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BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2017

6:00 pm

**Will and Ariel Durant Library Branch
7140 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046**

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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. **Approval of minutes**
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) 25th Senatorial District, Vickere Murphy, District Representative, Office of Anthony Portantino
 - h) 3rd Supervisorial District, Fernando Morales, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
 - i) LAPD
 - j) LAFD
 - k) LADWP
5. **President’s Report (Anastasia Mann)**
 - a) Community Business
 - i. **Presentation to Marc Wanamker** by CD4 & Patty Dryden, Environmental Chair
 - ii. **Holiday Sing-a-long-tabled from October.** Clarification and Update: CD4 will sponsor community event within HHWNC December 14, 2017, 7:30-9:00pm. Request for HHWNC to support with notifications to stakeholders
 - iii. **Update on Neighborhood Council online voting** - City Council currently supports; Next election for Neighborhood Councils is 2019. March 2017 CIS requesting evidence that online model is complete and secure; support NC self-determination and voter age.
 - iv. **BONC Request-Funding Working Group**-re: solutions to matching NC funds with individual NC needs. There will be four meetings held in Jan. & Feb. 2018 from 6-8:30pm and they need two reps per region. Request for volunteers.
 - v. **Motion from the Chair-Tour Bus Update**

Motion: HHWNC acknowledges, salutes and thanks CD4 Councilmember David Ryu and the City Council for their follow up and support for Assembly member Adrin Nazarian’s AB25 with City Council motions to enact the following;

 - a. CF 17-1116 The Tour Bus Noise Reduction/Mitigation Ordinance (requiring headphones)
 - b. CF 17-1115 The Tour Bus Route Restriction Ordinance (study to determine street access restrictions for tour busses within neighborhoods, etc.

This problem has been plaguing our Hollywood Hills and Hollywood area vicinities for years now. We appreciate our state and local leadership hearing the voices of our stakeholders and taking actions which we fully support. The

progress and cooperation of the tour companies will be monitored. Safety issues re the vehicles for the protection of our tourists still need to be addressed.

- b) Confirm next meeting date: January 17, 2018 (dark in December)

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

7. Treasurer's Report (Michael Meyer)

- a) Approve Funding Request Forms
- b) Approve October 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report
- c) Pre-Approval Funding Request Submission Checklist: DONE has transferred financial dealings of Neighborhood Councils to the City Clerk. The City Clerk has now put on the City Clerk website (<http://clerk.lacity.org/neighborhood-council-funding/documents-and-forms>) five documents for neighborhood Councils to use. The HHWNC Treasurer has already provided information and distributed the revised Board Certification document. See attached documents in board packet.

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

- a) LANNC Report
- b) Committee Report

9. Secretary's Report (Kathy Bañuelos)

10. Committee Reports

a) Infrastructure (Matt Shichtman)

i. Presentation by LADWP on the following Equity Metrics:

- 1 - Water Quality Complaints
- 2 - Water System Probability of Failure & Planned Replacements
- 3 - System Average Interruption Duration Index & System Average Interruption Frequency Index
- 4 - Power System Reliability Program – Pole, Transformer, Cable Replacements

ii. Presentation by Patrick Frank, President of the Coalition to Ban Billboard Blight

Proposed Motion: This Neighborhood Council fully supports the new sign ordinance Version B+ as approved by the City Planning Commission on 10/22/2015, Council File 11-1705. And we urge the PLUM committee of the City Council to adopt that version of the ordinance which accomplishes the following goals that are important to the residents and stakeholders of this neighborhood:

- 1. Disapproves any amnesty for existing billboards that lack permits or have been altered in violation of their permits.
- 2. Disapproves the "grandfathering" of any sign districts that weren't approved or applied for in April 2009 when the CPC approved the initial version of the new sign ordinance.

3. Restricts any new off-site signs, including digital billboards, to sign districts in 22 areas already zoned as Regional Commercial for high-intensity commercial use.
4. Requires existing billboards to be taken down before any new off-site signs can go up in sign districts. The takedown ratio of existing signs to new signs should be 5 to 1 for conventional and 10 to 1 for digital.
5. Adds funding to the Department of Building and Safety to hire at least 3 more inspectors to enforce sign ordinances, especially regarding unpermitted or illegally altered billboards.
6. Prohibits off-site signage in city parks and recreation facilities.

iii. **Update on Smith Park Security Lighting**

b) **Parks & Open Spaces/Environment Committee (Jeffery Masino/Patty Dryden)**

- ii. Plant sustainability and Runyon Canyon tree planting. Event Date: TBD – Late January/Early February, 2018. **Motion to approve funding of up to \$2000 to purchase 12 new trees, including a species of California Oak, and other planting supplies related to event.**
- ii. **Open Space Committee Report: Recent City of Los Angeles General Plan Open Space Element-Community Conversations & Hollywood Community Plan Update 2**

Background Statement: There are two very important opportunities underway for shaping the definition and conversation of open space in our community: The long-overdue update to the open space element of the City of Los Angeles’s General Plan, and the Hollywood Community Plan Update 2.

Hollywood and Hollywood Hills West is unique. Not only is our neighborhood council large and diverse, but it has a challenging topography, with high volume, high intensity entertainment use/venues right up against residential neighborhoods and high fire, conservation wildlife areas. Open space in our area is an increasingly precious resource. These plans *are* the future of the City of Los Angeles and Hollywood, and are critical for guiding decision makers going forward.

c) **Area 3 (Brian Dyer)**

i. **Yucca Community Center’s “Winter Snowcase” on December 16, 2017**

Motion: That the Board of the HHWNC approve funding in the amount of \$500.00 in support of Yucca Community Center’s “Winter Snowcase” to be used for food, decoration and stockings for kids.

- ii. **6434 Yucca – ZA-2017-1018-ZV:** Legalization of 13 existing studio apartments for a total of 49 units and request of bicycle stalls in lieu of automobile parking. Pursuant to LAMC section 12.27, applicant requests a zoning variance for the conversion of (e) 13 studio apts. (3-on the first floor, 5-on the second floor, 5-on the third floor) totaling 49 units. Applicant requests a zone variance to have bicycle stalls in lieu of automobile parking.

Motion: That the HHWNC Board support 6434 Yucca in the correction of the occupancy to original 49 and request an exception to bicycle rule to allow open space to remain.

d) **Ad Hoc Committee on Hollywood Community Plan - Update:** Since summer, the Area and Issue chairs of HHWNC have been working on interpreting and organizing comments on the HCPU2 for the HHWNC Board response. Update on Area/Issue meetings, next steps and timeline.

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**