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**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING**

September 16, 2020

6:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/94631394983>

Meeting ID: 946 3139 4983

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MINUTES

1. **Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann at 6:02pm**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary, Britta Engstrom. Quorum established with 15.**
Absent: Barbara Witkin, Bob Mansell, Jeremy Saunders, & Luminita Roman
3. **Approval of July 2020 Minutes.** The board unanimously approved the minutes as amended.

4. **Area 9 Chair Election**
Candidate: Richard Klug

Richard Klug was elected unanimously by the board, 16-0.

5. **Guest Speaker: U.S. Congressman Adam Schiff of California's 28th District**

Congressman Schiff provided an update on COVID-19 and the need for more testing, assistance for businesses and those for that are unemployed.

He spoke about initiatives to:

- Expand unemployment compensation to those that are gig workers that do not have W-2s. He has been working on a bill to help with unemployment compensations.

- Expand the Santa Monica Mountain National Recreation area

Stakeholder Q&A

Congressman Schiff answered questions from the board and from stakeholders: Stuart Wright, Janet, Kendall Mayhew, and Kristina Chambers.

6. Public Official Reports

- CD4 –Field Deputy, Alice Roth, Office of Councilmember David Ryu stated that the Councilman sends his regards. September is National Emergency Preparedness month and Alice reminded stakeholders that the Councilman is holding meetings regularly on various topics including homelessness and domestic violence. She stated that the Councilmember has made motions to expand ballot drop box centers and postpone construction in high fire zones until November. Alice can be reached at Alice.Roth@lacity.org if you need anything.
- CD13 – Sean Starkey, Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell stated that \$8 million has been allocated for emergency assistance. DOT parking relaxation has been extended to October 1st. They have installed digital parking signage in Hollywood so stakeholders know how many spaces are available. The City has installed 77 ballot boxes (most in front of Rec Centers & libraries). He reminded everyone to vote and fill out the census.
- 3rd Supervisorial District, Erin Seinfeld, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl stated that LA County has new safety compliance program. She encouraged stakeholders to visit www.StayHousedLa.org to learn more about tenants’ rights. The LA Regional Covid Fund is a \$3million fund to help non-profits and small businesses, LACOVIDFUND.org
- Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Ethan Weaver spoke about party houses—there has been a rise in party houses but there has also been more enforcement. Property owners and individuals that if you continue to do this activity, you could be prosecuted. Ethan explained that the Mayor has changed the safer LA order so that party houses will be a violation of that order. The Mayor has also included DWP shutoff as an option. That process is—Officers write a citation and post the yellow notice, they then post a second white notice that the party needs to disperse. If they don’t disperse after a half hour or have another party, they get a final notice at which point the Mayor decides if water and power gets shut off.
- Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Lorenzo Briceno stated that HHWNC election will be on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. There is now a 45 day candidate filing period. Contact Lorenzo if you have any questions and he can connect you to the election administrator.
- Hollywood Bowl/Stratiscopes, Angela Babcock stated that in partnership with Supervisor Khuel the Hollywood Bowl provided over 2,000 families with 70lbs of food each. There is a new program starting on the LA Philharmonic website where you can join and watch highlights from different shows and documentaries.
- LAPD – Hollywood & North Hollywood Divisions

Kurtis Delbar spoke about a recent garage burglary on Fredonia and reminded stakeholders to stay vigilant. He also spoke about office theft, which occurs when a person goes into a business establishment and makes it look like they belong there and then steal technology. He reminded that you shouldn’t be afraid to question people if

you feel like they do not belong in your office building. There has been a rise of grand theft auto and vehicle break in in North Hollywood.

Brian Oliver provided an update on Hollywood Blvd and the recent homicide that took place.

Brian White stated that there have been four shootings the past four weekends. They are seeing an increase in guns in general. They have found that many people from outside the Hollywood neighborhood are coming in and creating problems.

- h) LAFD – Chief Hogan updated stakeholders that cameras will be put in places where there is poor cell service as a way of fire prevention. Stakeholders can send Chief Hogan ideas of where the cameras should be put up via e-mail.

Chief Hogan reminded stakeholders that evacuation order language has changed -- you get evacuation warning and then evacuation order (instead of voluntary vs. mandatory evacuation) and to have your "Go Bags" ready to go!

