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**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
March 21, 2018
6:00 pm
Will and Ariel Durant Library Branch
7140 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046**

1. **Call to order by Vice-President, Orrin Feldman at 6:04 pm**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary Kathy Bañuelos. Quorum established with 13. Anastasia, Emily, Patty, Daniel, Suzanne, Susan, and Jon were absent.**
3. **February minutes were approved as corrected by 11-0 vote. Michael motioned, Brian seconded.**
4. **Public Official Reports**
 - a) 50th Assembly District, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom – **announcement regarding district event on scams targeting seniors.**
5. **President's Report (Orrin Feldman)**
 - a) Announcement re Vacancy for Outreach Committee Chair
 - b) Community Business – **Deborah Rankin made an announcement regarding the Safe Paws program hosted by We Are Laurel Canyon.**
 - c) **April 18, 2018 was confirmed as the next meeting date.**
6. **First Vice-President's Report (Orrin Feldman)**
 - a) **PLUM Committee**
 - i. **Orrin provided an update on the 8500 Sunset Blvd project. The DEIR is expected to be released by the next PLUM committee meeting.**
 - ii. **7021 Hollywood Blvd.'s CVS store** - CVS has applied to the City's Planning Department to renew the conditional use permit (CUP), which allows CVS to sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption. The PLUM Committee voted to

recommend that the Board support the CUP renewal with one condition shortening the hours when sales would be permitted.

Motion: To support CVS's CUP renewal with the condition that alcohol sales be **[voluntarily]** reduced to the hours of 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Applicant presented re CUP renewal requesting unconditional support for renewal. Brian made a friendly amendment to use the word “voluntarily” in the motion. Orrin accepted the amendment. Brian motioned to approve as amended, seconded by Danielle. The motion passes by 9-4.

7. Treasurer’s Report (Michael Meyer)

- a) **Michael provided an update on funds left to spend before the end of the fiscal year.**
- b) **Motion and Vote to approve monthly expenditures reports – Danielle made the motion, seconded by Lumenita. Motion approved 13-0.**
- c) **Approve Funding request forms - Danielle made the motion, seconded by Lumenita. Motion approved 13-0.**

8. Second Vice President’s Report (Jane Crockett) – Jane made an announcement regarding certification renewals.

9. Secretary’s Report (Kathy Bañuelos)

10. Committee Reports

a) Transportation (Danielle Mead)

- i. Discussion, Motion and Vote re SB827 - Planning and zoning: transit-rich housing bonus.

This bill would require local governments to provide eligible developments with a transit-rich housing bonus that exempts those projects from all local zoning restrictions on density, FAR and height limits as well as minimum parking requirements. Generally, if the development is within 1/4 mile of a major transit stop or a stop on a high-quality transit corridor (a corridor with fixed route bus service that has service intervals of no more than 15 minutes during peak commute hours), the maximum height limitation shall not be less than 85 feet; if the development is within 1/2 of a major transit stop, any maximum height limitation shall not be less than 55 feet.

Motion: HHWNC opposes SB827 and supports Councilman David Ryu’s resolution opposing SB827 because the bill:

- 1. Utilizes a one-size-fits-all, state-wide approach which effectively eliminates local control over zoning and planning;

2. Exempts new developments from proper state and local protections, including CEQA guidelines, environmental/design review and community input;
3. Overrides local measures designed to increase affordable housing such as Measure JJJ, Transit Oriented Community (TOC) and linkage fees, as well as General Plans and Community Plans;
4. Allows developers to “double-dip,” using SB1818 in addition to SB827 to further increase height and density;
5. Fails to account for infrastructure that would be necessary to support such development (schools, street improvements, emergency services, utilities, etc);
6. Uses bus lines which are subject to change at any time as a basis for increased height and density;
7. Removes minimum parking requirements;
8. Contains no exemptions for HPOZs, which would decimate our historic neighborhoods by allowing out-of-scale development between four and eight stories tall among single-family homes.

Public comment and board discussion on the draft motion. Lumenita proposed an amendment to request that if SB 827 passes, the percentage of affordable housing should be raised to 30%. The amendment was not accepted.

Michael proposed an amendment to specific that the HHWNC President should send a letter to the HHWNC’s two state senators and ask them to oppose SB 827. The amendment was accepted.

Danielle motioned, seconded by Jeffery. Motion as amended was approved by 13-0.

b) **Area 8 (Serra Aladag)** – Presentation by Area 8 stakeholder, Rob Marohn, has a beautification project proposal to the existing city medians on Laurel Canyon Blvd, between Mulholland and Sunset Blvd. **Laurel Canyon Association is a 501(c)(4). The proposal includes 7 medians starting at Selma Ave. No action was taken on this item.**

c) **Public Safety (Joe Abdo)**

- i. Report on the **Emergency Preparedness Ad Hoc Committee** had its first meeting this past week (Serra, Mary, Matt and Joe).

