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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**

**Phone Dial in: +1-669-900-6833 Code: 853 1164 7732**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to order by President Anastasia Mann called to order 5:32 pm**
2. **Roll Call by Secretary, Darnell Tyler**

Quorum established 20 Board Members Present

Absent: Area 1 Chair Daniel Savage, Transportation Chair Kyrstin Munson, Area 4 Chair Lisa Scott

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

1. **Candidate Meet & Greet – Election for 2023-2025 Board Term.** Second Vice President and Election Chair Jane Crockett welcomed the Board members and candidates and shared the meet & greet would allow candidate the opportunity for a 2-minute introduction and short Q&A. The period to request a ballot is now until April 11. The election will be hybrid so you can vote by mail or in person April 13 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Durant Library. You will need your ID to vote in person or by mail. Ballots can be requested from the city clerk.President Anastasia Mann shared that HHWNC will try to have another get together in April before the election.

The following candidates introduced themselves and gave statements: Anastasia Mann – President; Stuart Ross - First Vice President; Darnell Tyler – Secretary; Michael Holguin – Treasurer; Dan Bernstein – Treasurer; Jane Crockett – Second Vice President; Chris Wintrode – Transportation Chair; Mike Loboshayes – Transportation Chair; Naomi Kobrin – Youth Relations Community Chair; Oren Katz – Business Chair; Cheryl Holland – Infrastructure Chair; Joshua Sliwa – Infrastructure Chair; Hilda Boyadjian – Housing Chair; Paul Jenkins – Public Safety Chair; Jeffrey Masino – Environment Chair; Keaton Kustler – Parks & Open Space Chair; Kyle Naumovski – Outreach & Events Chair; Alexander London – Area 3 Chair; Brian Dyer – Area 3 Chair; Charlie Coker – Area 5 Chair; Joe Kahraman – Area 6 Chair; Lincoln Williamson – Area 7 Chair; Manuela Goren – Area 8 Chair; Serra Aladag – Area 8 chair, Richard Klug – Area 9 Chair.

**Board / Public Comment:** Matt Shichtman, Mary Yarber, Brian Dyer, Dan Bernstein, Annie, Brian Dyer, Paul Jenkins, Jeff McDonough, Jeffrey Masino, Keaton Kustler, Kristen, Mary Robinson

1. **Approval of February 15, 2023, Minutes.**

President Anastasia Mann made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted, 2nd by Open Space Chair Jeffrey Masino. Minutes were approved 20-0.

1. **President’s Report by President Anastasia Mann**
	1. **CANDIDATE FORUM (5:30 pm)** – Thank you to Candidates for participating in forum prior to this meeting.
	2. **NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, April 19th, 2023. LOCATION: Durant Library, 7140 W. Sunset Blvd., Free parking in the rear. 6 pm. IN PERSON.

**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 tonight’s 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 are set to resume in person in April.

President Anastasia Mann shared that the meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm but the start time may need to change, if it’s a complicated agenda, due to the current public library system and not having the opportunity to extend beyond 8:00 pm. Senator Portantino has proposed Senate Bill 411 requesting that Commissions and Neighborhood Council be allowed to continue via Zoom. It’s likely not going to be approved in time for the April or May neighborhood council meetings.

* 1. 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. Courtney introduced her coworker Lauren Paddock and shared information about the amendment to the Ventura Specific Plan. This is their teams third time presenting but they are here today to announce that the city council passed a motion March 3 to expedite planning clearances on Ventura Blvd and Cahuenga Blvd. It’s a business-friendly amendment that will allow clearances to be administratively processed rather than having a business file a case and put up a sign. A big part for the motion addresses community representation for the Planning Review Board because the City Council has identified that representation of the Board should be based by a community and not council districts. The council has also asked that the plan be updated to reflect the recently adopted ordinances, such as the processes and procedures ordinance. They hope to go to hearings in the spring and they’re working to update the website. They are coordinating with fellow project planners to get a plan review meeting in April to discuss changes. The date has not been finalized. Anyone in the community interested, please sign up for the interested party list.

