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Monday May 18, 2009
Full Board Meeting at 6:30 pm

**Hollywood United Neighborhood Council
Minutes of the Board Meeting**

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Those present: Don Paul, Bechir Blagui, Charles Suhayda, David Schlesinger, Debbi Aldahl, Jamie Rosendahl, Jordan Birnbaum, Margaret Marmelejo, Maurece Chesse, Robert Abrahamian, Rodney Hargrove, Ryan Hass, Susan Swan, Scott Larson.
Those excused: Andrew Ettinger, Erik Sanjurjo.

2. Approval of Minutes for April 2009 Board Meeting

Motion: Don Paul, To approve the April 2009 HUNC Board Minutes.
Second: Maurece Chesse
Vote: Yes—9 No—0 Abs—3

3. LAPD and LAFD Updates

LAPD: No report

LAFD: The fire season now extends to 9-10 months per year. LAFD continues to work with DOT and CD-4 to make sure that the proper street signage is in place for red flag days. Anyone with concerns about buildings that are unoccupied should call LAFD and the building will be checked. The groundbreaking for the new Fire Station 82 building will be on May 28th at 10 AM.

4. Los Angeles City and County Updates including but not limited to:

A. Mayor's Office Updates: none.

B. City Council Office Updates:

CD-4: Sharon Shapiro provided the following dates for CD-4 sponsored events.

- May 9th—Fire Service Day, this was a citywide event
- June 6-7---Griffith Park Relay
- June 7th---Bike ride
- June 22nd—Summer Solstice Hike
- June 24th---Summer Bike Rides at 5:30 PM (second series)

CD-13: Helen Leung gave the community report.

- Neighborhood Council budgets have been reduced by 10% in the 2009/2010 City budget.
- Hollywood's latest community garden is located at 5620 Fountain Ave (near St. Andrews) it's grand opening will be on June 6th at 9 AM.
- Along major streets in Hollywood, individual parking meters are being replaced by pay stations. The poles of the individual parking meters will be converted into bike stations.
- Hollywood/Vine Left Turn Signal—A DOT study has been requested.
- LeConte Middle School & Helen Bernstein High School—examining the possibility of community gardens.
- Helen distributed copies of the CD-13 Hollywood Monthly Report (May 2009).

Greg Bartz (LADWP Neighborhood Council Liaison). Greg presented on the LADWP Residential Single Family Dwelling Water Service Rates & Water Allotment Size for the City of Los Angeles. He provided the five factors that affect water allotment and rates: 1) Seasonal period (high—June to October; low—November to May), 2) Two consumption/rate tiers (tier 1 or tier 2), 3) five lot size categories, 4) three temperature zone categories, 5) eight household size categories. There are upcoming DWP rate increases coming in June and July 2009. Helpful information:

- Customers can learn their new water allotments by visiting www.ladwp.com and logging into the customer account, or by calling 1-800-DIAL DWP.
- Effective June 1st, sprinkler use is restricted to Mondays and Thursdays. For a complete list of prohibited uses of water, visit www.ladwp.com
- LADWP residential Water Conservation Rebate Program is still in place. To apply for a rebate contact the SoCal WaterSmart Program at: 1-888-376-3314. Information on water conservation programs can be found at: www.bewaterwise.com
- For NC news to submit inquiries and provide input regarding LADWP visit: www.ladwpneighborhoodnews.com

C. DONE Updates

Naheed Qureshi, our DONE representative, asked what are the Neighborhood Councils in Hollywood doing about emergency preparedness.

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

- 1) Jay Reyes and E. Rojas from the Youth Services Outreach Team at LAYN (LA Youth Network) announced a “Meet & Greet” event on Tuesday, May 26th from 6-8 PM at The Oasis (1725 Ivar Ave). The event is coordinated by the Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership and is intended to provide an opportunity to meet outreach teams and learn more about youth social services in Hollywood.
- 2) Courtney Kanagi from PATH HERO announced two new staff members at HERO: Reggie Holmes and Krystal Holland (now intake coordinator for HERO). The 24-hr hotline is: 1-866-923-HERO.
- 3) Nicole Clavon from Hollywood 7th Day Adventist Church stated that this church would like to initiate community walks and will make a presentation on this at an upcoming HUNC meeting.

