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HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

October 19, 2022

6:00 pm

Zoom Meeting Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87105223084>

Meeting ID: 871 0522 3084

Phone Dial in: +1-669-900-6833 Code: 871 0522 3084

Meeting Minutes

1. **Call to order by President Anastasia Mann at 6:02 pm**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary, Darnell Tyler.** Quorum established.
Absent: Area 5 Chair Charles Coker, 2nd Vice President Jane Crockett, Area 2 Chair Jeff Straebler, Area 8 Chair Serra Aladag
Board Members are required to notify when arriving late or leaving meetings early.

3. **Approval of September 21, 2022, Minutes.** President Anastasia Mann shared that she did not run the September 21 meeting and that the meeting was stopped due to an inverted number. The City Attorney contacted President Mann and ruled that the meeting was not required to be stopped. The meeting could have continued because there were so many other methods of joining the meeting whether it was by zoom or other numbers. On the meeting minutes provided it was noted the agenda items that were not discussed.

President Anastasia Mann made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, 2nd by Area 3 Chair Brian Dyer. The minutes were approved 18-0.

Board / Public Comment: Matt Shichtman

4. **President's Report by President Anastasia Mann**
 - a) Update from Senator Anthony Portantino (10 minutes) Senator Portantino shared that he initiated SB1067 which folded into AB 2087. One of the reasons the bill was held was due to accountability and making sure we ended up with affordable housing. He worked closely with Streets for All challenged him to come up with solutions. What came out of AB 2097 reflected good public policy and was signed by the Governor. He coauthored AB 787 which Assemblymember Gabriel introduced which tweaked housing elements for converting affordable housing units. The state budget had \$11.2 billion over the last two years for housing

production which included \$425 million for portable housing in downtown. A joint powers authority was created with Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena and he was able to get them over \$20 million for affordable housing.

- b) Update on Speed Humps request for Mulholland Dr & other HHWNC areas. President Mann shared that the community is concerned with vehicle speeds on Mulholland. This concern is heightened for LAPD because they will be filming a racing scene. Mehmet Berker shared that they have checked with the fire captains and some other groups nearby. Focus areas were provided and they overlapped with HHWNC areas and Captain Sanchez at Station 97. DOT must provide proposed final locations of speed humps, speed table, speed feedback sign or some other form of mitigation. It will be a few months for the proposed locations because the engineering team is extremely small. This team is also charged with speed humps through the city. It will ultimately be a presentation and prioritizing because there's only \$70,000 available so far. Speed surveys have been performed by Officer Cohen and Officer Buck.

Board / Public Comment: Richard Klug, Mehmet Berker, Chris Wintrode, Anastasia Mann

- c) City Council – Secret Recording Issue:

Motion: HHWNC supports **Council File 22-1189, Elected Officials / Martinez, de Leon and Cedillo / Offensive Misconducts / Racist and Hateful Comments / City Charter / Immediate Resignation Demand (Bonin – Krekorian – O'Farrell – Price – Raman - Koretz):** Introduced on October 11, 2022. The Resolution resolves that Councilmembers Nury Martinez, Kevin De Leon and Gil Cedillo are CENSURED for their conduct and statements during the referenced meeting of October 2021, and the Council joins the community in demanding their immediate resignation from the Council.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Area 9 Chair Richard Klug.

Board / Public Comment: Brian Dyer, Jeffery Masino, Brian Dyer. Motion passed 18-0

Motion: HHWNC Supports **Council File 22-1195, Racially Insensitive and Divisive Statements / Professional Conduct Failure / City Charter / Ground for Removal (Blumenfeld - Rodriguez – Price):** Introduced on October 11, 2022 and referred to Housing Committee. Motion resolves pursuant to Charter 209, to censure Councilmembers Cedillo, DeLeon and Martinez for their racially insensitive and divisive statements, as reported in the media, which constitute a gross failure to conform with and meet the highest standards of personal and professional conduct, even if their actions do not constitute a ground for removal from office under the Charter.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Housing Chair Michael Konik. The motion passed 18-0

Motion: HHWNC Supports **Council File 22-1196, Charter Reform Ballot Initiative / Los Angeles 2024 / Population Growth / Major Immigrant Destination / Los Angeles City Council Seats / City Residents Representation (O'Farrell – Koretz – Krekorian – Price - Raman):** Introduced on October 11, 2022. Motion is instructing the Chief Legislative Analyst, with the Assistance of the City Attorney, to report on the steps needed to place a charter reform ballot initiative before the voters of Los Angeles in 2024, with recommendations that ensure representation is fixed to population growth, in order to increase the number of Los Angeles City Council Seats.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Area 1 Chair Daniel Savage. The motion passed 18-0

Board / Public Comment: Michael Konik, Brian Dyer, Anastasia Mann. The motion passes 18-0

Motion: HHWNC Supports File: 21-1472 which is scheduled to be heard by City Council at their meeting Thursday, October 14, 2022 and will submit a CIS to this effect as soon as possible.

