

**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 16, 2015  
Will & Ariel Durant Library  
7140 West Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90046**

1. **Call to order** by HHWNC President, Anastasia Mann at 6:02 p.m.
2. **Roll call** by Secretary Kathy Bañuelos: Anastasia Mann, Kathy Bañuelos, Cyd Zeigler, Michael Meyer, Malena Patel, Jim Geoghan, Oren Katz, Casey Maddren, Dietrich Nelson, Carl Ripaldi, Sunta Izzicupo, Daniel Savage, Patricia Weber, Joyce Dyrector, Grant Wallensky, & Orrin Feldman. Quorum reached with 16 members. (Carmen Libaridian arrived late / Dietrich left early).
3. **Minutes – (Meyer/Maddren) moved to approve the minutes as corrected from the July 15, 2015 board meeting. The motion carried.**
4. **President’s Report:** Anastasia Mann gave some brief announcements.
  - a. **Public Official Reports**
    - i. **CD13 – Dan Halden**, from the office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell, reported that a scramble crosswalk was to be installed in October at the Hollywood & Highland intersection to alleviate congestion. DOT will be working on the street on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 a.m. to 10 a.m. to get that ready. There’s a new security camera at Hollywood & Los Palmas.
    - ii. **CD4 - Catherine Langdon**, Field Deputy for Councilmember Ryu, introduced herself.
  - b. **Confirmation of liaisons: The board approved the appointments, unanimously, for Public Works liaison Casey Maddren & Animal Services liaison Dietrich Nelson.**
  - c. **Website Ad-Hoc Committee Update (JoAnn Koplín)** – (reported by email) that a firm has been selected to work on the HHWNC website. Due to JoAnn’s absence, the presentation was tabled. No action was taken.
  - d. **Mini Tour Bus Ad Hoc Committee report:** Dietrich Nelson reported that a meeting took place to discuss the tour bus issues. More research is needed to create rules that will protect the neighborhoods while allowing for tourism.
  - e. **Community Business**
    - i. Update on the Greek Theatre by Kristina Chambers from Nederlander. Kristina addressed the board saying that Nederlander will end their operation of the Greek Theater as of the end of October as Live Nation has been given the contract. She mentioned a resolution by the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council regarding the Greek Theatre Self-Operation. **(Nelson/Wallensky) moved to submit a CIS in support of the Los Feliz NC’s stand on the Greek Theater. The motion failed 4-10.** The board agreed to take this issue up again in October at the regular board meeting.
    - ii. **Presentation: John Gallogly of Theatre West** talked about their upcoming family presentations which include a musical comedy mystery presentation, “The Emperor’s New Clothes,” a production for children, “West Fest the Millennium Magic Show. He spoke about their efforts to improve community relations with HHWNC as well as the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, other area Neighborhood Councils and homeowners associations. Kathy Bañuelos volunteered to serve as the liaison to these groups from HHWNC.
    - iii. **Presentation by Iteris and NBCUniversal** regarding their assessment of concepts for a new Southbound ramp on US-101 and additional traffic mitigations. Darnell

Tyler from NBC Universal and Sam Morrisey of Iteris addressed the board about the 8 options they have for this ramp, alerting them to expected traffic improvements at Barham.

