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HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2022

6:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86122882857>

Meeting ID: 8612 2882 857

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Minutes

1. **Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann at 6:02 pm.**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary, Darnell Tyler. Quorum established.**
Absent: Mary Yarber, Area 6 Chair, Lisa Scott, Area 4 Chair, Richard Klug, Area 9 Chair
3. **Approval of May 18, 2022, Minutes. President Anastasia Mann made a motion to approve minutes as submitted, 2nd by Transportation Chair, Kyrstin Munson. The minutes were approved 19-0**
4. **President's Report (Anastasia Mann)**
 - a) President Mann reminded Board Members are pledged to follow the CODE OF CONDUCT for the City of Los Angeles.
 - b) Appointment of PLUM CO-Chair was Authorized by DONE due to the travel schedule of 1st Vice President, Stuart Ross.

Motion: Due to the work responsibilities of VP/PLUM Chair Ross, and with the approval of DONE, the HHWNC Board approves President Mann to appoint Business Chair, Oren Katz, as Co-Plum Chair for the PLUM Committee effective immediately.

Discussion and Vote

Board / Public Comment: Stuart Ross

President Mann made the motion to appoint Business Chair, Oren Katz, as Co-Plum Chair effective immediately, 2nd by Open Space Chair, Jeffery Masino. The motion passed 20-0.

- c) **MyLA 311**– Presentation on benefits of using 311 (15 min)
Donna Arrechea, 311 Director, City of Los Angeles (Donna.Arrechea@lacity.org).

Donna shared she's been in the role for 8 years and wanted to share information regarding the 311 mobile app and other services offered. MyLA 311 mobile app is very popular and has had more than half million downloads and they get over 60,000 service requests via the app and website monthly. The app is available for iPhone and Androids and available in several languages. For Angelenos that call in they are available from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday and 8 am to 4:45 on the weekends. For those in the city limits they can be reached by dialing 311 and the 10 digit number anywhere else in the world. You can also get assistance using Instagram and Twitter @MyLa311 to make a report. Various types of service request handled by MyLA 311 include, trash collection, bulky item pick up, illegal dumping, homeless encampments, streets, sidewalks, alleys, potholes, obstructions blocking sidewalks, graffiti, and a variety of park maintenance issues. MyLA 311 can also assist with pet adoptions, animal violations to scooter and taxi complaints. There are a variety of additional services that will be added to the system. Angelenos can also use the knowledge base, which is called the city services directory, and you can search for terms such as permits or licenses. You can also search by address or intersection. There is also an option where you can move the pin to a location for a specific issue. It's very important that you provide an e-mail address when using MyLA 311 service if you would like notification when your request opens, how it was resolved and when it closes. Not every service request can be completed in a few days. Some requests require more time or special funding. Some requests are not the responsibility of the city and have to be turned over to the county, flood control or some other agency. If a request is not solved in a reasonable time, please consider calling to follow up. Pinpointing the exact location helps get service requests fixed the first time. Service calls are frequently closed because the exact location cannot be found. More information on how to use the MyLA 311 app can be found on the website <http://myla311.lacity.org> or by calling 311.

Board / Public Comment: Anastasia Mann, Brian Dyer, Kyle Naumovski, Charlie Coker, Tony Tucci

d) Wildlife Ordinance (15min)

i. Wildlife Ordinance Update: Presentation WILDLIFE Draft Ordinance - Update by LA Senior Planner, Conni Pallini-Tipton and Associate Planner Lena Mik. Connie introduced Alexander Linz, Kat Superfisky and Lena Mik. The presentation will answer questions that have come in as well as questions that have been received over the life of the project. An ordinance was originally released in 2021 and they've worked to revise that ordinance based on comments received. Additional public workshops will be held towards the end of June, followed by a public hearing in July. Kat Superfisky, Urban Ecologist for LA Dept City Planning, which was created in 2019 to help the city address the implementing of ecological goals in Los Angeles. Kat shared that the hope the presentation will frame the importance of the wildlife ordinance, provide an overview, updates and where the ordinance is in the adoption process. The release of the revised ordinance is setting an innovative and positive precedent of how a city can ensure the health of the planet. The wildlife pilot study and ordinance were initiated to help address biodiversity and wildlife movement in Los Angeles. Ventura County adopted an ordinance that addresses wildlife habitat and connectivity in 2019. The goal of LA wildlife study and ordinance is to balance the wildlife habitat and connectivity with development and achieve a more sustainable outcome in ecology sensitive areas like Los Angeles, mountain ranges and the Santa Monica mountains. Ensure development takes place in a more sustainable manner to help the city address their goals of biodiversity, climate resilience, fire safety and watershed health. The

