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HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEETING March 17, 2021 6:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82322561987

Meeting ID: 823 2256 1987

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Draft Minutes

- 1. Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann at 6:03pm
- 2. Roll Call by Secretary, Britta Engstrom. Quorum established. 19 board members present.

Absent: Environment Chair Barbara Witkin & Area 5 Chair Bob Mansell

- 3. Approval of February 2021 Minutes, President Anastasia Mann made a motion to approve, Parks & Open Space Chair Jeff Masino 2nd. The minutes were approved 19-0.
- 4. Guest Speaker: Jeffrey Prang, LA County Assessor
 - Largest local assessment agency in the United States
 - 1,200 assessor employees
 - \$200 million dollar budget
 - 5 separate department play a role in the county tax administration
 - 2020 Assessment Roll
 - \$1.7 trillion total assessed value
 - Property values grew at 5.97%
 - o Transfers of Real Estate were the largest contributors to Roll Growth
 - o 10th Consecutive year of value growth in LA County
 - To date, property transfers in HHWNC have added more than \$340 million to the assessment roll now being prepared (each sale adding approx. \$470,000 in roll value)
 - Los Angeles (county) median sales price for single-family residences stood at \$750,000 in February 2021
 - Prop. 19 Resources: www.assessor.lacounty.gov/prop19
 - Restrictions on transfers between family members
 - Expansion of Senior Replacement Home Program

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5. Public Official Reports

- a) CD4 Rachel Fox, Office of Councilwoman Nithya Raman stated that the second round of the emergency renter's assistance program will open to applicants on March 30th at 8am (for tenants). The councilmember has added a LAHSA outreach person for the major encampments. The Volunteer Corp team called people in the district over the age of 65 to make appointments for vaccines over they made 12,000 calls. Rachel also spoke about a motion to get more data on how hate crimes are reported.
- b) CD13 Sean Starkey, Office of Councilman Mitch O'Farrell spoke about rent subsidies and the vaccine program they started last week where they administered 800 vaccines, (so if you live or work in the district or a county eligible bracket reach out to Sean to help get an appointment). The Hollywood Community Plan is back in front of the Planning Commission tomorrow. Additionally, street sweeping has changed most of the street sweeping in the Hollywood area will be the first and third week of the month (not every week).
- c) LAPD Hollywood & North Hollywood Divisions
 SLO Kurtis Delbar stated that crime is down overall, but still an increase in grand theft auto. He reminded stakeholders to keep their vehicles locked. Faraday bags are an option of how to store your key fob to prevent 'relay theft' (a method used to steal cars with keyless entry technology). There also has been an increase in mail theft (especially with stimulus checks/taxseason around the corner) the best way to fix this problem is to get a mail box with a lock or register online to receive notifications of when your mail gets delivered so it isn't on the street long.

Officer Brian Oliver stated that they are working on an issue at a hostel on Martel. At 7070 Franklin a new owner takes possession later this month and anticipates it being 14 month project.

SLO Brian White stated that they had significant weekend with protests. With various anniversaries coming up in the future there is a plan in place for how to best handle protests, large gatherings, riots etc. He also stated that here has been some party house activity and but most of it is moving west towards Beverly Crest/Bel Air.

Public Comment: Valerie, Michael Konik

- d) Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Ethan Weaver spoke about the rent stabilized apartment that has been a hostel which is now facing criminal charges. Regarding nightlife, Hollywood VICE and PD along with Ethan have been working with operators to allow them reopen safely and have a plan in place once things begin opening. Ethan will be filing criminal charges to a nightclub that opened to early. They are committed to keeping Hollywood Blvd. a safe destination.
- e) LAFD Assistant Chief Dean Zipperman introduced himself and thanked the board for the support of Fire Station 76. They are working to prepare properties for brush clearance. The Alert Wildfire programs cameras have been installed and they are looking for additional locations for cameras.
- f) 50th Assembly District-Josh Kurpies, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom Spoke about SB 91 that is open to landlords if renters are unable to pay rent. Tenants can also apply. There is also utility assistance for up to 100% of unpaid utilities, visit Housing is Key: housing.ca.gov to get more information.
- g) 3rd Supervisorial District, Erin Seinfeld, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl stated that on Monday LA county moved the red tier. Erin reminded stakeholders to remain vigilant and just because things are open does not mean that they are safe activities. She stated that 2.8 million people have been

- vaccinated in the county. Nearly 2/3rds of LA County residents have received one dose. Please reach out if you need help getting an appointment.
- h) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Lorenzo Briceno stated that the Office of the City Clerk will be hosting funding trainings in March and April. He mentioned that the data liaison program has launched. Visit www.empowerla.org for other updates.
- i) Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Stephanie Smith was in attendance.
- j) Hollywood Bowl/Stratiscope, Angela Babcock stated that the Hollywood Bowl will open but is awaiting protocols on when/how to open. She will be sending out updates through the newsletter reach out to Angela at angela@stratiscope.com and she can put you on her list.

