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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Welcome

6:33 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

Susan Swan	Tom Meredith	Sheila Irani	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar
Coyote Shivers	Margaret Marmolejo	Erin Penner	Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Jeff Ramberg
Matt Wait	Andrew Chadsey	Michael Connolly			

Absent

Violet Williams

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion Made: Motion to approve May 2019 Minutes

Motion: Tom Meredith **Second:** Erin Penner **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani	Susan Swan
Tom Meredith					

Abstain

Coyote Shivers Jeff Ramberg

Ineligible

Violet Williams

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

Stakeholder Lucy noticed that in the Jewish Journal, some Armenians were featured.

Stakeholder Joshua introduced himself as a manager at A Million Drops, a learning center for homeless and at-risk youth. They supply hygiene supplies, clothing when they have donations, art supplies when they have donations, and will have artists coming in to give improv classes, poetry classes, and other artistic classes to percipients. He said that the shower vouchers provided by HUNC are fantastic since before them, almost no one was able to get access to showers. They have 20+ clients come in every day, and about 350 per month.

George Skarpelos mentioned that last year at the board's retreat, they wanted to find a better way to connect with the homeless community via outreach, and their partnership with A Million Drops has been instrumental in that, and Sheila Irani had a lot to do with their partnership with the program.

Erin Penner asked where to drop off clothing supplies, and Joshua said the Hollywood Adventist Church between 2-6 PM Monday through Friday.

Gilbert Mora introduced himself, and updated the board about the county starting a new program involving CORE Centers, offering a lot of substance abuse and mental health support centers. They're placing them near schools in the community to try to address family/adolescent issues. They will have a listening session at Hollywood and Wilshire Health Center on Melrose. Also, he wanted to bring the board's attention to the fact that the 4 AM bar bill was back for a third time, and encouraged the board and stakeholders to address him with concerns and comments. It's already passed through the CA Senate and is moving through the Assembly.

Sheila Irani asked if it was to allow drinking until 4 AM, or to allow bars to be open until 4 AM, and Gilbert clarified that it was to allow drinking until 4 AM.

George Skarpelos said he was contacted by a man by Ross Gardener about this issue, who was part of the Nightlife Alliance, and Mr. Skarpelos said he should come to a PLUM meeting.

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

Sean Starkey, field deputy for Hollywood, wanted to announce that the budget was approved, and there was a big win for the council office and Hollywood in there: there will be 5 street service investigators to be assigned for the Walk of Fame to address any blocked passageway violations. They are starting the hiring process now and are hoping to have at least one or a couple hired by August. This is something the councilmember has been working on since 2012.

Luis Saldivar asked if it would be from Hollywood and Highland to Hollywood and Vine, and Mr. Starkey clarified it would range from Orange to McCadden, but would encompass mainly the Walk of Fame area.

There will also be a press release coming tomorrow about reimagining the public space along the Walk of Fame.

Stakeholder Lee Thompson asked if Mr. Starkey could comment on the No Vending signs that have popped up in the area. He commented that the signs were just put up by the city of LA; former governor Jerry Brown had decriminalized street vending, but the City had restricted it in 5 areas, with the Walk of Fame being one of them, and that enforcement has been an issue.

Matt Wait asked if it would include street performers, and Mr. Starkey clarified that it was a first amendment rights issue, and the city was working on possible ways of tweaking the issue to make it more enjoyable for everyone to be there.

Mr. Starkey said that the mobile pit stop, public restrooms open for everybody to use, was open on Ivar from 9 AM to 9 PM and was being used by about 54 people a day. He added that they were working on getting a sharps disposal bin there too. He said this is their third one in the district, and that there are only twelve in the city.

Erin Penner said she had asked CD4 for a sharps container, and asked if they could do anything to help them. She said they had been told they couldn't do it in Franklin Ivar Park, and Mr. Starkey said that parks are a little different, since the Mobile Pit Stop is manned/staffed.

Officer Thompson introduced himself as the Senior Lead Officer for the Hollywood/Entertainment District, which is between La Brea and Gower and Franklin and Sunset. To follow up on some of the things mentioned, they are very excited about the acquisition of the 5 new street services investigators. They will be conducting enforcement on Hollywood Blvd and augmented by the new foot beat officers on Hollywood, and will be the ones to initiate enforcement of the new vending ordinance. That ordinance doesn't prohibit vending in all areas of the city, only a couple areas impacted. Hollywood Blvd and 500 feet around it is a vending-prohibited zone. Any school, including schools in the district, including churches, are supposed to be a no-vending zone for 500 feet around.

