

**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 17, 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 6:00pm**
2. **Roll Call by Second Vice President Jane Crockett**
3. Minutes from April Board Meeting approved as corrected. **Motion by Barbara Witkin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Abdo**
4. **Public Official Reports**
  - a) CD13 – Dan Halden, Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell
  - b) CD4 –Field Deputy, Alice Roth, Office of Councilmember David Ryu
  - c) Mayor’s Office, Central Area NC Rep, Robert Park
  - d) 46th Assembly District, Angie Aramayo, Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
  - e) 43rd Assembly District, Rep. from the Office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman
  - f) 50th Assembly District, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom
  - g) 25<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District, Vickere Murphy, District Representative, Office of Anthony Portantino
  - h) 3rd Supervisorial District, Rachel Zaiden, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
  - i) LAPD
  - j) LAFD
  - k) LADWP
5. **President’s Report (Anastasia Mann)**
  - a) **ELECTION of HOUSING CHAIR**  
Candidates: Lumenita Roman & Dylan Branch  
**Lumenita Roman elected as Housing Chair.**
  - b) Anastasia provided and up update about the HUNC request to BONC to share jurisdiction over Ford Amphitheatre, it will remain with the HHWNC.
  - c) Board discussion regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages until midnight at the Ford amphitheater. Elizabeth Petersen presented on behalf of the Ford. **Board voted to support 18-1.**

**Project Site:** 2580 North Cahuenga Boulevard

**Case No.:** ZA-2017-859-ZV

**CEQA No.:** ENV-2017-860-CE (Class 1, Category 22)

**Hearing Held By:** Zoning Administrator

**Date:** May 16, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** Marvin Braude San Fernando Valley  
Constituent Services Center  
6262 Van Nuys Boulevard,  
First Floor Conference Room  
Van Nuys, CA 91401

**Staff Contact:** Oliver Netburn, City Planning Associate  
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**Council No:** 4-Ryu

**Related Cases:** None

**Plan Area:** Hollywood

**Zone:** [Q]PF-1XL-H

**Plan Overlay:** Mulholland Scenic Parkway  
(Outer Corridor)

**Land Use:** Public Facilities

**Applicant:** Olga Garay English,  
Ford Theatre Foundation

**Representative:** Elizabeth Peterson,  
Elizabeth Peterson Group, Inc.

**PROPOSED PROJECT:**

The proposed project is the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction within the continued operation of the existing John Anson Ford Theater, including the exterior amphitheater (with 1,182 seats), the lower level (with 146 dining seats and a 340 square-foot marketplace) and the terrace and concession dining level (with 87 exterior dining seats).

**REQUESTED ACTION(S):**

1. The Zoning Administrator shall consider an Exemption from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section, Class 1, Category 22, and that there is no substantial evidence demonstrating that an exception to a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 applies.
2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 12.27, a Zone Variance from L.A.M.C. Section 12.04.09 to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages in the PF Zone, in conjunction with the continued operation of the existing John Anson Ford Theater, including the exterior amphitheater (with 1,182 seats), the lower level (with 146 dining seats and a 340 square-foot marketplace) and the terrace and concession dining level (with 87 exterior dining seats).

d) Motion to support #RESISTMARCH on June 11th with a Water Station providing water & HHWNC promotional items to participants & stakeholders, not to exceed \$5000, depending on budget status. Support request in conjunction with CD4 Discretionary Fund support. Presentation by: Brian Pendleton - 5 min. **Motion passed unanimously.**

e) Presentation by Jill Stewart and other Measure S leaders re issues with the current planning on the General Plan update. Possible motion and vote on proposed motion:

Whereas the city has for months been working on a plan behind closed doors for the overall vision and dreams for Los Angeles, the General Plan, which is to be presented to the public and Neighborhood Councils sometime this fall,

And whereas Mayor Garcetti has said, residents must have "a sense of ownership over the development of our communities," and City Councilman Jose Huizar of the powerful PLUM committee pledged to bring "accountability and transparency back into our General Plan and Community Plan processes."

And whereas Los Angeles is decades behind other Western U.S. cities in involving its citizens in a General Plan update process that starts from the ground up;

And whereas public money and public interest are major factors in the earliest decision-making on our General Plan Update process, strategies, and dreams;

And whereas it is widely agreed the public cannot fully participate in General Plan Updating meetings, hearings and debates that unfold during the day and downtown;

And whereas closed-door meetings on the fundamental debates and decisions about our dreams and goals for updating of the General Plan can only create more distrust and dismay over the city's broken planning system;

We request that Planning Department Work Group meetings now underway about our shared ideas and ideals for the Los Angeles General Plan and its many Elements be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; include a representative chosen by the Measure S campaign; and expand from the four meetings, now nearly completed in closed-door meetings, to four additional meetings that follow the above prescription.

We further request, in the same vein, that the Mayor's Planning Task Force and Transportation Infrastructure Steering Committee for the General Plan be made fully transparent, be set at evening and weekend hours; be open to the public as of now; and expand its closed-door meetings to several additional meetings that follow the above prescription.

