

**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 17, 2016  
6:00 pm  
Will & Ariel Durant Library  
7140 West Sunset Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90046**

1. Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann at 6:08 pm.
2. Roll call by Secretary Kathy Bañuelos. **Anastasia Mann, Cyd Zeigler, Kathy Bañuelos, Michael Meyer, Casey Maddren, JoAnn Koplín, Carl Ridpaldi, Joyce Dyrector, Patricia Weber, Grant Wallensky, Barbara Witkin and Orrin Feldman were present. Annie Gagen, Sheila Irani and Brian Dyer arrived late. Quorum established.**
3. Review and Approval of Board Minutes from January 20. Minutes were approved as corrected unanimously.
4. President's Report by Anastasia Mann
  - a. Public Official Reports – general announcements by Katherine Landers re Runyon Canyon closures and tour bus issues.
  - b. Community Business
    - i. Request for funding of \$3000 from Theatre West for Storybook Theatre program. Motion and vote. Presentation by John Gallogy, Executive Director. **Moved by Barbara Witkin, seconded by Carl Ripaldi . Motion to approve request for \$3000 in funding approved 9-2.**
  - c. Ad Hoc Committee on Website Update. **Motion to approve Moore Business Results as new website vendor pending approval by DONE. Moved by Barbara Witkin, seconded by Grant Wallensky. Motion approved unanimously.**
  - d. March 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting date confirmed.
5. **Vice-President's Report (Cyd Zeigler): 1841 N. Highland Ave:**
  - a. **Motion:** The HHWNC supports the requested conditional use permit for applicant's Plan A, providing a traffic study be done on how ingress and egress effect traffic flow, no left hand turns be allowed and that restriction is posted, no outside leases are allowed except for occasional special events, and the hours of operation are 6:00 am – 12:00 am. **Moved by Cyd Zeigler, seconded by Barbara Witkin. Motion approved unanimously.**
6. **Treasurer's Report**
  - a. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Reports. **Moved by Michael Meyer, seconded by Sheila Irani. Motion approved unanimously.**
  - b. Approval of Funding Request Forms. **Moved by Orrin Feldman, seconded by Barbara Witkin. Motion approved unanimously.**

**7. Secretary's Report (Kathy Bañuelos) – no report.**

**8. Parliamentarian Report (Malena Patel) – no report.**

**9. Committee Reports**

- a. **Environmental** (Carl Ripaldi) - Discussion of Proposed Hollywood Gateways Beautification Project endorsed by Councilman Ryu and the creation of an ad hoc committee to vet beautification proposals for the community. Carl, Orrin, and Sheila volunteered for the committee.

**b. Area 7/Business (Barbara Witkin/Oren Katz):**

**i. Cheebo, 7533 West Sunset Blvd. Application for full line of alcohol (motion and vote)**

- MOTION: To approve the application for a full line of alcohol with the restrictions of hours of sale of alcohol from 10am to 11pm (7 days a week), that the approval shall be granted to the applicant only and if there is any change in the ownership, and or change in the ABC ownership, the new operator will have to resubmit application for alcohol license. Planning Dept. case number: ZA-2015-2683-CU-ZV-ZAA.
- **Moved by Barbara Witkin, seconded by Orrin Feldman. Motion approved 12-0 with Cyd Zeigler not voting.**

**ii. Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) Permits for Alcohol Authority of City Zoning Administrators to Impose Conditions of Approval to Mitigate Potential Land Use Impacts Arising from the Sale or Service of Alcoholic Beverages That Are Adverse to Public Health, Safety and Welfare**