Brandi D'Amore asked if it was only public property, and SLO Thompson said that it typically was only public property and public right-of-way. In terms of summer crime, they are experiencing some surges in violent crime, and a lot of it has to do with night life facilities operating in the entertainment districts. They have had some stabbings recently, two on Cahuenga, one last weekend on Hollywood and Highland. There was a big police action where an altercation got out of control and snowballed into a group fight that occupied the roadway of Hollywood Blvd, and police were forced to don crowd control gear to disperse it, and it was successful, with no one seriously hurt. They have not exceeded where they were last year in terms of numbers, but the violence is moving in a direction they don't want it to.

The inaugural party car enforcement detail was launched this weekend; essentially, it's two officers at minimum assigned to the Hollywood Hills area and Hollywood Hills west area, and their sole responsibility is to address loud and unruly gatherings in residences in that area. They operated between 10 PM and 4 AM on Fridays and Saturdays. This was supposed to be an overtime detail, but they

did not exactly get that. The idea behind an overtime detail was to get officers to conduct aggressive enforcement, though they had tried to secure the funding from CD4. They do have a lack of an effective buy-in from their patrol division; they had hoped that incentivizing officers with monetary rewards would make them enforce more aggressively, but that has not happened. They have identified 30-40 properties as chronic offenders and public nuisances. The party car is supposed to make the rounds to those places without needing to respond to calls, but they also are supposed to respond to calls to service involving disruptive activities in residential properties.

SLO Thompson asked the board and stakeholders to send him addresses for chronic offenders, properties that are consistently used for large and loud events on a recurring basis.

Mr. Skarpelos said that one of the biggest problems is calling it in at 2 AM or 3 AM, because callers can be put on hold and it's inconvenient. One of the things discussed was submitting complaints through an online system, which would allow for the submission of photos and videos potentially, so stakeholders could make the complaint and then go to bed. SLO Thompson said that he thought it would be a great idea, but they have not implemented it yet. He recommended they still record complaints for later evidence in criminal proceedings.

Sheila Irani said that they've previously left messages or called in parties and seen patrol officers not even get out of the car when responding to it. She asked what number/service they should call. SLO Thompson said that to call 911, they need to discern whether the situation is an emergency situation. The non-emergency number should be called when the issue is a nuisance. He does understand that it is incredibly frustrating to get service on some of these things sometimes. The people who are performing the party car detail are supposed to be responding to and addressing nuisances before the citizens become aware of it, and are exclusively for this purpose. He recommended they report as normal, and if there is a call that's broadcast that involves some kind of nuisance activity, the party car is supposed to pick up those calls. He added that because the Air BnB laws are changing, they don't enforce in general for short-term occupancy violations. There has to be a short term occupancy and some other offense.

Brandi D'Amore asked if he had an update on the Bronson 5150 situation. SLO Thompson said that he did not.

Matt Wait said that, with regard to violent crime, there seem to be frequent assaults with deadly weapons, and asked how frequent they actually are. SLO Thompson said that the classification is used very broadly. It could be a group fight, or it could be a person brandishing something that can be used as a deadly weapon, or something to generate a crime report.

LAPD Officer Jesse introduced himself as the SLO for the area between Franklin, Sunset, Normandy, and Argyle, and said that he works with SLO Bryan White. His biggest concern is the homeless encampment on Gower and the 101. With the limited options that they have, the city is pushing them to do more outreach. The bridge housing they have is filled to capacity, and does have a waiting list. Their team is going out and enforcing what they can and offering resources. They are also answering radio calls regarding criminal issues the best they can when it comes to the homeless population. His email is 38655@lapd.online. One last thing, with the 4th of July coming up, the city is making a big push to reduce and push enforcement on illegal fireworks. He will leave a bunch of informational flyers to help with reporting. They are using their vice units and other resources to go after people who are selling them.

Erin Penner said that she has a few stakeholders in their area whose apartment buildings are rampant with Air BnB rentals, and asked who the best person to contact that is. Sean Starkey said that until the enforcement mechanism goes into effect July 1st, there is not a best person.

SLO Thompson clarified that multi-dwelling structures have typically been enforced by the housing authority, and it probably will be enforced by HCID and Building and Safety.

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

Matt Wait announced that he handed out a demo version of the Shower of Hope calendar, and will be introducing it at the next Homeless Committee meeting, but wanted to get it in front of the board to get eyes on it and first impressions.

Andrew Chadsey said he had spoken with Officer White about working together with the community and businesses, and were looking into doing an event on August 6 for National Night Out. SLO White thought it would be nice to do in the hills, and with the support of HUNC. Mr. Chadsey said they would hopefully be able to hold it from 6 to 9 PM and be able to close down Bronson. He also said that the National Night Out was an event for communities and local police.

