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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2014, 6:00PM
BOARD MEETING
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Cheremoya Elementary School
6017 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, 90028**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order or merged as deemed appropriate. Action may be taken on all items.

1. Welcome and introductions

6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Susan S., Erik and Tom present.

3. Approval of Minutes

N/A.

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

None.

5. Request for Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for approval of up to \$1500 for Champion Fund

Randi Cohen, Executive Director, and Derek, program manager presented. Explained that Children's Hospital's nonprofit arm is running judo program for at-risk youth (10-15) in Hollywood area, as part of Mayor's Gang Reduction & Youth Development (GRYD) program. Asked for money for uniforms and coach. After was explained that DONE can only purchase items Erik made motion, seconded by Tom, to allocate \$750 for uniforms, with an additional allocation of up to \$250 for including HUNC's name on uniforms. Passed unanimously (Erik, Tom, Susan S.).

6. New Business

None.

7. Old Business

None.

8. Adjournment

BOARD MEETING

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1. Welcome and introductions

2. Roll Call

Susan P., Tom, Jim, Susan S., Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic and Erik present. 10 members (quorum) reached at 6:55. Robert, Jennifer and Chona (excused) absent.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion Susan P.-Don approved 10-0 (Susan P., Tom, Jim, Susan S., Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic and Erik) to adopt November minutes. September minutes distributed.

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

Gerry Hans, Friends of Griffith Park, thanked HUNC for funds to improve Fern Dell.

5. Comments from any City, County, State or Federal representatives in attendance (5 minutes each).

Dan (CD13) spoke about the removal of a homeless encampment at Vine and Franklin, CD13's field office moving to Echo Park and his desire to find a satellite office in Hollywood, and congratulated Scott Larson for his 12 years on the HUNC board. Susan P. also spoke out about Scott's calming presence and years of excellent work.

6. Nominations and appointments to vacant Board seats

A. Business Area C Representative Term: 2 Years to 2016 Election

Business Seats – one (1) seat for each of three (3) business Areas (See Article III, Section 2B). To qualify for a business seat, Stakeholders must be owners, members or staff of an organization with an office or regularly scheduled meetings with at least ten (10) meetings a year within the Area whose members are engaged in for-profit activity, commercial activity; or business associations and business improvement districts.

Business Area # C - Includes north side of Franklin Ave. corridor and all three NC hillside areas (Districts 1,2,3) to the northern border of the Hollywood Sign. Includes those areas between Western Ave. and Fern Dell to the Hollywood (101) Freeway and Cahuenga Blvd.

Erik nominated Greg Horos, owner of Locali, for the position, noting that Greg had run for the board and shown interest in participating in HUNC. Susan P. seconded. Vote 10-0 in favor (Susan P., Tom, Jim, Susan S., Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic and Erik).

B. Homeowner Seat- one vacant seat. Term 4 Years to 2018 Election–. Any Stakeholder, in Geographical Areas 2,3,4, or 5, who owns the home in which they live, is qualified to apply for this seat.

Area #2 - Central Hillside Area, including Cheremoya Ave. School. Beginning at Franklin Ave. and Gower St., north on Gower St. to Winans Ave.; west on Winans Ave. to Dearborn Dr.; south on Dearborn Dr. to Vasanta Way; Vasanta Way north to Creston Dr.; north and then west on Creston Dr. to its north end; jump to south-west corner of Griffith Park Boundary; thence north on Park Boundary and then east, including "Hollywood" sign and Mount Lee Park; east and then south on Mount Lee Dr to Mulholland Hwy.; East on Mulholland Hwy to Hollyridge Dr.; south on Hollyridge Dr. to its point closest to north end of Cheremoya Ave.; thence jump to the northern extremity of Cheremoya Ave.; thence south on Cheremoya Ave. to Franklin Ave.; west on the middle of Franklin Ave. to Gower St. and point of beginning.

Area #3 - Eastern-most hillside area, including Bronson Canyon. Starting at Cheremoya Ave. and Franklin Ave., north on Cheremoya Ave. to its north end; jump to Hollyridge Drive at its closest point.; thence north on Hollyridge Drive to Mulholland Hwy and north on Mulholland Hwy to Mount Lee Drive and then north on Mount Lee Drive thence east along the north boundary of HUNC; thence to the east boundary of HUNC; thence south along the east boundary of HUNC to the middle of Los Feliz Blvd.; thence to the middle of Western Ave.; the middle of Western Ave. to the middle of Franklin Ave.; west along the middle of Franklin Ave. to Cheremoya Ave. and the point of beginning.

Area # 4 - From middle of Franklin at Western Ave. proceed south to Hollywood Blvd. Continue west along middle of Hollywood Blvd. to the Hollywood Freeway. Continue NW along freeway to Franklin Ave. Turn east, down the middle of Franklin Ave. to Western Ave.

