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## HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2019

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 6:03pm.**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary Britta Engstrom. Quorum established. Brian Dyer arrived at 6:08pm and Matt Schictman arrived at 6:09pm. Absent: Jon Guzik, Richard Joludow, Serra Aladag**
3. **Approval of minutes. Minutes approved as corrected unanimously.**
4. **Public Official Reports**
  - a) CD4 –Field Deputy, Madelynn Taras, Office of Councilmember David Ryu introduced herself to the group and no major updates except for Runyon Canyon.
  - b) 3rd Supervisorial District, Fernando Morales, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl provided an update that there will be a new mobile street psychiatrist on streets. The homeless count is happening on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) 50<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom, District Director Josh Kurpies introduced himself and spoke about how the assemblyman is helping victims of the fire.
  - d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Lorenzo Briceno let the Board know that the EmpowerLA Awards are on the fourth Thursday in March. Submissions are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - e) LAPD provided an update that there was a reduction in crime in 2018. SLO Ben Thompson stated that the Entertainment District has a new program of officers who will be on foot for a 10 hour shift/5 days a week. More officers have been put in the Hollywood area and stakeholders should see an increase of police service. He reminded stakeholders that when SLOs are off duty to call 911 for anything that puts you, your property, or others at risk. For anything else call the non-emergency number.

### 5. **President's Report (Anastasia Mann)**

a) Community Business

i. Area 4 Election

i.) Naomi Kobrin was elected Area 4 chair by the Board unanimously 19-0.

ii. Update on Election: candidate registration; declared stakeholder fiasco.

Anastasia provided an update on the election that will be on March 31, 2019. Candidates Chandon St. Care (Area 2), Bob Mansell (Area 5) Jeff Straebler (Transportation) introduced themselves.

iii. Report on Hillside Ordinance/Development meeting held January 10, 2019  
Board comments. Possible motion and vote.

Anastasia and Orrin provided an update on the hillside ordinance/development. Hillside Construction District Ordinance only included the Beverly Crest/Bel Air area of the hills. At the meeting stakeholders and board members expressed that they would like the HHWNC area to be included.

**Motion:** The Board recommends that the Hillside Construction District Ordinance be revised/amended to include all of HHWNC's hillside areas.

**Anastasia made the motion, Barbara 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board approved the motion 20-0.**

b) The next meeting date is confirmed for February 20, 2019.

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

a) Hollywood Community Plan Update (HCPU2) - discussion with regard to an HHWNC comment letter to the City's Planning Department on how the HCPU2 would affect various issues and sites in HHWNC's area.

Orrin provided an update on the HCPU2 and the work that the AdHoc Committee has done to review the 1700 page document. Comments on the DEIR are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Board discussed the need to review comments, have additional time to review and get input from stakeholders.

Public Comments: Kathy Fogel & Julia Wassom who both expressed concerns with the current plan.

**Motion:** That we approve the initial letter that was drafted with the provision that board members and stakeholders can submit additional comments on the DEIR and the Executive Committee will review, potentially revise and submit by the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**Michael made the motion, Barbara 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was approved 19-1.**

Note: There will be a special PLUM meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2019 at the Will & Ariel Durant Library to review the DEIR comments/suggestions, stakeholders are encouraged to bring their comments to this meeting.

b) Update of other various pending Planning Department proposed ordinances.

c) 2005 North Highland Avenue - is the Hilton Garden Inn Los Angeles/Hollywood, which is in HHWNC's Area 4 and City Council District 4.

The hotel's prior conditional use permit to sell alcohol for on-site consumption had expired inadvertently when (or soon after) the hotel's ownership changed. They also had been a problem with the noise coming from the hotel's outdoor patio dining area facing Highland Avenue.

Following a discussion, the PLUM Committee voted (5 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC's board support the hotel's application for a conditional use permit to sell alcoholic beverages or on-site consumption (and for off-site consumption for picnic basket meals going to the Hollywood Bowl and Ford Theaters), but subject to the condition that any speaker(s) directing noise north of the outdoor dining patio facing Highland Boulevard be turned off by 8 p.m. in order to allow The Belmont Nursing Home's residents to enjoy quieter evenings.

**Motion:** HHWNC supports the Hilton Garden Inn's application for a conditional use permit, but subject to the condition that the speaker(s) directing noise north of the outdoor dining patio facing Highland Boulevard be turned off by 8 p.m.

**Orrin made motion, Oren Katz 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was approved 20-0.**

d) **This agenda item was tabled.**

6801 West Hollywood Boulevard- is the Hollywood & Highland Shopping Center, which is in HHWNC's Area 4 and City Council District 13.

The Hard Rock Cafe Los Angeles is a tenant in the Hollywood & Highland Shopping Center.

