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BOARD MEETING

June 16, 2021

6:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87447275097>

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Minutes

1. Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann at 6:03pm.

2. Roll Call by Secretary, Britta Engstrom. Quorum established.

Absent: Environment Chair Barbara Witkin, Area 1 Chair Daniel Savage, Youth & Community Chair Jeremy Saunders, First Vice President Orrin Feldman, and Area 8 Chair Serra Aladag.

3. Approval of May 2021 Minutes. President Anastasia Mann made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted, 2nd by Second Vice President Jane Crockett. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. President's Report (Anastasia Mann)

a) Transportation Chair election: candidate Krystin Munson - Term: July 2021-June 2023. Board Vote. Krystin Munson was elected unanimously with 15 votes.

b) RECOGNITION & Acknowledgment of Retiring Board Members:

- 1) Orrin Feldman, VP & PLUM Chair - 20 years serving HHWNC!!!
- 2) Brita Engstrom - Board Secretary
- 3) Barbara Witkin - Environment Chair & former Area 7 Chair
- 4) Jeff Straebler - Transportation Chair
- 5) Sara Steffan - Housing Chair
- 6) Bob Mansell - Area 5 Chair
- 7) Danielle Mead -(already departed) Infrastructure Chair
- 8) Chandan St Clare -(already departed) Area 2 Chair

What an amazing group of dedicated individuals. Thank you all on behalf of our entire HHWNC Community.

- c) July 21st will begin the new Fiscal Year 2021-23 and the New Board will be installed.
- d) Current departing Board Members - encouraged to help guide/mentor the newly elected board members for the position.
- e) LAPD updates pre-official reports
 - i. Capt Steve Laurie has been promoted to Commanding Officer & is being transferred
 - ii. Capt Brent McGuyre - new Captain over Hollywood LAPD Division
 - iii. SLO - A-31 Hollywood Hillslides Areas - Officer Helmstetter's term filling in for SLO Ralph Sanchez (medical leave) is up. Replacement is Officer Cuitlahuac Dominguez.
 - iv. SLO Kurtis Delbar NoHo Div LAPD is currently on vacation
- f) FUNDING Update: No funding this month. New Fiscal year starts July
- g) LAFD #41 NPG - finally approved by City Clerk

- h) Wattles Gardens planting/tools project NPG-CIP was not approved by City Clerk
- i) Next HHWNC Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 21, 2021

5. Public Official Reports

- a) CD4 – Rachel Fox & Tabatha Yelos, Office of Councilwoman Nithya Raman
Tabatha provided an update on Councilwoman Raman’s motions that she made yesterday regarding housing feasibility, homeless and sustainability. As the weather gets warmer, multiple cooling centers have opened at open at several Los Angeles libraries.

Rachel is hosting a community meet up next week on Tuesday at 6pm. Anticipating the 4th of July holiday additional LA DOT parking enforcement officers will be around Runyon Canyon and Lake Hollywood. In addition she thanked the outgoing board members for their service.

Public Comments: Chris Wintrode, Valerie, & Schelley Kiah

- b) LAPD – Hollywood & North Hollywood Divisions
Officer Brian White expressed his gratitude to the outgoing board members. He spoke about the California re-opening and party house enforcement. Since Covid health orders have been removed the enforcement of stopping water/power at party houses is no longer an option. Parties are allowed now, its now a matter of if they are nuisance. LAPD aware of the tour bus issues currently happening.

Public Comment: Phone number in *990

- c) LAFD – Chief Hogan thanked the outgoing board members for their service. He spoke about the area around Runyon that was a concern as it was a buffer zone. Chief Hogan also spoke about additional hydrants near Wattles mansion and park. Regarding the 4th of July - five large show permits have been permitted – he will put together a newsletter that contains that information. The PEH pilot program (People Experiencing Homelessness) has been launched on the west side and he is looking to bring it to CD4. Chief Hogan spoke about the importance of having a fast response vehicle that is out in the community for 10 hour shifts as they try to get to fires quickly before the larger trucks can get there.
- d) 3rd Supervisorial District, Erin Seinfeld, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl stated that only 55% of LA County residents 16+ years have been vaccinated. She noted Cal-OSHA will revote on masking in the workplace on 6/17. In additional she spoke about how the board passed a motion about establishing permanent guidelines for outdoor dining (make the temporary outdoor dining permanent).
- e) Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Stefanie Smith was in attendance.
- f) Hollywood Bowl/Stratiscopes, Angela Babcock stated that with full capacity shows coming they will be having more DOT officers out to manage traffic. The Odin left hand turn lane was launched so ride shares and people parking in Lot B can use that moving forward. People can picnic prior to shows but the Hollywood Bowl isn’t open off hours yet (for those wanting to exercise on the stairs).

