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## HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### SPECIAL MEETING

April 17, 2019

6:00 pm

**Hollywood American Legion Post 43**

**2035 Highland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90068**

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on non-agenda and agenda items will be heard during the Public Comment Period and, within the discretion of the presiding officer of the Board, when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review: on bulletin boards at the Durant Library Branch, and electronically on the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council website [www.hhwnc.org](http://www.hhwnc.org) and on the Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment, [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org).

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting, may be viewed at our website at [www.hhwnc.org](http://www.hhwnc.org), or at the scheduled meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact the Board Secretary at [secretary@hhwnc.org](mailto:secretary@hhwnc.org).

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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

- a) Current Board called to sit.
- b) Comments by President Mann & CD4 Councilmember David Ryu. Presentations. 2017-2019 Board is adjourned.
- c) Newly Elected Board is seated.
- d) Installation of Newly Elected HHWNC Board by CD4 Councilmember David Ryu:

President-Anastasia Mann  
First-Vice President: Orrin Feldman  
Secretary: Britta Engstrom  
Treasurer: Michael Meyer  
Second Vice-President: Jane Crockett  
Transportation Chair: Jeff Straebler  
Community Enrichment Chair: Melissa Reeck  
Business Chair: Oren Katz  
Housing Chair: Luminita Roman  
Public Safety Chair: Paul Jenkins  
Environment Chair: Barbara Witkin  
Parks & Open Space Chair: Jeffery Masino  
Outreach/Public Events Chair: Cristina Diaz Corrada  
Area 1 Chair: Daniel Savage  
Area 2 Chair: Chandan St. Clare  
Area 3 Chair: Brian Dyer  
Area 4 Chair: Naomi Kobrin  
Area 5 Chair: Bob Mansell  
Area 6 Chair: Mary Yarber  
Area 7 Chair: Lincoln Williamson  
Area 8 Chair: Serra Aladag  
Area 9 Chair: Stefan Siegel

### 2. Roll Call by Secretary, Britta Engstrom

### 3. Approval of minutes

### 4. Public Official Reports

- a) 43rd Assembly District, Assemblymember Laura Friedman Presentation
- b) CD13 – Sean Starkey, Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell
- c) CD4 –Field Deputy, Madelynn Taras, Office of Councilmember David Ryu
- d) Mayor’s Office, Central Area NC Rep, Angie Aramayo
- e) 46th Assembly District, Cindy Vallegas, Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
- f) 43rd Assembly District, Seamus Garrity from the Office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman
- g) 50th Assembly District- Josh Kurpies, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom
- h) 25<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, Vickere Murphy, District Representative, Office of Anthony Portantino
- i) 3rd Supervisorial District, Fernando Morales, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
- j) 26<sup>th</sup> Senate State District, Allison Towle, Office of Senator Ben Allen

- k) 24<sup>th</sup> Senate State District, Baydsar Thomasian, Office of Senator Maria Elena Durazo
- l) Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Ethan Weaver
- m) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Lorenzo Briceno
- n) Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Joe Salaices
- o) LAPD
- p) LAFD
- q) LADWP
- r) LADOT

**5. President's Report (Anastasia Mann)**

- a) Brian Gallagher, Dept. of Transportation-presents the new Tour Bus Ordinance. Presentation followed by Board discussion, Q&A and public comment. Tour Bus Owners/Operators have been invited.
- b) Ford Community Event-May 22
- c) Peter Jackson's They Shall Not Grow Old Screening May 11 (see attachment)
- d) Confirm next meeting date: May 15, 2019

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

- a) Walgreen's Co's drug store at 6801 West Hollywood Boulevard - has been selling drug store sundries for approximately 6 months, but does not sell RX drugs at this Hollywood & Highland shopping center location. Walgreens applied in 2018 for a conditional use permit (CUP) to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption at its new 8,546 square foot store. The original application proposed store hours of operation and alcohol sales from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Walgreen's has since cut back the proposed hours of alcohol sales to be from 9 a.m. to 12 midnight, daily, which match the store's current operating hours. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA 2018-4265-CUB. The CA CEQA no. is ENV-2018-4266-CE.

The PLUM Committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend the following motion.

**Motion:** HHWNC opposes any conditional use permit to sell beer, wine or any alcoholic beverages at this Walgreen's store location in the Hollywood & Highland Shopping Center.

- b) 1719 -1741 N. Whitley Avenue - is the site of six apartment buildings with 40 rent stabilized units, which the owner has applied to the City's Planning Department for permission to demolish the buildings and build a new 10-story hotel on the site. Five or six of the units may be vacant now. The owner's representative told the PLUM Committee that the owner would provide whatever might be required under the law to the current tenants if the City approves the proposed demolition of the six apartment buildings and new hotel for construction. The PLUM Committee heard from several tenants about how the owner/landlord did not provide proper maintenance at the existing apartment buildings in recent years.

In October, 2017, HHWNC voted to oppose the proposed demolition, recommended that the owner conduct a revised historical report (which may have been done), and prepare a draft environmental report, including alternatives to the proposed demolition, on the proposed project.

At the end of March, the owner filed a set of proposed findings with the Planning Department in order to support the owner's request for a categorical exemption from CA CEQA review of the proposed demolition of the existing buildings and the construction of the proposed hotel. The Planning Department use no. is DIR-2016-4290-SPR. The CA CEQA no. is ENV 2016-4921-CE.

The PLUM Committee voted unanimously (4 to 0) to recommend the following motion.

**Motion:** HWHNC reiterates its strong opposition to (i) the proposed demolition of the existing six (6) apartment buildings, (ii) the pending application seeking approval to build a new hotel on the site, and (iii) the owner's application claiming that his proposed hotel should be exempt under CA CEQA. Further, HWHNC recommends that the City, including the City's Housing Department, should inspect the six (6) apartment buildings and order such repairs and other maintenance as the City shall determine to be appropriate.

**7. Treasurer's Report (Michael Meyer)**

- a) Motion and Vote to approve monthly expenditures report
- b) Approve Board Action Certification Forms for Funding requests

**8. Second Vice President's Report (Jane Crockett)**

**9. Secretary's Report (Britta Engstrom)**

**10. Committee Reports**

**a) Parks & Open Spaces (Jeff Masino)**

- i. CD4 had to cancel the Dixon study meeting to present initial study findings scheduled for Monday, April 29th, and now the new date is for the rescheduled meeting is on Monday, May 20th. Same time 6 PM - Durant Library. Joint committee meeting with transportation committee.

**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**



Join us at this special [free admission](#) screening of  
***They Shall Not Grow Old***  
on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

UCLA Film & Television Archive and Hollywood Post 43, The American Legion, are hosting a screening of Director Peter Jackson's masterpiece, [They Shall Not Grow Old \(2018\)](#). Join us at The Legion Theater, a newly renovated state-of-the-art theater in the historic Hollywood Post building, located at 2035 N. Highland Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90068; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioned by the Imperial War Museum in London to create a film commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1918 armistice ending World War I, Jackson created a monumental work of art. Reutilizing original black and white war footage, Jackson spent four years transforming the images into true color, allowing viewers to experience the real world of the brutal war in the trenches. The result is not only visually astonishing, but also poignant and highly personal. It reflects Jackson's artistry and cinematic vision while giving the viewer an armchair view of events that changed the course of history.

To claim your free tickets, please [register here](#).

*Event space is limited, tickets do not guarantee seating. Seating is first come, first served, please arrive early.*

We look forward to welcoming you to this unique event.