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BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2020

6:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link:

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Meeting ID: 890 0589 1527

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AGENDA

1. **Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary, Britta Engstrom**
3. **Approval of October 2020 Minutes**
4. **Guest Speaker: Assemblymember Richard Bloom, District 50**

Board Member & Stakeholder Q&A

5. **Public Official Reports**
 - a) CD4 –Field Deputy, Alice Roth, Office of Councilmember David Ryu
 - b) CD13 – Sean Starkey, Office of Councilman Mitch O’ Farrell
 - c) Mayor’s Office, Central Area NC Rep, Angie Aramayo
 - d) 46th Assembly District, Stephanie Mkhlian, Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian
 - e) 43rd Assembly District, Seamus Garrity from the Office of Assemblymember Laura Friedman
 - f) 50th Assembly District- Josh Kurpies, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom
 - g) 25th Senatorial District, Vickere Murphy, District Representative, Office of Anthony Portantino
 - h) 3rd Supervisorial District, Erin Seinfeld, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl
 - 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) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Lorenzo Briceno
 - l) Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Joe Losorelli & Stephanie Smith
 - m) Hollywood Bowl/Stratiscope, Angela Babcock
 - n) LAFD – Chief Hogan
 - o) LADWP – Michael Ventre, Senior Public Relations Specialist
 - p) LADOT
 - q) Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Ethan Weaver
 - r) LAPD – Hollywood & North Hollywood Divisions

6. **President’s Report (Anastasia Mann)**

- a) **Motion:** Board authorizes President Mann to thank and acknowledge Councilmember David Ryu and his staff and thank them for their attention to our issues during his term in office.

- b) **Motion:** Board authorizes President Mann to welcome newly elected CD4 Councilwoman Nithya Raman to her position and offer our assistance and availability to familiarize her with the issues within our boundaries.
- c) Next meeting date is January 20, 2021 (Inauguration Day)
No HHWNC Board meeting in December.

7. **Public Safety (Paul Jenkins)**

- i. Vehicle Exhaust Noise Letter to Council Members

Continued from the previous board meeting. The discussion is scheduled to include LAPD SLOs and a Community Traffic Officer. We will also review rules for unnecessary idling. Late-night street racing, burnouts, and donuts have increased throughout the entire HHWNC area and have adverse effects on the mental health, quiet enjoyment and rest of all of our stakeholders in the proximity to major streets. These streets include Mulholland Drive, Hollywood Blvd., Sunset Blvd., La Brea, Cahuenga, and Highland, among many others. Motion to support the NoHo Neighborhood Council in their motion to request an increase in fines associated with excessive vehicle exhaust noise (see attachments: Vehicle Sound Letter.pdf and Encino.pdf).

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmembers in CD4 & CD13 request that the City Attorney and other City Departments investigate increasing fines for excessive noise from vehicle exhausts and formally introduce a motion so City Council may vote to implement the increase in fines, including a tier of increased fines for repeat offenders.

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

- a) Processes & Procedures Ordinance Release -The Planning Department issued a Processes and Procedures Ordinance Rerelease on November 10th. The proposed ordinance's rerelease is the City's latest attempt to streamline the administrative procedures which the Planning Department uses when reviewing proposed projects which include discretionary entitlement requests. If the ordinance is adopted, the ordinance would change who gets notified about proposed projects, which proposed projects will be reviewed administratively, rather than at public hearing, and how appeals may be made.
- b) 3077 Cahuenga - report on City Planning Commission's 11/5/20 hearing approving a proposed apartment building.

9. **Treasurer's Report (Matt Shichtman)**

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

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

- c) NC Domain Renewal

Motion: HHWNC approves \$45.81 to renew of the NC's website domain and associated services (email domain, DNS, etc)

10. Second Vice President’s Report (Jane Crockett)

a) 2021 HHWNC Election Update

HHWNC Election Date: March 16, 2021
Candidate Filing Begins: November 13, 2020
Candidate Filing Ends: December 28, 2020
Release of Certified List of Candidates: January 15, 2021
Vote-By-Mail Application Begins: January 15, 2021
Ballot Mailing Period Begins: February 15, 2021
Vote-By-Mail Application Period Ends: March 9, 2021
Deadline to Receive Postmarked Ballots: March 19, 2021
Official Results Due/Certification Deadline: April 1, 2021

11. Secretary’s Report (Britta Engstrom)

12. Committee Reports

a) **Area 3 (Brian Dyer) HCPU2 Ad Hoc / Area 4 / Housing / Infrastructure**

- i. Update on Bew Board binders and setting up new Board Member training
- ii. Stakeholder update and motion on proposed HCPU2’s “Community Plan Implementation Overlays.” (Hollywood Draft CPIO 2020 posted on HHWNC website)

Motion: that the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council 1.) oppose the “Review Procedures for Projects Involving Eligible Historic Resource’s Determination” that the Director of Planning has final, unappealable judgement on what is Historic and what is not without a process for neighborhood input, and 2) that there by an oversight board including, but not limiting members to City Chartered Neighborhood Councils, Hollywood Heritage, the Conservancy, Neighboring HPOZs, Homeowner Associations, and other affected interested parties.

