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### BOARD MEETING

September 20, 2018

6:00 pm

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

**Directions:** East of N. Fairfax Ave and West of N. La Brea Ave of Hollywood Blvd. Building is accessible and free parking is available behind the building.

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## 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) 46th Assembly District, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
  - b) CD13 – Dan Halden, Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell
  - c) CD4 –Field Deputy, Alice Roth, Office of Councilmember David Ryu
  - d) Mayor’s Office, Central Area NC Rep
  - e) 43rd Assembly District, Seamus Garrity 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, Fernando Morales, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
  - i) 26<sup>th</sup> Senate State District, Allison Towle, Office of Senator Ben Allen
  - j) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Lorenzo Briceno
  - k) Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Joe Salaices
  - l) LAPD
  - m) LAFD
  - n) LADWP, Michael Ventre – Discussion of city lights issue on Mulholland Drive near DWP property.
  - o) LADOT
5. **Board Seats**
  - a) **Election of Community/Youth Chair**
    - i. **Candidate(s) as of 9/13/18:** Melissa Reeck
6. **President’s Report (Anastasia Mann)**
  - a) ELECTION WORKSHEET – Selection of Election Chair. Speaker: Renee McDade, Election Administrator. **Motion to approve Election Worksheet to submit to City Clerk.**
  - b) DAVID RYU CD4 Announcement re Sara Dussault leaving as COS, replacement is Nicholas Greif
  - c) MULHOLLAND DRIVE ISSUES – From Hollywood Bowl Overlook to Universal Overlook.  
**Possible Motions and Votes for all agenda items below.**
    - i. “City Lights” view site -at Pacific View- South side – Speakers: Bob Mansell & DWP Michael Ventre, Communications, Media and Community Affairs.
    - ii. TOUR BUS ISSUES (during and after rides) Including: Fire danger from Smoking, drugs; alcohol; unsafe vehicles overheating; trash; loud speakers; gang activity; vandalism (downed signs, graffiti); home invasions/disturbances; road racing, etc.

CITY OFFICIALS: LAPD Hollywood – SLO Ralph Sanchez & NoHo SLO Rob Benevidez;  
MCRA Fernando Gomez; CD4 Alice Roth; RAP TBD; DOT

- iii. TOUR BUS STREET RESTRICTIONS: Speaker: DOT Brian Gallagher - Review of discussions and decisions with City Attorney re: restricting streets from Tour Bus access.
  - iv. HOLLYWOOD BOWL & UNIVERSAL OVERLOOKS - More enforcement needed to discourage abuse by tour bus drivers during hours sites are open to the public – and after hours when private vehicles park illegally along the “no parking” adjacent areas. Individuals are climbing the gates/fences, drinking alcohol and doing drugs, etc.
  - v. ENFORCEMENT – Road racing, vandalism, etc. As above, the area is out of control day and night (until @ 3 am per neighbors). More police enforcement needed to protect community from fire danger which is at its peak currently and projected to continue due to our drought conditions.
  - vi. ADDITIONAL ISSUES MAY BE INCLUDED BY STAKEHOLDERS
- d) **DURANT LIBRARY** – Request to re-authorize the previously approved \$750 to the Durant Library for the SOURCE funding for feeding the homeless from our 2018-19 budget. Speaker: John Frank. **Motion to approve the balance of \$750 for SOURCE funding to Durant Library.**

**Background:** The Board approved a \$10,000 payment for homeless services last FY and initially thought we would have to defer \$5,000 to the current fiscal year, but as it approached the end of last fiscal year, we had money left and we voted to give it all to the Library’s homeless program. The Library received a \$5,000 check and a \$4,250 check. See below. We have \$750 outstanding to fulfill our \$10,000 commitment.

e) **Community Business**

- i. Announcement regarding Laurel Canyon Emergency Evacuation Drill on September 29<sup>th</sup> - virtual evacuation with LAFD West Bureau Deputy Chief, Armando Hogan.
- ii. **Health and Resource Fair for seniors.** Expected attendance is estimated to be 100, which would be \$10.00 per head for food costs. Las Palmas Senior Center to provide invoicing through Nicole Bernal.

**Motion:** That the HHWNC Board provide \$1000.00 for food and refreshments for the “Health and Resource Fair for seniors” to be held Saturday, September 29 at the Las Palmas Senior Center.

- iii. **Support for Yucca Community Center’s Halloween festival, Saturday, October 27, 2018.**

**Motion:** That Board of the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council sponsor the Yucca Community Center's Halloween festival with monetary support in the amount of \$1000.00 to cover costs of the bounce houses/jumpers.

f) Confirm next meeting date: October 17, 2018

**7. First Vice President's/PLUM Committee Report (Orrin Feldman)**

a) **8000 W. Sunset Boulevard:** Rock N Roll Sushi restaurant has applied to the City's Planning Department to renew its Type 47 conditional use permit to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in connection with its restaurant's operations. The existing restaurant is 3,903 square feet, has 128 interior seats and a 575 square foot exterior patio with 40 seats. The proposed hours of operation would be from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

Currently, the restaurant is open only for dinner. The expanded hours of service (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) would allow the restaurant to serve alcoholic beverages if it adds a lunch service.

