposed “Old Hollywood Locals Night” and whether HHWNC should participate.
 - h) Confirm next meeting date: April 19

6. First Vice-President's Report (Orrin Feldman)

a) PLUM Committee

i. 1915- 1921 Wilcox - proposed "Hollywoodland Hotel"

At HHWNC's PLUM Committee meeting on March 7, 2017, the committee discussed a proposed hotel and its impacts on the community. Dimitri Samaha, the site's owner, Michael Gonzales, Esq., his attorney, and Ira Handleman were in attendance. Messrs. Gonzales and Handleman spoke on behalf of Mr. Samaha's proposed project. After the presentation and a discussion, including public comments, HHWNC's PLUM Committee voted (5-0 with Brian Dyer recusing himself) to pass a motion stating that "We support the neighbors, and we recommend that the HHWNC reject the proposed project as presented."

Motion: HHWNC's Board supports the neighbors, and the Board recommends that the City reject the proposed project as presented.

7. Treasurer's Report (Michael Meyer)

a) Motion and Vote to approve monthly expenditures report

b) Approve Funding request forms

c) Motion to allocate up to \$500 to purchase HHWNC promotional items for distribution at community events.

8. Second Vice President's Report (Jane Crockett) - committee rep update.

9. Secretary's Report (Kathy Bañuelos)

10. Committee Reports

a) Parks & Open Space (Jeff Masino)

i. Update on the Film Liaison Town Hall on January 26th

ii. Recap on the joint committee Runyon Tree Planting event on Jan. 28th

b) Public Safety (Joe Adbo)

i. Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance Proposal: The Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (NCEPA) is made up of representatives from the NCs and some of the city of Los Angeles first responder organizations. At a meeting on January 28, Grayce Liu, Empower LA General Manager, and Aram Sahakian, the city of Los Angeles Emergency Management Dept. General Manager, made presentations about their activities and their future direction. They plan to focus on training residents, creating liaisons between the city government and residents and working on a disaster preparedness plan, including preplacement of supplies around the city for first responders. The last would be bins, like shipping containers, that will hold infrequently used items, such as chain saws and generators, as well as items to support workers, such as water.

Proposed Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the inclusion of \$192,000 as a multi-departmental budget item in the 2017-2018 city budget to cover the cost of four staff members and related expenses. Two staff members for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and two for the Emergency Management Department, who will work on preparing a disaster preparedness plan which will lead to pre-placement of supplies for first responders and training of individuals at the neighborhood level.

c) Infrastructure

- i. **LA DWP Customer Bill of Rights Comment Letter:** In early January 2017, LADWP released a Customer Bill of Rights for review by the public and consideration by the Board of Commissioners. After this policy was discussed at the Board of Commissioners meeting in January, the Board asked for a 90-day comment period to allow for stakeholder feedback. The attached letter was drafted based on the discussions at the previous Board and Infrastructure Committee meetings.

Proposed Motion: The HHWNC Board approves the LADWP Customer Bill of Rights comment letter as written to be submitted to LADWP and its Board of Commissioners.

d) Transportation (Danielle Mead)

- i. Update on recent and upcoming transportation committee meetings.

Proposed Motion: HHWNC requests that LADOT consider and report back on the feasibility of the proposed plan from a January 24 Area 5/Transportation Meeting to restripe Franklin Avenue to favor eastbound flow between La Brea and Highland.

e) Outreach (Sheila Irani)

- i. Discussion and motion to approve up to \$500 for InterCouncil forum produced by Behavioral Health Services with speakers from LAPD, medical community and drug addiction specialists for stakeholders about prescription drug addiction. To be held in April in Hollywood area. Specifics described in NPG. Outreach committee vetted details and determined it was worthwhile for Board to hear specifics

f) Area 6 (Susan Proffitt)

- i. **Upper Runyon Parking and Traffic Enforcement Protocol**
- ii. **Wattles Showcase announcement (possible short presentation by Tracy James of RAP)**
- iii. **Spring Planting Event:** Saturday April, 1 10-11:30 a.m. stakeholders are invited to a Spring Planting Event (We're Planting Here!) in the parking lot of St. Thomas Church on Gardner north of Hollywood Blvd.

There will be four tables: Thomas Payne Foundation will have info and displays on landscaping with native plants; Wattles Farm head gardeners will help people plant organic heirloom sunflower, lemon cucumber and tomato seeds in small peat seedling pots to take home (soil, pots and seeds furnished by HHWNC); TreePeople will give away free trees (from DWP) to adults with proof of residency and explain how to plant them; HHWNC Area 6 will provide bagels and fruit for attendees. This

family-friendly event will promote outdoor activity and encourage healthy eating, and provide an opportunity for stakeholders of all ages to connect with each other.

Proposed Motion: That the Board of the HHWNC approve up to \$500 for food, planting supplies and posters for a Spring Planting Event produced by Area 6.

g) Area 2 (Richard Joludow)

- i. Request from Cahuenga Pass Community Alliance by Heather Siegel for \$5000 for neighborhood watch signs to be installed in Area 2 Cahuenga Pass by the city approved sign company. \$2500 in funding had previously been approved by the HHWNC board in the 2016 fiscal year but was unable to be utilized before June 30, 2016. CPCA is requesting that \$5000 be allocated to expand the signage area. If \$5000 is not able to be approved, approval for the original \$2500 is requested. (Motion and Vote)

h) Area 7/Business (Barbara Witkin/Oren Katz)

- i. The LA Marathon is happening on March 19, 2017. We are requesting that we have our annual Area 7 table and hand out water and snacks to the runners and stakeholders. We are requesting \$150.00. Motion and vote.
- ii. We are requesting up to \$700.00 to purchase 4 Mutt Mitt dispensers and 1000 bags for the dispensers in area 7. Motion and vote.

i) Area 3 (Brian Dyer)

- i. **Motion:** That the Board of HHWNC Approve Yucca Community Center's request of \$500.00 to defray costs for game inflatables and decorations to be provided for 250+ children and parents attending the Yucca Community Center's Spring Party.

11. Public Comments – Comments from the public on agenda items and non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Adjournment