

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA



HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OFFICERS

PRESIDENT
ANASTASIA MANN

VICE-PRESIDENT
ORRIN FELDMAN

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
JANE CROCKETT

SECRETARY
BRITTA ENGSTROM

TREASURER
MATT SHICHTMAN

HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

C/O Department of Neighborhood
Empowerment
3516 N. Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90031

TELEPHONE: (213) 485-1588

FAX: (213) 485-1836

Toll Free 1 (866) LA HELPS

HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

BOARD MEETING

January 15, 2020

6:00 pm

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

Minutes

1. **Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann @ 6:02 pm**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary (Acting), Jane Crockett.** Quorum established. Oren Katz & Matt Shichtman arrived at 6:10pm. Absent: Melissa Reeck, Mary Yarber, Barb Witkin, Britta Engstrom, and Paul Jenkins.
3. **Approval of minutes:** Jeff Straebler made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Orrin Feldman^{2nd}. The motion was approved 16-0.
4. **Public Official Reports**
 - a. CD4 –Field Deputy, Madelynn Taras, Office of Councilmember David Ryu
 - Speed Hump Application Open January
 - LAHSA Homeless Count January 23, 2020
 - 2019 Annual Report Distributed
 - Ryu Elected Asst President Pro Tempore City Council (first Asian American to hold this position)
 - b. CD13 – Sean Starkey, Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell
 - Park Hours Changed (3 small pocket parks) Selma Park in HHWNC
 - Winter Shelter 24-28/night Transitional Males
 - Lodi YWCA shelter will expand from 60-120 beds February
 - c. Mayor’s Office, Central Area NC Rep, Angie Aramayo
 - d. 46th Assembly District, Stephanie Mkhlian, Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
 - Send ideas for legislative package
 - Promoted Tree People as resource partner
 - Women’s Self Defense Workshops in February
 - Working on follow-up (clean-up bill) to AB5
 - e. 43rd Assembly District, Seamus Garrity from the Office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman
 - Anastasia read holiday note
 - f. 50th Assembly District- Josh Kurpies, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom

- Legislative focus on housing this year
- SB50 will not have hearing on Jan 27 (according to Committee rep)
- EDD set up page for employers/employees re: AB5
- g. 25th Senatorial District, Vickere Murphy, District Representative, Office of Anthony Portantino
- h. 3rd Supervisorial District, Fernando Morales, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
 - Anastasia announced Fernando promoted; will introduce replacement at February meeting
- i. 26th Senate State District, Allison Towle, Office of Senator Ben Allen
- j. 24th Senate State District, Baydsar Thomasian, Office of Senator Maria Elena Durazo
- k. Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Ethan Weaver
 - Party House Update
 - AIRBnB working with LAPD to shut down 28 chronic party house
 - Other hosting platforms reaching out to shut down similar houses
 - Party House Ordinance (Ryu) primary tool for success of program
 - Short Term Ordinance critical tool to remove houses from web
 - Optimistic about reaching goals; building sustainable program
- l. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Lorenzo Briceno
- m. Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Joe Losorelli
- n. Hollywood Bowl/Stratiscopes, Angela Babcock
 - Left turn signal at Odin; Send feedback re: Hollywood Bowl procedures
- o. LAPD – Hollywood & North Hollywood Divisions
 - SLO Brian Oliver
 - ended year strong re: crime (violent & property)
 - Recent increase in vehicle crime
 - Officer Brian White
 - Crimes of opportunity; Ben Thompson promoted to NoHo Detective; Officer White replace
- p. LAFD
- q. LADWP
- r. LADOT

5. President's Report (Anastasia Mann)

- a. **CD 4 Candidate Debate with Central Area NCs to be held on Sunday, February 16; 4-6 pm at John Marshall High School.** Discussion of NC sponsors, format, candidate's participation.
 - Susan Collins (candidate) announced she is now a certified *write-in* candidate due approximately 300 of her signatures being deemed out of district.

Motion & Vote

Anastasia Mann made the Motion to approve up to a maximum of \$1000 for planning and Outreach expenses for the implementation of The CD4 Candidate Forum to be held in conjunction with six other Hollywood-Los Feliz-Wilshire NCs; Orrin Feldman 2nd to support up to \$1000; Board Vote: 18 yes; 0 No

- b. **Area 9 Chair Board Seat Opening;** Farewell & Thanks to Stefan Siegel who was serving as Area 9 Chair until his resignation. Seat opening has been posted on website. Replacement election date: February 19th meeting.
- c. **Public Records Act Discussion** – reminder to board members of requirements of CPRA. Update on current request and efforts to comply.
- d. **Confirm next meeting date:** February 19, 2020.

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

- a. **6667 West Hollywood Boulevard** - is the site of Musso & Frank's restaurant. The restaurant's owners had applied to have their right to sell alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption extended to additional adjacent space into which the restaurant has expanded. The committee voted (7 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC support the application and support restaurant's additional request that the Planning Department waive the public hearing requirement. The Planning Department approved the application and waived the public hearing requirement within a few days following the committee's meeting on December 2, 2019. This may have mooted the need for HHWNC to take any action(s). The Planning Department's case no. is ZA-2019-6617-PAB-PAD. The CA CEQA no. is ENV-2019-6618-CE.

