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Monday April 20, 2009
Full Board Meeting at 6:30 pm

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

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Board members – Present: : Robert Abrahamian, Maurece Chesse, Andy Ettinger, Scott Larson, Margaret Marmolejo, Jamie Rosenthal, Erik Sanjurjo, Charles Suhayda, Debbi Aldahl, David Schlesinger, Susan Swan

Excused: Don Paul, Ryan Ole Hass

Absent: Bechir Blagui , Jordan Birnbaum, Rodney Hargrove

2. Approval of Minutes for March and for 4/13 Workshop Meeting

Motion to approve March minutes: Erik Second: Maurece Vote: Yes - 9 No - 0 Abstain -1
Andy Ettinger pointed out that the date of the March board meeting was not on the minutes, and it was noted and corrected.

Motion to approve April 13 Workshop:

Motion: Erik Second: Charles Vote: Yes - 7 No - 0 Abstain - 3

3. LAPD and LAFD Updates (5 minutes)

SLO Shea had no crime statistics with him at this time but he did say that statistics were still a little higher than last year, He referred to burglaries, car break-ins. He said that the area is getting hit a lot with car break-ins but that has leveled off and on the downhill.

SLO Shea mentioned that there was a violent crime a couple days prior on Bronson and Chula Vista. It involved someone walking north bounds on Bronson. The suspect/s asked the victim to give them their money. The victim then ran and the suspect/s ran the other direction.

SLO Shea said that as the entertainment district on Hollywood Blvd. has exploded it has caused the crimes around the blvd. to rise.

He said that the LAPD Hollywood Division is supposed to get 15 extra officers – referred to as the entertainment District - just for that little area. The officers are expected be brought in next month.

He referred people to LAPDonline.org for crime statistics.

Susan inquired about the status of the proposal to remove the no-parking signs on Bronson Ave. and was told that they would check with Capt Girmala.

The Depeche Mode concert on Thursday night – at Hollywood and Argyle – was mentioned because streets will be closed west of Vine, east of Argyle.

On Friday, April 24th, during the day there will be an Armenian Genocide demonstration at Hollywood/Western.

4. Los Angeles City and County Updates including but not limited to (5 minutes):

A. Mayor's Office Updates

Fabiola Vilchez, New central area director For mayor's office, has 19 NCs in her area
Central area director – Hollywd Hills to Wash Blvd. and from Chinatown to La Cienega. She assists the areas in any way she can, 213-978-0812, fabiola.vilchez@lacity.org

B. City Council Office Updates

Sharon Shapiro (CD-4) reported.

1. Re-paved Sunset Blvd. from Highland to LaBrea, it cost \$250,000 and they did it in one stretch, a little less than half a mile
2. Last week: had local Cheremoya students, 4 & 5, got a tour of City Hall
3. this Thursday (4/23/09), annual hike for health, 600 students
4. LA City, PLUM, tomorrow (4/21), new sign ordinance being heard, debate at City Hall working with DWP to get incidental lighting in area
5. Workshops in self-defense
6. May 9th is Fire Service Day
7. May 2nd and 3rd, Big Sunday
8. LAPD – May 7th, Clean-up for inspections

Helen Leung: new signs in Hollywood, 600 new signs from DOT, new pilot program for hailing a taxi
City council passes a resolution to dedicate alley east of Cahuenga to making it a public space

C. DONE Updates

Naheed Q.: having a live ethics training on April 29th: first hour (6 to 7 p.m.) a round table with their general manager Bong Hwan Kim , (7 to 9 p.m.) ethics training
She reminded the NC that they need to fill out the 2010 NC Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet
HUNC did that at the recent Workshop meeting

5. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)

Jim McQuiston

311 Bill Robertson, Street Services Manager, call 311

Next Week: LA City Budget, Budget Finance Committee

Newspapers say there's a \$500 mil shortage

LA City, 2.5 Bil to spend on

Pension funds – 1.0 bil, 2009-10, want 1.5 bil, 2010-11, 2.0 bil, 2011-12

Ray Cirana, 311, ask for Blue Book and main budget book

Pension funds want 8% return in investments and if short, then they bill city for difference

Steven Box: the NCs of LA are engaging in process with the DOT of developing a memorandum at Hollywood City Hall on Traffic & Transportation issues

Nctranspo.com

Erik Sanjurjo said that there's a proposal to cut NC budgets by 10% to \$45,000

DONE has 1 e-blast per week

Rachel Paap: Animal Welfare Director

Update: just had Pets in the Park this past Saturday, April 18, animals available to go to homes straight away
14 confirmed adoptions

Free Hollywood Spay & Neuter Day this Saturday, 4/25/09

To get a dog license you need a proof of rabies vaccine. It must be up to date.