 **Board / Public Comment:** Florence Blecher, Courtney Schoenwald

1. **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.**

1. CD4 –Mehmet Berker (Mehmet.berker@lacity.org), Josef Siroky (josef.siroky@lacity.org) Office of Councilmember Nithya Raman. Mehmet Berker shared best practices for weather related issues. File a 311 in addition to contacting the council office because that officially gets the process started. An example would be a fallen tree blocking the road, call 311 and submit a tree emergency, let the council office know the number assigned so they can follow up directly. He provided the following updated on the Mulholland Speed Mitigation work. In response to outreach from meetings with HHWNC, they are going to ask LADOT to conduct their final evaluation for the four sets. In the preliminary analysis, LADOT identified locations to implement speed tables at the Universal City area, two hairpin turns where there have been crashes and the last new Dona Pegita near Fire Station 97. Due to limited budget, they can’t guarantee the implementation of these suggestions. When they have completed their final analysis, they will be asked to come back to answer any questions. Josef Siroky shared he’s doing an event Saturday, March 25th at Highland Gardens, which is their bridge housing at Franklin and Sycamore. He was out with UFD in the Hollywood Dell, reporting to a call for emergency. Let the office know if LA Conservation Core needs to go out to address any debris or larger items from the storms. He’s been sending out DOT for signage request for faded stop signs, demarcation, stop lines for replacement.
2. CD13 – Anais Gonzalez (Anais.Gonzalez@lacity.org) Office of Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez. Anais shared that the office now has a transportation deputy. She’s not sure if there were projects or the types of projects from the previous administration. Street closure meetings are still every 1st Thursday of the month.
3. 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 Shawn Smith (33751@lapd.online); Lt. Shon Wells **(**31394@lapd.lacity.org) SLO Oliver shared that with all the increased weather, remember to lock your doors and drive safely. There have been lots of collisions, especially on Franklin. There have been lots of complaints regarding speed on Franklin. They have been doing lots of Run, Hide, Fight training and they would like to offer that to anyone in the area that’s interested. Please reach out to SLO Oliver or Officer White so they can schedule a time to meet. Officer White shared that Run, Hide, Fight is active shooter training. They can provide information regarding violence, prevention, and warning signs. This training is applicable to all aspects of life and a great engagement opportunity. They will also be regularly doing foot beats again. They would be happy to do another community walk again with however many peoples that want to join them and spend some time on Hollywood Blvd. SLO Sanchez shared there have been lots or problems where a man and woman team will try to knock on the door and try to gain access in any way they can. The male will stand in the background and wait for you to open the door. Do no open your door. Be vigilant.
4. 24th Senate State District, Jake Ettinger ( Jake.Ettinger@sen.ca.gov ), Office of Senator Ben Allen. Jake shared some background stating he’s been with the Senator for since October. Prior to the Senator’s office, he worked for an LA City Councilmember and he’s a big fan of neighborhood councils. They do important work, that’s localized and they work closely with the city. With the boundary changes, the Senator represents LA and 18 other cities. The Senator continues to chair the Environmental Quality Committee. He’s also on elections, judiciary, natural resources, water and transportation committees. He’s introduced 22 Bills ranging from Environmental to democracy reform. SB 473, increased the graduate license program which is expected to save about 500 lives in a year in California, SB 571 would require new development in high and very high risk fire severity zones have specific metrics that they have to meet for access in and out of a community in an emergency, SB 54 is a Plastics Bill that passed last year and SB 615 creates a framework for electric vehicle batteries that ensures they can be recycled at the end of life. They are considering a disaster readiness training event.
5. 25th Senate State District, Declan Floyd (declan.floyd@sen.ca.gov, District Representative,

