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**BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, May 21, 2018, 6:30 PM**

**Fire Station 82 Annex**

**1800 N. BRONSON AVENUE, L.A., CA 90028**

**Second Floor Conference Room**

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Welcome

**6:40 PM start**

**1. Roll Call**

**Attending**

Tom Meredith      Sheila Irani      Robert Litomisky      Greg Morris      George Skarpelos      Jim Van Dusen  
Margaret Marmolejo      Erin Penner      Adam Miller      Brandi D'Amore      Danielle Paris      Jeff Ramberg  
Matt Wait

**Excused**

Susan Swan      Chona Galvez      Anji Williams      Luis Saldivar      Coyote Shivers

**Absent**

Violet Williams

**Left**

Greg Morris: In Attendance: 6:43 PM, Excused 9:37 PM

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Erin Penner      **Second:** Brandi D'Amore      **Vote:** Yes-9, No-0, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

**Yes**

Adam Miller      Brandi D'Amore      Danielle Paris      George Skarpelos      Jeff Ramberg      Jim Van Dusen  
Margaret Marmolejo      Matt Wait      Robert Litomisky

**Abstain**

Sheila Irani      Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Erin Penner      Greg Morris      Violet Williams

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

**Nicole Bernal introduced herself from Las Palmas Senior Center and Yucca Center and explained that she was asking for funding for a**

*Senior Citizen Prom. Brandi D'Amore said that they were still waiting for clarification as to whether it would be an exclusively senior event, since the council cannot give money to an exclusive event.*

*Ms Bernal explained that she was a City of LA rep and Erin Penner said that she thought that there had been an NPG written for it, but they did not know where it was. George Skarpelos explains that the NPG has to be submitted to the Treasurer ahead of time, who submits it to DONE, then the council can vote on it. Nicole believed that she had brought it to a committee meeting that said that they did not need an NPG.*

*Tom Meredith explained that they cannot do anything before the second because the event is not Brown Act agendized, and they cannot reimburse them after the fact.*

*Ms Bernal thought that she had never had to do this before since they're all City of LA. Brandi D'Amore asked if there was an exclusivity issue, and Tom Meredith explained that there was not. In this case, it would have been an interdepartmental transfer, but the issue is that it's not agendized.*

*George asked for how much Nicole wanted, and Mr Meredith suggested they hold a special meeting to agendize and vote on it. Sheila Irani and Robert Litomisky asked if there was anything they could fudge it under, and Mr Meredith said that there was not.*

*George Skarpelos suggested a special meeting, and Tom Meredith confirmed that for special meetings, only 24 hours notice of a special agenda item was necessary, and clarified that a special meeting would require ten board members and have to be held in the boundaries of their council area.*

*Ms Bernal gave Mr Meredith the NPG and other documents and agreed to contact Mr Meredith to arrange the special meeting.*

4. Jack Humphreville, Budget Advocate

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

*Ben Thompson from the LAPD introduced himself and his partner, Officer White. Officer Heather Seiroe, acting Senior Lead Officer in the area was also in attendance.*

*Officer Ceire explained burglaries, grand theft auto, auto burglary, and personal theft are all down from last year. She then explained a project with CalTrans to clean up along freeway property.*

*Sheila Irani pointed out that Gower and Van Ness exits along freeways are problem areas. Tom Meredith added that the Franklin/Vine area is also a problem. Officer Ceire said that they had hit that area several times, but homeless return each time.*

*Greg Morris disagreed strongly with the statistics. Officer Ceire explained that they think that a lot of people report it on social media and do nothing.*

*Greg Morris then related a story of a man breaking into his house who he had arrested. The man ended up back on the street and breaking into numerous other houses in the area, threatening residents with a baseball bat. Police were called in some cases, and never came. He believes That the statistics are not accurate, possibly due to people not reporting the crimes.*

*Officer Thompson explained that the Hollywood area has become more of a violent crime area than a property crime area in 2018, whereas in 2017, it was reversed. Officer Thompson continued to explain that they had way less sexual assaults in 2018 division-wide, but robberies were still a major issue. The epicenters for robberies seemed to be the Hollywood and Highland red line station and Hollywood and Vine red line station.*

