

**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING DRAFT MINUTES
July 20, 2016
6:00 pm
Will and Ariel Durant Library Branch
7140 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046**

1. **Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann at 6:01 pm.**
2. **Roll call by Secretary Kathy Bañuelos.** Anastasia, Orrin F., Kathy, Michael, Jane, Danielle, Oren K., Samantha, JoAnn, Joe, Jeffrey, Daniel, Richard, Brian, Joyce, Suzanne, Barbara, and Serra were present. Quorum established. Brian and Joyce arrived late.
3. **Minutes from June 15th meeting were approved unanimously.**
4. **Jon Guzik was elected unanimously as Area 9 Chair**
5. **Public Official Reports**
 - a) CD13 – Dan Halden provided a report on behalf of the Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell.
 - b) CD4 – Catherine Landers provided a report on behalf of the Office of Councilmember David Ryu.
 - c) 46th Assembly District - Angie Aramayo provided a report on behalf of the Office of Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian.
6. **President’s Report (Anastasia Mann)**
 - a) **Community Business**
 - i. **Susan Proffitt Wattles**, candidate for Area 6 Chair, introduced herself to the board and meeting attendees. The Area 6 Chair election will be held on our September 21 meeting.
 - ii. **Discussion on safety Guard Rails, etc for Mulholland Drive by CD4** – some concerned homeowners highlighted the need for safety guard rails on Mulholland to protect against speeding cars careening out of control. The Board agreed that the issue should be the topic of a transportation and Area 5 committee meeting.
 - iii. **Traffic mitigation for re-opening of RUNYON** – Catherine Landers announced that the CD4 office is working with Uber and other ride share companies as part of a larger traffic mitigation effort in connection with the re-opening of Runyon Canyon.
 - iv. Joe Albrecht from Bigbelly Smart Waste System gave a brief overview of the services offered by Bigbelly.

- b) **The Board confirmed September 21st as the next board meeting date. No meeting will be held in August.**

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

a) PLUM Committee:

i. 2048 and 2052 Curzon Avenue

Proposed Motion: HHWNC's PLUM committee recommends that the HHWNC board of directors supports the proposed project(s), including the requests for the discretionary entitlements. **The motion was approved by 14-0 vote.**

ii. 7500 Sunset Boulevard:

Samantha moved to revise the original proposed motion to include references to sewage lines and proposed mitigations. The amendment was approved by 17-0. The following amended motion was approved by a vote of 17-0. **(Area 7 proposed a different motion on the same project (see item 11(b)(i).)**

To oppose the City Planning Department's approving the project's DEIR unless the applicant agrees to make several changes to the proposed project, including (but not limited to):

- (i) reducing the size and massing of the proposed project from a 3 : 1 FAR to a more appropriate size;**
- (ii) providing more two bedroom (or larger) apartments, which means a better mix with fewer studio and one-bedroom apartments;**
- (iii) providing a much bigger step back from Sunset for the fourth floor, which is currently set back approximately 13 feet, in order to reduce the West and East building's massing and maintain more light on Sunset Blvd.**
- (iv) hire a traffic expert to solve the traffic problems with regard to ingress, egress and parking which are inherent in the current proposed traffic plan, which is inadequate, and have LADOT re-review the revised traffic plan, make recommendations etc.;**
- (v) provide for interception improvements at Sunset/Curson and Sunset/Sierra Bonita, and mid-block if tenants will be crossing between buildings to access commonly shared facilities, such as the pool and gym;**
- (vi) provide additional publicly usable open space, green space and landscaping along Sunset Blvd., Curson and Sierra Bonita, including trees;**
- (vii) agree that any sidewalk dining will be within the proposed project's lot lines, rather than on the already too narrow public sidewalks; and**
- (viii) due to sewer line capacity issues around the project area, conduct more detailed analysis to determine (a) if the local sewer system can fully accommodate**

the tax flow generated by the project, and (b) provide details with regard to any necessary improvements/needed mitigations.

iii. **1919 - 1925 N. Wilcox Avenue**

Proposed Motion: HHWNC's PLUM committee recommends that HHWNC's board of directors should vote to (i) oppose the current proposed project, (ii) recommend to the City's Planning Department that the draft mitigated negative declaration which it is considering should be denied, and (iii) recommend to the City's Planning Department that the department should deny the requested variances and adjustments.