The Planning Department's case no. is ZA-2018-0681-CUB. The CA CEQA no. is ENV-2018-0682-CE.

The PLUM Committee voted unanimously (7 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC support the restaurant's application if the restaurant's hours of operation are limited to 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. Genesis Consulting's Clayton Przekop is expected to be available at the Board meeting to answer any question(s).

**Proposed motion:** HHWNC supports Rock N Roll Sushi's application to renew its conditional use permit if the restaurant's hours of operation are limited to 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

b) **6815 W. Hollywood Boulevard:** The Dudes Brewing Company, a craft brewery and pizza restaurant chain, which is based in Torrance, is coming to this site in Hollywood. In a letter, which is dated May 23, 2017, HHWNC supported the restaurant's application for a conditional use permit to sell beer and wine for on-site and off-site consumption. Sales for off-site consumption would be made only as part of sales of the restaurant's food along with the restaurant's beer and wine. In 2018, The Dudes Brewing Company filed a new/second application to convert second floor office space to additional restaurant space. If approved, the first and second floors' enclosed spaces would provide approximately 200+ seats. The previously approved second floor outdoor patio space was approved for 95 more seats.

The Planning Department's new case no. is ZA-2018-2748-CUB.

The proposed hours of operation under the first and the second/new case are 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily, except that the patio space would close at 10 p.m. daily. The PLUM Committee voted unanimously (6 to 0) to support the new application if the outdoor patio's hours of operation are shortened to end at 8 p.m. daily. Elizabeth Peterson

Group's Samira Squires and/or Nick Leathers are expected to be available at the Board meeting to answer any question(s).

**Proposed motion:** HHWNC supports The Dudes Brewing Company's application to expand its conditional use permit for this restaurant if the second floor's outdoor patio's hours of operation are shortened to end at 8 p.m. daily.

**8. Treasurer's Report (Jane Crockett)**

- a) Motion and Vote to approve monthly expenditure reports for July and August 2018
- b) Approve Funding request forms
- c) Approve Meeting expense reimbursements

**9. Second Vice President's Report (Jane Crockett)**

**10. Secretary's Report (Kathy Bañuelos)** – resignation submitted for Board Secretary and the vacancy has been posted on the Board website. The election for this position will be held at our October 17<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**11. Committee Reports**

**a) Public Safety (Paul Jenkins)**

- i. Motion to allocate a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Southern California Preparedness Foundation for \$850 in support of the 11th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on Saturday, September 29, 2018.

**b) Parks and Open Space (Jeffery Masino)**

- i. **Signage:** To address fire safety concerns in Runyon and to take advantage of upcoming Gay4Good event, Rec & Parks would like to install a two-sided "Smokey the Bear" sign in two locations: First at Fuller gate entrance. Second at Mulholland gate. Rec & Parks could pay for one and has asked HHWNC to fund for a second sign. Quote for second Smokey sign will cost approx. \$2,100.

Motion: LA Rec & Parks requests that HHWNC board approve funding up to \$2,500 for an additional Smokey the Bear sign for Mulholland Entrance.

- ii. Stakeholder request to fund and rebuild high wooden bench at the top of the East Trail overlooking Runyon Cyn Park (AKA "Clouds Rest"). It was removed in approximately 2012 due to safety concerns. There was consensus at the Parks/Open Space-Environment meeting that this feature was a unique and much missed part of the Runyon Cyn experience for many decades.

**Motion: HHWNC requests that LA Rec & Parks investigate the recreation and installation of the historic, Cloud's Rest overlook bench adhering to current safety standards.**

- iii. **ANNOUNCEMENT: Gay4Good Service Day:** The founding chapter of this multi-state volunteer service organization is commemorating their 10th Anniversary by doing a cleanup event at Runyon Cyn Park on Saturday, Oct. 13th. All public is invited.
- iv. **ANNOUNCEMENT: Dixon / Runyon Cyn. Park Traffic Study Town Hall**  
HHWNC and CD4 sponsored event to bring Dixon & Assoc. – Wednesday, Sept. 26th, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Durant Library. This is an opportunity to hear preliminary study results and to get feedback from stakeholders.

c) **Transportation Committee (Danielle Mead)**

- i. **Studio City / Sherman Oaks / Toluca Lake Community Plan Update** - Presentation by Jordan Fraade from LA City Planning about the community plan update and upcoming listening sessions. HHWNC's Area 2 is part of this community plan area.
- ii. **Los Angeles E-Scooter Legislation/Lime E-Scooters** - Nima Daivari from Lime Scooters will make a brief presentation about LA's new e-scooter regulations and how Lime will be addressing the legal requirements for rider safety and liability.
- iii. **Celebrate LA Event** - The LA Phil is celebrating its 100th birthday by throwing an epic free 8-mile street party, showcasing the creative and community spirit of Los Angeles. On September 30th, the LA Phil is partnering with CicLAvia to produce a temporary car-free day that transforms streets into safe spaces for thousands of people to explore the city by foot, bike, and other forms of transport. The route will connect Downtown and Hollywood via Grand, Wilshire Blvd, Western, Melrose and Vine.

12. **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.

13. **Old Business**

14. **New Business**

15. **Adjournment**