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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 11, 2019, 6:30 PM

Fire Station 82 Annex

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

Second Floor Conference Room

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Welcome

6:41 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

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| Susan Swan | Tom Meredith | Chona Galvez | Sheila Irani | George Skarpelos | Jim Van Dusen |
| Luis Saldivar | Coyote Shivers | Margaret Marmolejo | Erin Penner | Adam Miller | Brandi D'Amore |
| Danielle Paris | Jeff Ramberg | Andrew Chadsey | | | |

Absent

Violet Williams Matt Wait

2. Approval of Minutes

Coyote says that the fourth paragraph from the bottom should read, "would mean less resources for victims of violence".

Coyote wishes that minutes change where he "accused Ms. Penner of lying about previous emails that she sent to him". George says that this should just be removed from the minutes.

Erin states that she feels Matt's comment that "Coyote Shivers is a 'vexatious litigant'" should be in the record but George says that is not relevant and should not be in the minutes.

Brandi says that she did not say that abuse is different from violence on page 10. She wishes that it says "abuse is on the spectrum of violence".

Adam wishes that 9B should say "May or June". Adam also says that in 15D, "promote" is misspelled.

Andrew says that on page 6, 8B1, he wishes it to state, "I was told it was a private street and I needed to leave".

Motion: Brandi D'Amore **Second:** Adam Miller **Vote:** Yes-10, No-1, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Adam Miller Andrew Chadsey Brandi D'Amore Erin Penner George Skarpelos Jeff Ramberg
 Jim Van Dusen Margaret Marmolejo Susan Swan Tom Meredith

No

Coyote Shivers

Abstain

Chona Galvez

Ineligible

Violet Williams

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

Lee Thompson says that there is another skyscraper going next to the Music Box (in the large parking lot next door).

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

Seamus Garrity from Laura Friedman's office gave an update on Safe Streets which includes AB 276 (Safe Firearm Storage), cars with modifications that need to be fixed and there will be a definition of what a major transit stop is and issues pertaining to homelessness.

Shannon Prior from CD4 gave an update which included the new Bridge Housing project which would be on Riverside Drive in Los Feliz for people to live temporarily before moving into permanent housing. Shannon said that last week we broke ground on new housing transitional aged young women experiencing homelessness on Hollywood Blvd., just west of La Brea. It will include 42 beds.

Shannon that says that CD4 is working with CD13 to address the issue with the people experiencing homelessness under the Gower overpass. She says that we can also submit ideas for more locations for bridge housing. Chona asks what kind of county programs there are for the homeless so that she could have literature to give people that she comes across that are experiencing homelessness.

Sean Starkey, who is the new field deputy for CD13 to replace Dan Halden. He says that Dan Halden is now the Director of "Heart of Hollywood", to focus on other Hollywood initiatives. Sean says that our bridge housing on Schrader will be opening this week, which will help 70 people. He says each person that was accepted has ties to Hollywood. Sean then states that there is also a Safe Parking program on Melrose near Paramount. It currently has 10 parking spaces and is getting ready to expand to 20.

Sean says that the LA Marathon is coming up on March 24th and Hollywood Blvd will be closed from 4am-noon. He then says "Straws on Request" will go through on Earth Day.

A stakeholder asks how CD13 is getting the word out about the parking spaces available with Safe Parking LA and Sean says it's by word of mouth and you can also go onto the Safe Parking website.

George says that the Gower overpass is extremely difficult to traverse and asks what Mitch O'Farrell is doing about it. Sean says that the weather and rain added to the increase in people under the overpass. He states that CD4 should be applauded for offering services even though the overpass is not within CD4 boundaries. He states that sanitation efforts do not solve homelessness but they do help to keep it clean. Luis says that he took his son out of Cheremoya Elementary and one reason was due to the danger and lack of pedestrian access under the overpass.

Adam Miller states that with any type of sanitary action, you have to wait when it comes to the weather because it would be considered cruel to move people in the recent rain. Sheila asks if we can put any kind of trash can in that area.

Officer White says the recent issues are related to homelessness and prowlers. He said the division is working on conditions of open rooftop venues to give to developers to balance the needs of the residents and developers.

Brandi asks if the encampment under Dix was removed by LAPD because of a recent Facebook post on the Hollywood Dell Facebook page which residents stated that individuals were removed and their items were disposed of. Officer White says that Sanitation removes property, police do not. Brandi asks what our response should be to civilians who are trying to force out homeless individuals and Officer White prefers to not take a stance on that.

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

Margaret states that CERT classes are now open for enrollment.

6. Executive Committee

A) Report by the President

Motion Made: Report by Committee Chair

- B) Discussion and possible motion to approve the use of an official HUNC email address for the youth representative

Susan states that it should be "Subject to agreement by parent or guardian".

Andrew asks if it's listed on the website, the emails should also go to the parents. George says that we will have to have approval in writing pertaining to approval from parents.

