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**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING
June 15, 2016
6:00 pm
Will and Ariel Durant Library Branch
7140 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046**

Directions: East of N. Fairfax Ave and West of N. La Brea Ave of Hollywood Blvd. Building is accessible and free parking is available behind the building.

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**ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THIS AGENDA ARE SUBJECT TO:
POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING A BOARD MOTION AND
VOTING ON THE MOTION.**

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a Proposed Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

AGENDA

1. **Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann**
2. **Roll call by Secretary Kathy Bañuelos**
3. **Minutes - Review and approve minutes from May 18th meeting (MOTION AND VOTE)**
4. **Introduction of City Officials and Guests**
5. **President's Report (Anastasia Mann)**
 - a) Report on Ex Com Meeting
 - b) Discussion of Conflict of Interest Issues
 - Non-Disclosed: April 1, 2014, HHWNC Board Member also on FORC board. Funding issue
 - Disclosed: New Board Member, perception of conflict re Hollywood Heritage funding request at Area 7 meeting. Declares and Recused at second meeting.
 - c) Update re the Laurel Canyon and Lookout Mountain Power Reliability Project by Jason Stinnett, LA DWP
 - d) Community Business
 - Ford Amphitheatre Hiking Trails with CD 4 (Presentation by Adam Davis)
 - Update on Runyon Canyon, Rec. & Parks
 - Discussion and recommendations for Congress of Neighborhoods Budget Advocates Empower LA Awards
 - e) Motion to authorize DONE to issue City Hall East garage parking passes to Anastasia Mann and Orrin Feldman
 - f) Confirm next meeting date: July 20
6. **First Vice-President's Report (Orrin Feldman)**
 - a) **PLUM Committee**
 - **8150 Sunset - HHWNC's PLUM committee recommends that HHWNC's board of directors vote to:**
 - i.) support City Council Member David Ryu's position in his letter to Vince Bertoni, LA's Director of Planning, dated May 3, 2016, that the proposed heights of the buildings being proposed are out of scale with the site, the adjacent buildings, and the surrounding commercial and residential areas;
 - ii.) recommend that the City Planning Commission should not approve and/or certify the proposed project's environmental impact report

because the proposed projects' buildings are out of scale with the site, the adjacent buildings and the surrounding commercial and residential areas. The proposed project would be higher and taller than anything ever built along Sunset Boulevard from downtown to the Pacific Ocean, and it's not appropriate to do so;

- iii.) recommend that the City Planning Commission should not approve and/or certify the proposed project's environmental impact report for the additional following reasons:
- a. the traffic impacts are significant, and the proposed circulation plan and traffic impact mitigations are NOT feasible, especially since the City of West Hollywood told the hearing officer at the Planning Department's hearing on May 24, 2016, and via a letter, that West Hollywood will not permit the installation of lights which the proposed project and its EIR seem to depend upon having in order to provide required traffic impact mitigation(s);
 - b. the density bonus for the site, which is based on the proposed project's site being within 1,500 feet of a transit stop in order to provide for a 3:1 density for this proposed project, rather than the 1;1 density which would otherwise applies, erroneously treats the few busses running intermittently past the site and/or nearby as a mass transit hub when the site isn't that at all. It's questionable whether the site satisfies the actual rules for obtaining the density bonus. No adjustment or variance should be granted with regard to the proposed project under these circumstances. There also is an open question as to whether the Height District for the site supports the developer's request for a 3:1 floor to area ratio.
 - c. the proposed plan for integrating the current "island" at Sunset/Crescent Heights southwestern side in to the proposed project's site is not justified nor properly mitigated for its traffic impacts on both east bound and south bound traffic. East bound traffic on Sunset won't be able to turn easily to go south on Crescent Heights. And, the south bound traffic flow from Laurel Canyon to Crescent Heights, which is tens of thousands per cars daily, will be impeded significantly. Gridlock can be expected. The entire Sunset/Crescent Heights intersection warrants being redesigned for traffic and public safety reasons, rather than just incorporating the island area and the turning lane there into becoming part of the proposed project's site. Treating that space as the proposed project's open space is a give away of a public asset, and it's unjustifiable for purposes of California CEQA analysis. Additionally, there are serious public concerns about whether the Lytton Bank Building, now a JP Morgan Bank branch, should be maintained on site or preserved. Those questions were not adequately explored and analyzed.

b) **Area 9 Committee**

- HHWNC's Area 9 committee voted to recommend that Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council allocate up to \$5,000 of HHWNC's remaining funds for this fiscal year to The Lockwood Animal Rescue Center's Warriors and Wolves project as a neighborhood purposes grant to pay for some of the much greater expenses the rescue center is incurring each year to take care of the six (or seven) wolf dogs residing there now, but who were rescued from HHWNC's area during the last few years without any request for financial assistance. (MOTION AND VOTE)

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

- a) Motion and Vote to approve monthly expenditures report
- b) Approve Funding request forms
- c) Motion to approve 2nd signers for HHWNC Funding requests
- d) Motion to purchase a full page ad in the Los Angeles/Hollywood Beautification Team annual gala tribute book for \$1,000.
- e) Approve HHWNC Budget for FY16-17 beginning July 1, 2016

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

9. **Secretary's Report (Kathy Bañuelos)**

10. **Committee Reports**

- a) **Email/Website Report (JoAnn Koplin)** - update and review of new website & email distribution and response program. Possible motion and vote on budget items in conjunction with both.

- b) **Community Enrichment (Emily Weithman)**

- Report on Hollywood Heritage funding needs for 2015 fiscal year funds. Possible motion and vote.
 - i.) Motion to fund request for descriptive narrative boards in the amount of \$8500 in the form of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant. These funds will be used to supplement the \$1500 that the Hollywood Heritage has raised to meet the \$10,000 cost of commission.
 - ii.) Motion to fund to approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$6500 for Hollywood Heritage. The funds requested would be used for desperately needed termite abatement, and would supplement the \$1,500 raised of the necessary \$8,000 to complete the project.
- Report on the Griffith Park Shakespeare Free Festival funding needs for 2015 fiscal year funds. Possible motion and vote.
 - i.) Request that the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council Board of Directors support and approve funding in the form of a Neighborhood Purpose Grant in the amount of \$1,000. The funds requested would be used to support the Festival and reflect the HHWNC stakeholder population that attends the festival yearly.

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.

12. **Old Business**

13. **New Business**

14. **Adjournment**