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BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 18, 2018, 6:30 PM
Fire Station 82 Annex
1800 N. BRONSON AVENUE, L.A., CA 90028
Second Floor Conference Room

Welcome
6:44 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending
Susan Swan  Tom Meredith  Chona Galvez  Anji Williams  Sheila Irani  George Skarpelos
Jim Van Dusen  Luis Saldivar  Coyote Shivers  Margaret Marmolejo  Erin Penner  Adam Miller
Violet Williams  Brandi D’Amore  Danielle Paris  Jeff Ramberg  Matt Wait

Excused
Robert Litomisky  Greg Morris

2. Approval of Minutes

Minor correction on page 4: SEQUA should be CEQA.
Heather’s last name should be SEIROE on page 2.

Tom Meredith on page 2 should have been the one to make the suggestion.

Motion: George Skarpelos  Second: Jeff Ramberg  Vote: Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-5, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes
Adam Miller  Brandi D’Amore  Danielle Paris  Erin Penner  George Skarpelos  Jeff Ramberg
Jim Van Dusen  Margaret Marmolejo  Matt Wait  Sheila Irani  Tom Meredith

Abstain
Anji Williams  Chona Galvez  Coyote Shivers  Luis Saldivar  Susan Swan

Ineligible
Violet Williams

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

Lee Thompson introduced himself and the Stop the Bleed class that he is putting on with nurses from the Children’s Hospital of LA. He
gave background on the reasons for the formation of the class, including past active shooting incidents, disasters, and emergencies.

In LA county, it can take 4-8 minutes for first responders to show up, so learning how to identify traumatic bleeding and how to treat it can help save a person’s life before EMT’s show up.

The class will be on June 20th, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Fire Station 82 Annex.

Heather Rigby introduced herself as managing director of the Ford theater and detailed the summer events and shows that will be playing at the theater. She also added that they had undergone a massive renovation covering snack services, lighting, and sound. She welcomed anyone with concerns or questions to contact her. They are also looking to continue developing their relationship with the community and are planning an open house community night.

George Skarpelos explained that the council is looking for venues for speaker series, and asked Ms. Rigby if they had a space they could use. She said that it would depend on what kind of space they want but they would talk further.

Bill Anderson introduced himself and said he’s representing a landlord from the 1800 block of North Van Ness, and that they are here because of another landlord, Mr. Alvarez, at 1807 North Van Ness. The landlord has renovated and modified his property in a way that Mr. Anderson and his landlord believe goes far beyond what an Air B and B is supposed to be. He has come to the board and board committees for help and to see what tools they could use to abate the nuisance the Mr. Alvarez is becoming in the neighborhood.

Brandi D’Amore explained further that it’s essentially a party house to the extreme. The landlord has rented to the tenant, and the tenant has rented it out as a party/performing venue. LAPD Vice has also been made aware of the situation. They have also been in touch with Building and Safety. It’s a violation of the party house and the Air B and B terms. Jim Van Dusen asked whether they had an identical setup behind the fire house a few years ago, and the board confirmed that it was an identical situation.

Susan asked Field Deputy Dan Halden if in the future, they should come to him with issues. Dan Halden explained that Steve was absent, but he had met with the neighborhood prosecutor, the head of Vice, the head officer in charge of Senior Lead Officers, and made them aware.

Mr. Skarpelos asked whether there was a limit to the amount of people that can be living in a house, and Ms. D’Amore explained that it’s an issue of zoning and commerce.

Chona Galvez said that she had just closed a deal on a house with 7 rooms, and each had been rented out, and they couldn’t do anything about it because they were registered with Room and Board.

Ms. D’Amore read from an email from Building and Safety regarding the issue that also established 422569 for the new case number regarding the issue. Mr. Halden also clarified that if a building is a duplex or bigger, they have to register with the Housing department. He also said that he’ll take a look and see what’s already been submitted, and that acting neighborhood prosecutor Andrew Sayeed’s assistant will be calling Michael regarding the issue tomorrow.

4. Jack Humphreddie, Neighborhood Council Budget Advocate (5 minutes)

Budget Day is on June 23, 2018 at the Los Angeles City Hall, 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, California 90012 in the John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340 Discussion and Motion to appoint two Budget Representatives. Registration at http://bit.ly/budgetday2018 and open to the public

Tom Meredith explained that Budget Day is coming this Saturday, June 23 2018. Jack Humphreddie was absent, but he showed copies of a report that Mr. Humphreddie has given him. Susan nominated Mr. Meredith and Luis Saldivar.

