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**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING
March 15, 2023
5:30 pm**

Zoom Meeting Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85311647732>

Meeting ID: 853 1164 7732

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Agenda

1. Call to order by President Anastasia Mann

2. Roll Call by Secretary, Darnell Tyler

Board Members are required to notify when arriving late or leaving meetings early.

3. Candidate Meet & Greet – Election for 2023-2025 Board Term

4. Approval of February 15, 2023, Minutes

5. President’s Report by President Anastasia Mann

a) **CANDIDATE FORUM (5:30 pm)** – Thank you to Candidates for participating in forum prior to this meeting.

b) **NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, April 19th, 2023. LOCATION: Durant Library, 7140 W. Sunset Blvd., Free parking in the rear. 6 pm.

NOTE: All meetings at Durant must end and be cleared from the facility no later than 8 pm. Should Zoom also be an option, this will be indicated on the March agenda. NOTE: Initially this meeting was to be held “in person”. The City Council approved the extension for Zoom for through March 28th only. At this time, Public Meetings will resume in person in April.

c) **VENTURA-CAHUENGA BL CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN:** Announcement regarding the Ventura-Cahuenga CSP Amendment. Presenter: Courtney Schoenwald, City Planner, Valley Overlay Amendment Unit, LA City Planning. Courtney.Schoenwald@LACity.org

6. 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 – Mehmet Berker (Mehmet.berker@lacity.org), Josef Siroky (josef.siroky@lacity.org)
Office of Councilmember Nithya Raman
- b) CD13 – Anais Gonzalez (Anais.Gonzalez@lacity.org) Office of Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez
- c) Mayor’s Office, Central Area NC Rep, Serepia Kim (Serapia.kim@lacity.org)
- 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)
- e) Neighborhood Prosecutor, Hollywood Division, Anthony King, (Anthony.king@lacity.org)
West Bureau Neighborhood Prosecutor, Ethan Weaver (Ethan.weaver@lacity.org)
- f) LAFD – Chief Richard Fields (Richard.Fields@lacity.org), Asst Chief Dean Zipperman (dean.zipperman@lacity.org)
- g) LADOT – Bhuvan Bajaj (bhuvan.bajaj@lacity.org), Brian Gallagher (brian.gallagher@lacity.org)
- h) LADWP – Michael Ventre (michael.ventre@ladwp.com), Senior Public Relations Specialist
- i) 5th Supervisorial District – Natalie Vartanian, Deputy (navartanian@bos.lacounty.gov);
Office of Supervisor Kathryn Barger, District 5 (kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov)
- j) 3rd Supervisorial District - Office of Supervisor Lindsey Horvath (Lindsey@bos.lacounty.gov)
- k) 51st Assembly District, Office of Assemblymember Rick Chavez Zbur
- l) 24th Senate State District, Jake Ettinger (Jake.Ettinger@sen.ca.gov), Office of Senator Ben Allen
- m) 25th Senate State District, Declan Floyd (declan.floyd@sen.ca.gov), District Representative, Office of Anthony Portantino
- n) 28th Congressional District, Michael Aguilera-Gaudette (michael.aguilera@mail.house.gov), Office of Congressman Adam Schiff
- o) Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Dina Andrews (dina.andrews@lacity.org)
- p) 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), Jorge De Loera (Jorge.delora@lacity.org)
- q) Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library, Jacqueline Welsh (jacqueline.welsh@lapl.org)
- r) Hollywood Bowl/Stratiscopes, John Bwarie (HollywoodBowl@stratiscopes.com)

7. First Vice-President’s / PLUM Chair Report (Stuart Ross)

- a) **Neighborhood Purpose Grant: Valley View Elementary School: \$5,000 request.**
VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is requesting a grant for the upkeep and maintenance for their edible vegetable garden, where students learn about gardening and the benefits of eating wholesome foods. Their current garden is 10 years old and needs updating to keep it safe and functional.

Motion: HHWNC approves the Neighborhood Purpose Grant request in the amount of \$5,000 for VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL for the rebuilding of their vegetable garden.

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

- a) **HHWNC ELECTION/Candidate Forum Update** & Possible April Forum.
 - i. **Stakeholder Vote**-By Mail Registration Application – March 1-April 11th (deadline)
 - ii. **VOTE IN PERSON DATE:** Sunday, April 30th -Durant Library 10 am -4 pm
 - iii. Hybrid Election [VBM & In-person]

iv. Possible Open Seats Post-Election

9. **Secretary's Report (Darnell Tyler) – No Report**

10. **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 February 2023, Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman.