The proposed motion was tabled.

- iv. Discussion and possible amendments to standing rules governing composition of PLUM Committee. **The PLUM Committee will make recommendations for revisions to standing rules, including requiring applicants to submit all plans in digital files.**

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

- a) Monthly expenditure forms were approved by 19-0 vote.
- b) **Funding requests:** Michael reported that we have a shortage of \$2500 because money for Lake Hollywood was never rolled over. In addition, the message boards for Hollywood Heritage was not yet approved because it requires a contract. Request will be rolled forward to current fiscal year.
- c) **Discussion and vote on HHWNC Strategic Budget Package for Fiscal Year 2016-2017** including review of 2015-2016 Strategic Plan, assign self-assessment of results to the President, preparation of 2016-2017 Strategic Plan and assign preparation of 2016-2017 Outreach Plan to the Outreach Chair. **The Board voted unanimously to delegate the drafting of the strategic budget package to the Executive Committee in order to meet DONE's submission deadline.**

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

- a) **Jane made an announcement re Board Certification for City Mandated Training re ethics and funding rules.**

10. **Secretary's Report (Kathy Bañuelos) – Kathy made an announcement regarding ordering business cards for board members.**

11. **Committee Reports**

- a) **Parks & Open Space (Jeffrey Masino) – report on committee meeting. Discussion, possible motion and vote on recommendation discussed at the meeting:**
- i. **Proposed Motion:** The HHWNC hereby resolves that it recommends that the Department of Recreation and Parks terminate the Memorandum of Understanding which it entered into with Friends of Runyon Canyon, dated April 15, 2015. **The proposed motion was approved by an 18-0 vote.**

- b) **Area 7/Transportation/Business (Barbara Witkin)**

- i. **7500 Sunset Blvd:** Area 7, Transportation and the Business Committees held a meeting Tuesday, July 12, 2016 and passed the following motion for 7500 Sunset Blvd: To reject the project as it has been presented. The buildings are too high and out of character for the neighborhood with too much density. FAR should be reduced. The DOT parking lot cannot be used and a new traffic study needed. There should be parkways built on the side streets. The height should be brought down to match the height of nearby buildings on Sunset. **The proposed motion was approved by a 15-2 vote.**

- ii. **Chipotle Mexican Grill, 7660 W. Sunset Blvd.** is requesting a Conditional Use Permit for the continued sale /service of alcoholic beverages for on-sit consumption at an existing 1,511 square foot restaurant with operating hours from 10:30am -10:00pm daily. The applicant, Chipolte had requested a full line of alcohol and voluntarily removed request and agreed to just beer and wine.

They are also asking for: (1) An increase of employees; and (2) hours of use and cleaning of parking lot from 10:00AM to 10:30PM.

Proposed motion and vote: Hollywood West Neighborhood Council is requesting that the terms and conditions that were approved by the Zoning Administrator on March 18, 2011 remain the same for the life of the grant change except for:

- No full line of alcoholic beverages.
- The AM hour of opening is 10:30AM rather than 11:00AM. The new hours of operation will be 10:30AM to 10:00PM
- The license is to have a life of 7 years.

The proposed motion was approved by a 19-0 vote.

- c) **Email/Website Report (JoAnn Koplín) – JoAnn provided an update on the website projects and board training. The Board approved up to \$2000 in funding to transfer and upload the old meeting archives onto the new site by a vote of 19-0.**

12. **Public Comments** – No public comment.

13. **Old Business** – No old business.

14. **New Business** – no new business.

15. **Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.**