wildlife ordinance will be piloted in a wildlife ordinance district. The wildlife ordinance district is key and will help connect the larger mountain ranges which enhances habitat and connectivity for wildlife across the ranges which keeps the populations of plants and animals healthy by allowing them to mix DNA and genes. Alex Linz shared various maps showing significant ecological areas, high fire zones and probable pathways for wildlife movement. The city hired biologist consultants to identify ecologically sensitive areas in the city. Factors taken into consideration included identifying areas and proximity to large areas of undeveloped natural open space. The wildlife district was selected based on this study and the council's direction. The draft ordinance released in 2021 has been refined to reduce complexity and ease of implementation. The boundaries were refined based on public comment. Once adopted, it's intended that the regulations proposed would expand to other regions throughout the city. To address development patterns and increase pathways for wildlife, the wildlife district regulations propose extra setback, wildlife friendly fencing, modified lot coverage requirements, native planting limitations on construction near waterways. Existing developed properties will not have to retroactively comply with the new regulations unless there is a substantial remodel, less than 500 sq ft and only those located in a wildlife resource buffer. New development projects involving landscaping would be required to select plants from a preferred native plant list. This includes species suitable for the Santa Monica mountains climate and topography and would prohibit planting of invasive species which limit biodiversity and contribute to fire hazards.

Links [Draft Wildlife Ordinance](#), [Wildlife Ordinance Fact Sheet](#), [Interactive Map, Website](#)

Question and Answer (Mehmet Berker, CD4; Conni Pallini-Tipton (Conni.Pallini-tipton@lacity.org), Senior City Planner, Policy Planning Los Angeles City Planning) Alexander

Board / Public Comment: Anastasia Mann, Dina Andrews, Conni Pallini-Tipton, Brian Dyer, Jeffery Masino, Dorrit Ragosine

- e) **Hollywood Bowl Overlook Open**— Update Requested by CD4, MRCA Rangers and DOT are monitoring activity. MRCA requires permits for Tour buses. Anastasia shared that she has been contacted regarding Hollywood Bowl Overlook that's been reopened by MRCA and now being used by people. There is concern that some of the bollards separating east and westbound lanes on Mulholland have been knocked down. They will be addressed by DOT. The rangers require tour busses to have permits to enter the overlook. One company applied and was denied due to lack of insurance.
- f) **July 4th Weekend:** Coalition of HHWNC chairs & stakeholders discussing / meeting with RAP, CD4, Parking Enforcement, LAPD, LAFD, etc regarding anticipated issues during this period. The holiday extends into Monday and fireworks don't stop on July 4th. Hopefully there will be a car on Mulholland the entire evening.
- g) **Next HHWNC Board Meeting:** July 20, 2022 and will be dark in August. There will be PLUM, Planning and Landuse committee meeting before the end of the month to go over some issues that will be discussed tonight.

5. Public Official Reports

NOTE: Officials each allocated 3 minutes to address the Board and Stakeholders; however, no discussion or Q&A will be allowed due enforcement of Brown Act Restrictions. **Contact info is provided for Board Member and Public to contact with questions.**