COUNCIL FILE 21-1472, Amend City Charter re: Redistricting in City of LA/(Raman – Krekorian – Martinez)

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with assistance from the City Attorney and other City departments, as needed, to report within 90 days with options for a ballot measure to be prepared for an election in 2024 to amend the City Charter to create an Independent Redistricting Commission for the City.

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

Board / Public Comment: Anastasia Mann, Michael Konik, Brian Dyer

d) **Next HHWNC Board Meeting:** November 16, 2022

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. Jorge shared that a recent motion was introduced on behalf of the neighborhood council. The office was made aware that the neighborhood councils were having issues transmitting their community impact statements to the CIS portal to the appropriate city commissions. The council office has presented a motion to instruct DONE to provide a report back in 45 days with assistance from ITA for necessary system upgrades. The office recognizes the neighborhood councils advisory role and want to ensure that these voices are being heard and accounted for throughout all city departments. The office has also been made aware of the situation at the Wilcox Triangle. They are conducting outreach with the homeless service providers as well as LA sanitation to remove some of the bulky items that may be there. There is also some trash and debris inside the fence area of Wilcox Triangle. Jorge is working with the city attorney to see how they can assist in remove some of the trash.

Mehmet shared that there will be a staff report and new draft of the wildlife ordinance coming out November 17 City Planning Commission date. The council office wanted to ensure there was enough time between the release, staff report, the new ordinance and the City Planning Commission meeting for folks to evaluate and let the office know their thoughts. He recommended potentially a special meeting or CIS before the City Planning Commission. He shared that most concerns were about fencing, the difference between smaller lots and estate lots. Planning has made a good faith effort in responding considering the comments that were received.

b) CD13 – Dan Halden (daniel.halden@lacity.org), Shannan Calland (Shannon.calland@lacity.org) Office of Councilmember Mitch O’Farrell. Shannon shared that weekly food distributions are happening in CD 13. The next one happening in Hollywood is November 11 at the Hollywood Rec Center but she’s looking for another location and considering one of the senior centers. They

were able to transport 13 individuals from the park to the tiny home village. They worked with urban alchemy, Rec and Parks and LAHSA to transport these homeless individuals. The Dorothy Benjamin Smith Park will be fenced off until the repairs are made by Rec and Parks. They will also take the opportunity to do some outreach.

- c) Mayor's Office, Central Area NC Rep, Serepia Kim (Serapia.kim@lacity.org); Angie Aramayo (angie.aramayo@lacity.org). Serapia shared that October 20 is International Shakeout day. Millions of people around the world will participate in earthquake and disaster drills. ReadyLA.org has info on tool kits, emergency plans, building disaster kits. There is also a program from the Emergence Management Dept called your LA neighborhood which has ideas to organize your neighborhood and increase your preparedness. LA Zoo is launching Team Council for Conservation which is directed at high school students in the city that are interested in animals, zoos, commerce and conservation. This will consist of 30 youth from the city that will meet for nine months and work on a lot of great projects. You can go to bit.ly/lazoocouncil2022 or Google LA Zoo Team Council for information and how to apply. November 13 to 18 is United Against Hate week. LA City and County are both participating. You can participate by posting how to report hate incidents and crimes as well as raise awareness about the importance of being kind. You can go to bit.ly/hw2022. LADWP has increased the turf replacement rebate from \$3 to \$5 per Sq Ft to convert your lawn to turf. More info can be found at LADWP.com/landscape for information on how to apply. You can also partner with the city council or mayor's office for trees for free. LADWP has a partnership with flume. A company that has devices that attach to your water meter and a companion app to track your water usage. The device normally costs \$199 but LADWP has an offer for homeowners, so it costs \$24. You can get more information at flumewater.com/ladwp to claim this offer.
- d) 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); Lt. Shon Wells (31394@lapd.lacity.org) Brian Oliver shared that package deliveries increase during the holidays with online shopping which increases package theft. He recommended when having packages delivered to a location where someone will be present to receive or pay attention to your deliveries. He also shared that Hollywood Partnership has a website that updates traffic advisories. With the upcoming movie premieres and extended events at the Hollywood Bowl through November, please be aware of increased traffic.

