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### BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2020

6:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94631394983>

Meeting ID: 946 3139 4983

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**AGENDA**

1. **Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary, Britta Engstrom**
3. **Approval of July 2020 Minutes**
4. **Area 9 Chair Election**  
Candidate: Richard Klug
5. **Guest Speaker: U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff of California's 28th District**  
  
Stakeholder Q&A
6. **Public Official Reports**
  - a) CD4 –Field Deputy, Madelynn Taras, Office of Councilmember David Ryu
  - b) CD13 – Sean Starkey, Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell
  - c) Mayor’s Office, Central Area NC Rep, Angie Aramayo
  - d) 46th Assembly District, Stephanie Mkhlian, Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
  - e) 43rd Assembly District, Seamus Garrity from the Office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman
  - f) 50th Assembly District- Josh Kurpies, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom
  - g) 25<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, Vickere Murphy, District Representative, Office of Anthony Portantino
  - h) 3rd Supervisorial District, Erin Seinfeld, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
  - i) 26<sup>th</sup> Senate State District, Allison Towle, Office of Senator Ben Allen
  - j) 24<sup>th</sup> Senate State District, Baysar Thomasian, Office of Senator Maria Elena Durazo
  - k) Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Ethan Weaver
  - l) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Lorenzo Briceno
  - m) Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Joe Losorelli & Stephanie Smith
  - n) Hollywood Bowl/Stratiscope, Angela Babcock
  - o) LAPD – Hollywood & North Hollywood Divisions
  - p) LAFD – Chief Hogan
  - q) LADWP
  - r) LADOT
7. **President’s Report (Anastasia Mann)**
  - a) Reminder speakers will be limited to 2 minutes each
  - b) Recap of HHWNC Executive Committee Meeting

i. Amended 2020-2021 Budget

**Motion:** HHWNC Board approve the amended 2020-2021 budget as recommended by the Executive Committee.

c) CD4 Election Forum

**Motion:** HHWNC to Host/Co-Host Stakeholder CD4 Election Forum with Candidates Nithya Raman and David Ryu, in cooperation with HUNC, BABCNC, the Hillside Federation and inclusive of HOAs on Friday, October 2, 2020. Time TBA, maximum 90 minutes.

Proposed BUDGET: \$0 to \$250.

Discussion and vote.

d) Final board vote to approve Final changes to HHWNC exterior and interior borders as adjusted in cooperation with DONE and Area Chairs.

Presentation by Boundary Ad Hoc chair: Brian Dyer

**Motion:** HHWNC board approve the exterior and interior HHWNC borders as adjusted in cooperation with DONE and Area Chairs.

e) Next meeting date is October 21, 2020.

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

a) 1708 N. Las Palmas Avenue - is located in HHWNC's Area 3 and City Council District 13.

Hot Mother Clucker restaurant replaced The Rusty Mullet, and is asking the City's Planning Department to approve a conditional use permit to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption. The proposed hours of operation would be from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Mondays through Fridays, and from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA 2020-620-CUB.

The committee voted unanimously (6 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC's Board vote to support the below motion.

**Motion:** HHWNC support Hot Mother Clucker's pending application for a conditional use permit if the restaurant agrees to close (i) the windows along Las Palmas Avenue by 6 p.m., and (ii) the windows along Hollywood Boulevard by 10 p.m.

b) 7370 W. Sunset Boulevard - is the site of The Moment Hotel, which is in HHWNC's Area 7 and City Council District 4.

The Moment Hotel currently has a conditional use permit allowing it to sell beer and wine for on-site consumption at a ground floor restaurant, a second floor patio and in minibars in the hotel's rooms. The hotel operates under a Type 47 license, and wants to expand its existing conditional use permit to allow it to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages. The hotel currently operates the restaurant and patio from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily on Mondays through Fridays, and from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on

Saturdays and Sundays. The hours of operation would remain the same. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA 2020-1291-CUB.

In July, the committee voted unanimously (6 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC's Board vote to support the Moment Hotel's pending application.

The Planning Department held a public hearing on this application on August 18, 2020, and left the case file open for HHWNC to provide comments.

