

HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2017
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 6:07 pm.**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary Kathy Bañuelos.** Anastasia, Jane, Kathy, Michael, Danielle, Oren K., JoAnn, Joe, Patty, Jeffrey, Sheila, Richard, Suzanne, Susan, and Serra were present. Quorum established with 15 Board members. Emily, Joyce, and Brian arrived late.
3. **Minutes approved as corrected. Jeff moved, Danielle seconded. Ayes 15, Noes 0.**
4. **Public Official Reports**
 - a) CD13 – Dan Halden, Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell
 - b) CD4 –Field Deputy, Catherine Landers, Office of Councilmember David Ryu – **announced that Alice Roth will be taking over as the area representative.**
 - c) 46th Assembly District, Angie Aramayo, Office of Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian – **provided an update on tour bus state legislation, AB 25 and asked at the item be placed on the next board meeting agenda so the board can vote on a letter of support.**
5. **President’s Report (Anastasia Mann)**
 - a) Update on Mayoral Forum held Feb 15th at American Legion Hall. Motion to approve \$500 to Cover additional security personal, sound engineer, microphones to be paid to American Legion. **Anastasia moved, Joe seconded. Motion approved by 17-0 vote.**
 - b) Anastasia provided an update on CD4 Discretionary Fund Task Force and announced that requests must show a benefit to the local community.
 - c) Anastasia announced that HUNC is going to request to BONC & CD4 to create a shared representation of the Ford Amphitheatre with HHWNC. Second request.
 - d) Anastasia reviewed new state legislation re Email accounts and public records.
 - e) Discuss re NC Budget Advocates white paper and motion to support: The HHWNC hereby supports the works of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their White Paper dated 3/8/2017 and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council file : _____17-0600_____. **Motion to support CIS in support of Budget Advocates was approved by 17-0 vote. Michael moved, Jeffrey seconded.**

- f) Discussion and possible motion on CIS re NC online elections. **Motion to support recommendations to reject online voting approved by 16-1 vote. Anastasia moved, Susan seconded.**
- g) Community Business
 - i. Discussion re “Old Hollywood Locals Night” and whether HHWNC should participate. **Motion to support moved by Jane, seconded by Suzanne and approved by 18-0 vote.**
- h) Next meeting date confirmed for April 19.

6. First Vice-President’s Report (Orrin Feldman)

- a) **PLUM Committee**
 - i. **1915- 1921 Wilcox - proposed "Hollywoodland Hotel"**

At HHWNC's PLUM Committee meeting on March 7, 2017, the committee discussed a proposed hotel and its impacts on the community. Dimitri Samaha, the site's owner, Michael Gonzales, Esq., his attorney, and Ira Handleman were in attendance. Messrs. Gonzales and Handleman spoke on behalf of Mr. Samaha's proposed project. After the presentation and a discussion, including public comments, HHWNC's PLUM Committee voted (5-0 with Brian Dyer recusing himself) to pass a motion stating that "We support the neighbors, and we recommend that the HHWNC reject the proposed project as presented."

Motion: HHWNC's Board supports the neighbors, and the Board recommends that the City reject the proposed project as presented.

Anastasia and Brian recused themselves and left the room for this item. Dimitri Samaha, the site's owner, Michael Gonzales, Esq., his attorney, and Ira Handleman were in attendance. The proponents made a presentation re the project and took questions from board members. Testimony was heard in support of and opposition to the hotel. Oren moved the recommended motion from PLUM and Joyce seconded. The vote on the proposed motion was 8 Ayes, 8 Noes and the board took no action.

7. Treasurer’s Report (Michael Meyer)

- a) **Motion to approve monthly expenditures report approved by a 17-0 vote.**
- b) **Motion to allocate up to \$1000 to purchase HHWNC promotional items for distribution at community events was approved by 17-0 vote.**

8. Second Vice President’s Report (Jane Crockett) – Jane provided a committee rep update.

9. Secretary’s Report (Kathy Bañuelos) – no report.

10. Committee Reports

- a) **Parks & Open Space (Jeff Masino)**
 - i. Update on the Film Liaison Town Hall on January 26th – residents on Selma are reporting that generators are causing excessive noise at night.

