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**Hollywood Hills West
Neighborhood Council
Governing Board**

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**Hollywood Hills
West
NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL**

Board Meeting
Will and Ariel Durant Library, 7140 W. Sunset Blvd
Los Angeles, 90046
April 19, 2023
5:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to order by President, Anastasia Mann at 5:40 PM**
- II. **Board Roll Call by Secretary, Darnell Tyler.** Quorum established. 16 Board Members Present. Absent: Area 3 Chair - Brian Dyer, Area 5 Chair – Charles Coker, Community Chair – Chris Wintrode, Area 2 Chair – Jeff Straebl, Area 6 Chair – Mary Yarber, Treasurer – Matt Shichtman, Area 8 Chair – Serra Aladag
- III. **Candidate Introductions and Q&A – Jane Crockett, Election Chair/2nd VP**
 - a. Review Committee rules – 4 meetings per year. Job descriptions.
 - b. 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 HHWNC election is April 30 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Durant Library. You will need your ID to vote in person or by mail.

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; 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; Keaton Kustler – Parks & Open Space Chair; Kyle Naumovski – Outreach & Events Chair; Daniel Savage – Area 1 Chair, Lincoln Williamson – Area 7 Chair; Richard Klug – Area 9 Chair. Candidate statements were read for the following candidates: Chris Wintrode – Transportation Chair, Dana Erlich – Area 2 Chair, Brian Dyer – Area 3 Chair; Manuela Goren – Area 8 Chair; Serra Aladag – Area 8 Chair

Board / Public Comment: Michael Konik, Anastasia Mann, Karen

IV. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting 03/15/2023.** Area 1 Chair Daniel Savage made a motion to approve minutes as submitted, second by 2nd Vice President Jane Crockett. The minutes were approved 15-0.

V. **President's Report, Anastasia Mann**

a. **Last Funding** opportunity for Fiscal 2023 – May 17, 2023

b. **Welcome to Ovation! Now open (formerly Hollywood @ Highland):** Proposed event: Semi-final Worldwide Gelato Festival – September 2-3, 2023 – Note: Star Wars/ John Williams at the Hollywood Bowl, Saturday, September 2 and Michael Bolton, Sunday, September 3rd.

Discussion re: Partial Street Closure on Hollywood Blvd.

Participants Lindsay Hurlic, Director of Events, Ovation - lhurlic@djmcapital.com; Gabriele Poli- gabriele.poli@gelatofestival.com; <https://gelatofestival.com/pages/eventlosangeles>

Lindsey Hurlic shared that the Gelato Festival Street closure request will be a partial not full street closure. Hollywood and Highland recently completed a major two-year renovation of the property. They have rebranded and repositioned the facility in the local market and is now known as Ovation Hollywood. They were originally known only as a retail center and the property is now repositioned as a community gathering space with the new center courtyard. They look forward to hosting more community and public events like pictures with the Easter Bunny or Santa. Lindsey introduced Gabriele Poli to discuss the history and details of the Gelato Festival. This is an international festival, and this is the first time it's been hosted in Hollywood. The festival started in 2010 and every four years there is a worldwide final to select the world master. They are doing a lot of local events to select the best gelato in the US. The goal is to invite the top 12 chefs to compete in Hollywood for the chance to represent the US in the world final. The gelato festival will be a free event open to the public. There will be areas for sampling and pictures. The programming isn't finalized for the activities that will be happening on the curb line. Concern about the closure came from Area 3 and Area 4 because of issues with the Hollywood Bowl traffic problems. Ovation Hollywood is familiar with the concerns because they are a partner parking location and try to minimize the traffic impacts by providing parking, so they don't go to the bowl for parking. With that understanding, they are trying to minimize Ovation Hollywood's Gelato Festival traffic impacts. The event is Labor Day Weekend and they have contracted security and there will be additional security for the beyond their property.

Board / Public Comment: Anastasia Mann, Kyrstin Munson, Micky, Kyle Moughan

c. **Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 – Location: Durant Library. Time: TBA

VI. **Vice President / PLUM Report: Stuart Ross**

a. **PACE' JOINT** – Update re details on Decision of ZA to support community concerns and HHWNC Motion re restricting hours of operation on patio and music/sound levels. 1st VP, Stuart Ross shared that Pace' Joint is a restaurant East of Fairfax on Sunset and owned by Sandy Gendell. There was community anger with their proposal of a full liquor, beer, wine, and extended hours. There were comments from the neighbors who live across the alley and apartments just to the east that went to the zoning administrator. The ZA's decision is 34 pages long and he's happy to share with anyone that's interested. The suggestions by the PLUM committee and HHWNC were taken by the zoning administrator and tightened even more. The hours were limited to 10 pm outside and 12 am inside, no private parties, significant noise restrictions, patio beer and wine, no full liquor, no outdoor kitchen, no live entertainment, no amplified or acoustic music outside. HHWNC represented the community and the city agreed.

b. **MADAME TUSSAUD'S:**

The PLUM Committee met with the operators and representatives of Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum (Area 4) on March 27th to discuss their plans to open a restaurant with liquor service on the 2nd and 3rd floor of the museum.