- a) CD4 – Jorge Plascencia (Jorge.plascencia@lacity.org) & Mehmet Berker (Mehmet.berker@lacity.org), Office of Councilmember Nithya Raman. Mehmet shared that trees planted at Mulholland and Macapa issue with LADWP real estate team and they're working on it. The LADWP Barham project is still in process due to some unforeseen labor shortages, and they have had to extend the mainline project by a month. They are hoping for a July 1 end date. Unfortunately, the extension has caused them to overlap with SoCal Gas work. The council office has worked with NBCUniversal and LADWP to ensure the traffic control officer support is maintained. They should be there in the afternoon peak periods. There will be a water shutoff for up to eight hours next week. The council office will be noticing everyone effected. A canvasser will be leaving notices at homes. The council has adopted the zero emissions for new construction. They have moved 70 people inside through the encampment to home work in the Hollywood Hills West area. Now they need to work with them to move from interim to permanent housing. There is a clothing drive at Houston and Woodman at Notre Dame High July 9 from 10 am to 1 pm. Jorge shared that the Wilcox triangle is fenced off with plans if irrigation in the works. There were a few stragglers in the area and this information has been shared with the homelessness team which will connect them with resources to get them into interim shelters and ultimately transitioned into supportive housing. There is concern regarding the uptick in fires at Sunset Martel. They are working with the fire dept and LAPD to ensure it's not an arsonist.
- b) LAPD – Hollywood, Captain Raymond (Ray) Valois (30129@lapd.online); Hwd Hills, SLO Ralph Sanchez (30735@lapd.online); Hwd Ent, Officer Brian White (38074@lapd.online); Hwd Flats, SLO Brian Oliver (37349@lapd.online); NoHo, Officer Kurtis Delbar (38887@lapd.online) Officer Smith (33751@lapd.online); Brian Oliver shared that he's been speaking with Officer Sanchez who's working with CD4 and LADOT regarding July 4th to keep roads clear so that emergency vehicles have a clear path to respond to any issues. There was an officer involved shooting that occurred on Highland at Franklin last week. It was at the conclusion of a Home Invasion robbery. Please do everything you can to secure your windows and doors and don't leave them unlocked when you leave. Cell phone thefts in Hollywood are a result of phones being carried in back pockets which make them easy to get. Please secure your personal property. Thanks for the support.
- c) LAFD – Asst Chief Dean Zipperman (dean.zipperman@lacity.org) Chief Richard Fields (Richard.Fields@lacity.org) Chief Fields shared he's been with LAFD almost 30 years and has known Chief Hogan his entire career. He intends to have the same level of involvement and engagement as his predecessor and will hit the ground running June 20. He's looking forward to engaging with HHWNC and is keenly aware of the needs of this community but wants to confirm the needs. The new Fire Chief Kristen Crowley is the first female fire chief in the history of City of Los Angeles Fire Department. One of her foals is to increase community engagement. Asst Chief Zipperman shared that he will be staying with Chief Fields and will be his partner. July 4th is coming up and there is dry vegetation and hot weather. Brush season is here. There was a small fire at Griffith Park that didn't have much wind but was topography driven. They are ensuring the community is adhering to the brush clearance requirements. They will have extra patrols out for the holiday in the Hollywood hills in addition to community emergency teams to keep an eye out. The Person Experiencing Homelessness program is continuing. The call they received regarding the Hollywood Bowl was an abandoned encampment. LAFD has been working with the Council Office and working together on encampment fires. These fires have been started cooking and one from illegal wiring where they tap into a light pole. LAFD is continuing to work with LAPD.

- d) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Dina Andrews (dina.andrews@lacity.org). Dina thanked Donna Arrechea for presenting MyLA 311. DONE shared that the empowered virtual governments committee is still working around an option for hybrid for both in person and zoom meetings. The self-assessment has been removed. November 26, 2022, the NC elections season opens and they will be doing a strategy session with Anastasia and Kyle. To start talking about outreach. In addition to election outreach DONE is looking at ongoing engagement.
- e) Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Stefanie Smith (Stefanie.Smith@lacity.org), Joe Losorelli (joe.losorelli@lacity.org), Sean Hinton (Sean.Hinton@lacity.org) Sean Hinton shared that his office submitted a report to Recreation and Parks Board requesting an early closure July 2, 3 and 4th at 5:00 pm. He doesn't foresee the request not being approved as they've done it in previous years. He believes extra rangers will be assigned to Runyon Canyon July 4th and they will be dedicating a water tender or engine location to the area
- f) Hollywood Bowl/Stratiscope, JohnBwarie (HollywoodBowl@stratiscope.com) shared that they have a list of 80 requests from HHWNC and surrounding neighbors that they are currently working on. He hopes they will be getting back with answers as soon as they have them. Last week another dozen traffic control officers were deployed throughout Hollywood Hills West and the Hollywood Dell to help relieve traffic and they will continue to do so. They continue to work with neighborhood council leadership and neighborhood associations in the area and their issues and trying to resolve them. If you have not signed up, please joining the e-mail list by emailing him.