Office of Anthony Portantino. Declan shared that Senator Portantino has introduced 31 Bills this year. A lot of them are education bills. He wants to redo the way schools are funded. California is 1 of 6 or 7 states that fund schools based on attendance and not enrollment. This change would bring several billion dollars to our public school system. He also wants to make sure teachers are trained to see warning signs of mental health crisis and students. There are horrible stories where warning signs are in a journal or homework assignment and the teachers aren’t trained to see them. There have been webinars on gun safety and emergency preparedness which are on the website along with information on all the bills that have been introduced. SB 411 is specifically for neighborhood councils to make sure they have the flexibility to meet in person or virtually. It does not mandate any process but allows the flexibility. The Bill has been referred to the Governance and Finance and Judiciary committees. The Senator hopes to have the support of neighborhood councils where you can send a letter or call in.

1. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Dina Andrews (dina.andrews@lacity.org) Dina shared with the retirement of Raquel Beltran, General Manager of DONE in March, the mayor’s office has appointed Vanessa Toronto to serve as the interim general manager until a new general manager is appointed. They will continue to share updates on next steps. March 23 at 6:30 PM., there will be a new CIS portal feedback session to give input on the new system. The current portal system has not been updated for 15 years. Council File 2009900 Diversity Equity and inclusion training / Anti Bias Training / Los Angeles Neighborhood Council members, on March 2, 2023, the neighborhoods communities and enrichment committee of the LA City Council approved council file 200990, on March 14, 2023, the city council members adopted the ordinance, and it’s been sent to the mayor’s office for review and subject to approval. The awareness and engagement sent our postcards to the region in reference to the elections to zip codes 90004, 90019, 90027, 90028, and 90035. The office will also be canvassing. If you’re interested in canvassing or have areas you want canvassed, let the office know. It is currently scheduled for March 31, 2023, from 12 noon to 2 pm.
2. 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). Jorge shared he’s in charge of maintenance at Griffith Park. He’s attending today to provide a report regarding damage due to the recent rains at Runyon Canyon. As a result of their preparation, all fire roads are open and all trails are open at this time. They are aware there were some challenges, and they are being addressed as they can. As soon as the rain lets up they will continue with repairs.
3. Will & Arial Durant Branch Library, Jacqueline Welsh (jacqueline.welsh@lapl.org). Jacqueline shared that the library has limited edition P 22 library cards still available. To get one you have to replace your existing library card or a new library card. The branch has also just received tech to go bundles which is a Chromebook, hotspot which is only available to adult patrons. These bundles can be checked out for up to 6 months. They are geared to students or otherwise lack access. They are currently being processed and should be available for checkout beginning March 17. Josef Siroky and CD4 were thanked for a successful neighborhood support day event. They were able to get 60 people connected with services and they are looking forward to more events in the spring. LA Public Library System is turning 150 and there will be lots of programming opportunities. They will be offering Hands on CPR every first and third Wednesday from 1 pm to 3 pm.
4. Angela La Riva, Hollywood Partnership. Angela introduced herself as the new vice president of operations for Hollywood Partnership and they’ve recently opened a 24-hour dispatch center. They have transitioned to a new vendor, Block by Block, who is providing all services from clean teams, dispatch center, Safety and Ambassador teams.
5. **First Vice-President’s / PLUM Chair Report (Stuart Ross).** Stuart shared the information below regarding the grant request.
	1. **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. Principal Valamehr shared information regarding her background at Valley View Elementary. The school was founded in 1971and located at 6921 Woodrow Wilson Dr. They serve students in grade TK through 5 grades with approximately 130 students. The entire school benefits from enrichment opportunities such as the outdoor garden. This is the only greenspace where students have a direct connection to nature and healthy eating. This furthers their interest in healthy eating and connecting to the earth.