The following motion was made and passed 3-1 to recommend to the Board:

HHWNC PLUM Committee recommends that the HHWNC Board support the Madame

Tussaud's application for a Conditional Use Beverage permit application and site plan changes provided additional clarity on audio decibel level is agreed upon with local law enforcement and can be easily measured.

Representing the project will be Kristin Lonner: klonner@neighborhoodforward.com, Tom Middleton: Tom.Middleton@merlinentertainments.biz and Cody Martin: cody.martin@merlinentertainments.biz

1st Vice President, Stuart Ross introduced Kristin Lonner and Tom Middleton, representing Madame Tussauds to discuss their proposal. Kristin introduced Christian, Tom Middleton - General Manager and Jessica the entitlements consultant. She shared that after presenting to the PLUM committee they received a 3 to 1 vote of support. They've done extensive outreach to the community. They've met with Lisa Scott, Area 3, and Area 4, many of the managers and they continue to meet with building residents. They have received a letter of support from the Madison which is directly behind them. Madame Tussauds has a Conditional Use Permit which allows them to have 200 roof top events a year until 2 am with amplified music or a live band. This isn't the business model. The business model is about the venue and drawing people into the entertainment venue. The current proposal is to put a restaurant on the roof top space, Friday, and Saturday until midnight, stopping service at 11 pm and closed by 12 am. Sunday through Thursday, service ends at 10 pm and closed by 11 pm. Special events would continue with reduced allowance and hours. If the event is a buyout, the outdoor area would close at 11 pm. Madame Tussauds is looking at their business model and how they bring in guest. Access to the restaurant would be separate from the museum so it will be another space in Hollywood to have dinner. There is also a request for a 20-seat bar that museum guest would have access. You would only be allowed to drink at the bar and not in the museum. There will be nothing blocking views from the Madison and the view will not change. The biggest change will be the addition of the kitchen. The only music in the restaurant will be background music.

**1st Vice President Stuart Ross made the motion, 2nd by Lisa Scott
Motion passed 13-1**

Board / Public Comment: Oren Katz, Paul Jenkins, Tom Middleton, Michael Konik, Anastasia Mann, Annie Cagan, Jeff McDonough, Micky, Naomi Kobrin, Tom, Kristin Lonner

VII. Second Vice President's Report, Jane Crockett

- a. **Final update re: HHWNC Election, Mail in ballots. In person final voting** Sunday, April 30, 2023 10 am to 4 pm. Durant Library, 7140 West Sunset Blvd, at Detroit.

Jane Crockett shared that paper ballots must be postmarked by April 30 and received by May 10. April 30th is also the in person voting date. The official vote results should be available May 4, 2023

VIII. Board Secretary report, Darnell Tyler – No report.

IX. Treasurer report, Matt Shichtman monthly expenditure report submitted by 2nd Vice President Jane Crockett in Matt's absence.

- a. Approve Monthly Expenditure Report
- **Motion:** The Board of Hollywood Hills West NC approves the March 2023, Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman.

2nd Vice President Jane Crockett made the motion, 2nd by President Anastasia Mann

Motion passed 14-0

- b. Update on submitted NPG's – President Anastasia Mann, in Treasurer Matt Shichtman's absence, shared that HHWNC has one outstanding NPG that's already been approved for Aviva, Yucca Community Center and Valley View School and we're waiting on some paperwork. There are still NPG funds available, and they would have to be submitted by next month.
- c. Review fiscal yearend funding rules. President Anastasia Mann shared that the city clerk will not honor any motion done at the end of the fiscal year which is July.