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

No Report

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) Update on End of Year budget, and approve Monthly Expenditure Report

Motion: The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the May 2022 Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman

President Anastasia Mann made the motion on behalf of Treasurer Matt Shichtman, Outreach Chair, Kyle Naumovski 2nd. The motion passed 19-0

- c) Discuss and approve preliminary NC budget for FY22-23

Motion: The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the preliminary FY2022-23 prepared and submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman

Board / Public Comment: Brian Dyer, Matt Shichtman, Anastasia Mann

President Anastasia Mann made the motion on behalf of Treasurer Matt Shichtman, Area 3 Chair, Brian Dyer 2nd. The motion passed 18-0

10. Issue Committees Reports

a) **PLUM / Parks & Open Space Joint Report–Plum Co Chair Elect Oren Katz, Chair Jeffery Masino.**

Jeffery Masino shared that the project is overseen by Chris Parker from Pacific Crest Consultants. There were 12 to 14 public comments. Two comments were in support of the project. No one from HHWNC commented publicly. 5 to 6 comments mentioned they were seeing new design drawings today and needed more time to assess what's new in the new designs. Comments were focused on the new home and the ability to be seen from anywhere in the park or any trail. A couple of people referenced the wildlife ordinance. Oren Katz shared that the meeting took four hours and there was only one agenda item. Homeowner purchased the home in 2014 and started requesting to build in 2015. This is the sixth meeting with Mulholland Design Review Board. There was significant change to the design of the project. The MDR voted unanimously to postpone for a month so the neighborhood councils and interested parties could review the project.

i. **3003 Runyon Canyon Road, Los Angeles, CA 90046**

- a. **Final EIR**, released on March 18, 2022, on the proposed construction of a multi-level, single-family structure within the Runyon Canyon Park boundary, which would include a basement, first floor area, and second floor area totaling approximately 6,982 square feet in size not including the basement, which is excluded by the Department of Building and Safety. The proposed building would also include approximately 2,475 square feet of mechanical/electrical area, and approximately 7,769 square feet of covered patio area. There would also be an attached four-car garage. Vehicular access to the Project would be provided via a driveway along North Runyon Canyon Road. The Planning Department use of "RFA," (residential floor area) potentially obscures the true square footage.

Oren Katz will provide an update on the June 15th MRBD meeting. There was a previous public comment period: August 22, 2019 - October 7, 2019, during which time the HHWNC submitted a CIS (attached). Website: <https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir/3003-runyon-canyon-project-1>

SEE ATTACHMENT – HHWNC 2019 CIS reference

Board / Public Comment: Anastasia Mann, Oren Katz, Jeffery Masino, Mehmet Berker

b) **Parks and Open Space report – Chair Jeffry Masino**

- a. **Runyon Canyon and Wattles Mansion** - Update on shielding commercial operations inside Runyon Cyn Park, and other Runyon Canyon and Wattles Mansion projects and operations issues. Presenter: Sean Hinton, Recreation and Parks for Stephanie Smith

Board / Public Comment: Mehmet Berker, Michael Konik, Anastasia Mann,

c) Public Safety Chair – Paul Jenkins

i. Neighborhood Team Program (NTP) - Los Angeles. Calendar of events Link:

<https://www.ntp-la.org/calendar/>

The Neighborhood Team Program (NTP) is designed to make it easy for perspective Neighborhood Team Leaders to get started creating their Neighborhood Disaster Response Teams by combining the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN) / Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) training programs with step-by-step guides and other short (2-4 pages) and easy to follow documentation. ntp-la.org/

ii. Highlights from the Hollywood Community-Police Advisory Board Meeting on (on 6/14 at 2pm).

