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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2018

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 6:04pm.**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary Kathy Bañuelos. Quorum established with 18 members. Richard and Brian were absent. Jon arrived late. Oren Katz left early.**
3. **Public Official Reports**
 - a) Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, 46th Assembly District
 - b) CD4 – Nicholas Greif, Office of Councilmember David Ryu
 - c) Mayor’s Office, Central Area NC Rep – Angie Aramayo introduced herself as the new representative from the Mayor’s office.
 - d) LAPD
 - e) LAFD
 - f) LADWP, Michael Ventre
 - g) LADOT – Brian Gallagher
 - h) MCRA – James Latham

Many of the public officials in attendance were at the meeting to speak to the issues surrounding Mulholland Drive, including the city lights view site, tour buses, and general public safety issues.

4. **Board Seats**
 - a) **Election of Community/Youth Chair – Melissa Reeck was elected unanimously as Community/Youth Chair.**
 - b) **Anastasia announced that Kathy is stepping down as Board Secretary and the vacancy has been posted on the website. An election will take place at the October meeting. Britta Engstrom introduced herself as a candidate.**

5. President's Report (Anastasia Mann)

- a) **ELECTION WORKSHEET – Renee McDade, Election Administrator, made a presentation to the Board about her role and duties as an administrator. Christina was appointed as Elections Chair. The board approved the elections worksheet for submission to the City Clerk unanimously by a 19-0 vote.**
- b) **Anastasia announced that Sarah Dussault is leaving Councilmember Ryu's office as Chief of Staff and is being replaced by Nicholas Greif.**
- c) **MULHOLLAND DRIVE ISSUES – From Hollywood Bowl Overlook to Universal Overlook**
 - i. **"City Lights" viewsite -at Pacific View- South side – Speakers: Bob Mansell & DWP Michael Ventre, Communications, Media and Community Affairs.**

The main issue discussed was whether DWP should put up a wall at the City Lights view site in order to deter people from illegally parking there and creating public safety issues for the neighborhood. The Board heard extensive comments from speakers who opposed and supported the proposal for a fence.

- 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

TOUR BUS STREET RESTRICTIONS: Speaker: DOT Brian Gallagher - Review of discussions and decisions with City Attorney re: restricting streets from Tour Bus access.

MCRA Rangers presented data on the initial results of the tour bus permitting program. According to the MCRA, 14 tour companies currently have permits to visit the overlooks. Brian Gallagher gave an update on the local ordinance program and penalties for illegal tour bus operators which is being modeled after the party house ordinance. Assemblymember Nazarian also provided update on the timeline to implement the new state law at the local level. The draft ordinance will go before the city council in November.

Anastasia made a motion to create a task force with city, county and state officials to address issues impacting Mulholland Drive. Suzanne seconded. The vote was 19-0

- d) **DURANT LIBRARY – Request authorize up to \$5000 to the Durant Library for the SOURCE funding for feeding the homeless from our 2018-19 budget. Speaker: John Frank.**

Motion: To approve \$5000 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.

Anastasia made the motion, seconded by Lumenita. Motion approved by 19-0.

e) **Community Business**

- i. Announcement regarding Laurel Canyon Emergency Evacuation Drill on September 29th - 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.

Lumenita made the motion, seconded by Serra. Motion approved by 19-0.

- 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.

Daniel Savage made the motion, seconded by Lumenita. Motion approved by 19-0.

f) **Next meeting date confirmed for October 17, 2018**

6. **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.

Orrin made the motion, seconded by Barbara. Motion was approved 19-0.

- 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.

Orrin made the motion, seconded by Lumenita. Motion was approved by 15-1.

7. **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

Monthly expenditure, funding request forms and expense reimbursements all approved unanimously by 19-0.

8. **Secretary's Report (Kathy Bañuelos) – see resignation announcement under President's report.**

9. **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.

Paul made the motion, Kathy seconded. Motion approved by a 12-3 vote.

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.

Jeffery made the motion, seconded by Patty. Motion approved by a 15-1 vote.

- 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.

Jeffery made the motion, seconded by Orrin. Motion approved by 16-0 vote.

- 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.

10. Public Comments – No public comment on non-agendized items.

11. Old Business – No old business

12. New Business – No new business

13. Adjournment at 9pm.