6. President's Report (Anastasia Mann)

a) Decision Re: 2021-2023 Board Installation Date Option per DONE

Motion: HHWNC Board to approve the installation of the newly elected board for 2021-23 to be installed at the first scheduled meeting in July 2021, the start of the city's new fiscal year.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Treasurer Matt Shichtman. The motion was approved 18-0.

b) HHWNC Regional Grievance Panel Appointment for NC Central Division by Request of Empower LA. Our deadline extended from Feb 5th.

Motion: to approve appointment of Jane Crockett, HHWNC Board Member, to the Regional Grievance Panel.

Description: Appointment of Regional Grievance Panelist (non-election related)

DONE requested that NCs take board action to recommend one board member to serve as a panelist to sit on a Regional Grievance Panel by Friday, February 5, 2021. We received this notification on Feb 4th and we're granted an extension.

DONE may develop mandatory training and consultation with the City Attorney before a panelist serves.

Panels will rep the City's seven areas. DONE will randomly select three panelists from the NC region to serve on the Regional Grievance Panel.

In May 2015, City Council approved the grievance ordinance which can be viewed on the DONE's website.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Outreach Chair Kyle Naumovski 2nd. The motion passed 18-0.

c) E-Mail & Zoom Video retention.

Brown Act - 30 day requirement.

Board discussion re retention. Possible motion and Vote.

Motion: HHWNC retain the videos of the board meetings and post a link on the HHWNC website.

President Anastasia made the motion, 2^{nd} by Housing Chair Sara Steffan. The motion passed 18-0.

d) Next meeting date is April 21, 2021.

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

a) **Motion**: To oppose CF#09-0969-S3 which recommends raising appeal fees payable by any person other than the project development applicant from the current fee of \$89 to a new fee of \$16,000.

NOTE: HHWNC nor any other community body received any public notice of this intent. The hearing is scheduled for April 6th. The prior recommendation by the Dept of City Planning was a raise from \$89 to \$158. This exorbitant increase negatively impacts many if not most individuals throughout the City of Los Angeles from participating in this legal process.

Fist Vice President Orrin Feldman made the motion, 2nd by Area 1 Chair Daniel Savage 2nd. The motion passed 17-0.

Public Comment: Michael Konik & Keith Nakata

b) A resolution to be adopted by the HHWNC Board as a letter from President Anastasia Mann & First Vice President Orrin Feldman to Samantha Millman on 3/18/2021.

Motion: TO APPROVE sending the following letter to the president of the LA Planning Commission, Ms. Samantha Millman, co-signed by HHWNC President and First Vice President:

Ms. Samantha Millman President, City Planning Commission 201 N. Figueroa Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Millman:

HHWNC is the largest certified Neighborhood Council in the City of Los Angeles. At HHWNC's monthly board meeting held last night, March 17th, the following motion was adopted by a vote of X to Y.

It is well-known that HHWNC's huge area encompasses many diverse communities stretching between the borders of "Downtown Hollywood" to West Hollywood to Studio City to Burbank.

On February 18, 2021 at a public meeting, your CPC Commissioners mischaracterized areas within HHWNC boundaries. Our HHWNC boundaries include much more diversity than several of your commissioners alleged to the public as well as fellow Commissioners. Those comments struck many participants and stakeholders as racial and/or racist stereotyping, ageist, antihistorical preservation and, to some who have a long memory, as sour grapes, and gripes for one Commissioner, David Ambroz, who had lost an election some years ago to represent the Sunset/Spaulding Square Area 7 portion on HHWNC's board. This very portion, also known as Corridor 5, was the actual subject of discussion.

HHWNC's volunteer Board is elected, not hand selected, and open to all qualified Stakeholders. HHWNC's Board membership has been diverse since HHWNC's 2002 founding. The various seated Boards and Area Stakeholders have worked tirelessly for twelve years now with the City's Planning Department and different CD4 representatives to make the Hollywood Community

Plan Updates 1 and 2 reflect the neighborhoods' desires for preservation, while still encouraging appropriate growth.

