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### BOARD MEETING

June 19, 2019

6:00 pm

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

### MINUTES

1. **Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann at 6:01pm.**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary, Britta Engstrom**  
Quorum established. 19 board members present.  
Absent: Bob Mansell, Christina Diaz, Melissa Reeck, Brian Dyer.
3. **Approval of minutes.**  
Motion to approve the minutes as correct by Jeff Masino 1<sup>st</sup> Luminta Roman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved 19-0.
4. **Public Official Reports**
  - a) CD4 –Field Deputy, Madelynn Taras, Office of Councilmember David Ryu provided an update on their budget regarding the party car (2 vehicles, 2 officers dedicated to just the party house problem). She additionally spoke on the Hollywood Bowl mitigation and that they have allocated money for DOT to working on those issues. She also said that Care teams will be implemented to clean the streets.
  - b) CD13 – Sean Starkey, Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell provided an update on their budget that will included five street investigators to be stationed around Hollywood and Highland to focus on 5611 violations. They will be holding community meetings regarding how the walk of fame should look.
  - c) Mayor’s Office, Central Area NC Rep, Angie Aramayo stated that the Mayor will be conducting a pilot program that will provide bus busses for students at specific schools. Angie also spoke about the homeless crisis and on the Care sanitation teams.
  - d) 46th Assembly District, Cindy Vallegas, Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian announced that Summer Nights in North Hollywood are coming (free concerts). She provided a fact sheet on the 2020 Census and said that their office is planning to do a coffee meet up with the Assemblymember in the HHWNC area soon.

- e) 3rd Supervisorial District, Fernando Morales, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl said thank you to Area 6 for bringing up the fencing issues which has been worked on. He mentioned the increase in homelessness and elaborated on some new plans to help. He also spoke to discretionary funding that will go towards various groups including Blessed Sacrament, Hollywood United Methodist Church and Project Angel food.
- f) Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Ethan Weaver made a flyer regarding the Party House ordinance that is user friendly and lists out things that LAPD needs to check off when citing a party. He also provided information on Peer Space (renting spaces by the hour) that is also contributing to party problems.
- g) LAPD – Sargent Chad Costello was introduced. There will be “Coffee with a Cop” at Orange and Hollywood coming up. Save the date for August 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm for National Night Out.

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

- a) Treasurer Position Vacancy – voting will take place at the July meeting.
- b) Road to 2020 Census Presentation by Fred Mariscal, Community Partnership & Engagement Program, LA Regional Census Center – postponed until July.
- c) CicLAvia Presentation by Rachel Burke, CicLAvia Director of Production -postponed until July.
- d) By Law Review Ad Hoc. Committee (Michael Meyer (Map), Bob Mansell, Mary Yarber, Naomi Kobrin, Anastasia Mann). Anastasia will be setting a meeting soon.
- e) The next meeting date was confirmed July 17, 2019.

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

- a) State Senate Bill SB 58 - would authorize some of California’s cities to extend the time for alcohol sales in bars, restaurants and night clubs from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m.

LA City Council file no. 19-0002-539 is the its Council file where you can read City Council Paul Koretz’s motion to oppose SB 58 and track its progress through the LA City Council.

Following a presentation from Gilbert Morra on behalf of Hollywood Family Recovery Center, and a brief discussion, the committee voted unanimously (3 to 0) to recommend that the HHWNC vote to support City Council Member Paul Koretz’s motion to oppose SB 58.

Speakers:

The Greater Los Angeles Hospitality Association will speak in favor of the legislation along with Tricia LaBelle, owner of Boardners & Bar Sinister in Hollywood. Kobe Danon spoke as well.

Gilbert Mora, Hollywood Family Recovery Center is opposed.

**Motion:** HHWNC vote to support City Council Member Paul Koretz’s motion to oppose SB 58. Orrin made the motion, Luminita 2<sup>nd</sup>. The board discussed.

Public Comments by: John Brubaker

The motion passed 17-1.

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

- a) Motion and Vote to approve the May Monthly Expenditures Report  
**Motion:** to approve by Luminita Roman 1<sup>st</sup>, Britta Engstrom 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion Passed 18-0.
- b) Draft FY19/20 Budget  
**Motion:** to approve administrative packet by Barbara Witkin 1<sup>st</sup> Luminita Roman 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was approved 18-0.
- c) Neighborhood Purposes Grant Request (Area 3 & Josh Kurpies)

**Background:**

On Saturday, July 20, 2019 the Office of Assemblymember Richard Bloom will host our **5th Annual Hollywood Family Resource Fair** from 10am to 1pm at Yucca Park & Recreation Center. This will be the third year this event is being held within Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council's borders and brings together 20-25 State, County and Local government agencies and nonprofits providing resources through various programs and services targeted to lower income families. In addition to learning more about services that may benefit their families, children will be able to receive free eye exams, medical checkup by Cedars-Sinai's Coach for Kids, receive free hotdogs from Pink's Hot Dogs, and most exciting of all, return home with a backpack filled with school supplies.