Motion Made: Discussion and possible motion to approve the use of an official HUNC email address for the youth representative with written approval from parent or guardian.

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Andrew Chadsey **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

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7. PLUM Committee

- A) Report by Committee Chair

Jim has nothing to report

- B) Discussion and possible motion to approve: Project: 2031 Ivar Avenue, Los Angeles, CA. To demolish a two story duplex and replace it with three (3) new three story single family homes under a Parcel Map for "Small Lot Subdivision" and to export 10 cy. of earth within a special BOE Special Grading Area. No other or separate entitlements are to be requested as part of this project. Action(s) Requested: A preliminary parcel map for a small lot subdivision for the creation of three (3) single story lots in the RD2-1XL zone with building heights not to exceed 36'.

Luis asks if the developers took public input and the development representatives said that yes and the public is happy to see this go in.

Motion: Jim Van Dusen **Second:** Tom Meredith **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

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8. PS&EP Committee

- A) Report by Committee Chair

Erin states that the majority of the last Public Safety meeting was really just pertaining to the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Town Hall.

- B) Review of Emergency Preparedness and Public Safety Town Hall being hosted with HHWNC

George hands out the flyer for the upcoming town hall and summarizes what will be taking place that day. He asks who will be able to volunteer and ideally we will have 4-5 volunteers.

HUNC members choose their volunteer sign-up times.

Erin mentions that we may have an upcoming Facebook poll to ask stakeholders what issues they want addressed during the panel.

9. Government Affairs and Community Impact Statements

- A) Update on recent CISs submitted by HUNC in February

Erin printed out the Weekly Legislative Report and states that two of the CISs we voted on at the last meeting were approved

pertaining to the definition of domestic violence and discrimination pertaining to the LGBTQ community and foster care agencies.

10. Outreach Committee

Tom states that we have a farmer's market coming up on March 17th and encourages members to attend. Tom says that it is fun to talk to the stakeholders and tell them what we are currently doing as a council.

George says that he will send out a sign up and asks everyone to please respond.

A) Report by Committee Chair

B) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$650 to purchase new hosting plan for 3 years.

Adam asks if we have already spent thousands of dollars on our last hosting plan. George explains that hosting and URL domain name registration are two different things. George says that he will find out if we still have money or credit in our account that was approved 2 years ago. George then says that he wants to have money approved as a safety precaution in case we do need a new hosting plan asap. He says that he also wants the URL to change from a dot com to a dot org.

Motion: Tom Meredith **Second:** Luis Saldivar **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

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C) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$800 for WordPress plugin modules to improve website functionality

George says that this is important because when people do a "search" on our site, any keyword will also be found in the minutes.

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Adam Miller **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

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D) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$2000 for a HUNC sponsored CERT class

Tom states that this funding includes the backpacks and 7 nights of meals for each class. He says that we approved \$3k last year but it looks like we can get by with \$2k.

Motion: Tom Meredith **Second:** Luis Saldivar **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

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11. Homelessness and Social Services Committee

A) Report by Committee Chair

Adam states that there isn't much to report because the last meeting simply involved items moving forward.

12. Transportation and Works Committee

A) Report by Committee Chair

Jeff says that he does not have much to report because much like Adam, the last meeting simply involved items moving forward.

- B) Discussion of and possible motion to provide a HUNC CIS on Council File CF 19-0104: Repeal of Taxicab Board Rule 415(c) / Ordinance (motion to ban digital advertising signs on vehicles)

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0104>

Marion Dodge explains the motion and shows a photo of digital billboards that could be put on top of cars (which would be 44 inches long and 17 inches high). She says that some will get paid \$300 per month to have the billboard on their car and that she heard today that this may now go on buses. She says these bright lights are a major driving hazard. Marion says that it is illegal in the state of California to have these brightly lit billboards that are far brighter than the lights put off by turn signals.

Chona asks if this is for the City of LA only. Marion says we need to repeal the Taxicab Board Rule. Chona asks if someone drives in from another city with the digital billboard would receive a ticket. Brandi said they should already have a ticket as it is illegal in the state of California.

Jeff says that if it's already illegal in the city and state, is the motion only banning taxis from having static advertising. He asks if cab drivers will now lose their revenue from static advertising due to this repeal. Jim agrees with Jeff and says that he does feel the illuminated signs are a severe safety hazard and asks if there is a provision that allows cab drivers to advertise on their cars with signs that do not appear to be safety hazards.

Brandi asks if Marion is ok with HUNC supporting the CIS with a provision that says cabs will still have the ability to advertise.

Susan says that this looks to be a pilot program that Firefly is trying to attach itself to.

Officer White asks for the ordinance number to conduct his own research. Officer White says we need to look at the language of the ordinance. He says that generally ordinances prohibit things and this looks to be taking something away and then also allowing something else.