Area # 5 - From middle of Cahuenga Ave. at Hollywood Blvd., proceed to Franklin Ave. Head east down the middle of Franklin to the Hollywood (101) freeway. Continue SE along freeway to middle of Hollywood Blvd. Proceed down the middle of Hollywood Blvd. west to Cahuenga Blvd.

Susan S. nominated Robert Litimisky, Scott's nominee for his seat. Jim seconded. Approved 11-0 (Susan P., Tom, Jim, Susan S., Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic, Greg and Erik).

7. Finance Committee

A. Approval of monthly expense reports

Tom explained that at the mid-point through the fiscal year HUNC has allocated 2/3 of its funding. Motion (Tom-Susan P.) to approve November report passes 10-0 (Susan P., Tom, Jim, Susan S., Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic and Erik).

B. Approval for Constant Contact for Newsletter and email outreach, ability for non-profit billing which would be a 30% discount if paid for the year – total of \$294 (versus \$420)but subject to letter of City affiliation. Motion for up to \$420 in case letter is not forthcoming Motion Susan S.-Don to approve passes 10-0 (Susan P., Tom, Jim, Susan S., Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic and Erik).

C. Approval of hiring Crissi Avila for Newsletter and email outreach efforts. 6 months at 4 hours/month which would be \$92 (@ \$23/hour)/month. Motion for \$552.00

Motion Margaret-Don to approve passes 10-0 (Susan P., Tom, Jim, Susan S., Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic and Erik).

D. Vote to approve reimbursement of \$35 to Crissi Avila for expenditures to Constant Contact on behalf of HUNC.

Motion Susan S.-Susan P. to approve passes 10-0 (Susan P., Tom, Jim, Susan S., Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic and Erik).

8 Update on effort by DONE to secure seven exempt positions in budget. Motion to support their request.

Motion Erik-Don to adopt approved 12-0 (Susan P., Tom, Jim, Susan S., Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic, Greg, Robert L. and Erik)

9. Update on Dec. 9 CD4 debate and details for forum being presented by HHWNC at Universal Studios (Globe Theater). Erik explained will be held on January 27.

10. Motion and Update re Nov 17th Board Meeting motion item 8 B.” Motion to co-sponsor and assist with purchase of food and advertising up to \$500, with LFIA and LFNC, an open community forum to hear equal-time presentations by Nederlander/AEG and Live Nation.” Live Nation has notified LFIA that they will not participate in the proposed Forum. Therefore, our greater communities will not have the opportunity to hear both sides make their case. Motion: Our colleagues of the Los Angeles *Neighborhood Council* Budget Advocates have requested an independent analysis regarding the pending Greek Theatre RFP award. We vote to strongly support their request for a transparent analysis of the two proposals- an independent, apples to apples financial comparison between the different bids.

Adam Burke of Neaderlander said that he found it odd that LFNC and HUNC were not permitted to hold a town hall and that matter would likely be taken up by the City Council in January due to recent fire near Rec & Parks office.

Barbara from LFIA restated her organization’s position of opposition to the decision by Rec & Parks and their wish to hear from both parties. Not possible since Live Nation has refused to participate in their proposed forum.

Susan S. mentioned that since Fern Dell/Western Canyon streets are unimproved the amount of traffic that might result from an expanded Greek Theater lineup is of concern. Erik suggested that in addition to motion HUNC also write a letter to CMs O’Farrell (Arts Committee Chair) and LaBonge (representative for the facility) requesting that they ask both bidders to clarify how many events they plan to hold if they are awarded the contract. Was also suggested that a follow-up question be made about what type of events each bidder would plan to hold. Erik also suggested that HUNC ask the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners to review the legal advice given to DONE and HUNC around RFPs and Town Halls. He expressed skepticism that the advice was correct and mentioned a conversation with a former DONE GM. Motion Susan S.-Erik to approve, as amended, passes 12-0. (Susan P., Tom, Jim, Susan S., Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic, Greg, Robert L. and Erik)

11. Discussion of proposed DWP lease of Parcels A, B and C in Lake Hollywood area to City of Los Angeles.

Gerry Hans said he believes trail project should require an EIR not just a CEQA analysis. Erik made case that NC should support DWP’s approval of proposed lease for 10-acre portion of utility’s land to ensure that it is kept in public hands. Suggested that could add amendment recommended by SMRCA that the rest of DWP land be set aside as open space for wildlife. Jim argued against supporting anything without a clear plan for how trails will be maintained, with what revenue source, etc. Matter was tabled.