Any observation of the multiple buildings along La Brea south of Franklin Avenue clearly illustrates a portion of the massive development that has occurred within our borders. HHWNC has never objected to a development that has guaranteed the protection of residents being evicted and provided with appropriate compensation and TRULY affordable housing options. Sadly, this has not been the case. Instead of creating new "affordable" housing, many of these "projects' were diverted to small hotels in Hollywood, some of which have become AirBNBs, and all leaving many of our stakeholders homeless.

A particular location in which HHWNC has supported appropriate growth is on the Sunset Boulevard Corridor, which is a narrow commercial strip running down the middle in between two large Historic Preservation Overlay Districts to the South and North of the boulevard. HHWNC's support for the two-block project underway at 7400/7500 Sunset Boulevard is a good example where HHWNC has supported appropriate growth.

HHWNC requests and urges the City Planning Commission to revisit the aforementioned Sunset Boulevard Corridor 5 issues and adopt the Planning Department's staff current recommendations as appropriate for the narrow corridor running in between the two HPOZs. The Sunset Boulevard Corridor 5 issue(s) should be considered in the context of what the proposed plan is, which is "a community plan". The CPC Commissioners comments on February 18th that Corridor 5 height limitations and FARs should be increased to support "the regional center" in the core downtown Hollywood area would undercut the HCPU2 draft's goal of preserving a good balance of future growth in that corridor with the adjacent HPOZs.

HHWNC urges the City Planning Commission to adopt the Planning Department's staff recommendations in the Hollywood Community Plan Update 2 for Corridors 2 and 5 on Sunset Blvd. as it was presented on February 18th. Those recommendations reflect lengthy in person meetings and discussions between and among several different HHWNC boards, renters, home and condo owners, the local residents' associations, and the department. Those current HCPU2 draft provisions would allow for significant increases in height limitations and FARs on the Sunset Boulevard corridor.

HHWNC also urges the City Planning Commission to direct the Planning Department to release the draft Final Environmental Impact Report so that there can be some transparency as to what is now in, and what is now out of, the HCPU2.

First Vice President Orrin Feldman made the motion, Area 4 Chair Naomi Kobrin 2nd. The board discussed.

Area 3 Chair Brian Dyer made a motion to amend adding the language "for Corridors 2 and 5 on Sunset Blvd.", Infrastructure Chair Danielle Mead 2nd. The amendment passed 17-0.

The motion passed as amended 18-0.

Public Comment: Cheryl Holland, Annie in Area 3 & Lesley O'Toole-Roque

c) Councilmember Raman re: Planning Commission

Motion: HHWNC requests City Council Member Nithya Raman to (i) reconsider her position with regard to whether the height limitations on the Sunset Boulevard Corridor should be removed, (ii) continue the conversation and engagement process with HHWNC and the Sunset Boulevard Corridor's residents and associations, which she committed to doing during her campaign and even during a recent podcast interview, and; (iii) support the Planning Department's staff recommendations as presented to the City Planning Commission meeting on February 18, 2021.

First Vice President Orrin Feldman made the motion, 2nd by Area 7 Chair Lincoln Williamson. The motion passed 17-0.

Public Comment: Cheryl Holland & Annie from Area 3

8. 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 February 2021 Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Treasurer Matt Shichtman. The motion passed 18-0.

9. Second Vice President's Report (Jane Crockett)

a) 2021 HHWNC Election Update

HHWNC ELECTION DATE: March 16, 2021

RETURN BALLOT: BALLOT DROP BOX

Friday, March 12 @ 9am - Tuesday, March 16 @ 8 pm

Region 5 Drop Box Locations

https://clerk.lacity.org/sites/g/files/wph606/f/2021 NC VBM Drop Box Region 5.pdf

RETURN BALLOT: USPS

Deadline to Postmark Ballot: March 16, 2021

Deadline to Receive Postmarked Ballots: March 26, 2021

Official Results Due/Certification Deadline: April 1, 2021

10. Committee Reports

a) Area 6 (Mary Yarber)

i. Wattles Farm and Neighborhood Gardeners

Speaker: Toby Leaman

Motion: The HHWNC approves an NPG of \$1,942.30 for Wattles Farm and Neighborhood Gardeners to purchase new tools including wheelbarrows, spades, loppers, pruners, and wheelbarrow wheels.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd Area 7 Chair Lincoln Williamson. The motion passed 17-0.

