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BOARD MEETING

January 19, 2022

6:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81330187055>

Meeting ID: 8133 0187 055

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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order by Vice President, Stuart Ross at 6:04**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary, Darnell Tyler. Quorum established.**
Absent: President, Anastasia Mann, Parks & Open Space Chair, Jeffrey Masino, Area 6 Chair, Mary Yarber
3. **Approval of November 17, 2021 Minutes.** Area 9 Chair Richard Klug made the motion to approve submitted minutes with changes, Area 5 Chair Charlie Coker 2nd. The minutes were approved 19-0
4. **Public Official Reports**
 - a) **Announcement - John Frank, Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library**
John Frank announced after 9 years working at the Durant Brank Library he's accepted a transfer to the Venice Branch Library. The new Chief Librarian will be Sr. Librarian Angie Brzycki. Thanked HHWNC for the support.
 - b) **CD4 – Jorge Plascencia & Mehmet Berker, Office of Councilwoman Nithya Raman, update on Cahuenga Underpass, and the Franklin triangle.** Mehmet Berker mentioned that the homelessness count has been delayed to February 22, 23 and 24. There are still opportunities to sign up. Reminded that the State Rental Assistance program for renters and landlords is continuing and info can be found at www.HousingIsYey.com and California mortgage relief program is continuing. Information regarding this program can be found at www.CAMortgageRelief.com. There are some 101 fwy closures that will be happening in the district and information can be found on the Caltrans website. Closures will be happening on the western edge of the valley between Winnetka and Tampa. There are Hollywood Blvd movie premiers coming up February 1, 6 to 8 that will require Hollywood Blvd closures.

Jorge Plascencia shared that the Cahuenga underpass, Franklin, and Wilcox triangles have been included in Encampment to Home motions that's gone through the LA City Council and the Mayors office has approved. They are waiting for Peoples Concerns who is a partner in the program to ramp up their services. They will be working on intensive outreach and education to those experiencing homelessness in these locations. The council office is continuing Care Spot cleanups for those areas that need immediate care and they are working with caseworkers in these locations.

Public Comment: Naomi Kobrin, Kyrstin Munson, Paul Jenkins, Chris Wintrode

c) CD13 – Hannah Cho, Office of Councilman Mitch O'Farrell

As a result of redistricting, Councilman O'Farrell has more of HHWNC in his district. A welcome survey has been sent out and responses have been coming in. Hannah will schedule a meeting to discuss the comments that have been received. CD13 has a program called Councilman in your corner which identifies areas in the district for beautification projects on Saturdays. He's expanded the program into the new areas of this district. If anyone has suggestions or would like to participate, please let Hannah know. Due to the Omicron surge, the LA City Council has returned to virtual meetings through January and will re-evaluate if they need to continue. The councilman likes to feature a small business in the district weekly. Round 3 for small businesses will be open January 24. If there are any suggestions of businesses he should meet, let Hanna know. Hannah introduced Hector Vega, district coordinator for homelessness. Any issues with homelessness contact Hector and cc Hannah.

Public Comment: Michael Konik, Chris Wintrode, Cheryl Holland

d) Mayor's Office, Central Area NC Rep, Serapia Kim

Serapia Kim is the new Central Area representative for Mayor's office. Angie Aramayo has moved to a different position in the mayor's office supporting small businesses. You can direct any questions regarding small businesses to Angie or Serapia. Shared if members of the board or community would like to talk with LA Zoo representatives before taking a position, she would be happy to facilitate and can be reached Serapia.Kim@lacity.org. They would welcome a conversation and input from the community.

Public Comment: Cheryl Holland

e) LAPD – Farewell to Brent McGuyre, welcome to new Captain of Hollywood, Raymond (Ray) Valois, 30129@lapd.online, North Hollywood Officer Kurtis Delbar

Officer Delbar shared year to date stats 2021 to 2022. Robbery is showing 0% increase or decrease, aggravated assaults are up 100% but this stat is a little misleading because there could have been an increase from 2 assaults in 2021 to 4 in 2022. Burglaries are down 77%, grand theft auto increased 20%, burglaries from motor vehicles went down 65% and thefts increased 25%. LAPD is getting e-mails regarding package thefts in the area. Vehicles are following Amazon trucks and stealing packages as they're dropped off. Recommend having packages delivered to an offsite locker, UPS or FedEx as a deterrent. If a package is stolen, you can file a report at WWW.lapdonline.org. USPS offers notification when mail is dropped off and what's being delivered and is a tool you should investigate.