Motion: Susan Swan Second: Chona Galvez Vote: Yes-16, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

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

Shannon Prior introduced herself and gave an update on the strategies proposed in the Dixon Report. The Rivers committee requested the chief analyst to go back, get more information, and they will reconsider the issue when the council comes back and reconvenes in July.

Tom Meredith said that they hadn’t gotten to Item 7 in the meeting. Ms. Prior explained that more specific input is desired from the Bureau of Engineering, Dept of Transportation, and the City Attorney still needs to weigh in. Mr. Meredith said that they owe it to their stakeholders to finish the meeting, and Ms. Prior said she would send an email so the council’s comments could be added to public record.
She said City Council approved an ordinance that prohibits the use of loudspeakers of unenclosed tour buses. Brandi D’Amore asked where to report violations, and Prior said that it was probably a vehicle code issue, but she would find out more information. Luis Saldivar asked when it will take effect, and Prior said that she believed it was already in effect.

Also, the Franklin-Ivar Park and the Dell Community is going to be leased by LA City Recreation and Parks for a year. Rec and Parks is exploring accepting it as a city park, so the year timeline is to test this possibility and formulate the necessary budget applications. The City Council will also be funding security for the next six months. George Skarpelos added that they’re enforcing now the rule where dogs have to be on a leash, as well as prohibiting homeless carts and tents.

Matt Wait asked if MRCA was trying to offload the park. Sheila Irani asked if MRCA would be returning the tax money that had been collected for them. Tom Meredith agreed, and said that once they deeded it to MRCA they accepted responsibility for the park in perpetuity, so it’s no wonder they want to offload it now. Ms. Irani then emphasized that hills residents did vote on taxes to go for management of open space, so they therefore have the money for it, whereas Rec and Parks does not, so they’re taking on a huge financial burden.

Finally, she said that Violet Williams has inspired them to put on a movie night at Franklin-Ivar Park, with a tentative date of August 25th. Prior invited HUNC to collaborate and contribute refreshments. Susan Swan said they should agendize it for next meeting.

Mr. Meredith asked why the Health Education and Neighborhood Council committee been canceled numerous times in a row. Ms. Prior was not aware of this, but would find out more info.

Dan Halden introduced his monthly report and advised the council that there is construction happening on Selma Ave between Highland and Schrader to make routes safer for children walking to and from school. He explained that it was being done when school was out of session, and would affect traffic.

This Saturday, June 23rd is the First Amendment parade called the Los Angeles Cultural Festival and Parade. From Western to Highland will be closed from 10 AM to 5 PM. He explained that DOT would be there and lots of traffic and police officers. He advised HUNC email a sergeant on the permit approval commission downtown, Sgt. Correa for issues because of it, and asked that they copy him. An issue was then raised about a conflict with a HUNC Self-defense course on Saturday and the inability of people to get to it thanks to the parade. Ms. Irani then confirmed that there would be no crossing points, and expressed disapproval.

Finally, there are events Sunday and Monday at the Hollywood Bowl, so Orange would be closed all day. Mr. Halden also added that there would be more electric signs on Franklin and the surrounding area by his request. Also, the sidewalk rebate program ends June 30. Halden then announced the scramble walkway at Hollywood and Vine would be installed July 11. He summarized a study to look at parking assets, and a proposal to turn one lot into a city-owned Bridge housing facility for homeless.

Seamus, representative from state assemblymember Laura Friedman, explained that a committee he was on proposed a policy for personal conduct in state legislatures, and if passed, will need to go through a few more committees before it passes. AB-1668 and SB 606 were major legislative accomplishments for the assemblymember, and establish new, stricter standards for water and air cleanliness. There is also a bill she spearheaded that would establish green standards for all new buildings. AB-2363, which will create a Vision Zero task force for all of California, is also coming up for consideration.

Adam Miller asked what happened to the Net Neutrality bill and sex worker bill, and Seamus explained that the latter passed; the former has been split in two, with a lot of support for both. She would also be forming a committee on small businesses to discuss the effect the movie and tv filming tax credit has on them.