Public Comment: Kristina O'Neil

7. **President's Report (Anastasia Mann)**

- a) Reminder speakers will be limited to 2 minutes each
- b) Recap of HHWNC Executive Committee Meeting
 - i. Amended 2020-2021 Budget

Motion: HHWNC Board approve the amended 2020-2021 budget as recommended by the Executive Committee.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Business Chair Oren Katz 2nd.
The motion passed 17-0.

- c) CD4 Election Forum

Motion: HHWNC to Host/Co-Host Stakeholder CD4 Election Forum with Candidates Nithya Raman and David Ryu, in cooperation with HUNC, BABCNC, the Hillside Federation, Loz Feliz Neighborhood Council and inclusive of HOAs on Friday, October 2, 2020. Time TBA, maximum 90 minutes.

Proposed BUDGET: \$0 to \$250.

Discussion and vote.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Parks & Open Space Chair Jeff Masino 2nd.
The motion passed 17-0.

- d) Final board vote to approve Final changes to HHWNC exterior and interior borders as adjusted in cooperation with DONE and Area Chairs.

Presentation by Boundary Ad Hoc chair: Brian Dyer

Motion: HHWNC board approve the exterior and interior HHWNC borders as adjusted in cooperation with DONE and Area Chairs.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Area 4 Chair Naomi Kobrin 2nd. The motion passed 17-0.

Public Comment: Kristina O'Neil

e) Next meeting date is October 21, 2020.

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

a) 1708 N. Las Palmas Avenue - is located in HHWNC's Area 3 and City Council District 13.

Hot Mother Clucker restaurant replaced The Rusty Mullet, and is asking the City's Planning Department to approve a conditional use permit to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption. The proposed hours of operation would be from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Mondays through Fridays, and from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA 2020-620-CUB.

The committee voted unanimously (6 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC's Board vote to support the below motion.

Motion: HHWNC support Hot Mother Clucker's pending application for a conditional use permit if the restaurant agrees to close (i) the windows along Las Palmas Avenue by 6 p.m., and (ii) the windows along Hollywood Boulevard by 10 p.m.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Business Chair Oren Katz 2nd. The motion passed 16-0.

Project representative Marc Gonzalez spoke.

b) 7370 W. Sunset Boulevard - is the site of The Moment Hotel, which is in HHWNC's Area 7 and City Council District 4.

The Moment Hotel currently has a conditional use permit allowing it to sell beer and wine for on-site consumption at a ground floor restaurant, a second floor patio and in minibars in the hotel's rooms. The hotel operates under a Type 47 license, and wants to expand its existing conditional use permit to allow it to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages. The hotel currently operates the restaurant and patio from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily on Mondays through Fridays, and from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays and

Sundays. The hours of operation would remain the same. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA 2020-1291-CUB.

In July, the committee voted unanimously (6 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC's Board vote to support the Moment Hotel's pending application.

The Planning Department held a public hearing on this application on August 18, 2020, and left the case file open for HHWNC to provide comments.

Motion: HHWNC support the Moment Hotel's pending application.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Business Chair Oren Katz 2nd. The motion passed 16-0.

Steve Rawlings representing the project spoke. Jay Saucedo & Sanjay Patel from the project were present.

- c) 2100 Laurel Canyon Boulevard - is the site of Pace Restaurant, which is in HHWNC's Area 8 and City Council District 4.

Pace Restaurant has sold beer and wine for on-site consumption under a Type 41 license for many years. The restaurant has applied to the Planning Department for approval to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages for on site consumption under a Type 47 license. The restaurant also is asking for approval to have karaoke. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA 2020-3613-ZV. The CA CEQA no. is ENV-2020-3614-CE.

The Committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC's Board vote to support the below motion.

Motion: HHWNC support Pace Restaurant's pending application to upgrade its conditional use permit and add a karaoke entitlement so long as the karaoke sound is contained inside the premises/building.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Public Safety Chair Paul Jenkins 2nd. The motion passed 17-0.

- d) 6623 1/2 W. Hollywood Boulevard - is the site of Ballet Hollywood (ballethollywood.com), which is in HHWNC's Area 3 and City Council District 13.

Ballet Hollywood has applied to the City's Planning Department for a "plan approval" for the nightclub's operations under a prior Type 48 License, which the department issued in 2009 to Mood nightclub. The department's 2009 determination letter provided that the conditional use permit (CUP) approved in 2009 would expire in 10 years, and that Mood nightclub would have to apply for and win a new entitlement.