- MOTION: Whereas, the City of Los Angeles has imposed land use conditions in Conditional Use Beverage (CUB) permits for decades to protect public health, safety and welfare by mitigating potential impacts due to the sale or service of alcohol, as recommended by the LAPD, Council Offices, neighborhood councils, community councils, and local residents; and
- Whereas, the Department of City Planning suddenly reversed this decades-long practice in 2012, on the advice of the City Attorney's Office, with no public notice, no public process, no public hearings, and no direction from the City Council, which is charged with policy-making authority; and
- Whereas, Zoning Administrators now unilaterally and without notice use the Plan Approval Process to remove previously-imposed conditions designed to avoid or mitigate actual or potential land use impacts adverse to public health, safety and welfare; and
- Whereas, municipalities throughout the State of California have and continue to impose land use conditions to mitigate adverse impacts that may otherwise arise from the sale or service of alcohol, including the Cities of Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Palmdale, Lancaster, Huntington Park, Montebello, Orange, San Bernardino, Pinole, Ventura, San Buenaventura,

Santa Cruz, Hayward, Walnut Creek, Watsonville, and the County of Los Angeles, among others; and

- Whereas, the City's current practice undermines the ability of the City and local communities to protect against potential land use impacts that are adverse to public health, safety and welfare, including but not limited to potential nuisances, by restricting the imposition of conditions on, among other things, hours of sale of alcohol, happy hours, container sizes, types of alcohol sold, and other similar rules and regulations, despite the efficacy of such conditions in avoiding or mitigating potential adverse impacts arising from the sale or service of alcohol; and
- Whereas, California courts have repeatedly affirmed that municipalities have broad police powers to impose land use conditions that protect against potentially adverse impacts on public health, safety and welfare arising from the sale or service of alcohol; and
- Whereas, the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has not advised the City that the imposition of such land use conditions interferes with ABC's enforcement of State law; and
- Whereas, implementation of this new policy not only impairs the ability of the LAPD, Council Offices, and communities to protect public health, safety and welfare, but also interferes with the ability of CUB applicants to garner support for their projects by negotiating for the imposition of mutually agreed-upon conditions, as had been done for decades before the current practice was imposed, which forces communities to oppose projects they could otherwise support with proper conditions:
- Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council calls upon the City Council to adopt a policy to: (1.) Authorize the imposition of land use conditions that protect public health, safety and welfare by mitigating potential adverse impacts from the sale or service of alcohol, consistent with the practice of other jurisdictions statewide as well as the City's decades-long practice prior to 2012; (2.) Maintain and enforce previously-imposed CUB conditions on the sale or service of alcohol; and (3.) Prohibit the removal of previously-imposed conditions outside the public processes mandated under the City Charter and Zoning Code.
- **Moved by Barbara Witkin, seconded by Casey Maddren. Motion approved unanimously.**

c. **Area 5** (Michael Meyer):

- i. **Background:** For over six months, the Outpost Homeowners Association has been paying \$50/month for weekly trash removal along Mulholland Drive between the Hollywood Bowl Overlook and Outpost Drive due to the unsightly trash thrown from tour buses and the lack of trash cans near the overlook. The trash clean up service has been requested by residents west of Outpost Drive closer to Runyon Canyon Park due to the number of Park users now parking along Mulholland.
- ii. **Proposed Motion:** HHWNC will provide \$1,000 to cover five months of weekly trash collection services along Mulholland Drive from Runyon Canyon Park to Sunny Cove, east of the Hollywood Bowl Overlook. **Moved by Michael Meyer, seconded by Sheila Irani. Motion failed 6-7.**

iii. **Proposed Alternative Motion:** HHWNC will provide \$500 to cover five months of weekly trash collection services along Mulholland Drive from Runyon Canyon Park to the Hollywood Bowl Overlook. **Moved by Michael Meyer, seconded by Sheila Irani. Motion approved 14-0.**

a. **Area 3 (Brian Dyer):**

a. **Motion:** That the Board of HHWNC Approve Yucca Community Center’s request of \$350.00 to for game inflatables to be provided for 250+ children and parents attending the Yucca Community Center’s Spring Party, “Resource Fair and spring Egg Hunt” to be held March 26, 2016. Moved by Brian Dyer, seconded by Annie Gagen. Motion approved unanimously.

10. **Public Comments** – None

11. Old Business - None

12. New Business - None

13. Adjournment at 8:00 pm.