Fernando Morales introduced himself as a rep for Supervisor Kuehl and listed some updates from her office regarding homelessness and Safe Parking LA. They have located a site for Safe Parking LA and starting out hopefully by the end of the week. It would provide a safe, secure location for homeless who live in their cars to park. At first, it will be limited to five cars. In the last six months, there has been an ongoing committee meeting with neighborhood organizations around the Hollywood Bowl for noise mitigation and traffic mitigation.

Finally, tomorrow there would be a motion to oppose the separation of undocumented children and families, and would require the department of child and welfare services to look at children in LA county that may have been separated from their families and how to connect them to resources. The Board of Supervisors also passed a gun violence motion to look at ways the county could introduce policy changes to reduce gun violence. Another motion that passed referred to LGBTQ youth in the foster system, and the motion asked the DCFS to provide resources and a point person to help them succeed. He also explained that the supervisor was working to turn an existing property into a vocational boarding school for homeless or at-risk citizens. The BOS also passed a motion to compel federally-funded construction projects to hire more women.

Matt Wait asked if the Board of Supervisors was voting tomorrow on a measure to turn a jail facility into a restorative jail facility with mental health services. Mr. Wait emphasized that it is a point of some contention for some residents. Mr. Morales said the Board of Supervisors would be voting on that measure and he also provided his email for anyone with questions and comments, Fmorales@bos.lacounty.gov, and his mobile: 213-379-2807.
6. Board Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

Sheila Irani announced that the self-defense project was on June 23, 2018 with over 30 to 40 RSVP’d including about 14 homeless youth.

7. PLUM Committee

A) Motion to approve with Condition: Project: 1931 N. Ivar Avenue (6407 Dix Street). 12-new single family homes w/attached 2-car garage per dwelling & 1-guest stall per small lot subdivision with a haul route for the export of 1,750 cy. Earth AND a 9-ft bldg. encroachment for proposed lots 1&2 of an ex. 33-ft bldg line under Ord No. 126979; AND a request for waiver of street dedication(s).

Action(s) Requested:
1. A “Vesting Tentative Trach Map 76049” for the construction of 12 new single family homes under the small lot ordinance with attached 2-car garage per dwelling and 1-guest stall, totaling 25 parking stalls with an haul route application for the export of 1,750 cy. Of earth.
2. A Haul Route permit application for the removal and export of 1,750 cy. of earth. CONDITION: Haul route staging to be on-site as much as possible.
3. A 9-ft building encroachment for proposed lots 1&2 of an existing 33-ft building line under Ord No. 126979 along Dix Street.
4. A “Waiver of Dedication for By-Right Projects” for a 0-ft dedication on Ivar Avenue in lieu of 3-ft.

Jim Van Dusen explained the motion in the agenda and summarized the actions requested by PLUM. Essentially, the project is two lots: one empty, and one house with no historical designation that will be torn down. The twelve units will be across both lots. They will also run the access to these units down the middle of the facility to avoid street clutter. The dedications are to increase the side of the road. PLUM was complimentary of their project because they’d had several of these projects on Gower, and for its green space and open design. To avoid blocking of the streets, PLUM had requested haul trucks be loaded on the lot as much as possible.

Bogan Toboski introduced himself as one of the architects for the project and offered to answer questions and concerns. Chona Galvez asked what street the project was on, and about potential traffic problems, and Mr. Van Dusen said that addressing that was the reason for the requests re: the haul route. He also explained that the Small Lot Subdivision allows you to consider each unit as a separate house. Mr. Meredith asked about the direction of the haul route, and Mr. Toboski said that the city would have to approve it once they figured out where the dirt was going. Adam Miller asked how much the units would go for, and Mr. Toboski said they’d be starting at “one-one” most likely. Ms. Galvez then said that there’s another condominium complex below the proposed one, and asked whether those people had been consulted. Mr. Toboski said that they are in the process of outreach efforts.

Matt Wait asked what was on the plot currently, and the architect reiterated that there was one house on the two lots now.

A stakeholder asked why they removed the old house, and the architect said he wasn’t sure, but that he thought the house was so old and falling apart that it would be more expensive to repair than simple to tear down, and that it was also to keep homeless from squatting in the structure.

Motion: Jim Van Dusen Second: Adam Miller Vote: Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes
Adam Miller
George Skarpelos
Sheila Irani

Abstain
Anji Williams

Ineligible
Violet Williams

B) Motion to approve letter to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research regarding The Hollywood Center Project.