Kurtis Delbar shared that there has been a 7% decrease in rapes, a 5 ½ increase in robberies, a 1% increase in aggravated assaults, 9% increase in burglaries, 18% increase in grand theft autos, 21% decrease in decrease in burglary from motor vehicle, 5% increase in personal thefts. There are a couple of vacant homes on Mulholland that have been brought to their attention. They are trying to find the owners of the property and working them as fast as they can. Party homes are popping up for the holiday season and parties may be more frequent. They are working with the city attorney to address as quickly as possible.

- e) Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Ethan Weaver (Ethan.weaver@lacity.org). Ethan Weaver shared he's been receiving lots of complaints for noise coming from rooftop bars. Brian Dyer and Oren Katz have been a huge help. He met with the operators of the rooftop bars and nightclubs in the Hollywood Station. Oren Katz represented HHWNC. They took the first steps in establishing a protocol for neighbors to be heard and for their complaints to be listened to and for the city to have steps to follow. He hopes to share the protocol at the next meeting. They are going through the process for the Cahuenga Triangle and requested irrigation to be installed before the shrubs. The wrong system was installed and he's working with GSD to figure out how to get the correct system installed so the shrubs don't die. He also shared that in the coming weeks he will be leaving his role as Hollywood neighborhood prosecutor. He has been selected to be the neighborhood prosecutor for the West Bureau which covers five divisions of

Hollywood from Mulholland to the 10 and from Normandy to the Ocean. Hollywood is still in his jurisdiction. He will be handling special projects. He will know exactly what it would look like with the new administration in December. He's hoping to hold onto Party Homes and ABC regulations. He will be training his replacement and introducing them to the necessary stakeholders. Transition will happen December January.

- f) 46th Assembly District, Elisa Schwartz (Elisa.Schwartz@asm.ca.gov), Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian. Elisa shared that they will be holding free self-defense classes in person with Jean Morrison Saturday, October 22 or Sunday, October 23 from 1:30 to 3:00. You can RSVP through the assemblymembers e-mail at assemblymembernautarian@assembly.ca.gov. Location will be sent to you when you RSVP.
- g) 50th Assembly District- Josh Kurpies (josh.kurpies@asm.ca.gov), Office of Assemblyman Richard Bloom. Josh shared that a webinar was held October 18 with California Dept of Financial Protection on the Federal Loan Forgiveness program and primarily focused on the public service loan forgiveness program. This 10-year program was set up if you work for a non profit or work for local government and made 120 consecutive payments on time on your student loan your student loan would be forgiven. It's been discovered that at the end of the 10 years many students found out they've completed the wrong forms. The Biden administration has made several changes to the program. People that work for nonprofit agencies or governments can apply for a waiver that will allow for much of the time they served in those roles to count towards their loan forgiveness program. This information will be on their website in the next couple of days. For the public service loan forgiveness program, you only have October 31 to apply. The \$10,000 and \$20,000 forgiveness programs you have until next year to apply. Assemblymember Bloom will not be presenting any more bills this year and he leaves office December 5th. They are still actively working on problems you may have with state agencies doing case work. They will transfer any bill ideas to the new office.
- h) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Dina Andrews (dina.andrews@lacity.org). Dina shared for the upcoming elections the July Engagement Strategy Plan workshop materials are available. The recording and a link is in the monthly update. The city clerks 2023 neighborhood council election website is up, and it covers the regional election schedule, timeline, election handbook and election administrators list. Election administrators will begin to send election voting models to NC's holding elections this month. The BBM's contain the board seats, terms, voting age, method of verifying stakeholders and other election related and language. Policy and Government Council File 11 10 20-S3 was approved at the September 12 Budget and finance committee meeting and it's available to look at. Council file 22 10 7 regarding neighborhood council meeting, Empower LA Virtual Government system in person Emergency Declaration was introduced on September 14 by the city council and referred to Arts, Parks, health Education and Neighborhoods committee. The Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, President Rogado appointed Commissioner Webe to be a member of the commissions ad hoc code of conduct committee. She will be joining Commissioner Schaefer. The other members of the to review and present recommendations at a future BONC meeting. President Commissioner Olgotto has scheduled a tentative Zoom BONC retreat date Sunday January 22 at 1 pm. We are sending out legislative summaries on a routine basis and on August 22 Governor Newsome released a statement announcing bills he will sign into law. Among them SB1100 will be effective January 20, 2023. On September 13, Governor Newsome signed into effect two bills that will pertain to an effect neighborhood council operations. Assembly Bill 2449 and Assembly Bill 587. We also have a guide for you to using USPS. Both mail, every door direct mail. If you are interested, we have a link available to you. Cannabis in your community, partnering on progressive enforcement. The city of Los Angeles Department of Cannabis regulation invites neighborhood councils and their constituents to participate in a virtual town hall called Cannabis in your community partnering on progressive enforcement. The date of the meeting will be added to the e-mail sent out. They have tech tips and an available meeting timer, agenda and clock countdown for the public speakers that was implemented in the BONC regular meeting last that she will