Registration link for anyone to join, this is before our board meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpdOCqj8uHty6bjswxlg3bgDkoNfWWwMC?_xzm_rtaid=8PSTV8vwScqWPhcUlgX1bw.1652609202885.3fcfe477c31fc54a5d6ec2444dc82225&_xzm_rhtaid=227

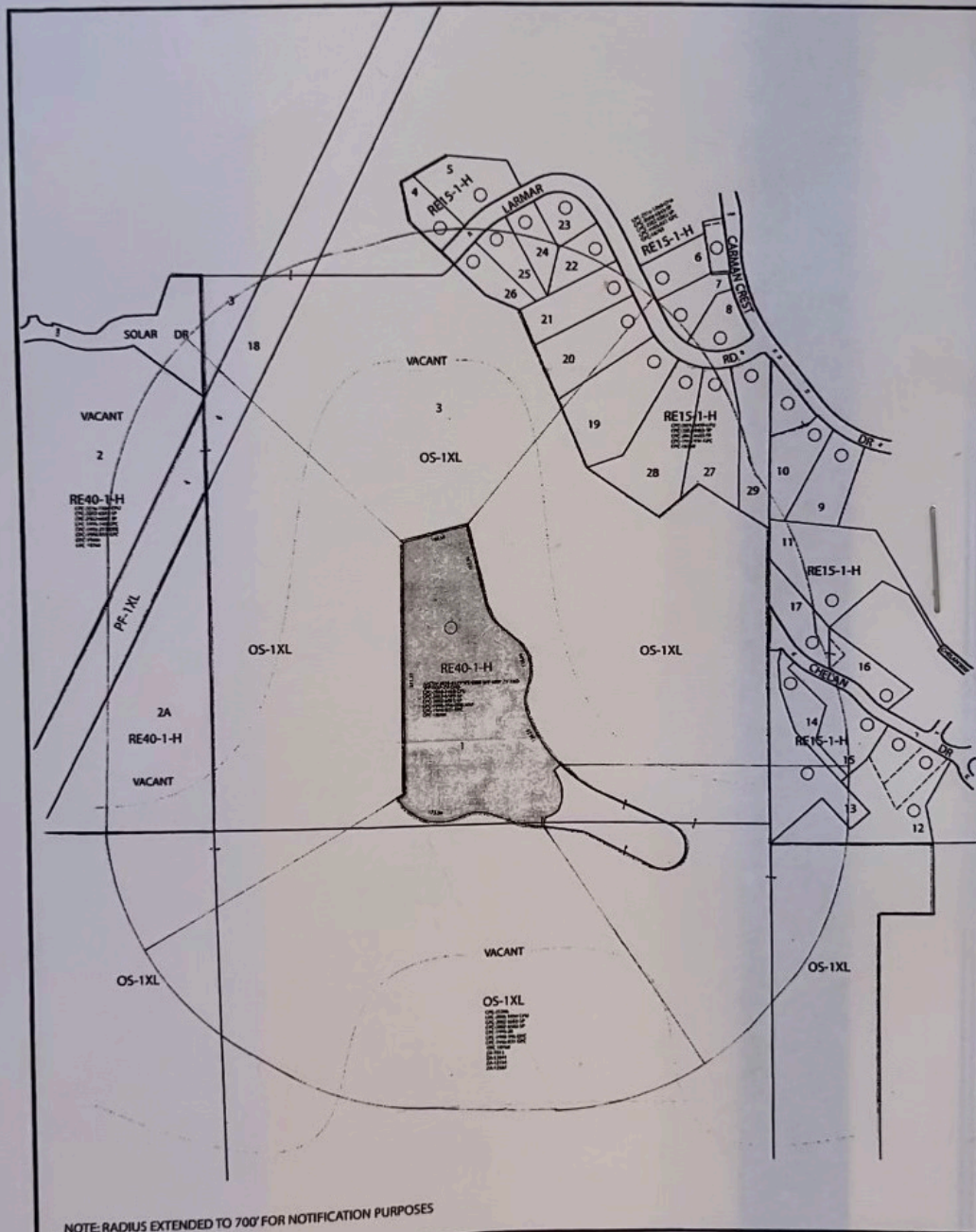
11. **General Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction. No discussion allowed. Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