- iv. **Dorothy & Benjamin Smith Park: (Meyer/Izzicupo) moved to support the recommendation by the police and CD13 that the hours for Dorothy & Benjamin Smith Park be changed to “from sunrise to sunset.”** Leigh French, a stakeholder, spoke against the motion as she would like parks to open later due to noise from hikers with dogs. **The motion carried unanimously.**
- v. **Presentation re Runyon Land Acquisition:** Don Andres talked about private individuals working to raise \$10 million to purchase land from a private owner to provide an extension to the park. This is being done in conjunction with efforts by Friends of Runyon Canyon.
- f. **Preparation for 2016 Election Season:** There will be a combined election with other NCs for the tentative date of May 1, 2016. Michael Meyer agreed to take the post of Election Chair, once again.
- g. **Next meeting date:** October 21, 2015
- h. **Vice-President’s Report:** Cyd Zeigler reviewed different projects in process before discussing the proposed restoration project at 1830 El Cerrito Place. Cyd said it is a 1941 building with 20 units and 15 parking spaces. The owner wants to restore the building but needs a variance to do that. Greg Taylor of The Taylor Group addressed the board on this project. They will also be installing motorcycle spaces and bicycle racks. **(Zeigler/Geoghan) moved that The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the application for a variance at 1830 El Cerrito Place to allow for the continued use of six currently existing dwelling units without parking spaces. The motion passed unanimously.**
5. **Treasurer’s Report:** Michael Meyer detailed the expenses of the previous month. **(Meyer/ Bañuelos) moved that HHWNC approve the monthly expenditure report and the funding for expense forms. The motion carried 12 - 0.**  
  
**(Meyer/Feldman) moved to approve the purchase of up to \$250 for supplies to refurbish the Runyon Canyon bulletin boards. The motion carried 12 - 0.**
6. **Parliamentarian’s Report:** Malena Patel reminded the board to complete their mandatory DONE Ethics trainings.
7. **Secretary’s Report:** Kathy Bañuelos will be ordering new business cards for board members and asked the board to update the board roster.
8. **Committee Reports:**  
**Area 1 - Daniel Savage Motion re 2864 Cahuenga:**  
**(Savage/Feldman) moved that HHWNC recommend that the City Council rescind City Council Motion 14-1479, which the City Council passed on March 18, 2015.** That resolution orders the Planning Department to rezone several parcels for this developer’s project. The proposed project is conditioned on the developer donating several parcels of land to the City in return for up-zoning the parcels on which the developer wishes to build 72 town homes and 178 apartments. Councilmember Tom LaBonge pushed this motion through the City Council without any opportunity for community input or comment. The Councilmember knew that the neighboring communities are largely opposed to creating a “Runyon Canyon Park #2,” and he disregarded those sentiments. The City’s General Services Department should neither negotiate nor purchase LA County Assessor Parcel No. 5577-016-006, and the City’s Planning Department should not

prepare any General Plan Amendments nor Zone Changes to rezone APN Nos. 5577-016-001 or 002, or APN no. 5577-016-001.

Daniel further stated, "After reviewing this project, our initial opinion is that the proposed project would be a grossly inappropriate development for the neighborhood; it replaces open space with visual blight in the Cahuenga Pass. The proposed project, if built, could have immense negative impacts, including causing traffic gridlock, straining infrastructure resources, and compromising the existing east-west wildlife corridor(s) across the Santa Monica Mtns.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

Athena Novak from AHN & Associates (representing Ben Forat) addressed the board on this issue.

- a. **Area 6 (Grant Wallensky). This issue was discussed previously.**
  - i. Discussion and possible motion and vote re Runyon Canyon Expansion and proposed house at 3003 Runyon Canyon Road
  
- b. **Area 9: Orrin Feldman reported on problems caused by LAFD's hillside streets tree trimming/cutting program.** Orrin said the goal was to cut every tree with a canopy of 14" including protected species. Municipal code requirements were not followed and there was no notice to neighbors. This will be discussed further on the October agenda.
  
- c. **Cultural (Izzicupo/Bañuelos) moved that** HHWNC fund children's enrichment programs at the William and Ariel Durant Branch Library. Specifically, the expenditures would be:
  - i. Up to \$250 in support of Zen Doodle, a program that teaches children to draw combining engineering and math with art. Barbara Wong, an approved performer on the LAPL list will provide all materials and instruction.
  - ii. Up to \$150 for puppets shows by Olga Leyman, which are custom designed specifically for the Durant Library.
  - iii. Up to \$250 for adult English programs by instructor Richard Armbruster.

**The motion carried unanimously.** (Daniel Savage was not eligible to vote).

9. Public Comments – None.

10. Old Business – None.

11. New Business – None.

12. Adjournment at 8 p.m.

Minutes by Pat Kramer, Apple One