12. Discussion of proposed bylaws change to incorporate the Ford Theater Parcels A, B & C, and Cahuenga Peak in HUNC’s boundaries, to be shared as joint resources with HHWNC.

Erik explained that current maps of HUNC and HHWNC are incorrect, showing the line between them west of where they actually are. HUNC bylaws clearly state that line runs east of Ford Theater, through middle of Hollywood Reservoir, then past western edge of Lake Hollywood Estates into Griffith Park. Pointed out that this means the DWP parcels, Cahuenga Peak and County lands around the Ford are not within HUNC’s boundaries. Suggested that ad hoc committee on boundaries adjustment be given a direction to include all portions of Griffith Park west of the Observatory, the DWP parcels and the County property around and including the Ford Theater within HUNC’s boundaries, to be shared with HHWNC, which will be encouraged to revise their own map to reflect its bylaws and to consider sharing all of the Reservoir with HUNC. As these areas contain no population DONE has indicated that permission from adjoining NCs is not required, though recommended. Motion Erik-Susan S. to adopt passes 11-0 (Susan P., Tom, Jim, Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic, Greg, Robert L. and Erik).

13. Update on Council approval of revised Arts Development Fee and impact on local projects.

Erik explained that Council recently expanded the allowable use of fees to citywide events or projects across district. Funds set aside for Marshalls/Petco were allocated by CD13 for an Armenian Genocide Memorial, site TBD, even though HUNC had expressed a desire to see those funds used locally. Erik suggested that PLUM indicate in all future reports pertaining to Arts Fee-generating projects where the NC should recommend that the funds be allocated. *Note- CD13 has suggested pre-clearing projects with Cultural Affairs in order to ensure that they are considered in the future.*

14. Discuss and approve HUNC area pothole repair locations.

Spots chosen in Oaks area for this round. Next one in June.

15. Selection and vote to approve up to five (5) people to submit Community Impact Statements (CIS) on behalf of HUNC.

Motion Susan S.-Erik to select Tom, Susan S., Erik, Jim and Chona as CIS filers. Approved 11-0 (Susan P., Tom, Jim, Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic, Greg, Robert L. and Erik).

16. PLUM Committee

A. Request that CD13 require developers along section of Bronson between Hollywood Blvd. and Carlos to pay for a traffic study to determine if it makes sense to 1) install a left turn signal for southbound traffic and 2) shave the sidewalk in front of the Tommy’s Burger on the NE corner of the intersection so that northbound traffic can more easily turn right.

Motion Erik-Tom to adopt approved 11-0 (Susan P., Tom, Jim, Don, Cyndy, Margaret, Anji, Nic, Greg, Robert L. and Erik).

B. 2033 N. Vista Del Mar: Requested Zone variance to allow for a 12th dwelling unit on an 11 unit multiple family residence without the minimum parking requirements.

Continued.

C. Update and possible motion regarding 6230 Yucca Street project. 17 story apt building, original 6-year entitlement in Sept 2008, and expired 2 months ago. The old EIR is now up for recertification. HUNC previously supported the project in 2008.

Item sent back to PLUM.

17. PS&T Committee

A. Discussion of Mayor's release of a plan to address earthquake risk faced by wood framed and concrete buildings.

Erik mentioned that Mayor has plan on his website. *NOTE: HUNC recently wrote letter to Mayor with the recommendations from its Town Hall on Emergency Preparedness and Development around the Hollywood Fault.*

B. Update on timeline for re-opening for old Fire Station 82 and dedication of new training facility/annex.

Erik mentioned that according to LAFD Battalion 5 and Councilmember LaBonge, the facility should open in February or March of 2015.

18. Renters Issues Committee

A. Update on Dec. 2 community meeting on development plans for Villa Carlotta

Don gave rundown of event, mentioning that developers plan to use Ellis Act to empty building in order to renovate it and turn it into a boutique hotel. Erik mentioned that this will require a zone change (from residential to commercial) for both the Carlotta and adjoining parcel (parking).

B. Update and discussion of working group on renters' rights, to be held at 7 p.m. January 12, 2015 at Cheremoya in Library.

Don mentioned that Larry Gross from CES will attend and that CD4 and Housing were also being invited. Cyndy asked if this event was for all renters to which Don replied that it was.

19. Outreach Committee

A. Update on Newsletter and timing, and call for submissions

20. Business Committee

A. Update on proposed Business Watch District

Greg spoke about meeting he organized for Franklin Strip businesses along with SLO Maggie Dillard to discuss homelessness, shoplifting and car burglaries in the area. Will try to do regularly as feedback was positive.

21. New Business/Announcements

Susan P. mentioned that January 8 will be the Hollywood Central Park Gala.

22. Old Business

None.

23. Adjournment

9:04.