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Board Meeting, Monday, July 16th, 2012; 6:30PM
Seventh-day Adventist Church of Hollywood, 1711 N Van Ness Ave, Hollywood, CA 90028
(On site parking available within the Church compound)

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Robert Abrahamian, Marlena Bond, Nic Manzo, Margaret Marmolejo, Susan Polifronio, Jim Van Dusen, Susan Swan, Mike Broggie, Erik Sanjurjo in attendance. Quorum reached at 6:54. Scott Larsen arrived 7:01, departed before end of meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Vote 7-0-2.

3. LAPD and LAFD Updates

Mike gave update on Thursday incident on Gramercy. LAPD are viewing as a vandalism case.

Captain Watters reported on response time controversy and explained that it is mainly a function of resource reductions.

Response times in flats under 5 minutes. In Hills can be far longer than 5 minutes (8.5) given the distances involved.

35 lost an engine company, which has doubled number of calls for remaining fire resource, requiring 82s to back up.

Question was asked about brush fire at Lake Hollywood overlook. Engine from 76 got there first, about 10 minutes after call.

4. Los Angeles City and County Updates

Sharon Shapiro from CD4 announced that Councilmember LaBonge has already implemented a new staffing plan for district, even though boundaries will not change until July 1, 2013. Next bike ride Thursday at Hollywood Field Office, 6501 Fountain Avenue.

August 7 National Night Out at Hollywood Police Station, 7 p.m.

Bureau of PW representative gave update on Deronda road repair project. Work starting soon on Mulholland Highway leading up to Mount Lee Road. Over \$500,000 in repairs needed in area. Not eligible for Gas Tax or other normal transportation funds. Will use rubber tires to paving equipment so that further damage to the road can be avoided.

A. Greg Bartz, LADWP Local Government & Community Relations Liaison

Discussed proposed water and electric rate increase proposals. DWP now paying \$1.50 per ft² (up to \$3000) for customers to remove their grass and replace it with lower maintenance plants.

5. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

Member from Studio District NC attended in order to reach out to HUNC about collaborating on upcoming election.

6. PLUM

A. Presentation and discussion (possible action) for CUB case, ZA 2012-1053(CUB), @ 6377 Hollywood Blvd.

"Loaded" being proposed by owners of Big Wang's. Want to add 1350 ft², nearly doubling existing approved restaurant space. No parking required since in State Enterprise Zone, but will add 12 valet spaces voluntarily. Scott moved to support project as proposed, Susan Polifronio seconded. Also asked for added private security to be added. Motion passed 10-0.

B. Presentation and discussion (possible action) of project at 6327 Primrose Avenue

Scott Larsen did motion to support, Jim Van Dusen seconded. Passed 9-0-1 with Susan Polifronio abstaining. Was explained that project will be townhouses, which should be in keeping with the residential character of the surrounding community.

C. Presentation and discussion (possible action) regarding project at 2212 Cahuenga Blvd

Item tabled for a month.

7. PS&T

A. Update on recent controversy over LAFD response times

Erik mentioned Controller's audit of department's timekeeping challenges and related to previous interest in FS82 coverage.

B. Emergency Preparedness/Neighborhood Watch certification
4 pm Saturday, August 18 meeting at Sabor y Cultura to discuss formation of Gramercy Neighborhood Watch, general info.

C. Proposed list of items to assist with remodel of break room for Hollywood Station police and possible approval of funding Erik to provide list next month.

D. Proposed list of items to assist Fire Station 82 with opening of new station on Hollywood and possible approval of funding \$900 work boots \$500 I-Pad. Mike did motion to approve, Erik seconded. Motion passed 10-0.

E. Update on AB 2231: City of LA is proposing to shift the responsibility for fixing sidewalks as a result of tree damage from the City to homeowners. AB 2231, will require the City or County of Los Angeles to repair any sidewalk that is damaged as a result of trees. Possible motion.

Richard McNaughton- City now has \$1-1.2 Billion worth of damaged sidewalks. Should repair sidewalks first and then tell homeowners that they are responsible for future maintenance. Erik proposed that the City of LA offer a 50-50 sidewalk repair program for residences and businesses as an alternative to the current all-or-nothing debate between property owners and the City. Nic seconded motion, which passed 8-0-1 with Margaret Marmolejo abstaining.

F. Update on fire near Hollywood Sign and possible assistance with signage costs
Susan Swan discussed her idea to place Smokey the Bear signs at Lake Hollywood, Bronson and Beachwood/Deronda. Cost is expected to be around \$1,000 each according to the Department of Recreation & Parks, unless already produced. CD4 provided neighbors with 8 No Smoking signs to post. Feedback was they would certainly welcome more in the area. Susan Swan made a motion to support the purchase of up to 10 Smokey the Bear, or other fire prevention, signs for a total cost of up to \$10,000. Specific funding source to be determined with DONE. Motion, seconded by Margaret, passed 7-0-2.

8. Finance

A. Budget and Reconciliation report

Mike shared the new format for budget reports and explained NC spending to date.

B. Request to fund up to \$1,500 for watering Franklin trees via LA Conservation Corp. until mid-October. Scott did motion, seconded by Susan Swan. Passed 9-0.

9. 2012 NC Elections Update

Nominations for positions opening soon.

Susan Swan and Erik Sanjurjo presented what ideas they and Election Outreach Committee had developed, including:

A. Outreach funding:
Health Fair,

Fire Safety town hall,

Pet Adoption/microchipping event,

Wine & Cheese tasting,

Candidate forums,

BBQ in Park,

Bronson or Canyon Street Party,

purchase of reusable bags,

pens,

magnets,

limited-edition commemorative landscape print of Hollywood,

Election Day party with food trucks and street closure,

others?

Ads on Hollywood Patch website, bus benches, newspapers

Board voted to support the general direction proposed and to authorize the Election Committee to move forward and make whatever expenditures are necessary to accomplish the goals (within already allotted funding).

B. Assistance with manning and supplying booths at the Farmers Market on Saturday, August 18 (11 AM – 7 PM) and Saturday, August 25 (11 AM –7 PM) at the Hester Street Fair, on the parking lots bounded by Hollywood Blvd to the north, Argyle to the west and El Centro to the east – the future site of the Boulevard 6200 development. Hester Street Goes Hollywood website: <http://www.hesterstreetfair.com/hollywood/>

Christine Jerian, election administrator, advised HUNC to include a flyer with information about upcoming elections and to consider sharing space with other Hollywood-area NCs in order to better share resources. August 7 National Night Out event.

10. Mission and focus of Hollywood United for FY 2012-2013; Outreach; Events, Committees

11. Old Business

12. New Business

13. Submission of proposed Agenda items for next meeting

ADJOURNMENT