6. President’s Report (Anastasia Mann) continued / Transportation (Jeff Straebler)

- a) Speed Hump DOT – Traffic Control Issue

Presenter: DOT

Lan Nguyen, Transportation Engineer, Traffic Surveys Section

ISSUE: Speeding, Street Racing Dangers. Speed Hump requests within HHWNC:

Lan Nguyen discussed the problems in the HHWNC areas and procedures of how to apply for speed humps. Lan answered questions from board members regarding specific locations.

Motion:

HHWNC requests DOT to consider and possibly escalate the following six requests for speed humps and/or other permanent means to mitigate illegal speeding, auto racing and other dangerous activities within our boundaries.

- 1) Area 9 - Mulholland Drive between Multiview & Wrightwood. Drag racing
- 2) Area 5 - Mulholland Drive in the Outpost Drive area (Brian knows) Drag racing - between Outpost Drive intersection and west of 7230 Mulholland by City Lights.
- 3) Area 4 - Orange Drive Between Hollywood Blvd & Franklin Ave - 1745 - 1746 Orange Drive & possibly one north of that closer to Franklin @1775 Orange Drive. Drag racing, etc.
- 4) Area 4 - 6800 Camrose - West of Highland (cars speed as soon as turning west off of Highland)
- 5) Area 6 - Lower Nichols Canyon Road between 1849- 1953 Nichols Canyon Road (this site was already approved in the last budget and delayed- DOT has completed a study & approved). Racing, speeding.
- 6) Area 8 - My Olympus & Oceana Drive - 4 lane "sloped" speedway. Slope will likely eliminate speed humps but alternatively, possibly a roundabout or median to slow the cars? Speeding.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Transportation Chair Jeff Straebler. The motion passed 15-0.

7. Treasurer's Report (Matt Shichtman)

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

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

President Anastasia Mann made the motion on behalf Treasurer Matt Shichtman, Area 5 Chair Bob Mansell 2nd. The motion passed 15-0.

- c) Important Funding Dates:
 - a. **May 20, 2021** - Final date to submit an Event Approval Request
 - b. **June 1, 2021** - Final date to submit a check payment request
 - c. **June 20, 2021** - Final date for any bank card transactions
 - d. The last official meeting of this board is **June 16th**, with transfer to new board **July 21** (in new Fiscal Year).

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

- a) Update on new board member trainings - New board members should all have their credentials so they should complete all trainings before July 21. Email Jane if you have questions.
- b) PLUM trainings – if you are on the PLUM committee and vote you will need to take this additional training.

9. Secretary's Report (Britta Engstrom)

- a) New board roster, business cards etc. to come in the future once the new board is installed.

10. Committee Reports

a) Public Safety (Paul Jenkins)

- i. Currently, our pedestrian signals (push-button crosswalks) are operating on timers. This was begun at the beginning of the Pandemic out of a concern that touch was a primary mode of transmission. Touch is no longer considered a primary way of spreading the virus. As discussed by the Dept. of Transportation in previous meetings, Los Angeles has one of the best algorithm-controlled traffic light systems in the world. This helps to speed up traffic, and most important, lower our carbon emissions.

Motion: HHWNC requests that the Department of Transportation restores the pedestrian push-buttons back to their intended use. The request will go directly to Seleta Reynolds, GM, LADOT, with a copy to the Mayor's Office and the Council Office.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion on behalf of Public Safety Chair Paul Jenkins, 2nd by Transportation Chair Jeff Straebler. The motion passed 14-0.

b) Parks & Open Space (Jeffery Masino)

- i. Presentation by LA Rec. & Parks - Runyon Canyon Paid Parking Proposal - Upper Mulholland Parking lot, followed by discussion with public input. (Guest: LA Rec. & Parks representative) Possible Motion, Discussion, and Vote

Rec & Park representatives: Sean Hinton, Stefanie Smith & Tracy James

Stefanie Smith presented and spoke about:

- Runyon Canyon will close early on July 2, 3 and 4th in anticipation of the 4th of July holiday weekend,
- Runyon Canyon averages 3,500-5,500+ visitors a day
- Looking to add paid parking to the upper Mulholland parking lot
- Parking would be \$6/hr with revenue going to Rec & Parks
- Park Staff attendants to monitor and control the parking lot during peak hours

Public Comment: Jacquelin Sonderling, Mary Robinson, & Joe Kahraman

Motion: HHWNC request to keep the Mulholland parking lot closed until Rec & parks is able to hear from more members of the public at an open transparent meeting on this subject only hosted by HHWNC.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, Business Chair Oren Katz 2nd. The motion passed 14-1.

11. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. No discussion allowed. Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

None

12. **Adjournment at 9:37 pm.**