Ballet Hollywood's position has been that it didn't need to apply for a new conditional use permit. Ballet Hollywood applied instead for a plan approval to operate under the expired CUP to 4 a.m. daily.

The Planning Department's case no. is ZA-2009-1840-CUB-CUX-PA1.

The committee voted unanimously (7 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC's Board vote to oppose Ballet Hollywood's pending application.

Motion: The HHWNC oppose the Ballet Hollywood's pending application.

- (i) because the case should be filed as a new application. Mood's operations were discontinued for many years, which should make this new applicant ineligible for a plan approval under Mood's 2009 CUP.
- (ii) change the operating hours to close at 2 a.m.
- (iii) obtain assurance of sound mitigation; and
- (iv) resolve whether this nightclub's operation requires an adult entertainment license, and whether this site is even zoned for adult entertainment operations.

The Planning Department held a public hearing on the application on July 22, 2020, and left the case file open for HHWNC to provide comments.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Area 3 Chair Brian Dyer 2nd. The motion passed 17-0.

Sandra Robles representing Ballet Hollywood spoke.

- e) 7021 W. Hollywood Boulevard - is the site of The Galaxy Shopping Center, which is in HHWNC's Area 4 and City Council District 13.

Target Corporation intends to open a Target store there in March, 2021. The proposed hours of operation are from 7 a.m. to midnight, daily. Target will be taking over the space formerly occupied by a Fresh & Easy store.

Target applied for a conditional use permit to sell a full line of alcohol for off-site consumption. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA-2020-1924-CUB. The CA CEQA no. is ENV-2020-1925-CE.

The committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC support the below motion.

Motion: HHWNC's Board vote to support Target Corporation's pending application, but ask Target Corporation to start alcohol sales no sooner than 9 a.m.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Kyle Naumovski 2nd. The board discussed.

Business Chair Oren Katz made the motion to amend the motion (below), Area 4 Chair Naomi Kobrin 2nd. The board discussed. The amended motion did not pass 6-11.

Amended Motion: The HHWNC oppose Target Corporation's pending application.

The board voted on the original motion, the motion passed. 9-8.

- f) 7025 W. Franklin Avenue - is The Magic Castle Hotel's location, which is in HHWNC's Area 4 and City Council District 4.

Service Freak Hospitality, LLC, the hotel's operator, filed an application with the City's Planning Department to ask for a conditional use permit to sell a full line of alcoholic beverages from behind the hotel's reception area and in minibars in the hotel's 39 rooms to the hotel's guests. The proposed hours of sales from the hotel's office would be from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. The Planning Department's case no. is ZA-2020-3894-CUB.

The committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend that the Board vote to support Service Freak Hospitality's pending application.

Motion: HHWNC support Service Freak Hospitality's pending application.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Secretary Britta Engstrom 2nd. The motion passed 15-0.

- g) 6679 W. Hollywood Boulevard - is the site of L' Scorpion restaurant and bar, which is in HHWNC's Area 3 and City Council District 13.

L' Scorpion operated for many years under a conditional use permit which allowed for the sale of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption; however, the permit expired. So, technically, this is an application to the City's Planning Department to issue a new conditional use permit (CUP). The proposed hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

On August 18, 2020, the Planning Department held a public hearing to consider L' Scorpion's application, and left the case file open for LAPD and HHWNC to file comments. LAPD has filed a letter of non-opposition along with proposed conditions.

The committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend that HHWNC's Board vote to support L' Scorpion's pending application if the City agrees to provide a two-year probationary period for the restaurant's operator as part of a diversionary program to resolve still pending charges with regard to the restaurant's operations after the original CUP had expired.

Mr. Martin Torres, the restaurant's owner/operator, agreed to the two-year probationary period as a voluntary condition.

Motion: HHWNC's Board supports L' Scorpion's pending application if the City agrees to provide a two-year probationary period for the restaurant's operator as part of a diversionary program to resolve still pending charges with regard to the restaurant's operations after the original CUP had expired.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Treasurer Matt Shichtman 2nd. The motion passed 14-0.

- h) 1818 N. Cherokee Avenue - is a surface parking lot, which is in HHWNC's Area 3 and City Council District 13.

Gidi Cohen and Cherokee Bliss LLC have applied to the City's Planning Department to build a new 7-story apartment building with 86 units. The 86 units would be a mix of studios, 1 bedroom and 2 bedrooms. The proposed building would be 80 feet high. There would be two levels of subterranean parking below the building. There will be a pool and club house on the roof. Twenty one of the 86 units (24%) would be designated for Very Low Income affordable housing. The Planning Department's case no. is CPC-2020-4648-CU-DB.