Jim Van Dusen explained that the letter regarded their application for environmental leadership development project protection status which limits the time when people can file a lawsuit against the project. The planning documents have been issued and hearings will be scheduled shortly, but all this is is a response to their application and HUNC asked for a 30-day extension from the governor’s office. HUNC’s concerns include the developer’s construction methods and choices, the need for greater scrutiny, some uncertainty about whether it was on the Hollywood Earthquake Fault Zone. The letter therefore asks that the application is denied and all current remedies be kept in place.

Susan Swan added that one of the concerns she had with Millenium Partners is with their San Francisco project, where they made questionable choices to not go to bedrock with their foundation, and the building is now leaning and sinking. Adam Miller added
that there’s a threshold for an amount of money necessary to be invested before you qualify, and a project of this scope is the only kind that gets it.

George Skarpelos said that he thinks Edgar should speak, too. Edgar said that a project must be a residential, recreational, or sports-related project to be qualified, must be Lead Gold certified, has to be 15% grid or transportation efficiency as compared to comparable projects. The project must be a minimum $100 million investment, construction workers must be paid a living wage, and must contribute no new greenhouse gas emissions. If a lawsuit is filed when it has this protection, the court must render a decision in 270 days. That’s all this protection status means.

Matt Wait said that he thought an important distinction where AELDP’s require lawsuits to be resolved quickly, not that they have less time to file them, which seems different from the content of the letter.

Mr. Van Dusen said that if it doesn’t change anything for the developers or us, why apply for it, and they said they wanted the legal restriction on the ability to fasttrack things through the courts. He said their only concern is for everybody to have the opportunity of full redress because of the history of this project and other Millenium projects. Edgar responded saying lawsuits on this project are writ, with non discovery, no deposition, no interrogation. None of the other ELDP projects that have been litigated have been resolved in 270 days, and have taken twice that. It’s frankly just motivation for the lawyers and to a lesser extent the judges to move quicker with their reply papers. He argued that this increases public participation because the city must post any requests on their website within 5 days.

Brandi D’Amore said that it could potentially be demanding a judge not use his full faculties and thought process because he’s being compelled to fasttrack a case. Edgar explained that the statute only says it must be resolved in 270 days “to the extent feasible”. Ms. D’Amore said she did not feel comfortable with a judge deciding whether or not he can do it in less days or more days.

George Skarpelos asked how they miss putting affordable units onsite if they can’t do this, and Edgar emphasized that they need the housing now. Susan Swan asked if the ability to counter the EIR is limited, and the council confirmed that it did not, and the review of the EIR would not change.

The Project Manager for the project then spoke and emphasized that they have to do a whole new EIR, and the only thing they’re trying to limit the length of the litigation period. Mr. Van Dusen emphasized that the issues are complicated.

Mr. Skarpelos asked if they don’t get this exemption, will they not make it Lead-certified or with affordable housing. Edgar explained that the affordable housing is not required under ELDP, and he can’t speak to the rest of the stuff.

Mr. Van Dusen added that they should leave all avenues for the public open given the developer’s past issues. Mr. Meredith added that at last PLUM meeting, there was talk about getting in someone of equivalent weight to the developers to come in, and Mr. Van Dusen explained that they only have two weeks left, so there may not be time.

Motion: Jim Van Dusen  Second: Tom Meredith  Vote: Yes-4, No-9, Abstain-3, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

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8. Discussion and motion to approve and certify the HUNC Neighborhood Council's Inventory list is correct and complete, containing all items in the possession of HUNC; as reported to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment during Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Documents available at http://hollywoodunitednc.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Hollywood_United_Inventory_List.pdf

George Skarpelos explained that Lorenzo came over to the Fire Annex and to the office, and Lorenzo really only cares about electronics stuff, so most items in the inventory are computer/electronics stuff.

Sheila Irani then asked for where a previously mentioned iPad was in the inventory, and Susan Swan recommended approving now and adjusting later.

Motion Made: Discussion and motion to approve and certify the HUNC Neighborhood Council's Inventory list is correct and complete, containing all items in the possession of HUNC; as reported to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment during Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Documents available at http://hollywoodunitednc.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Hollywood_United_Inventory_List.pdf, and that it will be updated in the future.

