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### SPECIAL MEETING

April 17, 2019

6:00 pm

Hollywood American Legion Post 43

2035 Highland Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90068

### MINUTES

1. **Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann**
  - a) **Current Board called to sit**
  - b) **Comments by President Mann & Assemblymember Laura Friedman. Presentations. 2017-2019 Board is adjointed.**
  - c) **Newly Elected Board is seated. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm**
  - d) **Installation of Newly Elected HHWNC Board by Assemblymember Laura Friedman:**
    - 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
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    - 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.**

Absent: Barbara Witkin, Melissa Reeck, Christina Diaz and Brian Dyer.

Quorum established.

3. **Approval of minutes.** Michael made the motion to approve, Jane 2<sup>nd</sup>. The minutes were approved as corrected 18-0.

4. **Public Official Reports**

- a) 43rd Assembly District, Assemblymember Laura Friedman provided an update on the current issues she is working on.

On the local level she is focusing on homelessness, public transit, core values and acts as the Chair of the Natural Resources Committee (forestry, fires, coastal areas, global warming, recycling etc.). She stated that LAUSD, Glendale and Burbank Unified Schools are struggling with funding. She spoke about new transit opportunities and funding.

Assembly member Friedman said that homelessness is a top challenge in the region and spoke on the following legislation:

-AB 1560 works on having connect days to get homeless the resources that they need

-AB 531 that focuses on homeless foster youth

-AB 44 expands on a recent piece of legislation that will ban the sale of fur products

-AB 60 focuses on that there is no standard for the efficiency of water meters (Low flows need to have accurate readings)

-AB 226 speaks to that there is no regulation on how you store your gun when you are not home

-AB285 says that transportation plans have to look at emission reductions

-AB383 shifts resources to wildfire prone areas so that hospitals and fire stations have more resources

-AB 587 would allow people to partner with a non-profit housing organization (like Habitat for Humanity) to allow additional spaces to be built (to rent)

-AB1080 stops the practice of single use plastic.

She encouraged stakeholders to visit her website if you would like more information.

- b) CD4 –Field Deputy, Madelynn Taras, Office of Councilmember David Ryu attended.  
c) 46th Assembly District, Cindy Vallegas, Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian attended.  
d) 43rd Assembly District, Seamus Garrity from the Office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman attended.  
e) 25<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, Vickere Murphy, District Representative, Office of Anthony Portantino attended.  
f) 3rd Supervisorial District, Fernando Morales, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl attended.  
g) Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Ethan Weaver attended.  
h) LAPD attended.

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

- a) Brian Gallagher, Dept. of Transportation presented the new Tour Bus Ordinance. The presentation was followed by Board discussion, Q&A and public comment. Tour Bus Owners/Operators were invited to the meeting.

Presentation: Brian Gallagher, Principal Transportation Engineer

Brian's presentation covered:

- Defining the problem-unsafe tour bus operation
- The legislative solution
- The proposed City of LA Tour Bus ordinance & penalties
- LADOT Tour Bus Prohibition Guidelines that included crash patterns, roadway width, dead end/no outlet streets, vertical obstructions, curved roadways, neighborhood traffic trip limits, inadequate parking, narrow parking lanes, roadway grades, crime abatement, driveway visibility, non-arterial roadway saturation, school zones, pedestrians, deer crossings, and the exceptions.

Brian emphasized that tour buses are important the city, that there will not be a blanket ban on any part of the city and that this is all about safety.

Public Comments by:

- Sarajane Schwartz, Hollywoodland Homeowners Association
- Jacquelin Sonderling
- Elaine Lockhart
- Kristina O'Neil, VP of Lake Hollywood HOA
- Danielle Mead
- Cynthia High, Treasurer of Los Angeles Tour Guide Association
- D.V. DeVicentis
- Jeff Napshin, Star Track Tours
- John Brubaker
- Gail Nathler
- Farrell Bernard
- Susan Huntor
- Stacy Sillins
- Brandi D'Amone, Hollywood United Neighborhood Council
- Florence Blecher
- Susan Hunter

- b) CD4 Councilmember David Ryu gave a presentation and remarks.
- c) Ford Community Event-May 22
- d) Peter Jackson's They Shall Not Grow Old Screening May 11 (see attachment)
- e) The next meeting date was confirmed for 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.

**This item was tabled and postponed.**

- 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, HHWNC 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.

Orrin made the motion. Luminita 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed 17-0.

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

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

Jeff Masino made the motion to approve the monthly expenditures report, Mary Yarber 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 8. **Committee Reports**

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

- i. Jeff provided an update that CD4 had to cancel the Dixon study meeting scheduled for Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, where they were going to share the initial study findings. The new rescheduled date is Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Durant Library. It will be a joint committee meeting with the transportation committee.

## 9. **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.

- a) Gilbert Mora, Behavioral Health Services, Inc. provided an update that he is working on cannabis and alcohol issues. SB 52
- b) Lou Leo spoke about Runyon canyon equestrian trails

## 10. **Adjournment at 8:56pm.**



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.