The committee voted unanimously (5 to 0) to recommend that the Board vote to support the pending application for the new 7-story apartment building.

Motion: The HHWNC Board supports the pending application for the new 7-story apartment building.

First Vice President Orrin Feldman made the motion, Secretary Britta Engstrom 2nd. The motion passed 15-0.

9. Treasurer's Report (Matt Shichtman)

- a) Board Member Reimbursements – None
- b) Approve July Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion: The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the July 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, First Vice President Orrin Feldman 2nd. The motion was approved 16-0.

- c) Approve August Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion: The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the August 2020 Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, First Vice President Orrin Feldman 2nd. The motion was approved 16-0.

- d) Re-approve expenditures related to David Horowitz's contract with the city.

Motion: The HHWNC hereby re-approves expenditure of NC funds (including \$3,000 encumbered in June from the FY19/20 budget) in connection with David Horowitz's contract with the city (renewed in May for FY20/21) to provide ongoing website development administration, Microsoft Exchange administration and other administrative duties at a rate of \$250/month, as well as for special projects (including but not limited to providing Zoom administration for meetings) at a rate of \$80 - \$90 per hour.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Area 3 Chair Brian Dyer 2nd. The motion was approved 16-0.

- e) Re-approve expenditures related to funds encumbered from FY19/20 budget

Motion: The HHWNC hereby re-approves NC funds encumbered from FY19/20 budget to be spent in FY20/21 per the NC's approved Encumbrance Request Form.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Area 3 Chair Brian Dyer 2nd. The motion was approved 16-0.

- f) Update on FY20/21 Budget

10. Committee Reports

a) Infrastructure (Danielle Mead)

- i. Ballot Drop Boxes - Protecting the right to vote is essential, especially during a pandemic. Many citizens will rightly be concerned about the health risks associated with voting in person and will choose to vote by mail instead. An increase in the number of ballots mailed and recent changes by the USPS could easily result in many ballots being delayed or lost, causing significant disenfranchisement among Angelenos.

On August 26, Councilmember David Ryu introduced a motion regarding ballot drop-box installation, (Council File 20-1087) which was referred to the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The motion instructs the City Clerk to report to Council on the feasibility of installing ballot drop boxes in city facilities to ensure voters have easy and safe access to cast their ballots, including security for drop box locations and a process to ensure all ballots deposited at a drop box are delivered to the County Clerk's ballot receiving location by the ballot submission deadline.

Motion: HHWNC supports the installation of ballot drop boxes in city facilities to ensure voters have easy and safe access to cast their ballots, as well as security measures for drop box locations and a process to ensure ballots deposited at a drop box are delivered to the County Clerk by the ballot submission deadline.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Secretary Britta Engstrom 2nd. Motion tabled as Councilmember Ryu's motion passed prior to the meeting.

b) Infrastructure (Danielle Mead) & Area 7 (Lincoln Williamson)

- i. Dog Poop Bags - Area 7 purchased and installed a dog poop bag dispenser near the corner of Selma and Laurel Avenues last year. All of the bags have since been used and the neighborhood needs new bags to fill the dispenser.

Motion: HHWNC shall purchase one (1) box of The MittN BAG™ dog poop bags (sku #BW-999-GRN, 2000 bags per box) from BowWowWaste.com for the price of \$98.53 including shipping and tax.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Transportation Chair Jeff Straebler 2nd. The board discussed.

Area 7 Chair Lincoln Williamson made a motion to amend the motion to change the total to 2 boxes of poop bags, Area 4 Chair Naomi Kobrin 2nd. Approved 15-0.

Motion: HHWNC shall purchase one (2) box of The MittN BAG™ dog poop bags (sku #BW-999-GRN, 2000 bags per box) from BowWowWaste.com for the price of \$197.06 including shipping and tax.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Area 4 Chair Naomi Kobrin 2nd. The motion was approved 16-0.

c) Community & Youth Relations Chair (Jeremy Saunders)

- i. LAUSD Nick Melvoin Virtual Town Hall Recap RE: New Youth Bylaw Rules

Jeremy was unable to present so this item was not addressed.

11. **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.

-Adriana De La Cruz nccongressla.org

12. **Adjournment at 10:06pm**