*He emphasized that he was not trying to make light of the issues that Greg Morris had brought up, and explained that it can be just as frustrating for the police when criminals end up back on the street, or suffer slight penalties for serious crimes.*

*George Skarpelos responded about having people coming to meetings who had been assaulted or robbed and wanting to report their crimes, and the general feeling was that there was a hurdle in connecting with the police for victims or witnesses of crime, and Morris agreed. He had witnessed over the last couple months and years the same people calling police for the same crimes and either no police coming.*

*Matt asked if there was a schedule for what areas would be cleaned and when. Officer Ceire responded that it's on a week by week basis. Brandi D'Amore wanted to add the Franklin/Argyle area. She also wanted to say that Greg Morris is correct, and that she has seen an increase on Facebook and Nextdoor of violent crimes being reported, but no increase in property crimes being reported.*

*Adam Miller wanted to know if they brought an ERT team or mental health outreach team on the cleanups, and Officer Ceire said that they have before, but they don't always. Adam Miller suggested they always do, if only so people don't get lost in the system. Addressing Greg Morris, he added that sometimes neighborhood prosecutors need a while to build enough of a case to hold a mentally ill person.*

*Erin Penner thought it was worth mentioning that people are not calling the emergency line as much, and need to not call the 877 non-emergency line as much. Officer White also related that there is a tendency for some people to downplay things in an emergency situation, and that the statistics also affect resources.*

*Officer Thompson explained that a lot of people also abuse the system, so citizens need to play up the situation and use action words during a 911 call to a certain extent.*

*Greg Morris thought that his question might have been misconstrued. He rephrased it, asking with the knowledge of what's happening, what are they able to do and how are they able to assign resources and be more effective in rooting out people? He expressed frustration that the police seem to be using the same tactics year after year without evolving.*

*Joseph Mariani talked about Prop 47, which in 2014 made the theft of less than \$900 worth of material or money a misdemeanor instead of a felony, as well as various drug related offenses into misdemeanor instead of felonies. He thinks that Prop 47 has had unintended effects on the community, which affects the LAPD's ability to police.*

*Shannon Prior wanted to make a suggestion, if LAPD and DONE could work together to inform the public how to file police reports and educate them on what their rights are as victims/witnesses as far as reporting, adding that the LAPD was a data-driven organization. George Skarpelos agreed and said there was an outreach opportunity there.*

*Robert Litomisky asked what their policy was on social media and whether they had people dedicated to looking at it. Officer Ceire replied that they do have people who scan social media, but don't have the resources to scour all social media.*

*Officer Thompson talked about an internal publication Officer White and he had circulated within the department, which they use social media for. He added that it's almost a full-time job to comb through social media.*

*Brandi D'Amore also read Nextdoor comments that seemed to show apathy on the part of residents with relation to breaking and entering crimes. Officer White responded that police officers also sometimes feel apathy when they keep having to arrest the same people over again, but they have to keep up and persist so that either the person doesn't commit crimes in the area anymore or they change their behavior.*

*Officer Seiroe also added that they were working on a sexual assault safety campaign with Uber. Tom Meredith suggested planning a forum with the LAPD on the topic to educate the public on it.*

*Adam Miller asked when the next town hall for the Hollywood division was, and suggested that might be a better thing to direct people to.*

*Officer Thompson also had an update for the PLUM committee regarding the Joseph's Café case. It went all the way to the planning commission. They appealed the zoning administration decision, and asked everyone to let them know if they see or hear suspicious activity after midnight following the revised hours.*

*Erin Penner wanted to thank Officer White and Officer Thompson for visiting her preschool this week.*

*Shannon Prior introduced herself, and announced that the budget was passed today for the next fiscal year. There was a 4 million dollar increase to combat homelessness, a 9.3 million increase to hire firefighters, and an increase to 41 million to fix sidewalks. Lastly, there's going to be 1 million dollars for Department of Transportation enforcement around the Hollywood sign.*

*Legislative updates: the city is considering a tree planting in lieu fee for when a developer or person needs to take out a tree on their property (they are required to plant two trees). Instead of that process, the city is looking to have the developer give the city money and add it to a fund the city can use to buy trees when they're ready. Also, Wednesday in the Transportation Committee they will hear an attempt to ban amplified speakers on tour buses.*