Public Comment: Michael Konik; Angela Sanders, Chris Wintrode, Paul Jenkins, Matt Shichtman

f) Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Ethan Weaver

Ethan Weaver has received lots of e-mail regarding Wilcox Triangle. He's currently working with the general services division which is the body that controls the property and re-landscaping. General Services is getting bids and working out logistics. Ethan discovered this week that this is a possible

blue ribbon memorial site which is a memorial site for veterans. They are reaching out to veterans' affairs to determine if there is a process they should go through. Another issue that's come to his attention is encampment at 1805 Outpost. Ethan has talked with the property owner's attorney, and they're interested in cleaning the site and securing it. His office is working with CD4 and their outreach coordinator to get services and housing before proceeding to trespassing actions.

g) LAFD – Chief Armando Hogan

Chief Hogan shared that we are at the end of brush season, but LAFD stands ready with any debris flow issues because of the rainy season. They have put out the OWB newsletter and please feel free to share with others. They are concluding the Persons Experiencing Homelessness (PEH) pilot project in CD4. They are still collecting data for a presentation with the councilmember on what LAFD can do to continue to program and continue discouraging these individuals from using warming fires, cooking fires. They will provide education and get the needed assistance to the location. Opt in to LAFD notifications at NotifyLA or www.LAFD.org and go to West Bureau to get information and stay updated.

Public Comment: Paul Jenkins

h) LADWP – Michael Ventre, Senior Public Relations Specialist

Michael mentioned he's joined by Glenn Mikko and Lyndon Tat for a presentation regarding the Barham Blvd water pipe project. LADWP held comments and presentation to the Presidents report later in the agenda.

i) 5th Supervisorial District – Jason Maruca, Office of Supervisor Kathryn Barger

Jason Maruca introduced himself as the Field Deputy for Supervisor Barger. As a result of redistricting, the Supervisor is splitting the neighborhood council with Supervisor Kuehl. Jason shared her priorities of mental health and reforming the system to address needs across the county. Specifically, increasing bed capacity and removing restrictions that limit the ability to care for the vulnerable. The current bed capacity is 4000 beds short of needs. Some reform is necessary at the federal level to increase bed capacity. The county has built five buildings for mental health care and there are 16 beds in each building. Over 1000 people experiencing homelessness died last and the Supervisor wants to address this issue systematically. She created a blue-ribbon commission to look at how services are being provided across the county and ways to enhance by ensuring money is being spent the right way. The Supervisor is passionate about foster children with the focus being child safety and ensuring children in the foster system don't stay in the system or end up in the criminal justice, homelessness, or mental health systems. The goal is to have them moving into stable jobs and stable living. Jason can be reached at JMaruca@bos.lacounty.gov or 818-993-5170. Sign up for the newsletter for up-to-date information on the website.

j) 3rd Supervisorial District - Rachel Sherrell, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl

Rachel shared that everyone is concerned about the on-going Covid surge, and LA County has a program to pick up tests. The closest locations for this community is at Poinsettia Rec Center and Plummer Park. Tests can be performed in your car, or you test at home and return it. PCR test results are received in 2-3 days. Please continue to wear your mask and social distance.

k) 46th Assembly District, Sophia Soudani, Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian

Sophia stated that Assemblymember Nazarian is back in Sacramento and the legislative session has started. The deadline to submit new legislative proposals is February 18. Assemblymember is possibly working on legislation for increased bus shelters and shade. Working on legislation two-year bills that will be coming back to the floor, AB911, AB1278, and AB392. At district office they are continuing to work with people on EDD, Caltrans encampments, graffiti, trash underneath the freeways. The office relies on the help of the community partners to let them know about issues.

Sophia also mentioned the Emergency Rental Assistance Program is going through the state now. If you've applied and need help, please contact the office. They are also helping with DMV and mortgage relief. If you're behind on 2 or more mortgage payments between January 21, 2020, to December 27, 2021, you may be eligible. More information can be found on www.CAMortgagerelief.org

- l) 50th Assembly District- Josh Kurpies, Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom
Josh shared on the California Rent Relief Program if you've applied and waiting, it's not unusual and most people are waiting. Especially if it's the 2nd round of money you've applied for. The office can help and make sure you have all required paperwork submitted. With the California Mortgage Relief program, you must have experienced a financial hardship after January 21 due to Covid and must have missed two mortgage payments. You also must own only one residential property that's your primary residence and you must apply the assistance to your primary mortgage loan. Your household income must be below 100% area median income. An example would be a family of one household income of \$82,750 and a family of four household income \$118,200.