6. Community Announcements

A) Short presentation by the BirdHouse, a non-profit organization off Beachwood

Jessica Perez, Director of Educational Development, introduced herself and Cameron Miller, Site and Projects Director, and explained that their organization was sponsored by a 501c3 the Dignity of Man Foundation. Their project was founded this year by longstanding residents of the Beachwood community to form a lush and vibrant environment to encourage environmental cooperation. They underwent a strategic planning process for 8-9 months, and decided they should be a hub of exchange between

those who want to learn to care for the land and learn about ecology. They want to discuss about healing the earth through regenerative practices, and biophilia. They want to encourage this through art, ecology, and storytelling. They performed for the Cheremoya schoolchildren, who really enjoyed it. They also act as a site for field trips, and recently had an open house to introduce the community to the garden and their membership system.

Brandi D'Amore added that the space is amazing and the garden is spectacular.

Cameron Miller added that they have a great relationship with the principal of the Cheremoya elementary school, and that they conducted field trips in partnership with the Hollywood Orchard. The Birdhouse sees themselves as trying to be aligned with the goals of the city and the goals of the Hollywood community plan and their sustainability plan. They also undertook to perform a biodiversity study based in the Birdhouse.

Enhancing biodiversity and contribute to broader ecosystem sustainability are their primary goals, and they're collaborating with ecologists and entomologists and community leaders to help conduct a citizen-based biodiversity study. They want to have a virtual activity with adults and children alike contributing to citizen-driven scientists, and they hope to have a proposal regarding that drafted by the end of the year.

George Skarpelos said that they had come to their meet and greet and were just starting things at that time.

Margaret Marmolejo asked where the property was, and Mr. Miller answered that they are actually on residential properties, and have had to look at the ways they can use the property. Jessica Perez added that the conversation about green areas are usually around open space or space that is commercially zoned, but this space can show other communities what's possible to do in their community spaces. They are only scheduling activities a few times per quarter so they can see what it really looks like before they know what to offer. They are conducting a needs assessment to see what they can offer, and their location is 2460 North Gower.

Adam Miller asked if they were in contact with Wattle's Farm, and Ms. Perez said that they were. They want to hopefully down the line develop some sort of sister community garden/membership system, but they are starting hyper-local.

Brandi D'Amore suggested they get in touch with Joshua from A Million Drops since they were starting to do gardening as well.

7. Executive Committee

A) Report by the President

George Skarpelos addressed the issue of people not knowing how many absences they've had: Coyote Shivers has 4, Sheila Irani and Luis Saldivar had 3, and everyone else has 1 or 2. Jim Van Dusen asked where the data came from, and Brandi D'Amore said that Mr. Van Dusen has never not been to a meeting. Mr. Skarpelos said that he will look into errors in the data.

Other than that, they had an executive meeting, talking about the elections and item number b.

B) Discussion and possible motion to enact a board policy that requires the use of HUNC email addresses for all official board communication

George Skarpelos said that this was because there was a discussion that people were using different email addresses, and they thought all HUNC communication should come from HUNC email addresses. He said if they wanted to get other notifications, they can go online to the DONE website and they can get it from them, and they can also put it in their MailChimp newsletter. But any official agendas or notifications from the HUNC board, or emails to city or government officials should go out with the HUNC email.

Adam Miller added that there was a ruling in an appeals court saying if you use your personal email for city/government business, you are now PRA-able (Public Records Act) for anything on your email accounts.

Mr. Skarpelos clarified that if they are receiving email or sending email as a HUNC board member, it should be on their HUNC email. Michael Connolly said that DONE appeals emails were going to his personal email because of how he subscribed, and Brandi D'Amore said he can unsubscribe his personal email from that process.

Motion Made: *Motion to enact a board policy that requires the use of HUNC email addresses for all official board communication*

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

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith			

Ineligible

Violet Williams

C) Discussion and possible motion to add Matt Wait to the approved CIS submitters list

George Skarpelos explained that currently they have 5 CIS submitters, which is all that are allowed. Susan Swan said she would give up her position as a CIS submitter to Matt Wait.

Motion Made: Motion to remove Susan Swan from the list of CIS submitters and add Matt Wait.

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

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani
Susan Swan	Tom Meredith				

Abstain

Coyote Shivers

Ineligible

Violet Williams

8. PLUM Committee

A) Report by Committee Chair

Jim Van Dusen said the July PLUM meeting will be in June because it's scheduled for July 4th currently. The problem is the first HUNC meeting is that Monday, July 8th, so they are moving the PLUM meeting until June 26th. Adam Miller added that if they want food for that meeting, to let him know before the 20th.