*Robert Litomisky asked if they had approved a left turn signal at Western and Franklin, and Prior added that she believed it had been approved.*

*Matt asked what safeguards were in place to prevent the tree fund from being used for other purposes. Prior believed that there were, and directed him to the measure's council file, #160461.*

*Erin Penner asked who was in charge of keeping track if people are planting two trees instead of one. Prior said that Urban Forestry runs the program.*

*Brandi D'Amore asked if the tree needed to be back where it was taken from, and Prior replied that if the trees can go back, they are required to go back.*

*Robert Litomisky asked if Prior's office had ever addressed the parking overflow of the Gelson's parking lot or the valet issue. Prior had*

asked Officer Thompson about it a year ago.

## 6. PLUM

- A) Motion to approve: Project: 6230 W. Yucca, 6226 Yucca, 1751 N. Argyle. Argyle Apts Projecting Sign. 1'-8" (W) x 10'-2.75"(H). Illuminating projecting Sign reading Argyle House/Parking. Action(s) Requested: Ordinance 181340 Hollywood Signage. The ordinance request that all projecting signs be approved through a project permit compliance process in Sec. 6.C.

*Jim Van Dusen introduced an issue regarding the Argyle House which was finished on Yucca and Argyle. The request had to do with a parking sign to be mounted on the building that they had to agendize. Part of their concern is because of the proliferation of billboards in Hollywood, they want to make sure the sign makes sense. He explained the dimensions of the sign and content, which will be on the Argyle side of the building, lighted at night. They voted to approve the sign.*

*Jason Goperton, representative for the company making the sign, introduced himself.*

*Van Dusen explained that there was no dissent in the PLUM committee.*

**Motion:** Jim Van Dusen                      **Second:** Adam Miller                      **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Danielle Paris	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Litomisky	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith	

**Ineligible**

Erin Penner	Greg Morris
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- B) Discussion and possible motion for a letter to the City concerning the lack of notification regarding the public comment period for the proposed Hollywood Center by the Millenium Partners

*Jim Van Dusen talked about the discussion at the PLUM meeting, which had included representative for the project Joseph Mariani. Last week in the HUNC mail they received the actual plans for the city for the project. It turns out the project has already started May 1 and HUNC was not aware. He was not entirely clear as to which this particular one was.*

*Joseph Mariani introduced himself as the project manager for the Hollywood Center project. He discussed the designation ELDP by the state that protects projects against extended litigation. They still have to go through applications and everything they would normally do. It is after the project has gone through CEQA, if the project is designated ELDP, if there is a lawsuit, all the designation does is say there is a set timeline against the lawsuit, it cannot continue in perpetuity. They've applied for the designation, which is only the start of the process. He is looking forward to getting to know the board and become involved in the community.*

*Jim Van Dusen explained that there was a concern that there was only a one-month response time to comment on the project. The only thing they can do at this stage is send a letter from the board to extend time for public comment to the city, because there are a lot of issues, including the potential ELDP designation. The public comment period closes at the end of May.*

*Brandi D'Amore said respectfully that they thought the board was misled because they were told that nothing major would happen until August. Mr Mariani replied that they had announced the ELDP designation a long time ago. Brandi D'Amore emphasized the sensitivity of people in the area to the issue, and said that he kept indicating transparency, but hardly anyone knows that the issue has come forward. So it does have the appearance of trying to backdoor things in around the populace of the area.*

*Jim Van Dusen emphasized that they simply wanted more time to review the proposal and comment. Joseph Mariani also said that he was not here tonight to tell you to write or not write the letter, merely to give facts about the ELDP.*

*George Skarpelos added that he had said to them in a previous meeting that nothing major would come out until August, and so finding out about the ELDP at the last minute makes the board feel a little played. He understands that it's just a state thing, but requests that even state updates be sent to the PLUM committee and the board.*

*Jim Van Dusen also suggested sending all correspondence to him so he can disseminate it to the board. He had received the planning documents after the most recent PLUM meeting, which triggers the PLUM committee's hearing. Mr. Mariani said that the April 12 application to build the project was the start of the process, which would last a couple years. They still have to go to Sequa, still have to have an EIR. Jim Van Dusen added that now that they have planning documents in front of them, they have to start commenting.*

