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PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION (PS&T) COMMITTEE MEETING*
*** SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AS A QUORUM OF THE BOARD IS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE**
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 2013; 6:30PM
Scientology Celebrity Centre International - Hollywood
5930 Franklin Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90028
(Parking available at the Bronson entrance, ask at Main Desk for directions to Meeting Room)

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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

Erik introduced committee members. Erik, Susan P., Jim, Jennifer, Marlena and Margaret (hosting only).

2. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda

None.

3. Reports from any City, County, or State officials in attendance

None.

4. Report on recent fatal collision between vehicle and pedestrian on north side of crosswalk near Garfield Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard. Options for improving safety at intersection, including petitioning for a flashing "smart" crosswalk. Possible motion by Board or recommendation to Board on how to proceed depending on timeliness of the matter and quorum.

Garfield stakeholder (Mike) spoke about danger of crossing street at night. Cindy DuHaime- look at traffic speed in area. Accident in same area last year. Driver said couldn't see pedestrian. Erik suggested that signage be improved at crosswalk. Lighted and at eye level. Also recommended removal of crosswalk adjacent to Sabor y Cultura. Cindy- change color of lens. Marlena- new 20-unit project going up on Garfield. Jennifer- bring in LAPD West Bureau Traffic Division to do a pedestrian sting. Erik moves, Marlena seconds to remove crosswalk at Gramercy & Hollywood. Passes 5-0.

5. Proposal by Council District 4 to create 5 separate temporary Preferential Parking Districts (tPPD) of 5 blocks each, from the gates of Mount Lee Drive down to the business district of upper Beachwood Drive, restricting parking on holidays and weekends 8am-6pm. Possible motion by Board or recommendation to Board on how to proceed depending on timeliness of the matter and quorum.

A. Previous HUNC actions on issues pertaining to Park access, public streets, temporary and permanent PPDs, and safety of residents in neighborhoods adjacent to the Hollywood sign.

Erik gave background on ppps and HUNC's perspective on access to parks. Mentioned previous effort to establish ppd in Bronson Canyon/lower Beachwood area. Jim gave overview on concerns of residents, surveys he and other residents have conducted. Calculated that approximately 5,000 come up daily to neighborhood. No City staff handling traffic and public safety issues. Some residents supportive of restrictions. Others opposed. Will all have to vote on block by block. Jennifer- concerned about safety of daughter when she runs in the area. Griffith Park is a safe place. Hard to access park now. Susan P. spoke about concerns of business reps. Employees have limited places to park. Jim mentioned that not every ppd will be approved. Susan P. mentioned that is opposed to ppd in Dell and was against one on Bronson as well. Jennifer mentioned as a renter opposed a ppd in her area.

Alex Chavez, HHA, spoke about danger from current situation. Hollywoodland doesn't want signs. May not pass there. See as a desperate measure. GPS is making it easier for people to access sign. Need more park rangers, traffic enforcement. Susan P asked about allowing a set of people to go up to park in shuttles if they pay a fee. Jennifer mentioned reservation system that Observatory used when they reopened.

Fran R. from BCNA spoke about unity HOAs in area have on this issue. DOT comes up occasionally to handle crowd control. Expect that City will do better job enforcing parking once districts are in place.

Don Krim- going to have to think about open houses on Sundays. Particularly sensitive area in Beachwood Canyon with narrow roads.

Christine Kent- top of Beachwood. Can't use front yard since so many cars.

B. Ramifications of tPPDs, including alternate locations most likely to absorb tourist and hiking traffic, possibility that other neighborhoods will petition parking restrictions, and possible improved access to upper Beachwood streets during tPPD hours by emergency vehicles.

Erik read e-mail from resident on Deronda questioning likelihood that tourists will stop driving up to sign. Alex said he thought it would be effective in getting hikers to stop going. Don said tourists will stop going once get tickets.

Erik suggested that should be 5/6 spots to see the sign (Observatory, Bronson Canyon, Lake Hollywood, Beachwood trail, downtown Hollywood). Jim- many types of tourists trying to reach the sign. Erik moves to ask Hollywood Trust Fund to pay for new flyers advertising best locations to view Hollywood sign.

Jennifer seconded. Susan mentioned that should have an app that lists non-residential areas to see sign. Marlana- Home Depot roof works well. Erik- FS82 annex roof works well. Committee agreed to move item to Board for discussion without recommendation.

Support increased enforcement for Beachwood area. Susan P. moved, Jennifer seconded. 5-0.

Erik suggested support for a 6-month trial of tppds with understanding that a public hearing be held before a renewal takes place. Marlana seconded. Erik votes yes, Jim votes no, Marlana votes yes, Jennifer votes yes, Susan votes yes (passes 4-1).

ADJOURNMENT

9:02 p.m.

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.