- m) 28th Congressional District, Michael Aguilera-Gaudette, Office of Congressman Adam Schiff
Michael shared that the 114th congressional session as started and Congressman Schiff remains Chair of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and Serves on the House Select Committee investigating the January 6th attack on the US Capitol. Congressman Schiff's bill to Protecting our Democracy passed the house. The legislation seeks to quantify norms by limiting the presidents pardon power, protecting whistle blowers, and protecting our inspector generals. Hopefully this legislation will be taken up by the Senate. Covidtest.Gov is live, and you can request 4 Covid at home test per residential address, which will be delivered by the end of the month. The administration is also looking at the distribution of N95 masks later this month or early next month at central locations throughout the community. We will provide more information on this program when available.

- n) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Lorenzo Briceno
Lorenzo reminded the board members and the planning land use members that haven't completed the planning 101 training, he will be reaching out directly regarding the training. He will also reach out to board members that haven't completed their ABLE training. By Law amendments are due April 1, 2022, if the neighborhood council is considering any amendments. The Board of Neighborhood Councils has voted and passed a resolution to allow neighborhood councils to continue meeting virtually.

Public Comment: Brian Dyer

- o) Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Adam Dado spoke on behalf of Stefanie Smith and Joe Losorelli, Update on illegal commercial operations at Runyon Park.
Adam shared that Chief Losorelli is working with security services division to get Franklin and Ivar on their closure list. When Rec and Parks acquired the property the park at Franklin and Ivar, the Rangers have been tasked with closing it and they're doing it to the best of their ability. They don't close it every night but do close it most nights. Depending on sunset when it gets dark earlier, they have a better opportunity to close it. If the Rangers have a call at the end of a shift, it doesn't happen. The vendors they have encountered in the park are permitted. The city changed their vending ordinances within Recreation and Parks property. There are rules that they are not allowed on the trails but can on the paved paths granted they're following the rules. The permit comes from Street Services and permitted vendors have a recreation and parks seal.

Public Comment: Brian Dyer, Michael Konik

5. **President's Report (Anastasia Mann) To be presented by First Vice President (Stuart Ross) and Transportation Chair (Kyrstin Munson) in President Mann's absence**

- a) Area 4 Chair, Naomi Kobrin, Resignation as of 1/20/22 due to sale of residence. Thank you, Naomi.
- b) Area 4 Chair deadline to apply for candidacy is February 7, 2022. Please email President@HHWNC.org if interested.
- c) Next HHWNC Board Meeting: February 16, 2022
- d) CALTRANS CLEAN CALIFORNIA PROGRAM AND THE 101 BEAUTIFICATION PROPOSAL FOR US 101 the historical route area between Pilgrimage Bridge and Barham Blvd. Presentation 10 minutes plus Q&A.
PRESENTERS: Hammer Sui Clean California Program Coordinator, Caltrans District 7. Francesca Smith, Mark Perez, Keith Sellers, Ed Siribohdi, Eusebio Branom

Hammer Sui, Caltrans, District 7, Clean California Program Manager introduced Mark Perez, Landscape Architect, Keith Sellers, Sr Landscape Architect and Ed Siribohdi. Hammer introduced the Clean Ca Program, US 101 Beautification proposal and responded to questions. If the community has any comments or questions, they can be contacted at D7CleanCA@dot.ca.gov. The program has 4 components – Local Grants, investing in communities, by creating jobs for local artist and beautifying local roads though community grants. Education is to drive cultural change by providing litter prevention education and expand litter removal. Litter abatement by expanded litter removal and service programs. State Beautification is the enhancement of infrastructure. Project scope of the US 101 beautification proposal is from Spring St to Lankershim Blvd. Mark Perez reviewed some project elements. The project scope in HHWNC boundaries is At Highland Ave a Ficus tree will be removed across from the Hollywood Bowl. Enhance landscaping with Agave and other drought tolerant plantings, trimming of palm trees, vine planting on sound and retaining walls and perimeter fencing to deter graffiti and vandalism. Similar clean up and landscaping will be performed throughout the NC area to Lankershim. The project is expected to start April 2022 and be complete June 2023.

Public Comment: Chris Wintrode, Kyrstin Munson, Brian Dyer, Richard Klug, Helen Jacks, Miki Yamashita, JDS, Hal Dennis

- e) LADWP Presentation: BARHAM MAINLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT January to June 2022, M-F 7am – 7pm has been changed to 9am – 3:30pm Center of Barham. See attached Flyer. 10 minutes plus Q&A

Michael Ventre introduce Lydon Tat for a presentation. Lyndon is a civil engineer in water distribution division. He introduced Glenn Mikko, district engineer. The project is a 20 inch mainline upsize project on Barham Blvd which install a steel 20-inch line replacement of 2853 ft replacing 12 inch and 8-inch lines. The upgrade will provide fire protection flow of 9000 gpm which is set by the fire dept. Project area Craig Dr to Lakeside Plaza and has been designed to allow one lane of traffic NB and SB in project area in 300 ft sections. The rest of Barham will be 2 lanes both directions. There will be two changeable message signs will be in use and traffic control will be provided. Traffic will be restored to normal use at the end of the construction day. The project begins January to June 2022. LADWP has obtained a peak hour exemption which will allow work from 7 am to 7 pm which will reduce the project duration from 8 months to 4 ½ months. The goal is to minimize impacts on the surround community. Street parking will be affected. The benefits are increased water reliability, and the steel pipe will have a 120-to-150-year life cycle.