share.

- i) 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). Stephanie shared that Saturday is P22 day in Griffith Park. They are meeting again in person. You can browse booths on conservation, environmental nonprofits, local wildlife issues, family friendly products and more. There will be food truck, music and a chance to take a static selfie with P-22.

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

No Report

7. Second Vice President's Report (Kyle Naumovski, Outreach Chair for Jane Crockett)

- a) UPDATE ON 2023 Election process for '23 - '25 HHWNC Board term.

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 September 2022, Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Transportation Chair Kyrstin Munson. The motion passed 17-0

- c) Updates on suggested adjustments to annual budget and possible motion

10. Area Committees Reports

- a) **AREA 3, AREA 4, HOUSING and BUSINESS COMMITTEE Joint Meeting: Brian Dyer Area 3 Chair, Lisa Scott Area 4 Chair, Michael Konik Housing Chair, Oren Katz Business Chair**

- i. **Postponed from September 21, 2022 meeting / UPDATE:** At the September 13 joint committee meeting of the HHWNC Area 3, area 4, Housing and Business committees, the following motion was passed 8-0.

Yucca Community Center Fall Event

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council gives to Yucca Community Center financial support in the amount of \$1000.00 for its Halloween event to be held October 29, 2022. In return, Yucca Community Center will provide HHWNC a booth and table for HHWNC's community outreach.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Transportation Chair Kyrstin Munson. The motion passed 17-0

Board / Public Comment: Kyrstin Munson, Matt Schichtman, Brian Dyer, Anastasia Mann

11. Issue Committees Reports

a) Housing Chair – Michael Konik

- i. Update on Housing Committee issues joint meeting with Area 3 & 4 September 13, 2022. Michael shared that a meeting was held and there was robust conversation regarding the enforcement of LAMC 41.8. He has not been able to bring a motion from this committee. Discussions will continue.

b) PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT: (Jeffery Masino)

- i. **Postponed from September 21, 2022 meeting / Runyon Canyon Park:** Updates on West Trail wooden stair removal, defibrillator vandalization, shielding commercial operations inside Runyon Cyn Park, and other operations issues.

Presenter: Stefanie Smith, Los Angeles Recreation and Parks

Stephanie shared that the catwalk south of the stairs are is going to remain. They will do some modifications and bracing. The stairs have been removed. The trail is currently open. The defibrillator will be removed and a new location will be identified.

Board / Public Comment: Paul Jenkins, Jeffery Masino, Stephanie Smith, Anastasia Mann, Michael Konik, Nicole Bernal, Mehmet Berker

c) Public Safety Chair – Paul Jenkins

- i. **October 20th (tomorrow) is our yearly Great Shake Out city-wide earthquake drill.**

At 10:20 AM (or when you are available), imagine you are experiencing a huge earthquake. If you are inside a building: Drop, Cover, and Hold On (under a table). After about two minutes (the length of a large earthquake), take your emergency Go Bag (if you have one) and walk outside to an open area away from buildings and wires. You would then text family and friends to confirm they are ok.

Great ShakeOut: <https://www.shakeout.org/>

For more information on emergency preparation: <https://www.hhwnc.org/public-safety/>

12. **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.

13. **Adjournment at 8:08**