**Motion:** HHWNC support the Moment Hotel's pending application.

- c) 2100 Laurel Canyon Boulevard - is the site of Pace Restaurant, which is in HHWNC's Area 8 and City Council District 4.

Pace Restaurant has sold beer and wine for on-site consumption under a Type 41 license for many years. The restaurant has applied to the Planning Department for approval to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages for on site consumption under a Type 47 license. The restaurant also is asking for approval to have karaoke. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA 2020-3613-ZV. The CA CEQA no. is ENV-2020-3614-CE.

The Committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC's Board vote to support the below motion.

**Motion:** HHWNC support Pace Restaurant's pending application to upgrade its conditional use permit and add a karaoke entitlement so long as the karaoke sound is contained inside the premises/building.

- d) 6623 1/2 W. Hollywood Boulevard - is the site of Ballet Hollywood (ballethollywood.com), which is in HHWNC's Area 3 and City Council District 13.

Ballet Hollywood has applied to the City's Planning Department for a "plan approval" for the nightclub's operations under a prior Type 48 License, which the department issued in 2009 to Mood nightclub. The department's 2009 determination letter provided that the conditional use permit (CUP) approved in 2009 would expire in 10 years, and that Mood nightclub would have to apply for and win a new entitlement.

Ballet Hollywood's position has been that it didn't need to apply for a new conditional use permit. Ballet Hollywood applied instead for a plan approval to operate under the expired CUP to 4 a.m. daily.

The Planning Department's case no. is ZA-2009-1840-CUB-CUX-PA1.

The committee voted unanimously (7 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC's Board vote to oppose Ballet Hollywood's pending application.

**Motion:** The HHWNC oppose the Ballet Hollywood's pending application.

- (i) because the case should be filed as a new application. Mood's operations were discontinued for many years, which should make this new applicant ineligible for a plan approval under Mood's 2009 CUP.
- (ii) change the operating hours to close at 2 a.m.
- (iii) obtain assurance of sound mitigation; and

(iv) resolve whether this nightclub's operation requires an adult entertainment license, and whether this site is even zoned for adult entertainment operations.

The Planning Department held a public hearing on the application on July 22, 2020, and left the case file open for HHWNC to provide comments.

- e) 7021 W. Hollywood Boulevard - is the site of The Galaxy Shopping Center, which is in HHWNC's Area 4 and City Council District 13.

Target Corporation intends to open a Target store there in March, 2021. The proposed hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to midnight, daily. Target will be taking over the space formerly occupied by a Fresh & Easy store.

Target applied for a conditional use permit to sell a full line of alcohol for off-site consumption. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA-2020-1924-CUB. The CA CEQA no. is ENV-2020-1925-CE.

The committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC support the below motion.

**Motion:** HHWNC's Board vote to support Target Corporation's pending application, but ask Target Corporation to start alcohol sales no sooner than 9 a.m.

- f) 7025 W. Franklin Avenue - is The Magic Castle Hotel's location, which is in HHWNC's Area 4 and City Council District 4.

Service Freak Hospitality, LLC, the hotel's operator, filed an application with the City's Planning Department to ask for a conditional use permit to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages from behind the hotel's reception area and in minibars in the hotel's 39 rooms to the hotel's guests. The proposed hours of sales from the hotel's office would be from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA-2020-3894-CUB.

The committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend that the Board vote to support Service Freak Hospitality's pending application.

**Motion:** HHWNC support Service Freak Hospitality's pending application.

- g) 6679 W. Hollywood Boulevard - is the site of L'Scorpion restaurant and bar, which is in HHWNC's Area 3 and City Council District 13.

L'Scorpion operated for many years under a conditional use permit which allowed for the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption; however, the permit expired. So, technically, this is an application to the City's Planning Department to issue a new conditional use permit (CUP). The proposed hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

On August 18, 2020, the Planning Department held a public hearing to consider L'Scorpion's application, and left the case file open for LAPD and HHWNC to file comments. LAPD has filed a letter of non-opposition along with proposed conditions.

The committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC's Board vote to support L'Scorpion's pending application if the City agrees to provide a two-year probationary period for the

restaurant's operator as part of a diversionary program to resolve still pending charges with regard to the restaurant's operations after the original CUP had expired.