*Brandi D'Amore asked if there was an ability to contest the ELDP application, and Mr. Mariani didn't know.*

**Motion Made:** Discussion and possible motion for a letter to the City concerning the lack of notification regarding the public comment period for the proposed Hollywood Center by the Millenium Partners

**Motion: Request an extension of public comment for one month.**

**Motion:** Jim Van Dusen      **Second:** Brandi D'Amore      **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Danielle Paris	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Litomisky	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith	

**Ineligible**

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## 7. Discussion and possible motion to move HUNC website to the new Wordpress platform

*George Skarpelos explained that they had been talking about creating a new website for many months, and projected the proposed website for the board and stakeholders. He explained the various plug-ins, features, structure, and content of the website, including a calendar and an automatic subscription feature that automatically generates and sends newsletters.*

*He thought it was important to encourage the board to send in headshots for the website. It's difficult to move everything from the previous site, so he and Adam Miller discussed putting a banner on the old site saying that the old site was only for archival purposes, and that all updates and news would be on the new site. Further, Wordpress was much less labor-intensive than the old site platform.*

*He also explained the levels of user on the website: administrative, editor, and contributor. The Administrator has access to the backend and can add personnel, contributors can create content, and the editors and administrators can approve and publish the content.*

*Tom Meredith pointed out inaccurate information on the proposed front page, which would be changed.*

*Robert Litomisky asked if they would be migrating the data from the old site, and Adam Miller and George Skarpelos replied it would be far too time-consuming.*

*Erin Penner asked if they would have a My311 link on the front page. Mr. Skarpelos said that there could be, and encouraged the board to come to him with suggestions of features to add.*

*Matt Wait asked if there were increased costs associated with the website, and Mr. Skarpelos said that it was actually much cheaper.*

*Brandi D'Amore clarified if articles posted would be added to the Facebook page and could be shared in other locations, and Mr. Skarpelos explained that within the newsletter there were currently links to Tweet on Twitter and Like on Facebook. He was not sure if they could track how often and where people were sharing items from the newsletter or site. Sheila Irani suggested putting in a general "Share" button that encompassed email and other platforms.*

*Sheila Irani also suggested changing the "Old Website" link to say "Archive".*

**Motion Made:** Discussion and possible motion to move HUNC website to the new Wordpress platform

**Motion:** To move HUNC website to new Wordpress, build in MailChimp support, and keep old site for archival purposes.

**Motion:** George Skarpelos      **Second:** Sheila Irani      **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Danielle Paris	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Litomisky	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith	

**Ineligible**

Erin Penner	Greg Morris	Violet Williams
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## 8. Finance

## A) Discussion of budget to date and vote to approve Monthly Expense Reports for submission

*Tom Meredith went through the monthly report for April, explaining what the board had spent money on including new office equipment, cables, Henry's printing, and asked if anyone had specific requests for explanation. There were none.*

*Since they've been spending money that wasn't under the April period, they had just under \$10,000 left to spend before July. He explained that they still cleanly had approximately \$9,000 to spend, and discussed recent credit card transactions for cables, survival kits, and food for meetings, reminding board members that some charges still required the submission of receipts and to submit them.*

*Sheila Irani asked whether the funds related to clean-ups last fiscal year were reflected in the balance, and Mr. Meredith explained that that money had been put in a "lock box" that the city council had to vote to release.*

**Lorenzo, representative for the city said that the money is in an account without cap due to date. The board communicated to him that they had won two years in a row and been awarded two awards, one for \$2,500 and one for \$1,500, and have not received it. Sheila Irani emphasized that the money was supposed to reward action and be put towards more cleanups, but since they have not received it still it lessens its impact.**

**Tom Meredith then asked Lorenzo about moneys that they had left over the previous year that were supposed to be able to be rolled over to put towards the election in 2018.**

**Motion:** Tom Meredith      **Second:** George Skarpelos      **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Danielle Paris	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
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**Ineligible**

Erin Penner	Greg Morris	Violet Williams
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- B) Review of Neighborhood Council Funding Program Policies and Guidelines 2018 and requirements for agendizing funding items for Board review, review status of Board Member compliance with Funding training