Other event partners will be Senator Ben Allen, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, LA Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, LA Councilmember David Ryu, LA City Recreation & Parks, Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council, GIFT Global Initiative, and After School Allstars.

**Costs/Expenses:**

Offices of O'Farrell & Ryu are paying the park and street closure fees.

LA Parks is providing canopy tents and chairs.

Central Hollywood in the past has funded both America's Healthy Kids and Pink's hot dogs but this year is being asked only to cover Pinks which will be approx. \$2,000.

**Motion:** That the HHWNC approve a NPG in the amount of up to \$2,500 to help fund the Annual Hollywood Family Resource Fair. The grant would cover the cost for America's Healthy Kids to provide fun, safe and physically active activities for up to 250 kids attending the event. The event will take place at Yucca Park on Saturday, July 20, 2019. In addition, HHWNC will be listed as a funding partner on all flyers, social media, and will be provided with a booth and outreach table at the event.

Michael made the motion, Barbara 2<sup>nd</sup>. The board discussed. The motion does not pass 5-11.

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

- a) All board members are up to date on their trainings.

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

- a) Britta will send the business card proofs around as soon as she receives them for approval.
- b) We are looking into ways to streamline agenda item submission.

**10. Committee Reports**

**a) Infrastructure (Danielle Mead)**

**i. LA311 App Promotion**

The Infrastructure Committee will be highlighting Success Stories on the HHWNC website in order to increase awareness of the LA311 app and encourage stakeholders to use it for fixing problems in their neighborhood.

**b) Parks & Open Space (Jeffery Masino)**

- i. Permitting for any public-facing activity in Runyon Cyn Park. For any public-facing endeavor in Runyon Cyn Park, regardless if on private property or not, is it allowed by law? Which agencies are responsible for issuing proper permits and posting notice? Who would be authorized on site to inquire about a permit? (If required). Possible Motion Discussion and Vote.

This item was tabled for next meeting.

- ii. Runyon Cyn Park LA City Dept./LADP/LAFD coordination for upcoming busy summer weekend/July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday traffic mitigation, closures, notice postings.
- iii. Draft Runyon Canyon Park Comprehensive Strategies Report Needed by June 28<sup>th</sup>. After multiple public meetings, site visits, online feedback, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Dixon Resources presented their draft strategies at a joint committee meeting of Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council. Stakeholder feedback on these strategies is now needed.

Please visit [hhwnc.org](http://hhwnc.org) to view and provide feedback on the draft version of the report. You may also email: [runyoncanyon@dixonresourcesunlimited.com](mailto:runyoncanyon@dixonresourcesunlimited.com)

c) **Area 9 (Stefan Siegel)**

- i. Recent Crime in Area 9 / Briar Summit Update  
Speakers: Wendy Dytman & Laura Basset

Wendy and Laura provided an update on recent car break in and criminal activity in their neighborhood.

d) **Area 4 (Naomi Kobrin)**

- i. Status of demolished staircase on Glencoe Way-This item was tabled for next meeting.

e) **Area 6 (Mary Yarber)**

- i. **Wattles Community Work Day Volunteer Event (July 13)**  
Wattles Community Garden has 172 plots maintained by more than 300 area residents. With adjacent Wattles Mansion, it is part of the original 49-acre estate built as a winter home in 1907 by Gurdon Wattles, a Nebraska businessman. The Community Garden holds the original citrus and avocado groves, now more than a century old. There's also a vineyard, rose garden, herb garden, and spacious rustic area where seasonal potluck meals feature produce grown at the Garden. Each Saturday, universities, businesses, and eco groups volunteer. HHWNC gets its chance on Saturday, July 13, 9 to 11:30am. Bring hat, sunscreen, work gloves, and a snack. Drinking water is provided. The event is co-hosted by Environment Chair Barbara Witkin, Parks / Open Space Chair Jeffery Masino, and Area 6 Chair Mary Yarber.

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.

Gretchen Gray spoke regarding drag racing issues.

12. **Adjournment at 7:57pm.**