12. **Adjournment at 8:14 pm**

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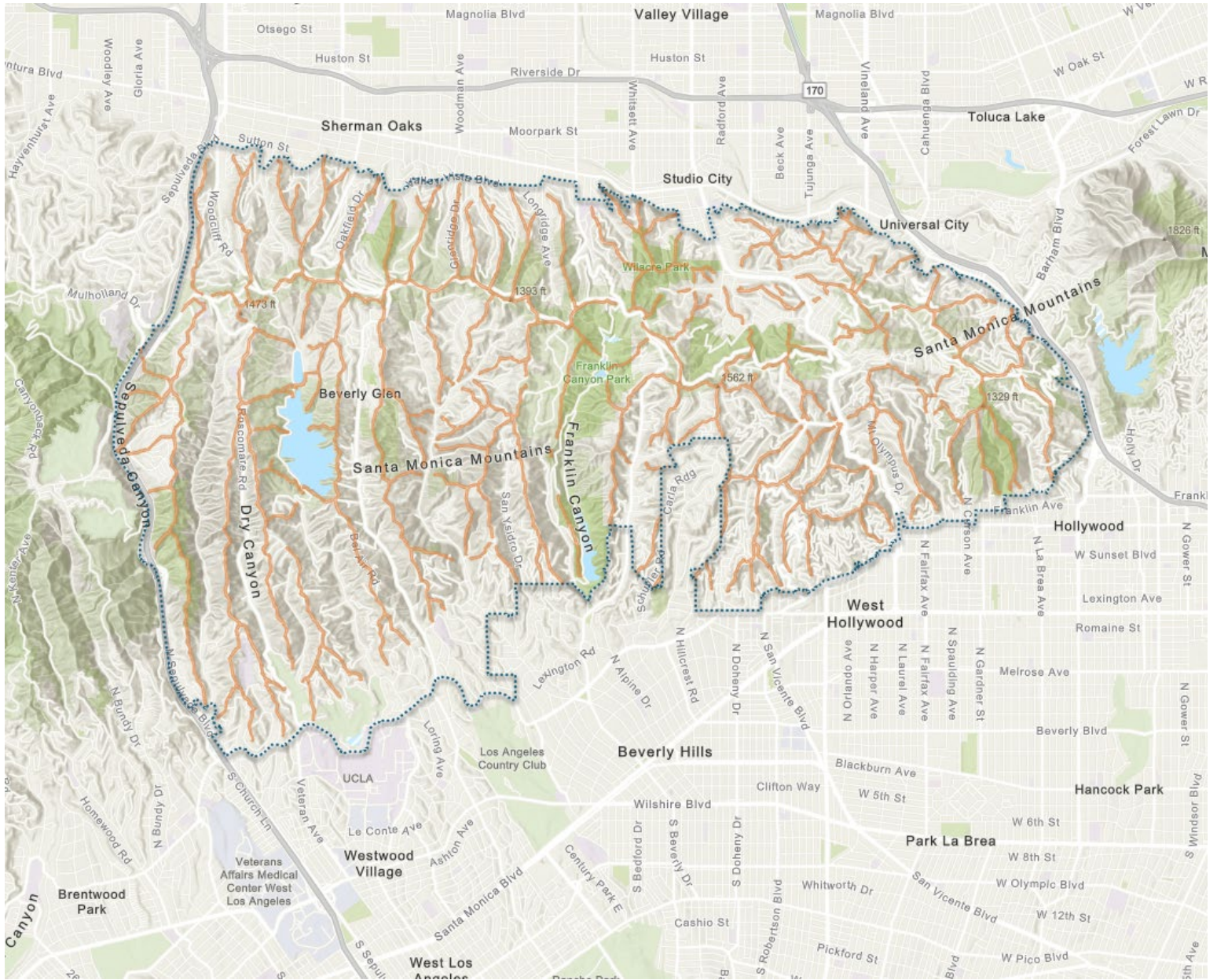