- iii. Stakeholder update and motion on proposed HCPU2’s “Community Plan Implementation Overlays.” (Hollywood Draft CPIO 2020 posted on HHWNC website)

Motion: that the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council requests any CPIO projects be reviewable by an oversight board including, but not limiting members to City Chartered Neighborhood Councils, Hollywood Heritage, the Conservancy, Neighboring HPOZs and Homeowner Associations, and other affected interested parties.

b) **Community & Youth Relations (Jeremy Saunders)**

- i. Rescue Rock Neighborhood Purpose Grant

Rescues Rock is requesting a \$5,000 neighborhood purpose grant from HHWNC.

Speaker: Kristin Stavola, Rescues Rock Inc.

Motion: HHWNC approves a \$5,000 neighborhood purpose grant to Rescues Rock Inc.

c) **Outreach (Kyle Naumovski)**

- i. Topic: Social Media & Newly Elected Chairs

With the increased use and popularity of social media platforms as a form of communication, digital socialization and activism there is a need for the future HHWNC area chairs to have online presence on the major social media platforms.

Neighborhood council area chairs can utilize their social media presence to improve the transmission of information from the neighborhood council's outreach chair to their area stakeholders in times of urgency and need for example: NC elections, advisory etc.

This social presence network will also allow for better representation of Area stakeholders and overall better communication of important information from the NC to the public.

13. **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.

14. **Adjournment**

Attachments for Agenda item 6.i. Public Safety



September 3, 2020

RE: Excessive vehicle exhaust noise

Dear Councilmember Koretz,

At the Encino Neighborhood Council's August 26th 2020 General Board meeting, under quorum, the following motion was discussed and voted on.

Description:

In August of 2017, the ENC supported the NoHo Neighborhood Council in their motion to request an increase in fines associated with excessive vehicle exhaust noise. Since receiving our letter of support no action has been taken by City Council to increase these fines. Excessive vehicle exhaust noise has increased since 2017 with many exhausts sounding like rapid fire from automatic weapons. LADP has received calls from Stakeholders believing the sounds are gunshots when the noise emanates from vehicles. Late night street racing has also increased throughout the entire City, including the Valley with evidence of burnouts on Ventura Blvd. in Encino.

After discussion and comments the ENC voted on the following motion:

MOTION; EXE-20-08-0124: The Encino Neighborhood Council requests that Councilmember Koretz request that the City Attorney and other City Departments investigate increasing fines for excessive noise from vehicle exhausts and formally introduce a motion so City Council may vote to implement the increase in fines, including a tier of increased fines for repeat offenders.

The motion passed unanimously: 16 (Y), 0 (N), 0 (A)

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Garay

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Encino Neighborhood Council
President

Cc: Councilmember Koretz, Joan Pelico, Chris Givens, Jeffrey Ebenstein, Debbie Dyer Harris, Paul Storiato

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Joanna Stein
Cheryl Tenbush
Russell Wolff

September 21, 2020

Mayor Eric Garcetti
Councilmember Paul Krekorian
Los Angeles City Council
Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils
NoHo Area Stakeholders

Re: Vehicle Exhaust Noise in NoHo, throughout the City of Los Angeles, and the State of California.

THIS ISSUE IS IMPORTANT AND CAN NO LONGER BE IGNORED!

The NoHo Neighborhood Council voted in favor to support this letter requesting that the City of Los Angeles take action on Vehicle Sound Enhancements.

Since our original letter in 2017 on this issue, little to none has been discussed by our leaders to curb the loud noise in our community from the sound of enhanced exhaust systems from vehicles. Some vehicle exhaust systems are even manipulated to copy the sound of rapid gunfire, which causes wasted LAPD time and money when mistaken for actual gunfire.

This issue is no longer tolerable to many of our stakeholders. There **MUST** be decisive action on this issue.

In an April 22, 2020, Los Angeles Times article, it was reported that since the year 2000, over 179 people were killed in street racing incidents in Los Angeles County. As stated in our letter in 2017, these despicable sounds often “act as a mating call for street racing.”

As a city, we are very careful to regulate the sounds coming from airplanes above, yet ignore the horrifying and dreadful sounds manipulated on the ground for the sole purpose of attracting and diverting attention. This diverted attention is disturbing the peace at unprecedented levels never before imagined.

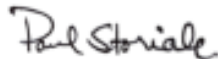
State and city governments have the power to regulate this. We ask that our city not only begin regulating Vehicle Exhaust Sound Enhancements, but also suggest that our city leaders request assistance from our state representatives to aggressively bring this excessive street noise to an end.

In addition, these sounds from our streets and side streets can have a negative psychological impact on the following:

- Those suffering from PTSD
- Children
- Seniors
- Pets

The NoHo Neighborhood Council also kindly requests the support of ALL neighborhood councils in the City of Los Angeles to send this issue to their public safety committee chair to write a letter urging their councilmember to immediately act on this dire issue.

Sincerely,
Paul Storiato
President



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