Susan Swan explained the nature of the motion from the Health, Education and Neighborhood Councils Committee, and went over the bulleted recommendations contained within the motion, noting that many of the reforms and recommendations do not apply in practice to HUNC. She thought it was good to make a motion to support unless somebody had objections, since it seemed to be a method to make everything equitable.

Matt Wait asked for clarification regarding the Community Impact Stakeholder term, and Susan Swan explained that it involves stakeholders who vote in areas where they are not residents by trying to establish an “ongoing interest” in an area, and that it is essentially closing a loophole.

10. Finance

A) Discussion of Budget to date and vote to approve May Monthly Expense Report for submission

Susan Swan drew the council’s attention to the new Neighborhood Council Funding Rules handbook included in their packet, and reminded the council to review the guidelines prior to asking for funding.

Tom Meredith started by introducing the proposed MER for May, explaining they spent approximately $6,500 for the month and broke down what they spent it on. They’ve overspent on office and outreach, but have underspent elsewhere.

B) Presentation of proposed FY2018/2019 Budget, based on FY2017/2018 Budget planned versus actual, and knowledge of funding items to be requested. Vote to approve proposed FY2018/2019 Budget (any approved Budget may be changed at any time throughout FY by Board action).

Tom Meredith explained that the reason he wanted to propose a budget now and vote on it is because the fiscal year ends June 30th, and if they get a vote in the full funding is available by July 1. They did this a year ago in the housing forum during an ad-hoc meeting.

Mr. Meredith broke down the budget amount and the minimal outstanding payments before going into expenditures to-date by category. He explained that that budget was prepared based around $42,000, and it is kind of hard to talk about what went up and what went down, but shared that office expenses went up by three times what they thought. The Verizon services increased, and they also bought new equipment, and started providing services to a minute-taker. So it gives him some thought for where they’ll probably go with office expenses next year.

He then explained the process he used to build the proposed budget, and emphasized that the process is not set in stone. George Skarpelos also added that the budget can only be modified, and that moving forward on it is simply a way of keeping them able to spend money. He also summarized some of the proposed upcoming neighborhood grants and outreach expenditures.
He also reported that the street cleaning award from both years was now available to them finally.

The council also discussed where a previous year’s election rollover money went, and Mr. Meredith talked about how it would be his mission to find that money.

Motion: Tom Meredith  Second: George Skarpelos  Vote: Yes-18, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes
Adam Miller  Anji Williams  Brandi D’Amore  Cesar Cervera  Chona Galvez  Coyote Shivers
Crissi Avila  Danielle Paris  Erin Penner  George Skarpelos  Jeff Ramberg  Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar  Margaret Marmolejo  Matt Wait  Sheila Irani  Susan Swan  Tom Meredith

Ineligible
Violet Williams


D) Discussion and motion to approve reimbursement to Luis Saldivar for $40.00 for keys duplication by Missing Receipt Affidavit.

Motion: Susan Swan  Second: Coyote Shivers  Vote: Yes-18, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes
Adam Miller  Anji Williams  Brandi D’Amore  Cesar Cervera  Chona Galvez  Coyote Shivers
Crissi Avila  Danielle Paris  Erin Penner  George Skarpelos  Jeff Ramberg  Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar  Margaret Marmolejo  Matt Wait  Sheila Irani  Susan Swan  Tom Meredith

Ineligible
Violet Williams

E) Discussion and motion to approve reimbursement to Anji Williams for $31.12 for refreshments, supplies and incidentals purchased at Smart and Final and Nature-Watch for, activities at Franklin/Ivar Park on May 19.

Motion: George Skarpelos  Second: Luis Saldivar  Vote: Yes-18, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes
Adam Miller  Anji Williams  Brandi D’Amore  Cesar Cervera  Chona Galvez  Coyote Shivers
Crissi Avila  Danielle Paris  Erin Penner  George Skarpelos  Jeff Ramberg  Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar  Margaret Marmolejo  Matt Wait  Sheila Irani  Susan Swan  Tom Meredith

Ineligible
Violet Williams

F) Discussion and vote to approve Application for Neighborhood Purposes Grant from A Million Drops for up to $500. Funding will come from FY2017/2018 Budget if available, or FY2018/2019 Budget, as necessary.