She presented the "All in one pet-handly brochure"

Scott said this was probably one of the easiest programs he's ever used

6. Presentation regarding the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, Dispute Resolution Program. (15 minutes)
Postponed 'til May

7. Project Y!MBY and the upcoming Hollywood Homeless Connect Day on Thursday, June 25, 2009. request for financial support up to \$1000. (10 minutes)

Shawn Ingram

4th annual connect day at Music Box Theatre

Ingram said he was there to request some financial support for the event

The goal of Project Connect Day – to connect people and put them in temporary housing and connect them with services

last year's event – attendance was about 600 but what was expected was 250 - 300

seeking support from city councils, NCs to try to distribute this

this year's budget has nearly doubled

Motion: Erik Second: Scott Vote: Yes - 10 No - 0 Abstain – 0

8. Proposed letter of support to Armenian Chamber of Commerce to support their wish to establish a little Armenia Business Improvement District (BID) (10 minutes)

Motion: Robert Second: Andy Vote: Yes - 9 No - 0 Abstain - 0 Absent - 1

9. Treasurer: update on budget and expenditures; update on form 54b requirement; new details on City funding of NCs (20 minutes) Treasurer absent so no report

A. HBT Payment reallocation re unpaid Demand Warrant

Has not been paid in 2 years, so voting on a payment reallocation and erase the debt

Tabled to May

10. Update on Proposed Citywide Sign Ordinance, Re: CPC-2009-0008-CA Revisions to City Sign Code (5 minutes)

11. Executive Committee Reports including but not limited to (10 minutes):

A. President

1. Update on Board Seat Geographic Area 2 seat vacancy

2. Update on 2010 Elections & formation of Election Committee

B. Vice-President

1. Update on NBC/Universal Project Working Group

12. Committee & Liaison Reports/Updates including but not limited to:

A. Functionality of Committees, committee assignments; minute-taking necessities, any other items necessary for effectiveness of committees. (15 minutes)

1. Change/adjustment to Standing Rules to include that only people with non-financial interest may vote on issues before Committees; requirement that those who wish to vote on an issue before a Committee must have attended at least one of the specific Committee's meetings immediately prior, and have signed in at that meeting

B. Business (5 minutes)

- 1. Update on efforts to reach out to local business to host Business committee meetings

Postpone to May meeting, no Business ctte members present

C. PS&T (15 minutes)

- 1. Update on ongoing request for left-turn signals at Vine & Hollywood

Erik Sanjurjo: thought it would be nice to write a letter to Tom thanking him for paving Sunset

- 2. Update on 2009 LAHSA Homeless Count

3. Update on proposal to hold committee meetings outside of HUNC boundaries (in short term as joint meetings with other Hollywood Coalition of NCs committees and possibly by selves in long term) at government facilities that are within one-half mile of HUNC boundaries and one mile of Neighborhood City Hall.

- 4. Update on proposal to surveying of public streets for tree planting, sidewalk, street paving opportunities.

- 5. Proposal to adopt plan similar to that of East Hollywood Neighborhood Council to discourage flyers.

D. Outreach update, including update on mailing requirements and report on ability to put ads in NC Newsletters and similar in order to assist paying for newsletters etc; ability to have Facebook page, LinkedIn page, Blog etc (10 minutes)

E. PLUM

- 1. Support for usage of Central Hollywood NC PLUM Applicant/Developer Questionnaire for HUNC PLUM usage (10 minutes)

A. Request for hiring of minute-taker of PLUM committee meetings

Motion: David Second: Maurece Vote: Yes – 10 No – 0 Abstain – 0 Absent - 2

Charles: 1800 Argyle project – if people come to PLUM they should declare their financial interest in the project.

Susan: we want everything worked out at PLUM

13. New Business/Announcements

Andy Ettinger: our city councilmen make a \$100,000/year and that's the most well-paid city council salary in the country?

Recommend that the City Council share the pain/ accept a cut of 10 percent

14. Old Business

15. Submission of proposed Agenda items for May meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Process for Reconsideration The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place before the end of the meeting at which it was considered or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and take an action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Motion for Reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a Motion for Reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Recording Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.