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Monday, December 15th, 2008
Full Board Meeting at 6:30 pm
First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood
Community Room – Upper Terrace, 6054 Yucca St. (East of Gower)

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AGENDA ITEMS: ALL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

1. Welcome and Roll Call: Board members—Present: Debbie Aldahl, Robert Abrahamian, Jordan Birnbaum, Bechir Blagui, Maurece Chesse, Andy Ettinger, Scott Larson, Rodney Hargrove, Bree Long, Jamie Rosenthal, Erik Sanjurjo, David Schlesinger, Charles Suhayda. Excused: Susan Swan. Absent: Hilary Royce.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 17, 2008 Board Meeting: Motion: Bree Long. Second: Don Paul. Vote: Yes—11 No—0 Abs—0.
3. LAPD Report: Senior Lead Officer, Mike Shea reported the following:
 - a) LAPD Hollywood Division has received numerous phone calls on muggings and robberies in the area around Franklin Ave. Detectives meet weekly and look for increases in violent crime but there is no substantial increase in areas 628, 629, and 638. In these areas violent crime is down 4% from one year ago, while property crime is up 3% from one year ago. In the last 3 months there were 3 robberies in the near vicinity of Franklin Ave: Franklin/Beachwood, Tamarind/Chula Vista, and Canyon. Three months ago there was a reported rape. The suspect was identified by DNA and arrested.
 - b) The Gang Unit reports no gang crimes above Franklin Ave.
 - c) BTFV (Break-in and theft from vehicle) has increased. Please remove all electronic items from your car: GPS, cell phone, I-Pods, etc.
 - d) Crime report for December 7-14: There were no property crimes and no violent crimes.
 - e) LAPD Hollywood Division in crime reduction in Los Angeles, down 9.2% in all crimes. Violent crime is down 16%.
 - f) LAPD redistricting: LAPD will add 2 additional division—Topanga and Olympic. Hollywood Divisions area will be reduced. Currently, Hollywood Division has 300 sworn officers.

8B3—Public Safety & Transportation—Update on recent actions of private security officers around the Franklin strip: In response to a question Officer Mike Shea responded that the Church of Scientology's security personnel only provide security for their own properties. Those security guards that patrol on the streets are un-armed.

4. Los Angeles City Updates: B—Council District 4: Sharon Shapero field deputy with Council member LaBonge informed the meeting that she handles housing and transportation for the district. She can be reached at the field office at (323) 957-6415. Also, the last Griffith Park hike will be on December 31st at 3:30 PM. Finally, she encourages all stakeholders to participate in the CERT (Community Emergency Response Training) program. The training goes for 7 weeks with 21 hours of study. Council District 13: Copies of the CD 13 report were made available to board members and stakeholders.
5. Public Comment for Items not on the agenda:
 - a) Raymond Yu—made announcement on the upcoming Chinese New Year festivities.
 - b) Susan Polifronio—She serves on the Hollywood Cap Park Committee. The committee will be requesting \$5,000 from the Neighborhood Council for expenses related to the development of the Hollywood Cap Park.
6. Sam Kbushyan, updates on events in Little Armenia: Sam Kbushyan is the president of the Armenian American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) which is located in East Hollywood. He reported on 3 new projects of the AACC:
 - a) Placing a sign for Little Armenia on the north and south –bound 101 freeway (working with Kevin de Leon).
 - b) Establishing a business improvement district (BID), working with Councilmember Garcetti and the CRA.
 - c) Establishing a Western Ave Post Office branch station.
7. Executive Committee reports:
 - a) President—no report
 - b) Vice President—no report
 - c) Treasurer—Ryan Hass reported: 1) We are paying previously approved expenditures, 2) the 2008 reconciliation statement is being prepared for DONE, 3) the \$6,000 allocated for facility usage/rental for FY 2008/2009 will be spent.

8B—Public Safety & Transportation:

- 1) Update on timetable for removal of no parking signs on Bronson north of Foothill: It was reported that Officer Mike Shea was unaware of this effort. There was no further update. The committee also asked that an effort/study be made to determine the number of parking spaces needed for the businesses to thrive along the Franklin strip.
 - 2) Hollywood BID—Navigate LA website—proposal for HUNC to assist with funding up to \$1,000. The website will be launched on December 18, 2008. Motion: Ryan Hass, “That HUNC assist the Navigate Hollywood website, founded by the Hollywood Entertainment BID, with \$1,000 for the support and maintenance of the website, provided that HUNC receives a presence on the website.” Second: Jamie Rosenthal. Vote: Yes—10 No—0 Abs—2.
 - 3) Report on increase in parking meter rates and new meter installation. Erik Sanjurjo reported that new, multi-space parking meters are being installed on major streets in Hollywood. The hours for paying a parking fee have been extended to 8 PM.
 - 4) Proposed letter to MTA regarding the preferred route for the new Purple Line Subway. Motion: Erik Sanjurjo, “That HUNC write a letter to MTA supporting the extension of the Purple Line Subway to Century City and UCLA.” Second: Scott Larson. Vote: Yes—12 No—0 Abs—0.
 - 5) Timeline for construction of Fire Station 82 on Van Ness: the committee reported that construction has been delayed on the 3-year project.
8. New Business:
 PLUM committee update on Newport Capital Partners Project (Yucca/Argyle). The developers returned to address the committees concerns on the quality of construction and the 0 foot setback. The project currently has support from the Argyle Civic Association, the Dell, and the Hollywood Arts Council. Some apartment residents across the street from the project oppose the project. The developers will attend the HUNC Board meeting in January 2009 to make their presentation.
 Meeting Adjourned (Board Minutes reported by Charles Suhayda)