X. PUBLIC OFFICIALS 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. Mehmet Berker shared that speed mitigation on Mulholland works so the final set has been sent to DOT for final evaluation. It will be a few months for them to go out to evaluate which includes engineering. The sets submitted included the two hairpins on Woodrow Wilson, Universal City Overlook, and Station 97. The comments and questions received from the neighborhood council have been submitted. They have also been working with some neighbors on donations for renovations for Fire Station 76. The council office will be taking out the carpet and buffing the underlying concrete. There have been several meetings with Chief Fields and fire partners. They will be introducing a motion and asking for a report back on ways of protecting the station from a vehicle strike like what happened a few years ago. 3003 Lake Ridge will be going to the Government Operations Committee after which it should be approved by City Council which will allow the General Services Dept to negotiate a lease with the nonprofit for the Bird House which will be ecologically restoring the parcel that the city owns. They will be restoring it to the native ecology and adding hillside stabilization through landscaping measures. They are working with CPPOA to install a new doggy waste station at the at El Paseo de Cahuenga Park. Josef Siroky that Thursday, March 25 there will be a homeless resource event at Durant Library which will include a shower truck. They will be having a movie night at Wattles Farm, hopefully in collaboration with NBCUniversal. He's also coordinating a clean up there so if anyone is interested in volunteering, please let him know. His area of responsibility is Hollywood, the Hollywood Sign, Bronson Canyon etc. and he's always happy to collaborate on events with the community.
- b. CD13 – Anais Gonzalez (Anais.Gonzalez@lacity.org) Office of Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez shared that she will be the deputy for East Hollywood. There will be an event for lower income folks and communities with Jedi Zones. The district directors will attend the event April 26.
- c. 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); Lt. Shon Wells (31394@lapd.lacity.org)
Officer Kurtis Delbar shared the boundaries of the North Hollywood station and that there has been a 20% decrease in crime year to date, but they are seeing an uptick in commercial burglaries. A window is typically smashed, they go inside for one to two minutes, take what's in the register. These typically happen Sundays or Mondays between the hours of 2 am and 5 am. They're also seeing an ongoing catalytic converter theft. There is an interesting video on YouTube that shows some effective ways to secure your catalytic converter. There are also some party houses on Mulholland but on the lower end right now. If any pop up, please let me know. There was a burglary in Hollywood that resulted in a shooting. They are having a problem with card scammers running three card shell game, illegal pot sales. They are trying to combat it with an increased foot beat presence. SLO Ralph Sanchez is back and working on party houses.
SLO Brian Oliver thanked everyone that's running for office. He shared he's encouraged by the significant reduction in violent crime which has been the most significant ever from 2023 between robberies and aggravated assaults. There is a 20% reduction.
- d. LAFD – Chief Richard Fields (Richard.Fields@lacity.org), Asst Chief Dean Zipperman (dean.zipperman@lacity.org) Chief Kenneth Cook shared that there has been a lot of movement within the station and he's a Chief in Hollywood along with Vince Alvarado. This season brush fires will burn hot and fast due to the unprecedented rain we've had. In preparation, they have been working with Beverly Hills and LA County to develop and coordinate plans to support one another. There will be a much bigger response, and this includes six aircraft. Everyone taking care of their brush clearance will help.
- e. 25th Senate State District, Declan Floyd (declan.floyd@sen.ca.gov), District Representative,

Office of Anthony Portantino. Declan Floyd shared that they had the first hearing at the Senate Governance and Finance Committee on SB411 which allowed neighborhood councils flexibility to be virtual or in person. They did get out of this committee on a 6 – 2 vote. Over 60 people called in and over 100 submitted letters. HHWNC was one of the organizations that supported. They were overwhelmed by the support received across the city. The next step will be the Senate Judiciary Committee. Amendments were made to the bill. One of the amendments was a 2/3 vote of the neighborhood council and will take a City Council approval for a board to go virtual. The city of LA is a primary sponsor of the bill. There is a potential 3,4- or 5-year sunset. Declan will continue to keep those that have signed up for updates updated on the progress.

- f. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Dina Andrews (dina.andrews@lacity.org)
Dina Andrews shared that the Congress of Neighborhoods is coming up Saturday, September 23, 2023. There are opportunities for the NC's to pre plan and participate in the planning survey and for the NCs to sponsor and finally to join the planning committee. The second CIS portal training will be April 27 in reference to Council File 20-0990, diversity equity and inclusion training, anti-bias training for council members was adopted by the City Council March 14 and signed by the mayor March 28. There are election resources in the monthly update.
- g. Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library, Jacqueline Welsh (jacqueline.welsh@lapl.org) shared that she's the acting manager and has been there for eight months. There are a limited number of P-22 library cards available. If you're currently a library card holder you will have to surrender your current card to replace with the P-22 commemorative library card. There have been lots of staffing changes which have resulted in reduced hours. There is a new teen services librarian, so they look forward to more youth programming. The summer reading club starts in June.

XI. ISSUE COMMITTEE

a. Transportation Committee, Krystin Munson – Joint Committee Meeting Update

Update: Discussed 3 topics: 1) Milner and Camrose Hollywood Bowl closure survey results- Neighbors overwhelmingly support current closures, except Area 2 survey results were inconclusive. 2) Discussed Mulholland Drive speedhump priorities feedback- neighbors have mixed feelings and question need for so many humps and 3) potential legislative change for partial road closures during big events- need to reign in radius & determine implementation logistics.