**Tom Meredith wanted to review the status of Board Members and asked Lorenzo if they could update their photo on the DONE website for HUNC. Lorezo said that he would look into it. The only outliers he noticed were that Greg Morris' and Coyote Shivers' expiration for their ethics training was up next month and asked Mr. Morris to confirm. Mr. Meredith added that funding and code of conduct did not have expiration.**

**Brandi D'Amore asked the consequences of ethics not being up to date. Lorenzo explained that if ethics is expired, you technically cannot vote. Board members without funding training but with ethics training can vote on non-funding issues.**

**It was then discovered that Erin Penner's and Greg Morris' ethics training had lapsed, requiring adjustment to the voting record. Lorenzo then updated the board on upcoming ethics expiration dates, and Tom Meredith updated him on board members who had completed training which was not reflected on the DONE website.**

**Tom Meredith then reviewed the NC Funding Program Policies and Guidelines 2018, explaining the categories of items that the board pays for. General (outreach, equipment, etc.), Neighborhood Purposes Grant, which has to be filled out by a 501c3 or a school, has to have two signatures, and has to be reviewed by him, and Community Improvement Projects like parks, fences, murals.**

**He explained that because they're having problems with the City Clerk's office, which has become very rigid in an attempt to create consistency, they needed to be up to date on funding training changes.**

**He explained that they had been denied funding requests where it has been construed that public money has been going to a for-profit organization. Sheila Irani asked if community improvement projects were considered inter-agency transfers. Lorenzo said that those usually don't involve other city agencies. He also emailed the new funding guidelines from the City Clerk's office to the board members.**

**Mr. Meredith asked the board to think about when they were thinking of providing funding, if it will impact private property (positively or negatively), in which case it will not be accepted.**

**The board then discussed MRCA and the Rec and Parks department and their impact on proposed projects, as well as their enforcement of park policies.**

**Matt Wait asked if the NPG's and Community Improvement Projects had to be spent on a school or 501c3, and Tom Meredith said not necessarily.**

**George Skarpelos asked if Community Improvement Projects had to be within their boundaries, or if they could do it on a shared boundary. Lorenzo had not reviewed the new guidelines, but thinks that it is still permitted as long as it is adjacent to the boundaries of their area.**

**Tom Meredith recommended avoiding spending money and getting reimbursement because it is a belabored process that requires a reimbursement vote.**

**Erin Penner said she was under the impression that they had to pay for a material item, and one council discovered they could cut a check for a meal service for homeless outreach. Tom Meredith said that the board could always do that if they wanted to.**

- C) Discussion and vote to approve up to \$1000 for Tree/Plant Give-Away at Franklin Ivar Park on Saturday, June 9. Previous vote to approve for same at April 16 Board did not identify specific date for event.

**Motion:** George Skarpelos      **Second:** Sheila Irani      **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Danielle Paris	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
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**Ineligible**

Erin Penner	Greg Morris	Violet Williams			
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- D) Discussion and vote to approve Application for Neighborhood Purposes Grant from A Million Drops, a 501c3 for conducting two self-defense classes for \$2000 to be held at Hollywood Sacramento Church June 23 and July 14 to include, but not be limited to venue rent, instructor (Jean Morrison) services, food, beverages and incidentals. HUNC will be mentioned in AMD promotional materials and will host an Outreach table at each class. Similar vote to approve for same at April 16 Board did not meet Funding approval. A NPG applicant with revised schedule of classes for May 19 and June 16 should meet approval requirements.

**George asked if the \$2,000 was for both classes, which Sheila Irani confirmed.**

**Sheila Irani explained that they had to find a non-profit who would take liability away from the city, and A Million Drops volunteered. Tom Meredith confirmed that the NPG was perfect, with no administrative costs.**

**Lee Thompson asked if it was Blessed Sacrament, and was corrected that it was the Hollywood Sacramento Church.**

**George Skarpelos suggested that the board strengthen relationships with non-profits.**

**Motion:** Matt Wait      **Second:** Sheila Irani      **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Danielle Paris	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Litomisky	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith	

**Ineligible**

Erin Penner	Greg Morris	Violet Williams			
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- E) Discussion and vote to approve funding for up to \$3000 for CERT Training course beginning July 2018 to include, but not be limited to food, beverages, incidentals and branded emergency back-packs. Previous vote to approve for same at April 16 Board indicated classes would begin in June.