B) Discussion and possible motion to support the UNITEHERE! Local 1 February 19, 2019 proposal for changes to the updated draft Hollywood Community Plan and the request for HUNC support of the UNITEHERE! Local 11 proposal (see website for the proposal).

Jim Van Dusen explained they had a joint meeting between the board and the PLUM and the Renters and Housing Committee; only 6 board members showed up, so they don't have a board motion. He said that when he sees things like this, he's jaundiced because they're usually pushing viewpoints that are too extreme. They are essentially pushing to address parts of the community plan that have to do with transportation, planting trees, accommodating more affordable housing, and the CIS is roughly 20-30 pages long. Mr. Van Dusen thought it was a balanced proposal that would be a good addition to the Hollywood Community Plan. Their document is very detailed and very good, although there is no individual from the group present.

Matt Wait summarized the document, saying the vast majority of those present supported the document, and said they were a series of requests to add to the Hollywood Community Plan before it is finalized. It contains a package of hard policy proposals for the city to consider including. Some of the proposals involve increasing access to affordable housing. There are also proposals to increase the urban canopy in the Hollywood area, which has been reduced substantially. He could get into specific examples, but said it was several proposed tweaks to the Hollywood CP. An example, on page 9 at the bottom, asked that the plan should not upzone for commercial hotel projects, since the city is not in a commercial development crisis, and that upzoning should focus on residential development and affordable housing. Mr. Wait summarized that the group feels that the city's priorities are skewed in favor of commercial development, and want to ask the city to pursue more solutions to the lack of housing and affordable housing. It also calls for putting serious resources into evaluating the actual vacancy rate of LA.

Mr. Van Dusen added that in the plan, there is a focus on hotels in upzoning and downzoning issues, and hotels are exempt from replacing low-income housing that they are displacing. Also, the small businesses in the first Hollywood CP could be affected adversely, and they are now asking for help, which the UniteHere proposal addresses.

Stakeholder Gilbert asked if the proposals affect the CUP process, and Mr. Van Dusen said it affects the hotels' CUP's.

Stakeholder Lee Thompson said that most of the input on community plans comes from businesses and commercial inputs, and he likes that this proposal gives a balanced proposal for what they need to do for the future.

Erin Penner said that stakeholder friends of hers were not legally mandated to say what their vacancy rate was, and asked if they actually had to do it. She asked if they had any idea about the success of places, and Jeff Ramberg said that corporations in charge of properties probably have to report to stakeholders, so you can probably find it if you dig through the corporation's documents enough.

Adam Miller asked, in general, since they've been operating under a very old community plan, if there was some kind of willingness on the part of the city planner whether to put the proposals in the documents into the new plan, and whether the proposals are intended to amend the plan or just nuke the plan.

Mr. Wait said he had spoken with the department of city planning, and said they had seemed receptive to feedback, and that

some of the issues they'd received feedback on weren't even on their radar for the last community plan. Their main concern was litigation, and more aggressive moves.

Mr. Van Dusen said that the comment period closed on the draft EIR some time ago, so they're only accepting documents. Any approval by them or of the plan would be a submission to the city to include with the other documents to the new Hollywood plan. It would go into the administrative record. Nothing will be changed or added specifically, it goes to the body of information they are looking at. And when the EIR comes out, they can bring it up again.

Brandi D'Amore said that 4 different groups came together to write the document, Coalition for Economic Survival, Food and Water Watch, and two others, and what they've noticed was after the last census, they've lost 100,000 households who've had to move out because of this. In Transit-Oriented Communities, the reality is people moving into those spots are bringing cars, and 33% of people who need public transit have moved away. They are losing their minimum-wage labor class, and if they don't have that, they won't have anything else functioning.

Luis Saldivar added that that is why they're having so much traffic congestion.

Motion Made: Motion to adopt the UNITEHERE! Local 1 February 19, 2019 proposal for changes to the updated draft Hollywood Community Plan for a CIS.

Motion: Matt Wait

Second: Jim Van Dusen

Vote: Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani
Susan Swan	Tom Meredith				

Abstain

Coyote Shivers

Ineligible

Violet Williams

- C) Discussion and possible motion to approve project at 2264 Live Oak Drive West. Remodel of existing home. Several variances and zoning administrator determinations requested (see website for the requests). Motion approval based on the 5 lots being tied together and no opposition from the Oaks HOA

Tabled: Jim Van Dusen said that they would hold it in abeyance, and that the HOA would hold off until they had time to poll their members.