Mr. Martin Torres, the restaurant's owner/operator, agreed to the two-year probationary period as a voluntary condition.

**Motion:** HHWNC's Board supports L'Scorpion's pending application if the City agrees to provide a two-year probationary period for the restaurant's operator as part of a diversionary program to resolve still pending charges with regard to the restaurant's operations after the original CUP had expired.

- h) 1818 N. Cherokee Avenue - is a surface parking lot, which is in HHWNC's Area 3 and City Council District 13.

Gidi Cohen and Cherokee Bliss LLC have applied to the City's Planning Department to build a new 7-story apartment building with 86 units. The 86 units would be a mix of studios, 1 bedroom and 2 bedrooms. The proposed building would be 80 feet high. There would be two levels of subterranean parking below the building. There will be a pool and club house on the roof. Twenty one of the 86 units (24%) would be designated for Very Low Income affordable housing. The Planning Department's case no. is CPC-2020-4648-CU-DB.

The committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend that the Board vote to support the pending application for the new 7-story apartment building.

**Motion:** The HHWNC Board supports the pending application for the new 7-story apartment building.

#### 9. Treasurer's Report (Matt Shichtman)

- a) Board Member Reimbursements – None
- b) Approve July Monthly Expenditure Report

**Motion:** The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the July 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman.

- c) Approve August Monthly Expenditure Report

**Motion:** The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the August 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman.

- d) Re-approve expenditures related to David Horowitz's contract with the city.

**Motion:** The HHWNC hereby re-approves expenditure of NC funds (including \$3,000 encumbered in June from the FY19/20 budget) in connection with David Horowitz's contract with the city (renewed in May for FY20/21) to provide ongoing website development administration, Microsoft Exchange administration and other administrative duties at a rate of \$250/month, as well as for special projects (including but not limited to providing Zoom administration for meetings) at a rate of \$80 - \$90 per hour.

- e) Re-approve expenditures related to funds encumbered from FY19/20 budget

**Motion:** The HHWNC hereby re-approves NC funds encumbered from FY19/20 budget to be spent in FY20/21 per the NC's approved Encumbrance Request Form.

f) Update on FY20/21 Budget

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

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

**12. Committee Reports**

**a) Infrastructure (Danielle Mead)**

- i. Ballot Drop Boxes - Protecting the right to vote is essential, especially during a pandemic. Many citizens will rightly be concerned about the health risks associated with voting in person and will choose to vote by mail instead. An increase in the number of ballots mailed and recent changes by the USPS could easily result in many ballots being delayed or lost, causing significant disenfranchisement among Angelenos.

On August 26, Councilmember David Ryu introduced a motion regarding ballot drop-box installation, (Council File 20-1087) which was referred to the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The motion instructs the City Clerk to report to Council on the feasibility of installing ballot drop boxes in city facilities to ensure voters have easy and safe access to cast their ballots, including security for drop box locations and a process to ensure all ballots deposited at a drop box are delivered to the County Clerk's ballot receiving location by the ballot submission deadline.

**Motion:** HHWNC supports the installation of ballot drop boxes in city facilities to ensure voters have easy and safe access to cast their ballots, as well as security measures for drop box locations and a process to ensure ballots deposited at a drop box are delivered to the County Clerk by the ballot submission deadline.

**b) Infrastructure (Danielle Mead) & Area 7 (Lincoln Williamson)**

- i. Dog Poop Bags - Area 7 purchased and installed a dog poop bag dispenser near the corner of Selma and Laurel Avenues last year. All of the bags have since been used and the neighborhood needs new bags to fill the dispenser.

**Motion:** HHWNC shall purchase one (1) box of The MittN BAG™ dog poop bags (sku #BW-999-GRN, 2000 bags per box) from BowWowWaste.com for the price of \$98.53 including shipping and tax.

**c) Community & Youth Relations Chair (Jeremy Saunders)**

- i. LAUSD Nick Melvoin Virtual Town Hall Recap RE: New Youth Bylaw Rules

**13. 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.

**14. Adjournment**