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BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 19th, 2013; 6:30PM
Cheremoya Elementary School Library
6017 Franklin Avenue
Los Angeles, CA, 90028

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Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order or merged as deemed appropriate by Board. All items for discussion and action unless otherwise noted.

1. Welcome and Introductions

10 members present. Debbie, Nic, Scott, Jim, Erik, Susan S., Tom, Marlena, Don and Jennifer present.

2. Approval of Minutes 3 minutes

9-0-1.

3. Public Comment on items not on the agenda but before the Board's purview.

4. LAPD and LAFD updates- 20 minutes

A. Timeline on the completion of the new training facility on Bronson.

Training center on Bronson 90% complete. Will open in fall.

B. Response to the County Grand Jury report on LAFD staffing.

1. Discussion of recent County Grand Jury LAFD Audit that includes recommendations on LAFD response times, and relevance to previous Board request for investigation.

<http://articles.latimes.com/2013/jun/28/local/la-me-ln-grand-jury-lafd-20130628> *

<http://documents.latimes.com/l-county-grand-jury-audit-lafd-response-times/> *

Battalion 5 Chief Castro came and spoke to audit. Would cost \$100M/year to restore LAFD back to 2008 levels. Some funding was restored in budget but not back to full strength yet. Restoring Engine 35 would improve response times in area. Mayor Garcetti has appointed former LAFD Commissioner Alan Skobin to serve as a special adviser on technology. Fire Station 82 responding to most calls in less than 60 seconds. Erik mentioned that proposals to civilianize call center have been blocked by union in past. Politically difficult. HHA rep spoke about dangers to residents from traffic jams blocking emergency vehicles.

5. Los Angeles City and County, State updates

New field rep for HUNC and Griffith Park area Daniel Halden, spoke on behalf of CD4. Leaders of area HOAs and NCs will be invited to go over ideas that have been proposed for dealing with traffic spike, which has grown much worse in the past year. Steven W. with CD13 spoke about district's support for community gardens. Support for new median gardens. MyLA311 App. Erik asked about Hollywood and Western development and what is expected to go in NW corner there. Steve responded that project is owned by CIM, which also controls hotel. Offered to meet and discuss trees being planted and streetscape plan.

6. Presentation by The Center at Blessed Sacrament & Hollywood 4WRD - Ending Homelessness in Hollywood (Nathan French, 10 minutes) Nathan and Tyrone, individual helped by program, spoke about efforts of group to outreach to homeless population through new business cards with service info. Facility by Blessed Sacrament no longer provides food. Now offers services 7am-3pm M-F.

7. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda but under the Committee's purview

PLUM

A. 2240 Mountain Oak Drive – ZA 2013-444: Motion to approve Variance request so long as compliance with the below conditions is included:

1. The Oaks "D" Limitations.

2. The Baseline Hillside Ordinance.

3. General acceptance of the design and placement by Oaks Homeowners Association as stated in their position letter:

"The only person from HUNC tonight was me. There were about 13 grownups and one baby (the latter probably the sanest one of us all). The discussion about this property got heated at times without agreement on several points. At the end I advised that I would forward this to HUNC for the next meeting's agenda with the recommendation to approve points 3,4,5 and 6 (see attached Oaks July 31 letter) and to forward without recommendation points 2, 7 and the last paragraph for the full board's review. I'm not sure we can actually make recommendations on them but it was the only way to move this along. The end of the meeting got a little more cordial once I told them what I was going to do so there may be more buy-in by the neighbors by the time of the HUNC meeting. I've also attached the actual Master Land Use Application as the recommendation it calls for is probably more specific than the Oaks points. However, we may need to leave the Oaks concerns in any motion even if it will be rejected or ignored so that a message is sent to the HOA's and developers that HUNC is aware of everyone's concerns and will address them as appropriate."

Jim- no recommendation from committee. Supports recommendations 1,3,4,5&6. Mike Young from HOA read position of group. Susan S. suggested that space on bottom of building be grandfathered to remain uninhabited. Developer's rep spoke as to their desire to have ability to control aesthetics of project, so long as they comply with letter of the law. Oaks does not want to see a building with no open space in front. Susan- motion to support project with variance, provided that they provide front load dumpsters, on wheels, during construction and workers be shuttled. Don asked that add "without precedent" phrase so that can't use house as an example for future projects. Susan- part of problem is that Oaks has no design review board, like Hollywoodland. Need to have clear rules. Additional requirement for "minimum remaining dimensions for vehicle to street for safety purposes" language proposed by developer. Motion Susan-Debbie fails 4-4-1. Motion Tom-Jim to request that developer work with HOA and adjacent neighbors to find a consensus position with the additional conditions proposed above. Passed 9-0.