Sheila Irani explained that A Million Drops did library vouchers for this fiscal year, and that the people who received them didn’t think they could actually use them, and that she does not want to lose the momentum they’ve been developing. This would fund a laundry room day where about 200 washes will be funded and they will be out there with case workers.

Motion: Sheila Irani  Second: Anji Williams  Vote: Yes-18, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes
Adam Miller  Anji Williams  Brandi D’Amore  Cesar Cervera  Chona Galvez  Coyote Shivers
Crissi Avila  Danielle Paris  Erin Penner  George Skarpelos  Jeff Ramberg  Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar  Margaret Marmolejo  Matt Wait  Sheila Irani  Susan Swan  Tom Meredith

Ineligible
Violet Williams

G) Discussion and vote to approve Application for Neighborhood Purposes Grant from The Shower of Hope for up to $2500. Funding will come from FY2018/2019 Budget and will cover approximately 7 shower installations and operation at Hollywood Adventist Church.

This item was moved ahead of other items in Agenda Item 10 because they had been waiting. Sheila Irani explained they were considering a portable shower of two units to be brought to Adventist Church. Million Drops has been managing their laundry program, and explained that Shower of Hope would be bringing the unit on-site, and they would have the facility for 8 weeks once
Mel from Shower of Hope explained that they were setting it up at Southern Baptist Church as well and explained the policies for shower length and the process, including the distribution of hygiene kits. They were trying to gauge how receptive people are to increasing funding for measures after showering. Adam Miller asked if they’d chatted with the Dept of Sanitation about installing a dedicated drain pipe to take away wastewater, which would allow as many showers as they want for as long as the want. Mel said they haven’t, that the city had let them open manhole covers for drainage, and Mr. Miller said he would give contact information to Mel regarding drain pipe installation.

Ms. Irani emphasized that it was relatively inexpensive to offer showers from typically 11 AM to 3 PM, and that they would also try to get a community organization to donate lunch as well. She would also be discussing with Adventist Church about introducing Safe Parking, so they may need to have the showers stand through the evening.

Erin Penner asked if people sign up prior to the day, and Mel explained that it’s anybody who shows up. Further, it often takes some time to build up a response since some people are wary.

George Skarpelos said that as much as he supports stuff like this, they should really be doing this at the beginning of the year, because they have elections and associated costs coming up. He asked why Dan Halden wasn’t supporting this, and Ms. Irani said that they were working on numerous measures including Safe Parking, and that this was an inexpensive way to address an imperative need.

Motion: Sheila Irani  Second: Adam Miller  Vote: Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes
Adam Miller  Anji Williams  Brandi D'Amore  Chona Galvez  Danielle Paris  Erin Penner
Jeff Ramberg  Jim Van Dusen  Luis Saldivar  Margaret Marmolejo  Matt Wait  Sheila Irani
Susan Swan  Tom Meredith
Abstain
Coyote Shivers  George Skarpelos

H) Discussion and vote to approve up to $2500 from FY2018/2019 Budget for first in FY2018/2019 Speaker Series, “Meet Your Hollywood Station LAPD Team.” Hopefully to include, Chief Designate Moore/City Attorney Mike Feuer, and in collaboration with other Hollywood NCs. Targeted for September.

Motion: Adam Miller  Second: George Skarpelos  Vote: Yes-18, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes
Adam Miller  Anji Williams  Brandi D'Amore  Cesar Cervera  Chona Galvez  Coyote Shivers
Crissi Avila  Danielle Paris  Erin Penner  George Skarpelos  Jeff Ramberg  Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar  Margaret Marmolejo  Matt Wait  Sheila Irani  Susan Swan  Tom Meredith
Ineligible
Violet Williams

I) Discussion and motion to approve up to $400 from FY 2018/2019 Budget per Board, Committee or any Special Meetings for food, beverages and incidentals.

George Skarpelos asked if they can do I through N by consent, which Tom Meredith confirmed. L and M were tabled as a duplicate.

Motion: George Skarpelos  Second: Luis Saldivar  Vote: Yes-16, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes
Adam Miller  Anji Williams  Brandi D'Amore  Chona Galvez  Coyote Shivers  Danielle Paris
Erin Penner  George Skarpelos  Jeff Ramberg  Jim Van Dusen  Luis Saldivar  Margaret Marmolejo
Matt Wait  Sheila Irani  Susan Swan  Tom Meredith
Ineligible
Violet Williams

J) Discussion and motion to approve up to $400 from FY 2018/2019 Budget per Board, Committee or any Special Meetings for printing services, printer paper/toner, and miscellaneous supplies/items.
K) Discussion and motion to approve up to $100 from FY 2018/2019 Budget per Board, Committee or any Special Meetings for minute-taking, transcribing, and other HUNC office management services.