**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.

1st Vice President Stuart Ross made the motion, 2nd by Environment Chair Cheryl Holland

Motion passed 20-0

**Board / Public Comment:** Brian Dyer, Cheryl Holland, Matt Shichtman, Cheryl Holland, Principal Valamehr, Anastasia Mann, Richard Klug

1. **Second Vice President’s Report (Jane Crockett).** Jane shared the neighborhood council will get back to you if they decide to another information Q&A session at the April meeting. Look on the neighborhood council’s homepage where you can directly link to the city clerk’s office to request your ballot. They also have a lot of information about voting. The NC will also be sending out a stakeholder email where you can directly link, and the area chairs will also be reaching out to their stakeholder lists.
	1. **HHWNC ELECTION/Candidate Forum Update** & Possible April Forum.
		1. **Stakeholder Vote**-By Mail Registration Application – March 1-April 11th (deadline)
		2. **VOTE IN PERSON DATE:** Sunday, April 30th -Durant Library 10 am -4 pm
		3. Hybrid Election [VBM & In-person]
		4. Possible Open Seats Post-Election
2. **Secretary’s Report (Darnell Tyler) –** No Report
3. **Treasurer’s Report (Matt Shichtman)**
	1. Board Member Reimbursements – None
	2. 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.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Charlie Coker

Motion passed 20-0

**c)** Approve NC inventory report

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

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Lincoln Williamson

Motion passed 20-0

**Board / Public Comment:** Brian Dyer, Anastasia Mann, 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.

**Motion tabled as HHWNC was never issued a second ZOOM license, therefore clarification needed from DONE.**

1. **Issue Committees Reports**
	1. **Public Safety Chair (Paul Jenkins)** Paul shared that Ron Galperin shared how much is spent on emergency preparedness compared to other cities and LA is spending substantially less and we feel we should be spending more.
		1. 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.”

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Joshua Sliwa

Motion passed 20-0

**Board / Public Comment:** Anastasia Mann, Brian Dyer

* 1. **Parks and Open Space (Jeffrey Masino) Jeffrey** shared information regarding a joint meeting between Friends of Runyon Canyon and LA Rec & Parks. These meetings happen quarterly. There are some educational signs along the list of maps that have been posted. There are ideas for signs related to flora and fauna conservation, history of Runyon Canyon. They have not been moved forward in regard to placement. Rec & Parks is pulling back on memorial benches. Rec & Parks is trying to finalize near term storm damage. The tree planning event will happen next fiscal year.
		1. **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)

**Board / Public Comment:** Michael Konik, Jeffrey Masino, Josef Siroky, Jorge De Loera, Mary Yarber, Anastasia Mann, Stuart Ross

* + 1. RUNYON CANYON UDPATE: Damage/repairs to Runyon Canyon Park following recent Feb/Mar weather events. (LA Rec & Parks rep, CD4) Jeffrey shared there is a slide on the main fire road and the tennis courts had damage. Jorge shared that all fire roads are open and trails are open. They issues will be addressed when the rain stops.

**Board / Public Comment:** Jorge De Loera

* 1. **Environment (Cheryl Holland) Cheryl** shared they met and discussed Taco Bell’s CUP and she asked the applicant would work to restore the front of the building. The update was postponed until the next HHWNC Board Meeting.
		1. Update on the Taco Bell Project 6741 Hollywood Blvd.
1. **Area Committees Reports**
2. **AREA 3 Chair, Brian Dyer**
	* 1. 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 3stations, 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.

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Jeffrey Masino

**Motion was tabled in order to research other area locations.**

**Board / Public Comment:** Brian Dyer, Anastasia Mann, Serra Aladag, Jeffrey Masino, Lincoln Williamson, Matt Shichtman, Mary Yarber

* + 1. 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

President Anastasia Mann made the motion, 2nd by Charlie Coker. Motion passes 19-0

**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.

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

**Amended Motion:** The HHWNC NC proposes to move $1000 from Outreach Adverting to Outreach Events in order to give Yucca Community Center financial support in the amounts of $1000 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.

Treasurer Matt Shictman made the motion, 2nd by Kyle Naumovski. Motion passes 19-0

1. **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.
2. **Adjournment at 8:42 pm**