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SPECIFIC PLAN EXCEPTION - PROJECT PERMIT COMPLIANCE - ZAD

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<p>DRAWN BY:</p>	<p>CONTACT: PACIFIC CREST CONSULTANTS</p>			<p>QMS 16-278E</p>

Wildlife Ordinance Map





September 19, 2019

Ms. Erin Strellich
City of Los Angeles
Department of City Planning
221 N. Figueroa Street - Suite 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: 3003 N. Runyon Canyon Road
Your Departmental Case No. ENV-2016-4180-EIR
State Clearinghouse No. 2018041016

Dear Ms. Strellich:

The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council (HHWNC) is one of the certified neighborhood councils in the City of Los Angeles. This site is located in HHWNC's area.

At a meeting of HHWNC's Board on September 18, 2019, HHWNC's Board passed two motions with regard to Manuel Valencia's proposed project for this site.

Motion #1 - was passed unanimously (18 to 0).

Motion: On September 4, 2019, HHWNC's Parks and Open Space Committee voted to recommend that the Board oppose the proposed project for 3003 N. Runyon Canyon Road in any form because of (i) the proposed project's significant adverse impacts on the wildlife and their habitat, and park-goers, and (ii) the proposed project's failing to comply with the requirements of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan, which was adopted in 1992.

This opposition is supported by historical precedent. The Los Angeles City Planning Commission previously rejected a 10,000 square foot proposed project for this site in 1995.

Motion#2 - was passed by a vote of 16 to 3.

Motion: On August 22, 2019, the City's Department of Planning released a draft environmental impact report (DEIR) on a proposed project at this site for public comment up until October 7, 2019.

Manuel Valencia owns the site, which is approximately 4.5 acres of privately owned property inside Runyon Canyon Park. The site includes approximately 3 acres of hillsides and 1.5 acres of a sloped pad.

There is a Lloyd Wright designed house on the site. The existing house is approximately 2,018 square feet. It is known as the Headley/Handley House. The City designated it as Historic Cultural Monument #563 in 1991. Under the proposed project, the Heather/Handley house would remain intact and largely unchanged after some kitchen appliances are removed.

The main thrust of Mr. Valencia's proposed project is to seek approval for, and to construct, a second structure on the site. The DEIR's notice of availability describes his proposal this way:

"The Project proposes the construction of a multi-level, single family residential structure along the western side of a modified prominent ridge on the Project Site. The proposed building would include a basement, first floor and second floor area tallying 8099 square feet in size not including the basement, which is excluded by the Department of

Building and Safety. There would also be an attached four car garage. The existing historical structure would remain intact, and is located on the opposing eastern side of the modified prominent ridge. As part of the Project, the owner is requesting that the existing structure be reclassified as Accessory Dwelling Quarters. Vehicular access to the Project would be provided via a driveway along North Runyon Canyon Drive.

At an HHWNC PLUM Committee meeting on September 5, 2019, and following a presentation from the applicant's representatives and a discussion, the PLUM Committee voted (5 to 1) to recommend to the Board that the Board should adopt the following motion:

HHWNC opposes the proposed project for 3003 N. Runyon Canyon Road as being inappropriate for the site under the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan and the Mulholland Design and Preservation Guidelines (collectively, the Mulholland Specific Plan).

Under the Mulholland Specific Plan, the proposed project is far larger than what would be appropriate for the site, too tall (even though some of the proposed project would be buried into the hillside site), too massive and incompatible with the neighborhood.

HHWNC believes that:

(i) the City should not grant the applicant's request to treat the existing Headley/Handley House, which is Los Angeles' cultural historic monument #563, as "Accessory Living Quarters" in order to permit the construction of a second house on the site.

(ii) the City should not approve the grading being proposed with this proposed project. The proposed grading involves too much grading to the site, which is a designated prominent ridge under the Mulholland Specific Plan.