L) Discussion and motion to approve up to $100 from FY 2018/2019 Budget per Board, Committee or any Special Meetings for minute-taking, transcribing, and other HUNC office management services.

   Tabled

M) Discussion and motion to approve up to $100 from FY 2018/2019 Budget per Board, Committee or any Special Meetings for minute-taking, transcribing, and other HUNC office management services.

   Tabled

N) Discussion and motion to approve up to $400 from FY 2018/2019 Budget for Survey Monkey renewal.

O) Discussion and motion to approve up to $1000 for Tree/Plant Give-Away and pottery painting at Franklin Ivar Park on Saturday, July 21. Change in date from previous vote to approve for same at May 21 Board.

11. Discussion regarding Committee alternates and current structure of assignation by the Committee Chair/Co-Chair, discussion of Liaisons, and discussion regarding conflicts of interest and Committee assignments in light of the grievances filed against LFNC for alleged Brown Act violations. (Please note that our Bylaws require that Chairs of Committees, including Ad Hoc Committees, must be a Board member.)

   Susan Swan encouraged the board to find liaisons by actively engaging in the community and talking with community members like law enforcement, firefighters, homeless, business owners, etc.

   She then printed out and distributed a tri-fold with everything members need to know about the Brown Act. She is currently in an argument with someone who is a board chair and has no clue about the Brown Act. With the Los Feliz Neighborhood Council, they’ve had election grievances filed against them, and the main thing that struck Ms. Swan was about what constitutes an Ad-Hoc committee and when you have to Brown Act it. The more specific a committee is, and if it’s under the quorum without members of the public, they don’t have to Brown Act it. And that’s where the Los Feliz NC messed up, and was missed by their bylaws president, the board president and their DONE representative.
She explained that her recollection is a group was putting out slates of candidates to vote for and there are questions as to whether people voting were actually LFNC stakeholders. Adam Miller explained two articles from The Ledger that are brutally inaccurate regarding the LFNC issue. Mr. Miller explained there was a huge conflict of personality between their board and their DONE representative. The end result was there was a rotation of who would be their DONE advocate.

Ms. Swan added that this incident was why she thought it important to distribute the Brown Act Pocket Guide to the board members. She thanked Brandi D’Amore for posting everything Shannon Prior sends to them to Facebook and the HUNC page.

12. Update and discussion regarding HUNC website transfer, including discussion and Motion for construction and approval of a Standing Rule for the process of assignation of Admins and Editors, WordPress training process, and any other operational procedures and approvals including ownership of content and access to platform

Tabled: Lee Thompson didn’t object to tabling it, but wanted to express a vote of confidence in the wonderful job George Skarpelos did on the website.

13. Motion to approve a new Standing Rule to require that Draft Board Meeting Minutes be posted on the HUNC website and distributed to Board members within one week of the meeting.

Tabled

14. Discussion regarding "Together we Serve NC Forum", a CD4-hosted working group that will help all of the CD4 Neighborhood Councils address the shared challenges. At the forum, the group committed to the issues below:
1) Expanding and improving DASH Routes
2) Developing more effective communications between Departments and our Communities

Motion to approve Sheila and Tom as HUNC liaisons with George as Alternate

George Skarpelos explained that the discussion was regarding making the DASH more effective, increasing stops and making stops closer to LA Metro stops, and the two points in the agenda item were the two focuses. Adam Miller said they would have a hard time with expanding some DASH routes due to low riderships. He said he wouldn’t mind being an alternate, and Susan Swan said that anybody can attend. Mr. Skarpelos also explained that the methodology was to pick two things that they can really work on together as neighborhood councils. Ms. Swan said that she was not opposed to the idea of having two alternates. Tom Meredith explained that limiting to two liaisons was more for crowd control.

Sheila Irani offered to send things that Susan had sent out to the board.