- D) Discussion and possible motion to not approve the 6335 Quebec Drive project based on the applicants incomplete information regarding many aspects of the project: Project description: New SFD on a vacant lot. 4073 sq. ft. & 1027 SF garage for 5 cars. Action(s) Requested: ZAD to permit substandard street (less than 20') Specific motion: to send letter to ZA and LA Planning Department requesting that they not make any decisions regarding the project pending the applicant returning to HUNC PLUM and presenting specific information regarding details of the development, dirt hauling information, trees to be added to the project area to replace the trees that were recently clear-cut from the parcel and street expansion

George Skarpelos said that he talked to the City Attorney and said that on the side of caution, he should recuse himself.

Jim Van Dusen explained that this proposal was on the corner of Quebec Dr. and La Punta. The applicant appeared before PLUM this past week and was extremely vague about his final plans. He could not stand behind almost any of the plans he said. The problem was he didn't have enough detail for PLUM to make a decision, and they decided to pass the motion on as-is and not send it to the Planning Department until he had more details and specific information.

The applicant introduced himself as John Carvick, architect for the project.

The architect said that the owner is out of city, but they have more information for the city. In addition, they got the letter of the approval for the highway dedication, and have put a retaining wall around the new property line that will vary because of the slope around the property; at its lowest point it's 4 feet tall, and it will be 10 feet at its highest. After that, there is a barrier around the perimeter to reduce exported dirt from the property. As of now they have about 3000 cubic yards of dirt, and about 1/3 of that will be remaining for landscaping. He can say that from the initial number has been reduced already. By code, 40% of their lot is supposed to be under landscape, which makes about 3,500 square feet.

Jim Van Dusen said that there are a lot of complaints from residents about retaining walls, and the architect explained that there would be no exposed wall for 10 feet, most of it would be in the ground, and the maximum amount of wall visible would be 5,000-6,000 sq. ft.

Brandi D'Amore said that under the Hillside ordinance, they were only allowed to move 1,100 cubic feet of dirt. The architect said

they were securing additional permits and following a different procedure. Brandi D'Amore said that he had to tell them about that.

The architect said that what he is trying to describe about the landscaping and retaining walls is that they are temporary. As they know, there are two lots here, and they can theoretically have two buildings there separately. Now they are building one dwelling there. It's not just about profiting, it's about the aesthetics as well. The basement remains, and will be invisible.

Jim Van Dusen added that they would be excavating for the basement, and the architect said that was included in the 3,000 total.

Stakeholder Alexa Skarpelos said that she is the president of the Hollywood Dell Civic Association and lives on La Punta drive. She is here representing the neighborhood, and says they have a lot of issues with the fact that the plan is kind of vague, and that the haul routes, construction, and public safety issues are big issues for them. There has been a fire on that lot, a fire across the street, and a fire next door. They are concerned that the entire process is conducted with transparency. The streets convening around the lot are substandard and some are dead-end streets, so if they are blocked, they have no way to get out in an emergency.

A stakeholder said that the entrance to the house will be on La Punta, and there was a discussion about the width of the street, and whether they will widen the street. The architect said it was supposed to be improved up to 20 feet. The stakeholder said that the street is currently only 11 feet. The architect said he is now legally allowed to improve the width of the street.

Jeff Ramberg said that they need 20 feet of pavement and 3 feet of sidewalk and driveway on either side in the code in the VHO area. The architect said that he was saying they will dedicate that amount of space, as defined by the code for a substandard street.

Anton Bakti introduced himself as a general contractor working with the architect, and said he could answer any of their questions.

Stakeholder Jonathan introduced himself as a resident across the drive, and wanted to know what the highest point of the construction was, and the general contractor said from five feet, it was 33 feet. The architect said that the building will also not obstruct anyone's view.

A stakeholder asked if the plans had changed from a previous meeting, and the architect and the contractor said that it had not.

Stakeholder Gary Lewis introduced himself, and said he lives right in front of the project, and asked if there would be passage for all of the streets so all can pass going about every day, and whether the emergency vehicles would be able to pass through the streets. The architect and contractor said that during the process the work would not interfere and make sure that no one would be stuck on the street.

Jim Van Dusen proposed, since they have a lot of questions, and since he wasn't comfortable going forward, he would feel better about having this returned to PLUM on June 26 with more detail about the construction, what it will look like, etc. It is a tough corner to build on. He requests this to be rescheduled to the PLUM meeting.

Brandi D'Amore said they need to be clear what needs to be investigated: how much dirt, what the haul routes are, what their trash plan is, how do deal with utility poles, what their plan is on flag days, etc.

Luis Saldivar said that he agrees with Mr. Van Dusen and seconds what he is saying. He says they also need to come prepared to the meeting with the questions they're asking.

Sheila Irani and Susan Swan commented that it was premature.

Brandi D'Amore said that the meeting would need to be scheduled for when they have that information. Jim Van Dusen said they may have to take the issue up with the city councilmember's office since the hauling issue was becoming pervasive.