Public Comment: Michael Konik

b) Parks and Open Space (Jeffery Masino) / Area 6 (Mary Yarber)

i. Updates on the reopening currently closed portions of Runyon Cyn Park due to COVID-19 safety measures (including the East Trail and Upper Runyon view point), gradual phase out of COVID park monitors, and other on-going matters from stakeholder inquiries. (LA Rec & Parks representative will be present).

Stephanie Smith provided an update on the Runyon East trails and Mulholland parking.

Public Comment: Andrew Solmssen

ii. Report on March 4, 2021 meeting between LA Rec & Parks, HHWNC, and Friends of Runyon (per LA Rec & Parks agreement).

Public Comment: Michael Konik

c) Infrastructure/Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee (Danielle Mead)

i. Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee Report

The SJAHC believes that displaying preferred pronouns with participant names on Zoom meetings creates a more inclusive environment and fosters a sense of belonging. The SJAHC voted to utilize preferred pronouns for our ad hoc committee meetings moving forward and welcomes any other board members who wish to join us in this practice at committee and board meetings.

d) Area 7 (Lincoln Williamson), Outreach (Mihail "Kyle" Naumovski) and Community & Youth Relations (Jeremy Saunders)

i. Banners at Gardner Elementary

The banner would be affixed to a chain link fence near the corner of Gardner Street and Hawthorn Avenue. Amounts in excess of the cost of the banner would be used for general FoG support of Gardner, such as financial support for physical education, music, and art programs. The banner would approximately be posted from May 2021 until August 2022. The banner would include "Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council", HHWNC's web site address, and HHWNC's logo. Gardener's principal, Karen Hollis, has sent a letter supporting the display of an HHWNC banner to be hung on one of the fences bordering the campus. The text of the banner to be approved by Area 7, Outreach and Community Enrichment Chairs. Currently proposed the text would read: "Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council has provided funds supporting student services at the school." The banner would include HHWNC's web site address, along with including its logo.

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves funding \$1,000 to FoG (aka Friends of Gardner, a 501(c)(3), as a Neighborhood Purpose Grant. The grant shall be used to fund the purchase of a 4'x4' banner promoting Neighborhood Council community outreach and enrichment.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Housing Chair Serra Steffan. The motion passed 17-0.

ii. Ukuleles for Gardner Elementary

Friends of Gardner (tax ID: 27-3697347) is dedicated to supporting Gardener Street Elementary School ("Gardner"), a K-5 LAUSD public school, located in Council District 4, and Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council Area 7.

The ukulele instruments will be purchased from West Music, a large wholesaler of musical instruments, for approximately \$55 each (Makala MK-s Soprano Ukulele). FoG has also received a grant from The Classics for Kids Foundation, which provided \$1,900, and together with the proposed NPG, the school will have approximately 80 instruments. There would then be sufficient instruments to provide to each fourth and fifth grade student. The instruments would be checked out to students during the school year, and returned to the school during the summer break. Gardener's principal, Karen Hollis, has sent a letter supporting the purchase, distribution, and storage of the instruments during the summer break. Gardner has musical instruction, which will assist students in learning how to play the ukulele.

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council approves funding \$2,475 to FoG (aka Friends of Gardner, a 501(c)(3), as a Neighborhood Purposes Grant (NPG). The grant shall be used to fund the purchase of 45 ukuleles, which will then become the property of LAUSD.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd Outreach Chair Kyle Naumovski. The motion passed 17-0.

iii. The following motion was approved at an Area 7 and Infrastructure meeting on March 7, 2021. Only Area 7 Stakeholders voted on the motion.

HHWNC Area 7 requests Los Angeles City Councilmember 4th District Nithya Raman to amend her letter to support the current CPIO draft on Sunset Boulevard, Corridor 5, between Fairfax and Vista Street.

Motion: Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council requests Los Angeles City Councilmember 4th District Nithya Raman to amend her February 17, 2021 statement on the Hollywood Community Plan to support the current draft Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) for Sunset Boulevard, Corridor 5, between Fairfax and Vista Street.

Amended Motion: Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council requests Los Angeles City Councilmember 4th District Nithya Raman to amend her February 17, 2021 statement on the Hollywood Community Plan to support the current draft Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) for Sunset Boulevard, Corridors 5 and 2, between Crescent Heights and La Brea Avenue.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2^{nd} Parks and Open Space Chair Jeffery Masino 2^{nd} . The motion passed 17-0.

Infrastructure Chair Danielle Mead made the motion amend the motion to say: "Corridors 5 and 2, between Crescent Heights and La Brea Avenue". 2nd by First Vice President Orrin Feldman. The motion passed 15-2.