Motion: Luis Saldivar  Second: Jeff Ramberg  Vote: Yes-18, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes
Adam Miller  Anji Williams  Brandi D’Amore  Cesar Cervera  Chona Galvez  Coyote Shivers
Crissi Avila  Danielle Paris  Erin Penner  George Skarpelos  Jeff Ramberg  Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar  Margaret Marmolejo  Matt Wait  Sheila Irani  Susan Swan  Tom Meredith
Ineligible
Violet Williams


Susan Swan directed the board to the list of terms in their packet. She then detailed the board positions up for election grouped by type and area, and what year those each seat was open, and she clarified that Geographic representatives and Business Representatives have to be from the area of the seat.

Brandi D’Amore said that Tom Meredith and she were up for election next year, and asked if two people from the same area be elected to a seat at large. Ms. Swan said that they would just have to lean on the clerk to make sure it doesn’t happen, and there was discussion as to how to resolve the issue within the board. George Skarpelos suggested, if the two top vote-getters are from the same district, to have them run against each other. Danielle Paris asked why they couldn’t have the top two voters from different districts win, and George Skarpelos said that he thought it wasn’t very democratic.

Ms. Swan then said the next step is to select an election committee and a chair to run it. Tom Meredith volunteered to advise and give commentary, but he’s done it twice already. Margaret Marmolejo also volunteered to advise. Susan Swan declared that everyone not running should be on it de facto. Adam Miller said they had to keep it to five because of the Brown Act, and Ms. Swan said that they could simply host all discussion at the board meetings. George Skarpelos agreed to be chair and Adam Miller agreed to be vice-chair.

16. Discussion and motion to approve election of Executive Committee at the July Board meeting, last election at December
2017 Board meeting.

Tabled: Susan Swan explained that the reason this is on here is that they have to approve the removal of the Exec Committee in July.

Ms. Swan also explained that right now they do have to vote on this because it’s what the City Attorney said they had to do. Jim Van Dusen then went into the bylaws and explained that they didn't follow them originally. He explained that one option would be to extend the current Exec Committee’s term until the next election. The other option is to elect them once every year to serve at the pleasure of the board. It would appear the bylaws are saying the current Exec committee should be in for a year unless the board throws them out, so that the election in December was not correct. But to come into compliance with the bylaws, they'd have to extend the term of the Exec Committee to the next election. If they wanted to change it now, it seems they would have to fire the current Exec Committee. And then there would have to be a motion to elect a new exec committee in July. Or they could fire only one or two of the exec committee members.

Ms. Swan explained that there was previously no mechanism in place to give a board an option to clean up their act and move forward. George Skarpelos said that technically they should have elected themselves last year in May/June/July. There was concern that if the city changes the board election date, it could completely screw up the exec committee terms.

Jim Van Dusen reiterated that they could extend the exec committee to the board election in 2019, or replace the exec committee. George Skarpelos said that the intention for approving the exec committee was to extend it to the fiscal year end.

Ms. Swan explained that this process was what they were told by the City Attorney had to happen. Adam Miller said that he thinks resetting the clock is more pressing. Mr. Van Dusen explained that it is on track, technically still. Jeff Ramberg thought they couldn’t actually vote to extend the exec board because the bylaws require a year term.

Brandi D’Amore asked if someone was elected to the Exec board but lost a board election from the community, what would happen to them, and Ms. Swan explained that there would be another election.

Jim Van Dusen suggested having a motion to replace the current executive committee, and the next would be to have an election to replace the committee in July, and puts it going forward that the elections are on track. Sheila Irani raised the question of whether they might lose exec members, and then might not be able to fill them if they just vote to replace. She feels unable to vote on a motion to replace/fire if she might lose the treasurer, and feels voting on the issue around budget time is inappropriate.

It would be a motion to remove the executive committee at the July board meeting and elect a new executive committee at that July meeting.

George Skarpelos so moved and Anji Williams seconded.

Jeff Ramberg asked if the people running needing to be agendized. Jim Van Dusen suggested tabling the issue and agendizing it for July as discussion and motion to remove current exec committee and elect a new one.

17. Discussion and possible motion regarding the Hollywood Sign/Griffith Park Update and the report back from City departments

Tabled

18. Committee Reports on items not on the Agenda (5 minutes)

19. HUNC Committee & Liaison announcements on items not on the Agenda

20. Old/Ongoing Business

21. New/Future Business

Adjournment at 10:20 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.