- ii. Jeff recapped the joint committee Runyon Tree Planting event on Jan. 28th

b) Public Safety (Joe Abdo)

- i. **Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance Proposal:** The Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (NCEPA) is made up of representatives from the NCs and some of the city of Los Angeles first responder organizations. At a meeting on January 28, Grayce Liu, Empower LA General Manager, and Aram Sahakian, the city of Los Angeles Emergency Management Dept. General Manager, made presentations about their activities and their future direction. They plan to focus on training residents, creating liaisons between the city government and residents and working on a disaster preparedness plan, including preplacement of supplies around the city for first responders. The last would be bins, like shipping containers, that will hold infrequently used items, such as chain saws and generators, as well as items to support workers, such as water.

Proposed Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council supports the inclusion of \$192,000 as a multi-departmental budget item in the 2017-2018 city budget to cover the cost of four staff members and related expenses. Two staff members for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and two for the Emergency Management Department, who will work on preparing a disaster preparedness plan which will lead to pre-placement of supplies for first responders and training of individuals at the neighborhood level.

Motion was tabled because Joe indicated that this was part of the Budget Advocates white paper which the Board voted to approve earlier in the evening.

c) Infrastructure

- i. **LA DWP Customer Bill of Rights Comment Letter:** In early January 2017, LADWP released a Customer Bill of Rights for review by the public and consideration by the Board of Commissioners. After this policy was discussed at the Board of Commissioners meeting in January, the Board asked for a 90-day comment period to allow for stakeholder feedback. The attached letter was drafted based on the discussions at the previous Board and Infrastructure Committee meetings.

Proposed Motion: The HHWNC Board approves the LADWP Customer Bill of Rights comment letter as written to be submitted to LADWP and its Board of Commissioners.

Moved by Anastasia and seconded by Patty. Approved by 18-0 vote.

- d) **Transportation (Danielle Mead)** – Danielle provided an update on recent and upcoming transportation committee meetings and reported that she is compiling a list of suggested traffic improvements.

Proposed Motion: HHWNC requests that LADOT consider and report back on the feasibility of the proposed plan from a January 24 Area 5/Transportation Meeting to restripe Franklin Avenue to favor eastbound flow between La Brea and Highland after Area 3 and 4's joint meeting on Transportation.

Danielle moved, Michael seconded. Motion approved by 17-1 vote.

e) **Outreach (Sheila Irani)**

- i. Discussion and motion to approve up to \$500 for InterCouncil forum produced by Behavioral Health Services with speakers from LAPD, medical community and drug addiction specialists for stakeholders about prescription drug addiction. To be held in April in Hollywood area. Specifics described in NPG. Outreach committee vetted details and determined it was worthwhile for Board to hear specifics. **Sheila moved, Oren seconded. Motion approved by 18-0 vote.**

f) **Area 6 (Susan Proffitt)**

- i. **Susan reported on Upper Runyon Parking and Traffic Enforcement Protocol**
- ii. **Wattles Showcase announcement**
- iii. **Spring Planting Event:** Saturday April, 1 10-11:30 a.m. stakeholders are invited to a Spring Planting Event (We're Planting Here!' in the parking lot of St. Thomas Church on Gardner north of Hollywood Blvd.

Proposed Motion: That the Board of the HHWNC approve up to \$500 for food, planting supplies and posters for a Spring Planting Event produced by Area 6. Moved by Susan, seconded by Serra. **Motion approved by 17-0 vote.**

g) **Area 2 (Richard Joludow)**

- i. Request from Cahuenga Pass Community Alliance by Heather Siegel for \$5000 for neighborhood watch signs to be installed in Area 2 Cahuenga Pass by the city approved sign company. \$2500 in funding had previously been approved by the HHWNC board in the 2016 fiscal year but was unable to be utilized before June 30, 2016. CPCA is requesting that \$5000 be allocated to expand the signage area. If \$5000 is not able to be approved, approval for the original \$2500 is requested. **Motion for \$5000 made by Richard, seconded by Brian. Motion passed by 16-1 vote.**

h) **Area 7/Business (Barbara Witkin/Oren Katz)**

- i. Motion for up to \$700.00 to purchase 4 Mutt Mitt dispensers and 1000 bags for the dispensers in Area 7 in compliance with Area 3 poop bags. **Moved by Oren, seconded by Sheila. Motion passed by 17-0 vote.**

i) **Area 3 (Brian Dyer)**

- i. **Motion:** That the Board of HHWNC Approve Yucca Community Center's request of \$500 to defray costs for game inflatables and decorations to be provided for 250+ children and parents attending the Yucca Community Center's Spring Party. **Oren moved that the amount be increased to \$1000 and the amendment was accepted. Amended motion approved by 17-0 vote.**

11. **Public Comments** – the board heard public comment from one audience member.

12. **Adjournment at 8:58 pm.**