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BOARD MEETING

February 17, 2021

6:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83214730232>

Meeting ID: 832 1473 0232

Phone Dial in: +1-669-900-6833 Code: 83214730232

Minutes

1. **Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann at 6:04pm.**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary, Britta Engstrom. Quorum is established. Absent: Environment Chair Barbara Witkin.**
3. **Approval of January 2021 Minutes. President Anastasia made the motion to approve as correct, 2nd Area 8 Chair Serra Aladag. The Motion passed 21-0.**
4. **Public Official Reports**
 - a) CD4 – Rachel Fox, Office of Councilwoman Nithya Raman provided a staffing update that south of Franklin/Whitley heights will be covered by Tabatha Yelos but Rachel will take lead for HHWNC meetings. The staff is still growing but they are close to being fully staffed. The Clean Team contract is still running so reach out to Rachel if there is anywhere that needs to be cleaned. Rachel can be reached at Rachel.fox@lacity.org
 - Public Comment/Questions: Cheryl Holland, Susan Winsberg, Michael Konik, Annie G. , Valerie, Jeff McDonuogh
 - b) CD13 – Sean Starkey, Office of Councilman Mitch O’Farrell provided an update that in January the Salvation Army opened for those experiencing homelessness and they continue to connect folks to housing solutions. There is discretionary funding for COVID grants please encourage those eligible to apply. Councilman O’Farrell is now chair for Adhoc Committee for the Olympic Games and for the committee on Energy/Environment. They do a monthly food giveaway but are working to connect anyone who is experiencing food insecurity.
 - c) LAPD – Hollywood & North Hollywood Divisions

Patrol Captain in Hollywood since August – Captain Bixler introduced himself. Rest of the city seeing an increase in violent crime but Hollywood is down 24.4%. They are seeing an increase in burglaries and stolen vehicles (up 94%).

SLO Kurtis Delbar -North Hollywood Division is experiencing similar issues to Hollywood with vehicle theft. Brian Oliver encouraged people to lock their doors and windows and easy prevention is a solution. Mail theft continues to be an issue so please get your mail once it's arrived.

Brian White and SLO Luis Flores also spoke and were attended the meeting.

Public Question/Comment: Susan Winsberg & Michael Konik

- d) Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Ethan Weaver said that if you are dealing with a chronic party house, to call the non-emergency police and e-mail number Ethan and your SLO.

In regards to tour buses, they are working on enforcement on Hollywood Blvd. For tour buses that is where it's easiest to enforce and where they pick up tourists/drivers. With the downsizing of the Hollywood Entertainment detail in LAPD cuts it is harder to enforce. Continue to email photos to Ethan so he can know how the buses are still operating. The Department of Public Health has also been getting complaints they will be forwarded to Ethan ethan.weaver@lacity.org

Public Question/Comment: Stuart Wright

- e) 50th Assembly District- Josh Kurpies, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom gave an update on the bills that Assemblyman Bloom introduced. Feb. 19th is the last day to introduce legislation. These include: AB 115 Housing/Commercial Zones and , AB 631 to allow small non profit theaters to allow beer/wine, AB 675, AB 682 defining cohousing, AB 721 removing racist language from covenants, AB 802, AB 815 non-flushable wipes labeled. More bills to come.
- f) 3rd Supervisorial District, Erin Seinfeld, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl provided a COVID vaccine update. There are 4 additional cases of the UK variant in LA. People should continue to be vigilant. Over 1.5 million doses of the vaccine have been administered in LA County. Nearly 400k of those have received their second dose. There are a total of 391 vaccination sites.
- g) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Lorenzo Briceno stated that the 2.0 digital media policy is still being circulated and nothing has been finalized yet. The department has not determined yet if the board will be seated in July or following the election.
- h) Hollywood Bowl/Stratiscopes, Angela Babcock was in attendance.

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

- a) Lower Outpost-Dolores Del Río request for Historic Preservation status Support. Brief Introduction only
- b) Election- Encourage voter participation
- c) Funding Projects! Reminder – the time is now to bring projects to the board for consideration by or before our May Meeting.
- d) Next meeting date is March 17, 2021.

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

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

Motion: The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the January 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Area 9 Chair Richard Klug. The motion passed 21-0.

7. **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

Vote-By-Mail Application Instructions

https://clerk.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph606/f/NC_VBM_App_FAQ_Instructions_v20.pdf

Vote-By-Mail Portal

<https://clerkappsele.lacity.org/NCElection/voter/login>

Second HHWNC Candidate Session

Meet the Candidates Q&A Forum

Wednesday, Feb. 24 @ 7pm

Zoom link will be posted on the HHWNC website.

Call 213-978-0444 if you need assistance requesting your ballot.

Public Comment/Questions: Valerie

8. **Committee Reports**

a) **Area 3 (Brian Dyer)**

- i. Overview of the new digital Board Binder page on www.HHWNC.org

b) **Infrastructure (Danielle Mead)**

- i. Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee Report – First Meeting went well. Diversity on the board and at HHWNC meetings. Police issues, different organization to reach out to for events and speaking opportunities, COVID inequities.

c) **Parks and Open Space (Jeffery Masino)**

- i. Update on reopening currently closed portions of Runyon Cyn Park due to COVID-19 safety measures, and other on-going matters from stakeholder inquiries.

d) **Housing & Public Safety (Sara Steffan & Paul Jenkins)**

- i. Los Angeles City Council File CF-21-0031 CARE+ Cleanups / COVID-19 Crisis / Homeless Encampments / Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines, presented by Bonin and Raman,

moves that the City Council direct LA Sanitation to develop voluntary, service-based protocols for CARE+ operations citywide. The protocols should include:

- Compliance with CDC guidelines regarding public health and encampments
- Regular, scheduled and well-publicized cleanings
- Offers by LASAN of services such as trash pick-up, bulky item pick-up, etc.
- Designation of areas where trash and waste can be placed for disposal and removal
- Use of community partners and ambassadors to conduct outreach and facilitation
- Provision of easy-ups or shade structures so people can temporarily relocate with their belongings during a cleaning
- Provision, through LASAN or partner agencies, of mobile showers, bathrooms,
- COVID-testing, tent exchange and distribution, food and water
- Hiring of unhoused residents to keep areas tidy between LASAN cleanings
- Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.
- No use of law enforcement personnel

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council Board support Council File #21-0031 Bonin/Raman.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion on behalf of Housing Chair Sara Steffan, 2nd by Public Safety Chair Paul Jenkins.

The board discussed.

First Vice President Orrin Feldman made a motion to amend the motion (below). Area 7 Chair Lincoln Williamson 2nd. The motion does not pass 11-no, 8 yes.

Amended Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council Board support Council File #21-0031 Bonin/Raman but a reduction in the use of law enforcement personnel may be more appropriate than a blanket limitation.

Public Comment: Michael Konik, Jeff McDonough, 990 phone number.

The motion passed 17-1.

Public Comment: Michael Konik & Christina D.

e) **Area 6 (Mary Yarber)**

- i. Wattles Farm needs removal of a eucalyptus tree posing a toppling danger due to rotted roots. The Farm's agreement with the City states that the Farm is responsible for maintenance, so the City's tree services cannot be utilized. CD4 has indicated that they lack funds to help. Wattles Farm seeks \$800 based on an estimate by Haro's Gardening Service.

Motion: HHWNC approve an \$800 Neighborhood Purpose Grant to remove a eucalyptus tree at Wattles Farm.

Motion tabled.

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.

-Tamra B

10. **Adjournment at 8:47pm.**