The cafe is seeking to renew its conditional use permit (CUP) to sell alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption, change some of the conditions which were part of the original CUP, and change it's site plan to allow the cafe to rearrange how it utilizes its space for some special events.

The cafe has asked to be allowed to sell tickets to special events there, but currently is not allowed to do so unless the event is associated with a nonprofit organization. The cafe wants to be able to impose a cover charge for "comedy nights". The cafe has agreed to limit the number of these special events to 12 per year, but also would be allowed an unlimited number of "buyouts" when a customer comes to buy out the entire cafe. No promoters would be allowed. For the special event nights and the buyout nights, the cafe would be allowed to remove the tables in front of their stage area, and turn that space into a dance floor.

The cafe also has asked to be allowed to have karaoke, and has agreed to limit the hours when karaoke could occur to between 8 p.m. and midnight. Most of the committee

members believed that the site was well suited to karaoke and other live music because it's deep inside the shopping center.

The cafe volunteered to include a change of control provision so that their conditional use permit and site plan changes could be reviewed in the event of a change of control of the cafe.

Following the discussion, the committee voted (4 to 1) to recommend to HHWNC's Board that the Board support The Hard Rock Cafe Los Angeles' application for a conditional use permit renewal and site plan change(s) if it is modified to include the aforementioned conditions.

**Motion:** HHWNC supports the Hard Rock Cafe Los Angeles' application for renewing its conditional use permit and changing the site plan for the restaurant if the aforementioned conditions are included, which means limiting the number of special events to 12 per year, providing for no promoters, limiting karaoke to the hours between 8 p.m. and 12 midnight, and including a review of the conditional use permit and site plan if the restaurant's controlling ownership were to change.

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

- a) Motion and Vote to approve monthly expenditures report for December
- b) Approve Funding request forms
- c) Approve payment of \$34.10 to the City of LA Publishing Services Dept. for business cards, a reduction from the \$1,451.50 invoice originally sent.

**Michael made the motion, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. All expenditures and reimbursements were approved 19-0.**

#### 8. **Secretary's Report (Britta Engstrom)**

- a) Reminder to the Board: If you have an attachment and don't see it in the agenda, please notify Britta. All attachments will be included in the one agenda document that is e-mailed and posted prior to the meeting.

#### 9. **Committee Reports**

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

- i. Update on Fire & EMS Safety Town Hall

Paul stated that the Town Hall has been moved to March (likely on a Saturday morning) and will be like a trade fair. More details to come.

##### b) **Area 3 (Brian Dyer)**

- i. Since 2011, the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council has approved expenditures to supply dog poop bags out of a dispenser that it previously purchased. The dispenser is located in Area 3. HHHWNC purchases Mutt Mitts at dogpoopbags.com. Currently, bags that fit into the dispenser are reduced from \$39.95 to \$29.95 for a box of 1000. Shipping for six boxes would be estimated at \$45.00.

**Motion:** That the Board of the Hollywood Hills Neighborhood Council approve an expenditure of \$225.00 for to purchase and ship dog waste bags.

**Brian made the motion, Oren K. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Board approved 19-0.**

ii. Area 3 PLUM Project Updates

- i.) Brian provided an update on the Area 3 chair experience at Central Planning Commission Meeting which saw first appeals of Measure JJJ, one of which was 1920 Whitley Avenue in Area 3, the Planning's Department's behavior and Central Planning Commission's actions, and 90028 liquor license count in Area 3.

Brian thanked the stakeholders and Board for their work for Area 3.

c) **Parks & Open Spaces/Area 6 (Jeffery Masino & Mary Yarber)**

- i. Runyon Park Traffic Study/Dixon Study: In March, 2018, City Council approved funding for a study of park access, safety and mobility in and around Runyon Canyon Park to be undertaken by Dixon Resources. Monday, Feb 11, 2019, 6:00PM, Durant Library, an update to be given on the study by Dixon Resources, discussing next steps.
- ii. Runyon Canyon Opening/Closing Times: Update from May 2018 committee meeting on installation by Rec and Parks to upgrade components for the main gates into the Park (Mulholland, Vista, Fuller, and Solar Drive) with springs and timed locks. Mary stated that the new timed locks will be installed in the next 3-5 weeks.
- iii. Reminder: Runyon Canyon Tree Planting: Sat. Jan. 19th, 2019 9:00AM north of Fuller Entrance. In coordination with LA Rec & Parks, Tree People, and the HHWNC.
- iv. New mapping/information signage for Runyon Canyon: LA Rec and Parks has a new draft for mapping/information signs to be installed for three major park entrances. Installation TBD.

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.

-Gilbert Mora Behavioral Health Services, Inc. introduced himself and updated the Board on a survey about public smoking.

11. **Old Business-None**

12. **New Business-None**

13. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Attachment for Agenda Item 10. C) iv.