**George Skarpelos said that he thought they'd already purchased branded emergency back-packs, and Tom Meredith said that due to the backlog of the emergency organization, they would have to order them this early to get them by July.**

**George Skarpelos asked if they could vote now to use 2018 fiscal year money to purchase things for July, and Lorenzo said that it was allowed.**

**Motion:** Margaret Marmolejo      **Second:** Sheila Irani      **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Danielle Paris	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
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**Ineligible**

Erin Penner	Greg Morris	Violet Williams			
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- F) Discussion and vote to approve funding for up to \$1000 for the Budget Advocates group

**Tabled: Tom Meredith explained that they had received emails from Jay Handal regarding funding a Budget Advocates group, and said that other neighborhood councils had contributed.**

**Sheila Irani asked what they would use the money for, and the board said that it would probably be for food or venues for meetings. George Skarpelos suggested giving \$500 instead, and Erin Penner asked what they were getting for the contribution.**

**Matt Wait said that he would also be introducing an NPG which would take from the budget.**

**Robert Litomisky said that they should come and present if they want money, and George Skarpelos tabled the issue for next meeting so they could get information directly. There was general consensus that a Budget Advocates group should be specific about what the money would be spent for.**

- G) Discussion and vote to approve funding for up to \$1500 for branded first aid kits

**Margaret Marmolejo explained that there would be a CPR training event this weekend, and Erin Penner said that they would have**

**the first aid kits by this weekend.****Motion:** Tom Meredith      **Second:** Adam Miller      **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3**Yes**

Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Danielle Paris	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
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**Ineligible**

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- H) Discussion and vote to approve reimbursement to Tom Meredith for \$12.22 for incidentals purchased at Smart and Final used with food provided at HHWNC/HUNC sponsored DWP Town Hall

**Tom Meredith explained that Smart and Final wouldn't take the new city credit card. He asked Lorenzo why this happened, and he said he would investigate. Mr. Meredith also said that there had been discussion among neighborhood councils about where the list of city relationships with vendors was.**

**Lee Thompson related an anecdote how certain businesses were having problems taking certain credit cards.**

**NOTE: Tom Meredith abstained.**

**Motion:** George Skarpelos      **Second:** Robert Litomisky      **Vote:** Yes-10, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-3**Yes**

Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Danielle Paris	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Litomisky	Sheila Irani		

**Abstain**

Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Erin Penner	Greg Morris	Violet Williams
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- I) Discussion and vote to approve up to \$500 for a HUNC organized Stop the Bleed class that is taught by Children's Hospital

**George Skarpelos explained that they would be buying food and refreshments.**

**Lee Thompson explained that the woman putting on the class is the top trauma nurse at the Children's Hospital. It started a couple years ago due to a dramatic increase in traumatic events. Depending on the trauma, you can bleed to death in 1 to 5 minutes, and it takes first responders 4 to 8 minutes in LA to arrive. The purpose of this initiative is to get bystanders who might already be at the scene trained to stop bleeding in victims.**

**He has made arrangements to have a space available on June 20th from 7 until 9 pm. He distributed a handout that he would like to use for outreach, and would like to put flyers up and use the HUNC mailing list as well to get word out about the event.**

**Tom Meredith asked about the physical expectations of participants, what they would be doing. Lee Thompson explained that there would first be a powerpoint presentation, then the participants would work with first aid dummies to learn how to compress wounds and apply tourniquets, etc.**

**Mr Meredith asked whose event this was, and Lee Thompson said that it was a HUNC-sponsored event. Meredith said he would have to put out an event planning form. Sheila Irani and George Skarpelos said that they were just buying food, and that the Children's Hospital was a 501c3.**

**Mr Meredith said he would work with him on completing the documents to sponsor the event, because it might not get approved due to the strict policies of late at the City Clerk's office.**

**Motion:** George Skarpelos      **Second:** Brandi D'Amore      **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-3**Yes**

Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Danielle Paris	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Litomisky	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith	

**Ineligible**

Erin Penner	Greg Morris	Violet Williams
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- J) Discussion and vote to approve reimbursement to Luis Saldivar for \$40.00 for keys duplication.