Kyrstin Munson shared that there was concern raised from neighbors that they were not solicited for feedback for the Milner Camrose closure which is typically during peak Hollywood Bowl traffic. Should closures continue, there are neighbors and stakeholders' groups that meet qtrly with the Hollywood Bowl. There were 151 people who responded to the neighborhood survey. Most of the responses came from Hollywood Heights and Outpost side at 138. 115 responded yes to continuing the closures. On the Whitley Heights side there were 13 responses. Discussion has continued whether to have the closures tied. There is concern if one side is open and the other closed ride share will overwhelm the other side. They feel another survey may be needed to make sure everyone feels represented. The California Office Legislative Council has finished drafting a state legislation change for 2024 which would allow neighborhoods to put residents only access into neighborhoods. There would be a five-mile radius to be able to close neighborhoods. Chris Wintrode is leading the initiative.

Board / Public Comment: Mann, Annie Cagan, Jeff McDonough, Kyrstin Munson, Micky

XII. AREA COMMITTEE

a. None

XIII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 2 minute(s).

ADJOURNMENT at 7:47 pm

Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is

prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to **2** minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

Name (Alphabetical by First Name)	Title	Officer of the Board?	ROLL CALL Quorum = 12 Board Members		MOTION #1 Brought by: Anastasia Mann Seconded by: Jeffrey Masino	MOTION #2 Brought by: Stuart Ross Seconded by: Cheryl Holland	MOTION #3 Brought by: Anastasia Mann Second by: Charlie Coker	MOTION #4 Brought by: Anastasia Mann Second by: Lincoln Williamson
			Arrival Time (If Arriving After Meeting Begins)	Departure Time (If leaving before the meeting adjourns)	The Board approves the March 15, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes	HHWNC PLUM Committee recommends that the HHWNC Board support the Madame Tussaud's application for a Conditional Use Beverage permit application and site plan changes provided additional clarity on audio decibel level is agreed upon with local law enforcement and can be easily measured.	Motion: The Board of the Hollywood Hills West NC approves the March 2023, Monthly Expenditure Report submitted by Treasurer Matt Shichtman.	
Anastasia Mann	President	Yes	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
Brian Dyer	Area 3 Chair	No			Absent	Absent	Absent	
Charles Coker	Area 5 Chair	No			Absent	Absent	Absent	
Cheryl Holland	Environment Chair	No	5:40 PM	6:30 PM	Yes (For)	Absent	Absent	
Chris Wintode	Community Enrichment Chair	No			Absent	Absent	Absent	
Daniel Savage	Area 1 Chair	No	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
Darnell Tyler	Secretary	Yes	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
Jane Crockett	Second Vice President	Yes	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
Jeff Straebler	Area 2 Chair	No			Absent	Absent	Absent	
Jeffrey Masino	Parks and Open Space Chair	No			Absent	Absent	Absent	
Joshua Sliwa	Infrastructure Chair	No	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
Kyle (Mihail) Naumovski	Outreach/Public Events Chair	No	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
Kyrstin Munson	Transportation Chair	No	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
Lincoln Williamson	Area 7 Chair	No	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
Lisa Scott	Area 4 Chair	No	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
Mary Yarber	Area 6 Chair	No			Absent	Absent	Absent	
Matt Shichtman	Treasurer	Yes			Absent	Absent	Absent	
Michael Konik	Housing Chair	No	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	No (Against)	Yes (For)	
Oren Katz	Business Chair	No	5:51 AM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
Paul Jenkins	Public Safety Chair	No	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
Richard Klug	Area 9 Chair	No	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
Serra Aladag	Area 8 Chair	No			Absent	Absent	Absent	
Stuart Ross	First Vice President	Yes	5:40 PM		Yes (For)	Yes (For)	Yes (For)	
TOTAL ROLL CALL			15		TOTALS BELOW	TOTALS BELOW	TOTALS BELOW	TOTALS BELOW
TOTAL	Yes (For)				15	13	14	0
TOTAL	No (Against)				0	1		
TOTAL	Absent				8	9		
TOTAL	Abstain				0	0		
TOTAL	Ineligible				0	0		
TOTAL	Recused				0	0		

Note: In order for the HHWNC to take an official action, a majority vote by board members present, not including abstentions, is required. A majority shall be one half (1/2) of those present plus one (1) for the purpose of voting. Any abstaining member shall not reduce the number of votes required to establish a majority.