Motion Made: Motion to return the issue to the PLUM committee for the June 26th meeting.

Motion: Adam Miller

Second: Luis Saldivar

Vote: Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Adam Miller

Andrew Chadsey

Brandi D'Amore

Coyote Shivers

Erin Penner

George Skarpelos

Jeff Ramberg

Jim Van Dusen

Luis Saldivar

Margaret Marmolejo

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Ineligible

Violet Williams

9. PS&EP Committee

A) Report by Committee Chair

Erin Penner said that the PS meeting was postponed this month, but she had a meeting with Chief Hogan. He presented an idea for

an evacuation drill simulation, and what he asked, which will go back to Public Safety next month, was, he did a Survey Monkey with 3 or 4 town councils about what their concerns would be in the event of an earthquake or other disaster. He proposed they have a drill where the LAFD knock on doors in the Hills and do a drill. Following the Public Safety meeting, if the board approves, it would take place in October and would be a massive undertaking.

Luis Saldivar asked if there was any contribution involved from neighborhood councils, and Ms. Penner said that they might require rentals of space, but with 3-4 councils, they could split the cost.

10. Outreach Committee

A) Report by Committee Chair

Tom Meredith said that they did a little backward review of the recent event, HUNC supporting the 6th annual memorial day barbeque and pet parade, and talked about the idea of tabling in general. Whether it be at the Gramercy, or pumpkin carving, they can do better with outreach by working the crowd and not just sitting at a table. It was a productive thought, and they can continue tabling, but they need to be more forward outreaching. Then they talked about the activities they'd like to conduct in FY 2019/2020, and Ms. Penner mentioned the one big one. The notion of combining with other entities to share the cost and workload resonated with the outreach community.

They would also love to get into a consistent initiative dealing more with the homelessness issue, and recognizing the sensitivities and the delicacies of that. They are conceptualizing a notion for a housing/homelessness/public safety forum, where they have people who are knowledgeable in these areas. They do not want it to be a town hall. They talked about who those parties might be. Brandi D'Amore said she had sent Ms. Penner some contacts of potential parties. They would also like to partner with entities surrounding them.

Mr. Meredith said that he would also like to get back to the idea of holding HUNC in the Park to engage local businesses and stakeholders. The other idea is the plant and tree giveaway they want to do in late April 2020. These ideas will still be worked on. Ms. Penner added that they were also talking about spearheading the Franklin Village gathering, and Brandi D'Amore added they also talked about bike registration.

Stakeholder Gilbert asked if they had considered joining the Saturday Night Lights program. The board discussed potential parks and areas to partner with for it.

11. Homelessness & Social Services Committee

A) Report by Committee Chair

Adam Miller said that they did not have any major issues, so they talked about the future and what they're like to see come through. They now are in possession of all the lanyards, and there was discussion of including metro cards, and the clerk's office now is mad because they used a credit card for the patio furniture issue, and Mr. Miller thinks that they do not want the card used for any items of that type. Because they could not cut the NPG recipient a check (which was no longer possible after June 1), they used the card, and because the Clerk's office objected, he was hesitant to use the card for the metro card purchases.

He would like to thank Matt Wait for providing the Shower of Hope schedule, and that they could include it in future packets and lanyards. Mr. Wait added that the board should email him with any comments or corrections before the next H&SS meeting.

12. Transportation & Works Committee

A) Report by Committee Chair

B) Discussion and possible motion to recommend a CIS on the ballot measure for park land acquisition / staffing and operation – Council File: 19-030

George Skarpelos explained that the actual number of the CF was 19-0302.

Jeff Ramberg explained that the motion was a little nebulous, but directed the City Attorney to draw up a ballot measure to find a new source of funding for LA's parks and trees. As they've aged, it's become more expensive to fund them, and the money isn't always there to do that. A lot of LA's tree cover is in danger of dying, and thanks to court rulings, DWP will not be able to provide free water and power to parks as they've been doing forever. The CIS would be to recommend drawing up a ballot measure to fund these items. Three neighborhood councils had submitted CIS' so far.