Public Comment: Michael Konik, Cheryl Holland, Jeff McDonough, Annie

e) Area 2 (Chandan St Clare)

i. NPG Funding for Valley View Elementary

Valley View Elementary is requesting funding to purchase 13 iPads at a total cost of \$5,000 to replace the ones the teachers are currently using. The iPads are essential to the teachers in delivering daily instruction to the students, whether it be at home through virtual instruction, or in person at school. Teachers are also expected to complete student assessments consistently throughout the year, that can only be done on a touch device. The iPads the teachers are currently using were purchased over 5 years ago and the school's IT liaison has confirmed that they will need to be replaced as soon as possible.

Valley View Elementary is not a Title I school; therefore they have limited school funds and greatly rely on support from the community. A letter of support and appreciation from the PTA at Valley View Elementary is attached to this agenda.

Speaker: Susan Kim, Principal – Valley View Elementary

Motion: HHWNC approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$5000 for Valley View Elementary to purchase 13 iPads for the teachers at the school.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Area 6 Chair Mary Yarber 2nd. The motion was approved 18-0.

ii. NPG Funding for LAFD Fire Station 76

There are six firefighters at every shift and this totals 18 individuals who reside at the fire station for at least half of the week; all of whom who need the ability to store their food and supplies without taking space from another shift. During the past year with all the events that took place, from the pandemic and civil unrest, to the inevitable yearly brush fires, the firefighters found out the hard way that their current food storage system is greatly lacking.

The Neighborhood Purpose Grant will enable Fire Station 76 to purchase two large commercial refrigerators and a freezer to correct this situation and help preserve food and supplies for all members assigned to the station. This in turn will help the station function more efficiently, improve working conditions, and allow the firefighters to continue to serve the community without additional stress.

Speaker: Alfred Leon, Captain, -LAFD Fire Station 76

Motion: HHWNC approve a Neighborhood Purpose Grant of \$4612.01 for LAFD Fire Station 76 to install two commercial refrigerators and a freezer to meet the needs of the station.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Outreach Chair Kyle Naumovski. The motion passed 18-0.

f) Community & Youth Relations (Jeremy Saunders) and Area 8 (Serra Aladag)

i. Community & Youth Relations and Area & Joint meeting on 3/18 at 6:30pm

Join us for an informative and eye-opening conversation with Dr. Jorge Partida, Chief of Psychology at Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, about COVID's effect on our mental health and substance abuse.

g) Public Safety – Homelessness Liaison (Paul Jenkins)

 i. Outside Event Announcement: 2021 State of Homelessness Town Hall - Webinar Mar 18, 2021 06:00 PM Hosted by Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)
Register at: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RPm7sGgbR96tVqSX6SYYxA or see our calendar event at: https://coom.us/webinar/register/WN_RPm7sGgbR96tVqSX6SYYxA or see our calendar event at: https://coom.us/webinar/register/WN_RPm7sGgbR96tVqSX6SYYxA or see our calendar event at: https://coom.us/webinar/register/WN_RPm7sGgbR96tVqSX6SYYxA or see our calendar event at: https://coom.us/webinar/register/WN_RPm7sGgbR96tVqSX6SYYxA or see our calendar event at: https://coom.us/webinar/register/WN_RPm7sGgbR96tVqSX6SYYxA or see our calendar event at: https://coom.us/webinar/register/ or <a href="https://coom.us/webinar/regi

- 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.
 - -Michael Konik
- 12. Adjournment at 10:12pm

Attachment for Agenda Item 11. e) i.



Valley View Elementary PTA 6921 Woodrow Wilson Drive Los Angeles, CA 90068 323-851-0020 president @valleyviewelementary.org EIN 95-6206655

March 8, 2021

Dear Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council,

I am writing on behalf of the Valley View Elementary PTA in support of our Principal Kim's request for funding the purchase of iPads.

We have worked with HHWNC for years to the benefit of all in the Valley View Community. Your continued generosity will enable our Teachers to reach a wide age range of students with student-centered differentiated instruction. There are many ways an iPad can enhance the education experience, with features of portability, customization, flexibility. Moreover, as we remodel into the next mode of instruction, these tools will help facilitate a smoother transition, for both the Teachers and the Students. Your contribution makes it possible for us to, as best we can, plan for the challenges coming to our community.

On behalf of the Board, Association and, above all the students of Valley View, thank you for investing in our future.

Sincerely,

Lita E. R. O'Donnell

VVE PTA President, 2019 - 2021