(iii) the City should not approve the applicant's request to build a third retaining wall on the site, which would be needed to hold back much of the grading which the applicant is requesting to do on the site because the City should not be able to find, as required under the Mulholland Specific Plan, that the proposed grading should be kept to a minimum, assure that graded slopes have a natural appearance, and preserve the site's natural topography;

(iv) the proposed project is not adequately described in the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) for the Planning Department's case no. ENV-2016-4180-EIR and State Clearinghouse no. 2018041016).

(v) the DEIR doesn't accurately and fairly describe the proposed project, and does not analyze the proposed project's likely environmental impacts under the applicable law(s), including the Mulholland Specific Plan.

The DEIR applies an LA Department of Building and Safety practice to exclude basement space from the proposed project's description of the proposed project's square footage. The LADBS practice ignores the clear language in the Mulholland Specific Plan's proposed "Project" definition. The Project definition includes the space in all structures and any changes in use to land other than interior remodeling. No citation is provided for LADBS efforts in any DEIR to change the applicable laws.

The DEIR ignores the (i) the Mulholland Specific Plan's provision which is more restrictive than (and trumps) the LADBS's application of its understanding of the City's Municipal Code, and (ii) the Mulholland Design Review Board's practice of treating "basement space" which opens to daylight as non-exempt space in proposed projects.

These two errors resulted in the DEIR treating over 5,200 square feet of the proposed project's "basement" as exempt when it is not exempt. The proposed project really seems to be a three story house and approximately 42' high.

(vi) the proposed options of no build, build smaller, or build on a different part of the site, do not provide sufficient analysis of the facts in this situation or the applicable law(s). For example, while the DEIR states that the proposed project's impact on views from Mulholland Drive will not be significant, the Mulholland Specific Plan provides that a proposed project's impacts in all directions should be considered, rather than just from Mulholland Drive. This proposed project's likely impacts on Runyon Canyon Park and the surrounding neighborhoods would be significant.

(vii) the City should deny the proposed project also because the applicant ignored the Mulholland Design Review Board's recommendation to come back to that advisory board with a proposed house of 5,500 square feet. The

proposed project seems to exceed 24,000 square feet. We believe that the proposed project doesn't not comply with the MDRB's recommendation(s), and would be far too large and otherwise inappropriate for this prominent and historic site.

The DEIR states that the City declined to purchase the site in 1992. That seems like an error which should be corrected now — — and just like the City purchased Mt. Lee from the Howard Hughes Investment Trust several years ago.

In addition, the City's 1995 decision to deny an application to build a large home on this site seems entirely correct. It was a precedent setting decision which HHWNC asks the City to follow now in 2019 by turning down this proposed project.

On behalf of Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council, the above information is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,



Anastasia Mann
President
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March 16, 2022

City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Shielding commercial operations inside Runyon Cyn Park within the parameters of SB 946

The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council is one of the certified Neighborhood Councils in the City of Los Angeles. At a regularly scheduled board meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, the topic of shielding commercial operations inside Runyon Cyn Park within the parameters of SB 946 was considered and the following motion passed 18 yay -0 nay.

Motion: In order to ensure that Runyon Cyn Park remains an urban wilderness area park, the HHWNC requests that the Los Angeles Rec & Parks advocate, via a motion to the LA Parks Commission, a restriction / prohibition on Park Vending within Runyon Cyn Park, based on the provisions of LA City Ordinance 185900, specifically that 1) vending restrictions are directly related to objective health, safety or welfare concerns for parkgoers (vending activities often literally block emergency egress, ingress); 2) they are *necessary to ensure the public's use and enjoyment of natural resources* and recreational opportunities which would be impacted without them; 3) that these restrictions are necessary to prevent an undue concentration of commercial activity that *unreasonably interferes with the scenic and natural character of the Park*, and 4) that vending restrictions follow the 1986 Runyon Canyon Master Plan and Design Guidelines requiring the park be foremost a place for a wilderness experience. This motion is made with the support of the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks.

Respectfully submitted,

Anastasia Mann, President
Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council

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