Adam Miller said that due to the previous drought, bark beetles and other fungus issues are affecting a lot of the trees throughout the city and will most likely die in the next 20 years, and they'll have to find some kind of pool of funds to take care of or replant a lot of the foliage. Urban Forestry can't keep up with their own count, so they can't help Rec and Parks. Erin Penner commented that this is the most amount of trees she's seen fall down in Griffith Park. Mr. Ramberg added that it also allows the funding to be used to purchase new parks.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend a CIS on the ballot measure for park land acquisition / staffing and operation – Council File: 19-0302

Motion: Jeff Ramberg

Second: Luis Saldivar

Vote: Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Adam Miller

Andrew Chadsey

Brandi D'Amore

Coyote Shivers

Erin Penner

George Skarpelos

Jeff Ramberg

Jim Van Dusen

Luis Saldivar

Margaret Marmolejo

Matt Wait

Michael Connolly

Sheila Irani

Susan Swan

Tom Meredith

Ineligible

Violet Williams

13. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

A) Report by Committee Chair

Matt Wait said that they did pass 3 more CIS's, which might be stale by next month. They voted to support CF 19-0416, regarding the South LA Community Plan and the 4H plan; the CF instructs the city to mimic the focus on developing affordable housing in all community update plans. There was another CF on a bill introduced by Kamala Harris in the US Senate called the Rent Relief Act which would allow the government to disperse payments to folks paying more than 30% of their income on rent. The CF was in support of the senate bill, and the committee's CIS was in support of the CF. They also passed two CIS's in opposition to federal actions. The federal urban and Housing Development has passed rules disallowing families of mixed immigration status from using public housing or getting public housing assistance in the future, which would put thousands of people on the street. There were two different council files on that proposal opposing it, and they voted to support both. They also had a discussion of planning a joint Renters/PLUM Meeting regarding the Via Carlotta petition, but did not come to a conclusion. They've instead agreed to consider writing individual statements.

George Skarpelos said that it might disempower individuals who have scheduled to attend regular meetings to have special meetings without any emergency or deadline necessitating them. He added that the Via Carlotta issue was complicated. Jim Van Dusen said that they would discuss it at the next PLUM meeting.

Mr. Wait said that Brandi D'Amore had responded to a renter's issue at 1958 Van Ness, and found they are operating a business there. They are running a massage parlour there and advertising as such. It's not allowed because it's zoned R1, and might involve some vice issues.

14. Non Profit, Arts & Education Committee

A) Report by Committee Chair

George Skarpelos said that Michael Connolly would be on the committee. Margaret Marmolejo discussed CERT training, and said that the last meeting would be on Wednesday for it, where participants would get their backpack and certificate. There would also be a potluck courtesy of the LAFD instructor.

Also, she mentioned that there is an interest in having a ham radio operator training class for one day, with about 17 people signed up. There is a man in the fire department who does those, and they are trying to plan one. Erin Penner added that they were talking about it in Public Safety as well. She also added that the bulletin board, sandwich boards, and coffee cups were ordered.

15. Finance

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

Adam Miller showed a mockup of the tin HUNC cups that had been ordered.

He said they are doing very well, and with the expenses handed off and processing, he said they would have about \$6800-\$6700, which they can transfer to the next fiscal year. They ended up processing a bunch of checks. He summarized the other check expenses and their receipts. Since it's from the month of May and not June, a lot of checks were cut in June. They were, again, having a kerfuffle about using the credit card to purchase furniture related to an NPG. George Skarpelos said he was disappointed because the city keeps telling them to use a credit card rather than using a check. Either way, Mr. Miller said he will hash it out. He

added that June's MER will be flush with a lot of items.

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

Motion Made: Motion to approve the May MER.

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

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith			

Ineligible

Violet Williams

C) Discussion and possible motion to provide up to \$750 motion to approve up to \$750 to pay for food, water, a 4 page directory for 140 homes and a fire extinguishers as giveaways to be used at an Emergency Preparedness block party on Arrowhead Drive, June 23 from 12pm to 4pm. Highlights will include Chief Hogan, CD4 reps, HUNC reps, our new CERT trained residents and Fire Station 76, DWP, RAP and LAPD.

Sheila Irani said that Lake Hollywood Estates has gone through training in CERT and other emergency training, and they would like to do a block party with appearances from the LAFD, LAPD, and government reps, including HUNC reps. They will have fire extinguisher training, and will pass out directories containing information from neighborhood surveys.

Erin Penner asked if they were allowed to fund giveaway items. Adam Miller said he was not sure, but since everyone had an equal chance it may be okay. DONE representative Lorenzo said that raffles were not allowed if people were paying money or if they were excluded. Mr. Miller added that they can't process co-sponsor paperwork anymore as well, and it ended in May. He will talk to the city about it, but will need a budget for it since it's an event just by virtue of providing food.

Ms. Irani asked, since it was June 23rd, if they could put it in the next fiscal year, and Adam Miller said they couldn't. He said they could still vote on it. He asked if they could strike the fire extinguisher part, and Ms. Irani agreed. Erin Penner asked if they needed an itemized list of food, and Ms. Irani explained that they were having a taco truck attending, and they'd already gotten a bid.

