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**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Parks and Open Space Committee Meeting
September 4, 2019
6:00PM – 7:45PM
Will and Ariel Durant Library Branch
7140 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046**

Directions: East of N. Fairfax Ave and West of N. La Brea Ave of Hollywood Blvd. Building is accessible and free parking is available behind the building.

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VOTING ON THE MOTION.**

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action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a Proposed Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A motion for reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Meeting Notes

Jeffery Masino, Committee Chair, Presiding

Call to order by Committee Chair Jeffery Masino

Ground Rules for meeting explained

City Reps present introduced: Madelynn Taras, Catherine Landers, Stefanie Smith, Joe Salaices, Javier Solic, Juan Benitez

HHWNC members present introduced: Bob Mansell, Mary Yarber, Serra Aladag, Anastasia Mann

Approval of minutes from previous meeting

East Trail / West Trail Stairs

Re: ongoing, dangerous erosion on East Trail steps. City continues its 2.5-year negotiation to acquire this land from current owner. Masino and stakeholders mention possibility of closing the stairs as temporary safety option; people have been hurt; a warning sign could help. Some asked about liability on part of current owner and/or City. RAP says it is looking into near-term solutions for failing stairs and will also seek solutions to West Trail.

3003 Runyon Cyn Rd Building Project

Re: proposed building of a multi-level, single-family structure within Runyon Cyn Park. A motion was passed: that HHWNC Parks and Open Space Committee opposes the project in accordance with Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan. Stakeholder said that this project would be the end of Runyon Cyn. Madelynn Taras confirmed receipt of message which she'd take back to David Ryu.

Commercial Endeavors in Runyon Cyn Park

Is public-facing commercial activity in or near the park, whether if on private property or not, allowed by law? Which agencies issue and monitor permits? Stakeholders: perhaps no commercial endeavors should be allowed, even if free giveaways of products. Some stakeholders oppose all endeavors; some oppose some types but not others; some stakeholders support only free giveaways. Concern about vendors blocking entry points and traffic. Motion was passed: HHWNC POS Committee opposes any commercial or promotional endeavor at Runyon Cyn park, in keeping with practices at Griffith Observatory and Elysian Park.

Runyon Cyn Blue Recycle Bin Installation

Cost per bin: \$600 - \$700. HHWNC will look at funding them. Stakeholder comment: bins sometimes become receptacles for diapers and other non-recyclables. RAP staff would have to empty bins and separate the recyclables. Stakeholders: the Honor Bar (water vendor) causes most of the plastic litter in park, so business owner should have burden of cleaning, but vendor operates outside the park. Masino tabled discussion for another time.

Michael Konik Presentation on Runyon Cyn Litter and Dog Feces

His conclusion: there's very little. Daily load fits in a single plastic bag. Takeaway: if you see litter, throw it away.

Presentation of Chat Bench Concept by HHWNC Area 8 Chair Serra Aladag

Designate a bench at Runyon Cyn where strangers can relax and chat to battle pervasive social isolation. Motion approved: HHWNC POS Committee supports working with RAP to designate a Chat Bench.

Joint Area 6/POS Volunteer Cleanup Event:

Eliminate dead brush, trash, etc. Stakeholder comment: consider the equipment and supplies needed, location of brush, possible liability issues. Decision to table this idea for now.

Runyon Cyn Updates

Waiting for Dixon Study recommendations. No motion or opinion stated. Stakeholder comment: Dixon Study provides anecdotes rather than data / stats. This committee should take objective view point and ask for data such as sample sizes.

Toilets in Runyon Cyn Park

At the June 2018 HHWNC Board meeting, the board voted unanimously 14-0 on a motion that LA Rec and Parks further study the issue of restrooms in Runyon Canyon Park following Dixon Resources Study and provide a clear picture of the potential impacts and resources required. There was strong public comment both for and against a public restroom at Runyon with examples presented on each side of the issue. In fact, the idea of a restroom within the bounds of Runyon Cyn Park has been the most divisive and passionate issue brought to the committee's attention. This committee has asked City departments to put a timeline together to study further. HHWNC has not taken a position on this issue.

Timed / Locked Gates

Five new gates have been installed but they're sometimes propped open by visitors. RAP said that due to panic-lock it's unfortunately possible to prop gates open and leave them that way after hours. Stakeholders: upper entry is not timed; many people smoking, laughing despite after hours; concern re: smoking and brushfires; the Air BnB trailer in park is against rules; can a sensor be installed to alert RAP that a gate is open?

General stakeholder comments defibrillator on East Trail should be moved so it does not impede movement.

Adjournment by Jeffery Masino, POS Committee Chair