Public Comment: Chris Wintrode, Brian Dyer, Mehmet Berker, Daniel Savage, Krista Michaels, Joel Samuels, Shelia Irani

6. **First Vice-President's / PLUM Chair Report (Stuart Ross)**

a) TACO BELL, 2021-2542-CUB; 6741 – 6741 ½ Hollywood Boulevard

The project involves a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption in conjunction with a 2,478 square-foot restaurant with 59 interior seats and 12 seats within a covered patio. Proposed hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., daily.

Representative appeared twice before PLUM. After first meeting, reduced operation hours, size of restaurant and clarified would not be limited alcohol menu. Hammer Sui Clean California Program Coordinator, Caltrans District 7. Discussion was held on the historic storefront and Taco Bell Corporate's responsibility to it and the community.

Motion: The HHWNC Board does not support the application as it is built on alcohol sales which is inappropriate for Hollywood Boulevard at this time.

Public Comment: Jeff McDonough, Serra Aladag, Brian Dyer, Cheryl Holland, Oren Katz, Matt Shichtman

Motion by 1st Vice President Stuart Ross, 2nd by Stuart Ross. Motion passes 18 – 0 1 abstain

Motion amended to remove "Corporate" from alcohol sales motion by Business Chair Oren Katz

Public Comment: Oren Katz, Schelley Kiah, Kyrstin Munson, Gabriela Marks, Jeff McDonough, Chris Wintrode, Brian Dyer, Annie

The amendment passed 18-0 1 abstain

Motion: That the HHWNC Board ask the Zoning Administrator to add a condition that if the operator does do business at this location, they work with Building Owner, Hollywood Heritage, and the Office of Historic Resources to restore the architectural and historic integrity of the storefront.

Public Comment: Cheryl Holland, Gabriela Marks, Brian Dyer, Chris Wintrode

Motion by Stuart Ross, 2nd by Environment Chair Cheryl Holland. Motion passed 17-1 1 abstain

b) CABO CANTINA, ENV 2021-2530-CE; 6669 Hollywood Boulevard:

CUB request to allow continued sales and service of a full-line of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with an (e) 24-hr, 75-seat restaurant with outdoor patio.

Representative corrected City's description of hours to that of operating between 10:00 AM – 2:00 AM. In addition, representative stated that applicant was requesting a change in condition to allow for Karaoke and a lessening of security due to down time in the restaurant.

Motion: That the Hollywood Hills West NC Board support the use of Karaoke on Wednesday nights, as proposed, but not support the requested lessening of security.

Public Comment: Oren Katz, Kyrstin Munson, Joshua Sliwa, Michael Gonzales, Serra Aladag, Jeff McDonough

Motion by Stuart Ross 2nd by Jane Crockett. Motion passed 18-0 1 Abstain

- c) KARNEVIL: ENV 2021-7925-CE; 6627 Hollywood Boulevard;
CUB request to allow the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcohol for on-site consumption in a 3,888 square foot restaurant providing live entertainment within the CD4-2D-SN Zone.

Motion: That the HHWNC Board support the application for the continuation of a Karnevil’s CUB, Thursdays through Saturdays, that

i) no new customers shall be permitted to enter the restaurant after the last show begins, which would be no later than 1 hour after last show ends. Customers who leave the restaurant after that time would not be allowed to reenter.

ii) Customers who remain inside Karnevil could purchase drinks through the last call(s).

iii) a no promoters condition shall be included in the CUP; and

iv) a change of control provision shall be included in the CUP.

Public Comment: Brian Dyer, Kyrstin Munson, Matt Shichtman,

Motion by Stuart Ross 2nd by Oren Katz motion passes 18-0 1 abstain

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

No Report

8. Secretary’s Report (Darnell Tyler)

No Report

9. Treasurer’s Report (Matt Shichtman)

a) Board Member Reimbursements - None

b) Approve Monthly Expenditure Report(s).