**Tabled: George Skarpelos asked if they should table it since Luis Saldivar wasn't here. Tom Meredith said that the receipt was illegible, so he would have to ask for a form for no receipt.**

## 10. Review of Board member assignments as Liaisons and to Committees

*George Skarpelos distributed a document outlining who is in each committee and who is the liaison for each committee and asked board members to think about what committees they want to be on and what departments they would like to work with. He said that Susan and he had talked about splitting Transportation out of the Public Safety committee.*

*Brandi D'Amore said that since she was unclassified, there's no committee that she gets to be on, because when someone needs to be bumped she is automatically the first one because other members like Matt Wait are required to be on the renters committee, for example. George said that she can still be on committees that she feels passion for.*

## 11. Review of City Attorney Brown Act for Neighborhood Councils

*George Skarpelos thinks that Susan Swan had wanted Lorenzo to speak on the Brown Act. The discussion the board had was regarding numerous issues. Lorenzo explained that you cannot have more than half of the board's quorum at a committee meeting; any more and it will have to be a joint meeting, which doesn't mean that they will be officially making decisions, only committee recommendations. Those will still have to go through the board.*

*In the event where there isn't an agendaized joint meeting, other board members should not attend. If they do attend, they must be quiet and cannot comment in any capacity, even public.*

*Brandi D'Amore asked if one of the committee's members wasn't coming to a meeting, could a member from another committee sit in that seat and speak and vote, and Lorenzo left the discretion for that up to the board.*

*Sheila Irani asked if they had to have a quorum for joint meetings, and Lorenzo said that there were no board actions at joint board meetings, so they did not need quorum.*

*Jim Van Dusen asked if the whole board showed up to a joint meeting, if it would still mean their votes would only be committee recommendations, and Lorenzo said that it would.*

*Sheila suggested since PLUM is popular, they should always call them joint meetings, and also perhaps always have joint meetings with the Public Safety committee. George Skarpelos suggested that not all PLUM issues need joint meetings.*

*Brandi D'Amore then said that there need to be more formal rules about notifying whether or not people can attend meetings.*

## 12. Review of 2019 HUNC Election

*Tom Meredith said that they should have an election committee created by now and the beginning of strategy on that. It was then clarified that only members who were not running could serve on the election committee.*

*Adam Miller suggested creating an ad-hoc committee on it, and George Skarpelos agreed.*

## 13. Committee Reports on items not on the Agenda

*George Skarpelos announced that they had been named Honorary Fire Chief by Fire Battalion 5, and would be hanging the award plaque in the meeting space.*

*Also, for Outreach, the Hollywood Dell is doing their annual barbecue on Memorial Day, and Adam Schiff will be coming. They will have a HUNC table there.*

*Sheila Irani said she had spoken with Sheila Kuehl's office regarding the municipal courthouse parking lot next to the Salvation Army building and the word is that it will become a mental health facility.*

*Robert Litomisky suggested board members show up an hour or half an hour early to take board headshots before the next board meeting.*

*Erin Penner reminded that First Aid training would be this Saturday at 3, and in June Margaret Marmolejo said that they would be able to sign up for the eventbrite for CERT.*

*Brandi D'Amore said that HUNC has been possibly implicated as material witnesses in Coyote Shiver's lawsuit against his ex-wife in a forum post. She does not feel comfortable being so implicated, and that the board should not be implicated, but does not know what to do about the issue. The posts have been seen by millions on Perez Hilton's website. George Skarpelos said that it's a freedom of speech issue. Adam Miller suggested agendaizing a motion to censure Coyote Shivers for the next meeting. George Skarpelos agrees.*

*Brandi D'Amore asked Lorenzo if there was any law prohibiting it, and Lorenzo said he would check with the city attorney's office, but that the board could definitely censure him. Jim Van Dusen added that the City Attorney can handle this stuff and recommended that*

*they stay out of it.*

14. HUNC Committee & Liaison announcements on items not on the Agenda
15. Board Member announcements on items not on the Agenda
16. Old/Ongoing Business
17. New/Future Business

Adjournment at 10:02 PM

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.