- c) Approve NC inventory report

Motion: The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the inventory report as submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman

- d) Approve reimbursement to DONE for the NC's zoom License

Motion: The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves reimbursement to DONE in the amount of \$119 for purchase of the board's zoom license.

11. **Issue Committees Reports**

a) **Public Safety Chair (Paul Jenkins)**

- i. Council File # CF 22-1258: The City of Los Angeles is grossly under funding our Emergency Management Dept. Additional staffing and funding is needed to help oversee emergency preparation in Los Angeles and provide Neighborhood Councils the support they need to help educate stakeholders in the preparation.

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=22-1258>

The city's Resiliency Plan tasks Neighborhood Councils with producing emergency preparedness plans for their communities. So far, the city has offered little or no help, financial or otherwise, for these projects. The Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance believes that help with these projects could be forthcoming if the city's Emergency Management Dept. were properly funded and staffed.

Motion: Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council views with concern the historic underfunding of the Emergency Management Dept and calls on the city of Los Angeles to fund EMD adequately. The Peer City Emergency Preparedness Programs Budget Comparison (FY2021-22) on page 7 of the Controller's Report shows the funding disparity between Los Angeles and other comparable jurisdictions. HHWNC fully supports Controller Ron Galperin's report, dated October 20, 2022, "A Better Plan to Get LA Ready for Emergencies."

b) **Parks and Open Space (Jeffrey Masino)**

- i. **TEAM RUNYON MEETING REPORT:** March 13, 2023, joint meeting between LA Rec & Parks, HHWNC Board Representatives, and Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation per 2016 agreement to hold transparent meetings on issues that affect Runyon Canyon Park. (see attachment)
- ii. RUNYON CANYON UPDATE: Damage/repairs to Runyon Canyon Park following recent Feb/Mar weather events. (LA Rec & Parks rep, CD4)

c) Environment (Cheryl Holland)

- i. Update on the Taco Bell Project 6741 Hollywood Blvd.

12. Area Committees Reports

a) AREA 3 Chair, Brian Dyer

- i. HHWNC has sponsored dog poop stations in Area 7 and in Area 3. Signage still indicates that Area 3 stations are provided by HHWNC. The stations in Area 7 have been removed by stakeholders. The Area 3 stations, from two different vendors are still installed. The stations when not in use, become defacto trash dispensers. Please see attachment.

Motion: The HHWNC approves the expenditure of \$600.00 for replenishment of its sponsored dog poop stations in Area 3.

- ii. Yucca Community Center “Spring Eggstravaganza” Each year for the Yucca Community Center’s Spring event, the Board of the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council has approved monetary support for outreach opportunities. The event typically draws more than 200 people (children and adults) to the even

Motion: The Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council gives to Yucca Community Center financial support in the amount of \$1000.00 for its Spring event to be held April 8, 2023. In return, Yucca Community Center will provide HHWNC a booth and table for HHWNC's community outreach.

13. 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.

14. Adjournment

**March 13, 2023 joint meeting between LA Rec & Parks, HHWNC Board
Representatives, and Friends of Runyon Canyon Foundation**

Time/Place: Monday, March 13th, 2023 at 2:00 -3:30pm - Zoom Video
(Meetings held quarterly with actions worked off-line)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86037963504?pwd=MmtkQnJmR3VSd3FzY1hTdjUyU0lWUT09>

Dial in: 669-900-9128

Meeting ID: 860 3796 3504

Passcode: 944479

Invitees:

- **RAP** – Stefanie Smith, Jorge DeLoera
 - **CD4** – Mehmet Berker, Emma Taylor, Josef Siroky
 - **FOR** – Don Andres, Stacy Sillins
 - **HHWNC** – Jeff Massino, Mary Yarber
- Guest:** Courtney McCammon, Urban Ecologist, RAP

Agenda:

1. Restrooms Status & Feedback
2. RAP Educational Signage
3. Runyon Bench Donations
4. West Ridge Trail – Bridge Assessment
5. East Trail Donation Completion & Renovation - Status
6. Storm Related Damage
7. Skateboards & Bikes in Runyon
8. Runyon Ranger Status
9. Tree Planting
10. HHWNC Elections – April 30, 2023

Next Meeting – ~June 2023

Don Andres, President

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Area 3 Dog Poop Station



Vendor	Item	Description	Quantity	Cost	Total
Mutt Mitt	Mutt Mitt Singles	Box of 2000	3	139.99	419.97
Mutt Mitt	Replacement Dispenser Keys	Set of 2	1	7.99	7.99
DogPoopBags.com	1000 EZ Tie Handle Bags	Box of 1000	3	37.95	113.85
Sub Total					541.81
Est. Tax					56.89
Est Total					598.70