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

Motion by Matt Shichtman 2nd by Chris Wintrode 19-0

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

Public Comment: Richard Klug, Matt Shichtman

Motion by Matt Shichtman 2nd by Chris Wintrode 19-0

c) Update about NC inventory reports

Motion by Matt Shichtman 2nd by Chris Wintrode 19-0

10. Issue Committees Reports

a) **Transportation (Kyrstin Munson)**

- i. LA METRO SEPULVEDA PASS PROJECT: Announcement that LA METRO is soliciting feedback for what route to take. Share feedback through the website or attend a live session January 22, 10 am – 12 pm. Six options under consideration.

b) Environment (Cheryl Holland)

PRESENTATION OF LOS ANGELES ZOO DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

PRESENTER: Gerry Hans, Friends of Griffith Park

Motion: HHWNC Board supports the LA Zoo Development Project, alternative 1 (the Reduced Project Alternative), and oppose both the original proposed project and alternative 2 (the Multi-modal Transportation Alternative) as described in the [environmental impact report](#) (EIR) (in [Council File 21-0828](#)).

Public Comment: Michael Konik, Cheryl Holland, Daniel Savage, Charlie Coker, Brian Dyer, Matt Shichtman

c) Public Safety (Paul Jenkins)

- i. CONGRATULATIONS TO CHIEF HOGAN!!! 2021 FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR – DEPUTY CHIEF ARMANDO HOGAN

<https://www.losangelesfirefighters.org/news/2021-firefighter-of-the-year-2>

- ii. LAFD QUARTERLY MAGAZINE: LAFD West Express Magazine: Jan - Mar 2022:

<https://www.hhwnc.org/lafd-west-express-magazine-jan-mar-2022/> (see attachment)

- iii. VOLUNTEER FOR THE 2022 HOMELESS COUNT on January 25-27. Please register ASAP. A pre-count training is required.

<https://www.theycountwillyou.org/>

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.

Public Comment: Kate Pynoos who’s running for CD13 office. Worked in City Hall and attorney. Website is www.Kateforcouncil.la

Delia Arriaga, Los Angeles City Planning is in the process of finishing the Ventura Specific Plan. Meetings were held in October and November of last year. They held 3 information and listening sessions for the amendment work program. The focus was to update the project impact assessment fees which are the fees collected with a specific plan and how they are spent on the public right of way or public benefits. A survey has been created to get insight on community priorities and will be open until February.

Brian Dyer shared that Covid test can be ordered at usps.com and they will send you 4 tests.

Charlie Coker stated that the map on the HHWNC website needs to be updated and Brian responded that we are in the process of updating maps.

12. Adjournment at 9:40 pm



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Barham Mainline Improvement Project

Project Description

The Barham Mainline Improvement Project will install 2,853 feet of 20-inch mainline pipe along a section of Barham Blvd. from just south of Craig

Construction Information

Work will take place M-F from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Some Saturday work may be necessary. LADWP received a Peak Hour Exemption from the Department of Transportation in order to reduce the project from eight months in duration to four and a half.

Traffic & Parking

Work will occur in the middle of Barham, and it will be done in 300-foot sections. In those sections, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction. A small area of about 150 feet of street parking on the east side of Barham will be unavailable while construction is occurring in that area. There will be little to no impact to the sidewalks along Barham.

LADWP is committed to completing this project as quickly and as safely as possible.



Project Schedule

January 2022 –
June 2022

Region

Hollywood Hills

Dr. to just south of Lakeside Plaza Dr. Additional fire services will be installed.

This work will increase the existing pipe diameter for increased water flow, improving fire safety and water system reliability for the local area.

Project Manager: [Shahan Janoyan](mailto:shahan.janoyan@ladwp.com) | 818-771-4287 | shahan.janoyan@ladwp.com
Community Affairs: [Michael Ventre](mailto:michael.ventre@ladwp.com) | 213-367-1381 | michael.ventre@ladwp.com



LAFD Quarterly Magazine

LAFD West Express Magazine: Jan - Mar 2022 issue

<https://www.hhwnc.org/lafd-west-express-magazine-jan-mar-2022/>

This quarter The magazine shares and discusses Christmas Tree Recycling, the Omicron Variant, Debris Flow, OWB Partner's Pages featuring LAPD Leadership, Is Fire Season Over, Situational Awareness, OWB Calendar, Los Angeles World Airport, LAX Rapid Covid Testing, West Bureau Council Districts, West Express Hyperlinks, OWB in Action and our back page that recognizes promotions and transfers into OWB.

Some highlights: an excellent one page bio on Hollywood Community Police Station Commanding Officer Brent McGuyre (pg. 6), situational awareness terms and tips (pg 9), how to test for COVID at LAX (pg 10).