A high level recap: the Committee agreed to divide and conquer groups of areas that made sense to combine, in terms of topography and zoning etc. In collaboration with Area Chairs we would plan to solicit community members in each of these pockets to volunteer to become 'community captains' (resilience liaisons) to help in emergency preparedness efforts.

The proposed plan is to empower these community volunteers with tools made available by "map your neighborhood" (step by step guide for these volunteers to account for 15 to 25 homes in their neighborhood in the event of an emergency) and other resources, and then encourage them to sign up for CERT Training Level I.

For convenience of participating volunteers and to encourage attendance, the goal would be to organize at least 3 different CERT classes, one on the west side (i.e. Mulholland Tennis Club), one central (i.e. American Legion) and one east side. Once we identify the master list of volunteers ('community captains') in each of the pockets and track completion of their CERT classes, we would like to plan a drill disaster (possibly leverage LA's already established annual drill on 10.18.18, called 'shake out').

Lumenita suggested that the Board consider how apartment residents will be included in the emergency preparedness program. Brian mentioned that the Mayor has an Office of Emergency Preparedness and that they have a roll-out program that we can utilize.

- ii. **Announcement re Mayor's Resilience Project.** Neighborhood Councils will soon be tasked with identifying locations to create Neighborhood Resilience Hubs as well as identifying Resilience Liaisons with an end goal of creating a Neighborhood Preparedness Plan by 2019.

11. Parks and Open Space (Jeffrey Massino)

- a) **Background:** After considering the initial results of the Dixon study, Area 1 stakeholders ask for expedited implementation of mitigation measures mentioned in Point # 2, Strategy #3. Specifically, the gate at the top of Wonder View, leading to the Wisdom Tree "Trail" should be permanently closed, as well as moving ahead with Option # 2, the establishment of a new trailhead further south along Lake Hollywood Drive near the Toyon Tanks. Finally, they would like to expand the area of study to include the establishment of a new trailhead from Forest Lawn Drive.

Motion: In accordance with the Dixon study, HHWNC requests expediting the closure of all access at the top of Wonder View Drive, leading to the "Wisdom Tree trail" (Cahuenga Peak), concurrent with moving ahead with the Dixon study's Option B, the establishment of a new trailhead further south along Lake Hollywood Drive near the Toyon Tanks. Additionally, HHWNC requests expanding the Dixon area of study to include the establishment of a new trailhead from Forest Lawn Drive.

Board discussion and comments from the public. Jeffery made the motion, seconded by Brian. Motion approved by 13-0.

- b) **Background:** Friends of Runyon Cyn. (FOR) Foundation have requested a three-year extension of the current term of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that HHWNC and Citizens Preserving Runyon helped negotiate with Rec & Parks and Friends of Runyon Cyn in 2016. The disclosure was discovered and removed at the last minute from a Rec and Parks board meeting, which is the latest example, over the past year, of RAP not providing notice that FOR is considering taking some act(s) with regard to the park, and providing an opportunity to be heard on whatever act(s) are contemplated - aka public input via the forum that HHWNC provides where/when the park's neighbors and users can weigh in. Neither FOR nor RAP has engaged effectively with the parks' neighbors and users.

Motion: POS Committee recommend to HHWNC that the current MOU between Rec & Parks and Friends of Runyon Cyn be terminated, and/or not renewed.

Board discussion and comments from the public. Jeffery made the motion, seconded by Danielle. Motion approved by a 10-3 vote.

- c) **Background:** With over 1 million park visits a year, stakeholder request to provide blue recycling bins for large amounts of water bottles at/near Fuller Ave gate and Mulholland entrances.

Motion: Request to LA Rec and Parks to install and maintain plastic bottle blue recycling bins for large amounts of water bottles at/near Fuller Ave gate and Mulholland entrances.

ITEM WAS TABLED.

12. Infrastructure (Matt Shichtman)

- a) Motion to support a Town Hall re DWP Billing for HHWNC area and HUNC area (co-hosted) between April and June. Preferably at the American Legion Hall. Anticipated attendance: 400 ppl. Funds: Rental/AV projected at \$500. F&B shared with or hosted by HUNC, estimated \$500-\$1000. MAXIMUM Budget: \$1000. If Outreach Items provides possibly additional \$1000.

Matt made the motion, seconded by Oren. Motion was approved by 13-0.

13. Business (Oren Katz) – ALL ITEMS TABLED.

- a) Discussion re Budget Advocates Whitepaper for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 and Funds Request
b) Report on legislation re permissible hours for sale of alcohol
c) Film Task Force meeting in April

14. Public Comments – none on non-agendized items.

15. Old Business - none

16. New Business - none

17. Adjournment at 8:14 pm