8. Approval of funding for Constant Contact for Newsletter

Tabled.

9. Finance:

A. Budget status update, possible motion

Cut 5k from NPG. Motion Susan-Tom. Passes 9-0.

B. Update on FOGP Neighborhood Purposes Grant to come out of this year's budget

Susan- We lost 5k from City because of DONE's misplacement of a certified letter. Leaves us with 32k for FY13-14.

C. DONE Strategic Plan

Tom-have to adopt in order to get funding. Executive Committee did draft. Motion Susan-Tom to approve. Passes 9-0.

D. NC Board Roster

E. Update on Board completion of required trainings

F. Motion to authorized purchase of HUNC business cards though City channels, up to \$1000.

10. 2014 Elections: DONE NC Elections Outreach Survey, effective outreach strategies

A. Vacant Board seats, process for filling, upcoming election

Motion to approve. Tom-Jennifer. Passed 9-0.

B. Motion for support for election mixer, up to \$1,000

Tabled

11. Review of Neighborhood Council Plan Review and Initiative Working Group recommendations, possible motion.

Tabled

12. PS&T: request for support of participation in the national event "Shake Out" by holding an emergency preparedness event called "Shake Out Block Party". Motion for funding event up to \$2000

Motion Jennifer-Don. Passes 9-0.

13. Designation of Board members to represent at relevant NC and City meetings that are ongoing and re-occurring: LANCC, DWP, Plan Check
Tabled.

14. Update on Community Meeting held Weds 8/14 regarding congestion adjacent to Griffith Park, Lake Hollywood and Hollywood Sign, proposed Working Group, possible motion

Erik suggested that idea of hiring a traffic consultant be re-explored with HUNC possibly helping to fund. Susan described process and meeting Thursday morning 8/22 with community leaders. CD4 rep (Daniel Halden) mentioned that he is working to find a traffic officer for Cheremoya, with hope that Foundation will cover cost for eventually.

15. Update and possible motion regarding the current DWP-IBEW Contract (essential elements)

Tabled

16. Public Works: Save our Streets LA proposal for street repair bond measure: City Council Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee: \$3 Billion Street Repair - 24 Recommendations to City Council, possible motion

Referred to Public Works Committee to follow.

17. Old Business

18. New Business

ADJOURNMENT

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.

*Los Angeles city leaders should reverse budget cuts made to the Fire Department during the economic downturn and enact a sweeping series of reforms to the department's 911 call center, the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury said Friday in its final report. The grand jury recommended that the LAFD's funding be reinstated to 2008 levels, called for replacing the firefighters who answer 911 calls with lower-skilled civilians and suggested an overhaul of the department's computer systems.

** 4. LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TIME LAG

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY- Several negative articles in various Los Angeles area newspapers regarding poor response time to 9-1-1 medical emergency calls within the City of Los Angeles prompted this investigation. A committee of the Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury (Grand Jury) found that response times in the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) began to increase when its budget was decreased. The Grand Jury believes that the Los Angeles City Council may have relied on inaccurate response time data in making its budget reduction decision. The Grand Jury also found that LAFD does not utilize its resources to its best advantage. To be specific, the Grand Jury urges that LAFD's funding be restored, that its engine companies be reinstated, it incorporate civilian call handlers, use a non-proprietary Emergency Medical Dispatch protocol and update technical equipment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The City of Los Angeles should reinstate the funding to the LAFD that was cut in 2008. While the Grand Jury acknowledges and commends the Los Angeles City Council for restoring some funding to LAFD, additional funding is crucial to place back into service the multiple engine companies' ambulances idled by previous budget cuts.

8.2 LAFD should incorporate civilians as call handlers in its dispatch center. LAFD has traditionally used sworn firefighters to answer 9-1-1 calls. Other local emergency response departments use civilian call handlers with no apparent decline in service. This would provide economic savings and allow sworn personnel to return to active emergency service.

8.3 LAFD should use a customizable Emergency Medical Dispatch Protocol to allow for call handler flexibility in responding to 9-1-1 calls.

8.4 LAFD must update the technical equipment in its vehicles and dispatch center as outlined in the November 2012 report from the task force on Information and Data Analysis (IDA). Technical innovations are also needed to reduce response times for the LAFD, such as the new Smart911 4 system that has been implemented in other fire agencies.