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AREA 3 / BUSINESS / PUBLIC SAFETY / OUTREACH JOINT MEETING Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council August 25, 2016, 6:00 PM 1820 N Las Palmas Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90028

Minutes

- I. **Call to order:** 6:06 PM. Brian Dyer - Area3 Chair, Sheila Irani - Outreach Chair, Joe Abdo - Safety Chair, Oren Katz - Business Chair were present. In addition, approximately 12 stakeholders were in attendance.
- II. **Approval of March 7, 2016 Area 3 / Area 4 / Housing committees' joint meeting:** Two were present at the March 7 meeting. Approval of the minutes 2 Yes / 0 No
- III. **Area 3 Planning and Land Use / Business: — 6541 Hollywood Blvd., #104-105 —** Planning Department case numbers ZA 2016-2000-CUB and ENV 2016-2001-CE. Alex Campbell, applicant's representative and applicant Albert, Lousinian presented the project for a Conditional Use Permit for a continuation of the allowance to sell, dispense and service of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 1,988 square-foot restaurant with 53 seats interior (including 8 bar seats) and 62 exterior on an approximately 680 square-foot proposed outdoor dining seating area, featuring live entertainment (DJ), with proposed hours of operation from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Saturday and Sunday in the C4-2D-SN Zone.

Sheila Irani inquired about residents and the vicinity of patio with music playing past 10:00 PM. Applicant explained speakers were in house. Ambient music played after 10:00 PM. Homes behind the Janes House are now being used for filming. Inquiry about other bars in the complex and if they had music as well. Applicant replied yes, they did.

Brian Dyer asked why the application was for a proposed outdoor seating when there was already a patio but now building permit had been pulled. Was the applicant proposing to build a new patio? Alex Campbell stated he currently had an application for the permit. Applicant stated last permits for that building were in 1920s. For the last six years, since applicant has been in the space, the patio has been there. It predated his business. Dyer asked if it was the applicant that got the permit to tear down the interior wall. Applicant stated that it was a permit from the 1960s.

Brian Dyer asked about the Hookah being served along with food while the State of California does not allow for it and why it was not part of the requested CUB that Planning would not know they were serving hookah. Alex Campbell responded that LAPD regulates the Hookah side of the business. For new establishments it was on location. For older establishments that were before the law. They could not intermingle the uses. Dyer queried that it was outdoor and the vapors could intermingle and expose patrons and those underage other businesses since the patio was in the middle of the complex. Lousinian said that no one underage was allowed after 10:00 PM. Under 21 already in restaurant are asked to leave at 10:00 PM. The restaurants around do ask underage to leave as well.

Oren Katz questioned how Hookah could be grandfathered in if the applicant was asking for a new license. Dyer did call down to Planning and Planning stated that was all that was needed. Alex Campbell said that there is a gray area with the license alcohol, hookah and restaurant. Campbell believes that LAPD operates the licensing for Hookah. Dyer stated that California State Law does not allow Hookah where food is served. Dyer would like a clarification to come back from Planning on that. Dyer's other concern that the increase for patronage adds to the totality of the four businesses, which the Fire Department says 164 for the entire complex. There is no emergency pedestrian access in the back of the complex with a car gate. Fire Department doesn't know the load that can actually be in the complex. And can the walkways be kept clear. Lousinian states that two guards clear the area.

Stakeholder stated concern for outdoor patio area. Lived next door to Cashmere Club. Not only about the music, but being boisterous and disturbing the neighborhood. Extension to 2:00 AM would be a problem for the neighbors. Patrons are there to have a good time and care less about the neighborhoods. Lives were

disrupted and didn't have any sleep until the club closed down. Stakeholder has problem with the amount of alcohol licenses. And also party busses. And drinking in parking lots before they go to the club. They urinate, vomit, fight, yell. Putting pressure on the police. Lousinian lives on Whitley. Everything he does is for the interest of the neighborhood.

Sheila Irani states that he is operates a good business, hiring two security guards for a walkway.

Gilbert Moran said that the license expired how come they are operation. Alex Campbell said that they applied before the expiration. So, that they can continue. Alex also stated that they are not a club. Moran said that it sounds like they operate it as a club under 10:00 PM. How much food is served after 10:00 PM? Lousinian said more at night. Gilbert Moran was concerned about the Hookah. Dyer said it would come up in the hearing and that the council could only advise. Lousinian State of California allows for a 47, so it was a gray area. Dyer said that people smoking in public spaces was also a gray area, that he had called the police and Hookah wasn't allowed.

Stakeholder knows area very well. Is the full line of alcohol served from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM?

Lousinian asked for a few minutes to speak with Alex Campbell and came back that he was willing to remove the request for live entertainment after 10:00 PM from the application. Applicant's mother is the manager from 6:00 PM – 2:00 AM. And he is the only one he can trust.

The stakeholders expressed appreciation.

Lousinian said he operates the restaurant from 10:00 AM. Alex Campbell wanted the hours to reflect previous CUB.

Oren Katz stated that there is an issue with an abundance of liquor licenses in Hollywood. Applicant is not asking for more. Dyer stated the previous CUB did not have patio. Alex Campbell said they were working with Building and Safety. Katz asked if they were serving alcohol already? Dyer expresses concern if business was sold that hours could come in and operate. Campbell said that if a business is coming in, they are not scrutinized and looked at as a new business. Katz asked if they were asking for anything new. Lousinian said that he was part of the neighborhood, and had another business.

Dyer would like to add that the motion include the LAFD walk through and reassessment of the load. Katz said it was the property owner's responsibility. Dyer stated the LAFD said it was the operator's inside the building. It is the property owner's outside for emergency access.