Lee Thompson asks if this means we can have them on our personal cars but not on taxi cabs because he has seen these billboards on personal cars. He thinks people will get around this ordinance and still find ways to advertise. Luis says that these signs are incredibly distracting while driving because he used to drive with one.

Jeff wants our motion to be against digital signs on cars and not advertisements on taxi cabs.

Jim asks if we should mention that we should make it clear that there should be no lights whatsoever on advertising but we do not wish to ban static signs.

Sheila asks about the lit Uber signs because she prefers seeing that as a safety precaution for women.

Jeff says that lit Uber signs are regulated by state law.

Brandi states that these lit signs are a safety hazard for cyclists at night and we should indicate a request for enforcement because she questions who will be following up on it.

Andrew says that we need to look into the amount of lumens that are legal.

Tom says that anything we talk about in regards to lumens, etc. should be quantified. He thinks our support needs to be for any lights that are beyond these regulated amounts.

Brandi says that any kind of digital advertising is illegal outside of a certain zone. F

Adam says that this is a difficult subject matter without the City Attorney already putting a spin on it and he wishes to see what the City Attorney says first. Adam says that he does have a hard time with this one as people who need money are getting paid to have these advertisements on their cars and it is helpful revenue for many people to pay their rent.

Susan says that she feels we should not support any kind of digital advertisement and this motion we are asked to support is just to support a repeal that was put into place years ago.

Coyote says that he does not understand the full ramifications of what we are voting for so he is not taking a stand.

George says that his concern is the only things that should be flashing or moving are things that are meant for safety in driving and this will create concerns for other drivers.

Jonathan says that drivers are being distracted regardless as they are always glued to their phones.

Motion Made: Discussion of and possible motion to provide a HUNC CIS on Council File CF 19-0104: Repeal of Taxicab Board Rule

415(c) / Ordinance (motion to ban digital advertising signs on vehicles)

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Motion: To support the given CIS with the proviso that static advertisements, as they are currently allowed on taxis be permitted, in hopes that a new ordinance could move forward that would allow for non-DMS advertising.

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Jim Van Dusen **Vote:** Yes-13, No-1, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

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No

Adam Miller

Abstain

Coyote Shivers

Ineligible

Violet Williams

13. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

A) Report by Committee Chair

Margaret says that Violet was preparing to have her No-Vaping event at Le Conte Middle School and she will report back.

14. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

A) Report by Committee Chair

Brandi says the biggest thing discussed was Matt wanting a letter of support in regards to a vacancy tax. She says Lee had concerns about the Villa Carlotta and they may now be engaging in some illegal construction and the fact that they are taking up 2-3 parking spots with dirt. A mapping program was also discussed and Adam suggested using Google. Anyone with mapping ideas can send them to Luis or Matt.

15. Ad Hoc Business Committee

A) Report by Committee Chair

B) Discussion and possible motion to write a letter to businesses in the Franklin Village area requesting that delivery trucks unload as close as possible to the intersection of Tamarind and Franklin Ave

Andrew said there was a stakeholder that had many complaints about the trucks and the unloading that's happening in Franklin Village on Bronson and Tamarind. Andrew says that he wanted to send a letter to Franklin Business Operators.

Andrew also suggests having a business tab on the HUNC website to keep businesses engaged.

Motion Made: Discussion and possible motion to write a letter to businesses in the Franklin Village area requesting that delivery trucks unload as close as possible to the interesection of Tamarind and Franklin Ave

Motion: Andrew Chadsey **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

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16. Upcoming NC Elections

George gives update with the recent and successful Candidate Forums at Franklin Ivar Park and the Beachwood Café. He then states there is an upcoming Candidate Forum this coming Thursday at the Annex and encourages all members to go to HOAs and neighborhood association meetings.

A) Review of election activities

17. Finance

A) Discussion of current fiscal year budget and possible motion for adjustment

B) Discussion and vote to approve pending Monthly Expense Report for submission

Motion Made: Motion to approve the February 2019 Monthly Expense Report

Motion: Adam Miller **Second:** Jeff Ramberg **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

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C) Discussion and possible motion to spend up to \$40 for Luis Saldivar to purchase keys to HUNC storage locker

Motion: Adam Miller **Second:** George Skarpelos **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

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18. Board Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

Sheila says that Tom forgot to update the board with the survey regarding safety and traffic around the Hollywood vista. Tom said he wants to run the survey through the subcommittees and ask for further questions and suggestions.

Erin says that her friend Zoe Bannon, in attendance, has been incredibly successful in initiating ACS Security on the Oaks which will now have 24-hour armed security as of March 21st.

Margaret says that Darrell Davis with LAPD will now be leaving and it may be appropriate for the board to send an email to wish him the best and she would initiate.

Brandi says there is a scholarship program available from the Children's Defense Fund. Under One Roof will be meeting on the library on Sunset, west of La Brea.

Sheila says it's "Lights Out" on March 30th so that everyone can see the stars.

19. Old/Ongoing Business

20. New/Future Business

Adjournment at 9:09 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.