6. Presentation regarding the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office—Dispute Resolution Program (DRP)

Presentation was made by Joan Krohn on this free mediation service. The goal of mediation is to settle civil disputes in community not in the courts. Types of matters addressed by the DRP include: Neighbor—neighbor conflict, Landlord—tenant issues, creditor-debtor, and on the job conflicts. Services are free, confidential and fast. Contact information:

- Phone: 213-485-8324
- E-mail: mediate@lacity.org
- Website: www.lacity.org/mediate

7. Proposed redevelopment of the Pacific Bank Building (Cahuenga & Hollywood) for use as a high-end, boutique hotel with 76 key units, a 132-seat celebrity chef restaurant, lobby, and bar, rooftop pool and cafe, 120 parking spaces, and 2,000 square feet of retail space. The building is included in the natural historic register and historic elements will be refurbished and maintained.

A. Motion to Reconsider: HUNC voted in April to support with the conditions that: NO dance hall license will be issued for the property and restaurant hours will be limited to 1 a.m.

Motion: Don Paul—That we reconsider 7A.

Second: Scott Larson

Vote: Yes—12 No—0 Abs—2

B. Motion by PLUM: request for new HUNC letter clarifying that the roof bar restaurant would close at 1:00 am however inside bar-restaurants will remain open until 2:00 am. NO dance hall license will be requested or secured for the property.

Motion: Scott Larson

Second: Don Paul

Vote: Yes---12 No---0 Abs---2

8. Treasurer: update on Budget and expenditures including cost of maintaining storage unit, all costs of functional operation; new details on City funding of NCs and effect on operations and possible need for cuts in expenditures including operational expenditures.

Ryan Hass distributed the 2008/2009 budget and provided an update.

A. Update on form 54b requirement—no update.

B. Hollywood Beautification Team payment reallocation to fund HBT activities within the next 6 months up to \$5000

Motion: Ryan Hass—As stated above.

Second: Bechir Blagui

Vote: Yes—14 No---0 Abs---0

9. Request for support of (and discussion of future financial support for) the proposed Traffic Circle at Bronson Avenue and Canyon Drive intersection.

The Oaks Canyon Neighborhood Improvement Association presented a plan to deal with the problem intersection at Bronson and Canyon. Mike Gatto, an attorney, has set up a fully functioning 501C3 for this project. To date about 100 people have contributed from \$25 to \$5,000 toward the design, landscape and construction of a traffic circle at this intersection. The rough estimate for the cost of this project is in the range: \$70K to \$120K. Scott Larson spoke in favor of building the traffic circle based on LA City requirements and added landscaping.

Motion: Scott Larson—That HUNC support the construction of the traffic circle based on requirements of the City (and engineering collaboration) based on city guidelines and based on landscaping, and that the City install/paint a temporary circle with landscaping.

Second: Rodney Hargrove

Vote: Yes---14 No---0 Abs---0

10. Support for AB766, Assembly member Paul Krekorian's Safe Streets bill, a proposal to limit speed increases on city streets

Motion: Susan Swan—That HUNC support AB766

Second: Robert Abrahamian

Vote: Yes---11 No—2 Abs—0

11. Update on Proposed Citywide Sign Ordinance,Re: CPC-2009-0008-CA Revisions to City Sign Code

12. Executive Committee Reports including but not limited to:

A. President

1. Update on Board Seat Geographic Area 2 seat vacancy

2. Update on 2010 Elections

A. Motion: In order to comply with City-Clerk-held 2010 Election Procedures, we must decide which specific HUNC Board Seats will be elected to a 2-year term and which HUNC Board Seats will be elected to a 4-year term in the Spring 2010 Election in order to have previously-approved staggered 4-year term seats in subsequent elections. Requirement to file Election procedures by June 1.

Motion: Scott Larson—That Susan Swan decide the staggering of Board seats and submit to the City Clerk NC Elections Office.

Second: Don Paul

Vote: Yes---13 No—0 Abs---1

B. Vice-President

1. Update on NBC/Universal Project Working Group. No update.

13. 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.

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.

Susan Swan asked that the PLUM Committee draw up a standing rule for voting in a committee.

B. Business Committee

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

Letters have been sent to the Armenian Chamber of Commerce and the Thai CDC in support of a business improvement district.

C. PS&T Committee

1. Update on ongoing request for left-turn signals at Vine & Hollywood. Covered by Helen Leung's report.

2. Update on 2009 LAHSA Homeless Count . No updates.

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. No updates.

4. Update on proposal to surveying of public streets for tree planting, sidewalk, street paving opportunities. No action.

5. Proposal to adopt plan similar to that of East Hollywood Neighborhood Council to discourage flyers. No updates.

14. Old Business--None

15. Submission of proposed Agenda items for June meeting

Announcements

- Cheremoya Elementary School fundraiser on June 27th. An organization can purchase a stall and 10% of the profits will go to the school.
- Homeless Connect Day on June 25th at the Music Box Theater.

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.