**The Board recommends that the City Planning Department and its working group open up the meetings, hold more public meetings and consider holding evening and weekend meetings. Motion passed unanimously.**

f) Next meeting date confirmed for June 21

**6. First Vice-President's Report (Orrin Feldman) – no report.**

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

a) Motion and Vote to approve monthly expenditures reports from April and May  
**Board approved unanimously.**

b) Approve Funding request forms. **Board approved unanimously.**

**8. Second Vice President's Report (Jane Crockett) - Jane gave a report on the LANCC meeting.**

**9. Committee Reports**

a) **Transportation (Danielle Mead) – Danielle provided an overview of her conversation with LADOT.**

b) **Area 5/Public Safety**

- i. Motion for up to \$2500.00 in funding to RAP for Smith Park safety improvements, including security lighting and landscaping (pending confirmation with DWP) approved unanimously. **Jeffrey Massino moved, Barbara Witkin 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

c) **Area 8 (Serra Aladag)**

- i. Motion to allocate \$1000 for a Party House Town Hall for Area 8 in conjunction with Steve Houchin and SLO Ralph Sanchez. **Serra Aladag motion, Jane Crockett 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.**

d) **Area 3 (Brian Dyer)**

- i. **6681 Hollywood Boulevard ☐ ZA-2011-2376-CUB**

**Motion:** That the HHWNC support the renewal of the CUB, and the outside four seats and maintain hours of operation with the addition of serving alcohol 9:30 – 2:00 AM Saturday and Sunday. The establishment continue to be without live entertainment, DJ, KJ or band, unless private event or rental with continued operational control. **Brian Dyer motioned, Barbara Witkin 2<sup>nd</sup>. Board passed unanimously.**

- ii. **6615 -6619 Hollywood Boulevard - The Dudes Brewing Company.**

**Motion:** That the HHWNC committee support the project and the stipulations given for the CUB's: beer and wine for onsite and offsite consumption, 219 total of which 95 are on the roof) seats with rooftop patio and variance permit for bowling alley from 8:00 AM – 12:30 AM Daily. Rooftop would open for rooftop dining 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM. **Brian Dyer Motioned, 2nd Oren Katz – Motion passed 14 Yes-6 No.**

**Amendment by Orrin Feldman - 6 Yes; 13 No; 1 abstention. Motion to amend failed.**

- iii. **Council file 17-0274 Affordable Housing Linkage Fee**

**Motion:** That the HHWNC send a Community Impact Statement to the Council File requesting at a minimum four months for HHWNC and all NCs to consider how the Mayor's plan will affect land uses in the NCs advisory jurisdictions. **Brian Dyer motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> Orrin Feldman. Board approved motion unanimously.**

**Motion:** That the HHWNC request of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to support its request for more time to respond to Council file 17-0274 and arrange for all Neighborhood Councils' Land Use committees to receive the necessary council documents to support the City and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment's request to determine if they should support the Mayor's proposed Affordable Housing Linkage Fee. **Brian Dyer motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Suzanne Warren. Board approved motion unanimously.**

- iv. **Updates on development projects in area 3**

- 1921 Wilcox – Status after Zoning Administration hearing
- 1719 Whitley – Emile Hotel voted 'no' at Area 3
- 1949 Las Palmas – tenant issues. Did not move through committee
- 1717 Wilcox – Whiskey hotel, delayed per representative

- 1905 Grace – did not move through PLUM
- 6650 Franklin – Montecito did not move through PLUM

e) **Area 1 (Daniel Savage)** – Possible Motion & Vote: HHWNC urges further study of the issues created by severe overcrowding on Upper and Lower Wonder View Drive by those embarking on the “Wisdom Tree Hike.” All concerned parties including CD4, DWP, and Rec & Parks should come together in order to find meaningful and permanent solutions to relieve the suffering of all the affected local residents. **Motion by Daniel Savage, 2<sup>nd</sup> Barbara Witkin. Board discussion and public comment. Board passed unanimously.**

f) **Area 7 (Barbara Witkin)**

i. **7865 W. Sunset Boulevard, LA, 90046 - Fairfax and Sunset Mobil Station**

Mark Di Cecco, from Di Cecco Architecture presented the revised architectural renderings. There was a ZA hearing APRIL 25, 2017, and at that time the following was agreed upon:

- There is an approval of the project with the understanding that the architecture will reflect and incorporate the historical style of the adjoining HPOZ neighborhoods. Marc has new renderings.
- Removal of the pole and box from the top of the proposed station.
- No neon lighting.
- LED and or other type of lighting will be used with no spill off to the neighborhood.
- The Pegasus will not be illuminated.

The owner requested: continued operation of an existing gas station and convenience store for 24-hours a day daily, in lieu of the otherwise limited hours of operation between 7:00 am to 11:00 pm; and a zero-foot landscape buffer in lieu of the otherwise required five-foot landscape on Fairfax where current will remain. Staff Contact: Jason Hernandez, Phone number: (213) 978-1276, Email:jason.hernandez@lacity.org ZA 2016-4753 CU. **Barbara Witkin motioned, Orrin Feldman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Board passed unanimously.**

ii. **Sunset Grill, 7479 W. Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA.**

**Sunset Grill** asked for a conditional use to allow the sale and dispensing of full line of alcoholic Beverages for on-site consumption in junction to an existing restaurant. Mate Varga and Sandor Horvath are representing the project. The ZA hearing was on May 3, 2017, and the project is open till June 1, 2017.

The following was agreed on by LAPD, and the stakeholders in attendance with a compromise which is the following:

- No happy hour or discounted drink service.
- 9 am-Midnight operating hours.
- No patrons on the patio after 11 pm.
- No amplified music/karaoke/live music.

- That any grant of the conditional use be revoked upon the new development.
- There be no required security.

Case Number: ZA2016-4013-CUB, CEQA Number: ENV 2016-4014-CE. Motion and Vote, Staff Contact: Lisette Covarrubias, City Planning Associate 201 N. Figueroa Street, Room #525 Los Angeles, CA, 90012 Lisette.covarrubias@lacity.org. **Barbara Witkin motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> Orrin Feldman. Motion approved by a 19-0 vote.**

10. **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.

11. **Old Business** – none.

12. **New Business** – none.

13. **Adjournment**