Dyer put out motion: That Board of the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council support the renewal of the Conditional Use Permit application as stated with the exception of live music not to extend beyond 10:00 P.M. and operator shall adhere to final occupancy assessment by the Los Angeles Fire Department. Joe Abdo seconded.

Discussion. Stakeholder requested that sign be posted that patrons respect neighbors. Sheila Irani said it wasn't a legal requirement but a courtesy. Stakeholder wanted definition of ambient volume after 10:00 PM. Dyer stated it was subdued.

Motion passed: 11 yes / 0 no

- V. Area 3 / Public Safety / Outreach & Public Events** — Gina Mason, a HHWNC resident stakeholder from Area 3, presented her request that the HHWNC sponsor "Safety Town," Safety Town a one day, 3 hour course. "Safety Town" is led by local police men and women who will guide school age children on how to be safe in their neighborhood. To be held at the Yucca Community Center tentatively on Saturday, October 1st, 2016, it will be attended by other surrounding neighborhoods. HHWNC sponsorship in the amount of \$910.00 is being requested.

Mason explained why she wanted to do this. She is from Cleveland, Ohio and experienced "Safety Town" when she was in first grade. She is also a school teacher and noticing kids don't even know their phone number. She thought it would be good for kids in Hollywood especially with the transient and tourist issue in Hollywood. Mason requesting funds, understands that HHWNC can't give to a person, but can give to an organization.

Dyer stated that DONE only allows funds to go to LAPD, non-profits. Gilbert Moran said would YPI be able to work this far.

John Ruiz asked if money could be donated to the center. Dyer said 'yes.' Stakeholder said that if she is going to the Board, she needs to have all her information. It might be good to do it under the umbrella of Yucca. If other neighborhoods are coming, would it be possible for those other NCs to support as well. Is the request for funding reserving Yucca? Mason said, yes and other items for Safety Town. Sheila Irani, of the money, \$500 is refundable? Oren Katz said how did you come to the figure? Stakeholder, 50% is for deposit. Oren Katz said outside vendor asking for money is not allowed. Dyer said we know but trying to solve the problem. Mason said that we said this was a good idea and if anyone could pick it up.

Stakeholder, this is a great problem. Gardner and Valley View are our schools. HHWNC funds those programs. It might be a way to go through the schools. Dyer stated it was on a Saturday, would bring out their parents and could be used as an outreach. Dyer stated Sheila has gotten together Town Halls organized with other NCs. Would this be something to put into the motion?

Sheila has already sent idea to other ideas but have not gotten any other commitment. Will put it on HUNC's agenda and is asking \$300. The funding \$500 coming back, where would that go? Would Las Palmas ask for a deposit? John Ruiz stated they have a Spring open house.

Dyer asked why couldn't it be a HHWNC event. Sheila Irani, ok we would right the check. Does Gina have the time to manage it? LAPD is on board with program. Sheila asked if this wasn't handled already in schools. Stakeholder said, no, not at home. They do at school, but not at home.

Motion: HHWNC with Yucca Center present Safety Town contributing up to \$500.00. Seconded.

Motion passed 11 Yes / 0 No.

VI. Public Comments: comments from the public on agenda items and non-agenda items within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction.

Ishmael Renaldo on HUNC. Creating renter's town hall. Build Better LA has been invited. Neighborhood Integrity as well. Coalition for Economic Survival, Housing Authority. It will be held at Hollywood Presbyterian Church on October 19. Concerned how to handle renting situations in HUNC. Asking for support for rental, flyers and food. Will help handing out flyers.

Dyer wants Renaldo to contact Housing Chair. If this is to be held Oct. 19 needs to talk with Joann to get on Board Agenda. Sheila Irani, have you done a NPG? Stakeholder who is disability housing advocate, thinks should also engage some of the landlord associations into the meeting. Because people are being displaced. Needs to be an initiative that 10% average set aside not enough to meet needs. Should push for 20% to be affordable. In order to be a successful meeting to invite landlord associations. LAHSA also issues Section 8. Landlords are pushing against Section 8 discrimination. Sheila Irani, if that percentage is pushed, they would need to build higher to subsidize the percentage.

Stakeholder wanted to know how many neighborhood councils were part of the Town Hall? Renaldo said that six were participating.

Dyer announced that "Clean Streets Challenge" had a workshop that Traffic, Area 3 and Infrastructure chairs attended. The Department of Sanitation will be working the NCs to do blitz clean up to promote the My311 app.

Dyer announced that DASH is planning on changing their route to go straight down Hollywood. Sheila Irani stated that NCs had not been notified and had contacted Ryu to slow down the process. Stakeholder stated that DASH drivers do not stop at stops. They come so infrequently. Sometimes they just switch and go. A lot of disabled and elderly need to use the DASH. Stakeholder said that a stop at Argyle Castle was taken away.

Stakeholder, most of the Councils have a Housing chair. 80% of the homeless come from development. Would hope that HHWNC would have a committee on renters. City Council doesn't know Ellis Act and renters don't know their rights.

Stakeholder - does anyone know what is going on with Millennium? There is equipment. Dyer, it is not Millennium, it is the KFWB lot. Someone who also owned property next to Millennium. When it was trenched, he allowed his property to be used. Delta Group's trenching is being used and has passed City Planning.

Stakeholder - can we take barrier out of Las Palmas? Dyer, it is there because of drug trafficking and gangs. Was one of the worst in the City.

Stakeholder - the clean streets. Someone needs to do a better job. Oren Katz - use My311 app. Clean Streets will be putting out 5,000 trash cans.

Stakeholder - want to get parking permit on McCadden. Dyer will help.

VII. Decision on next meeting date(s):

VIII. Adjournment: 8:44 PM