- b. **1724 -1744 N. Highland Avenue** - is the site of a mixed use retail/residential building which now is called Urban Redwood, but which had been known as The Jefferson. RWBP Highland, L.P., the building's owner applied to the City's Planning Department for a master conditional use permit for three new restaurants with indoor seating and outdoor dining along Highland Avenue and Yucca Street. The proposed hours of operation would be from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA-2019-5821-MCUP. The application was silent as to whether any additional discretionary entitlement request, scubas karaoke, live music, and/or dancing, were being requested. Following a presentation from the owner's representative, Christine Rivera of The Elizabeth Petersen Group, and a discussion, the committee voted (7 to 0) to recommend that the Board adopt the motion (below).

The committee voted to make the recommended motion at its 12/2/19 meeting. At the committee's meeting on 1/8/20, the committee met again with Ms. Rivera as well as Urban Redwood's Scott McCarter and Matthew Nichols, who is Urban Redwood's outside counsel.

Proposed Motion: HHWNC should not support, and should oppose, the application as presented.

Christine Rivera Update: Entitlement request change to two full line of alcohol restaurants vs. three. No change in hours.

Luminita Roman recused herself due to personal conflict of interest.

Public Comment

- Gilbert Mora
- Luminita Roman

Orrin Feldman made the motion, Oren Katz 2nd. The motion was approved 17-0.

- c. **7865 W. Sunset Boulevard** - is the site of a Mobil gas station and convenience store. Sunset Fairfax Oil, LLC, the gas station's owner has filed an application with the City's Planning Department to ask for approval of a conditional use permit to authorize the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption at the convenience store up until 11 p.m. daily. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA-2019-6201-CUB. Following a brief discussion, the committee voted (7 to 0) to recommend that the Board adopt the following motion:

Proposed Motion: HHWNC should not support, and should oppose, the application.

Orrin Feldman made the motion, Oren Katz 2nd. The motion passed (approve 17; oppose 1).

- d. **7917 West Sunset Boulevard** - is the site of a new Veggie Grill restaurant to replace the Counter Burger restaurant, which closed last summer. The Veggie Grill has applied for a conditional use permit to sell beer and wine for on-site consumption (Type 41) at its new location, which will open following a remodeling of the restaurant's space. The proposed hours of operation at the new site

would be the same as the restaurant's previous site (the courtyard at 8000 W. Sunset Blvd.), which would be from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Sundays through Fridays and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA-2019-6657. Following a brief prevention from Elizabeth Valerio, the restaurant's architect and representative, the committee voted (6 to 0) to recommend that the Board adopt the following motion:

Proposed Motion: HHWNC should support The Veggie Grill's pending application for a new conditional use permit (Type 41) at its new location.

Orrin Feldman made the motion, Oren Katz 2nd. The motion was approved 18-0.

7. Treasurer's Report (Matt Shichtman)

a. Approve November/December Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion: The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the November and December 2019 Monthly Expenditure Reports submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman.

The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the November 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report. Oren Katz 2nd. 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 5 absent

The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the December 2019 Monthly Expenditure Report. Jeff Straebler 2nd. 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 5 absent

b. Approve Funding Request Forms

Treasurer Motion (Luminita Roman 2nd) to approve reimbursement of Brian Dyer, Area 3 Chair, for refreshments for 10/28/19 Area 2 committee meeting in the amount of \$70. 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 5 absent

Treasurer Motion (Luminita Roman 2nd) to approve reimbursement of Brian Dyer, Area 3 Chair, for refreshments for 10/28/19 Area 2 committee meeting in the amount of \$70. 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 5 absent

Treasurer Motion (Luminita Roman 2nd) to approve reimbursement of Jeff Straebler, Transportation Chair, for refreshments for 10/28/19 Area 2 committee meeting in the amount of \$70. 18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 5 absent

8. Committee Reports

a. Business (Oren Katz)

- i. Update CPAB Hollywood Nightlife Management meetings
- ii. Update legislative bill regarding extension of alcohol service hours 2am to 4am

b. Infrastructure & Area 3 (Danielle Mead)

- i. Bryan Dyer and Danielle Mead have discussed the website, email blasts and our process for each and have come up with the following suggestions for improving HHWNC's online presence and communication strategy:

Website

- Remove/minimize large banner on homepage
- Reconsider color scheme

- Fix search (not functioning properly)
- Add missing agendas and minutes – need board members to add
- Calendar – make better use of it or remove (doesn't have many events)
- Projects – make better use of it or remove (currently outdated and missing lots of info)
- Add additional FAQs – would like suggestions from board members
- Find better option for Find Your Area page

Email Blasts

- Better coordinate Facebook/Twitter posts with email messages
- Make sure to upload agendas to website, not Constant Contact, so that links from emails go to HHWNC website
- Create new monthly newsletter/digest that contains all upcoming meetings/events which can be sent to the entire list (goal of getting more information to more people without sending lots of additional emails)

Proposed Motion: We request President Mann appoint a board member to research and obtain three bids from qualified vendors to provide ongoing website, email and technical support for HHWNC and report back to the Board.

Danielle Mead Proposed; Matt Shichtman 2nd The motion passes 18-0.

Amendment: “be available for special projects
President Mann appointed Danielle Mead

9. **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.

-Aram Taslagyan advocated for Jennifer Barbosa for Congress 28th District.

10. **Adjournment**