Brandi D'Amore asked if they needed an NPG, and George Skarpelos said they did not. She asked if they would need itemized documents, and Adam Miller said they would need an itemized budget, and summarized the documents required.

Motion Made: Motion to provide up to \$750 motion to approve up to \$750 to pay for food, water and a 4 page directory for 140 homes to be used at an Emergency Preparedness block party on Arrowhead Drive, June 23 from 12pm to 4pm.

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Margaret Marmolejo **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith			

Ineligible

Violet Williams

16. Officer Elections

Article VI, Section 3: Selection of Officers

Officer positions shall be filled annually at the first official Board meeting following their election or selection in Board election years, and at the subsequent one (1) year anniversary mark of the Officers' election in Board non-election years.

A) Election of the President

Adam Miller withdrew his candidacy for president. George Skarpelos asked if anyone did not want to vote for him, and everyone did want to vote for him.

1. Approval of the election of President

Motion Made: Motion to approve George Skarpelos as President**Motion:** Adam Miller **Second:** Tom Meredith **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1**Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith			

Ineligible

Violet Williams

B) Election of the Vice President

George Skarpelos said that there are two candidates: Tom Meredith and Adam Miller. According to DONE representative Lorenzo, it has to be a public ballot.

Tom Meredith made a statement, saying that it has been an honor to be vice president for the board for the past year, and would like to continue. He has been recently elected to the board again, and has a great respect and appreciation for delivering what stakeholders want. He has significant experience on boards through NC's, and significant experience with the city working with DONE and with Councilmember David Ryu as his outreach coordinator. As far as continuing goals, he would like to make them realistic, and is committed to doing surveys, saying they would be his priority.

Adam Miller made a statement, saying he has city experience with CD4 and the Housing and Community Investment Department. He's learned a lot as treasurer, and has learned that they are a little top-heavy in terms of responsibility, and he would like to see a little distribution of power down the chain to every member of the board. He has a vision of putting everyone in a position to be able to find what they'd like to be a liaison to or a cause they would like to champion. He would like to step up the responsibilities and provide the ability to connect into it, so instead of the treasurer having to handle every aspect of finance, they would just have the responsibility of putting in forms to cut checks. Everyone should be able to follow their passion.

Andrew Chadsey stated that the voting system makes the NC inefficient, and creates political in-group, out-group bonds. DONE representative Lorenzo agreed, but said that departmental policies are not up to him. His general manager decided on it after much discussion. Adam Miller added that it has to be public because of the Brown Act. Other people recommended that candidates commit to not looking at the ballots afterward.

Michael Connolly asked if they could know who else was running for what other positions, and George Skarpelos said that it all depended on who wins what. Mr. Miller submitted that he would run for President, Treasurer, and Vice President, and decided not to run for President tonight. Only Erin Penner is running for secretary.

10 votes for Tom Meredith, 5 votes for Adam Miller.

1. Approval of the election of Vice President

Motion Made: Motion to approve the election of Tom Meredith as Vice President**Motion:** George Skarpelos **Second:** Adam Miller **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1**Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith			

Ineligible

Violet Williams

C) Election of the Secretary

Erin Penner is running unopposed.

1. Approval of the election of Secretary

Motion Made: Motion to approve the election of Erin Penner as Secretary**Motion:** George Skarpelos **Second:** Luis Saldivar **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1**Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani
Susan Swan	Tom Meredith				

Abstain

Coyote Shivers

Ineligible

Violet Williams

D) Election of the Treasurer

Adam Miller is unopposed.

1. Approval of the election of Treasurer

Motion Made: Motion to approve the election of Adam Miller as Treasurer**Motion:** George Skarpelos **Second:** Erin Penner **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1**Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
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Ineligible

Violet Williams

17. Board Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

Erin Penner announced that the Ferndale Park has been built, and the rubber ground is going on in the next week, per her conversation with them. They are supposedly getting new bathrooms this summer, and have done an amazing job renovating it. Also, Robin McWilliams, who used to be on the board, her and Madonna are on street-level Pride posterboards, and she thinks they should all be proud of it. Madonna is the executive director of Pride, and they have two women in the Dell who are spearheading everything Pride-related.

Brandi D'Amore said that the LA DASH buses are going to be free for students come August.

George Skarpelos said that he and Andrew Chadsey had worked on a business sign-up sheet, and they'd be adding it to a business database with contact information and updates for the businesses. It was Mr. Chadsey's idea, with help from Mr. Skarpelos to get it together.

Mr. Penner added that Officer Rubelcava is doing another info session with parents from the Hollywood Presbyterian regarding homeless issues surrounding that preschool.

18. Old/Ongoing Business

19. New/Future Business

Brandi D'Amore said that the state recently approved preliminary restrictions on scooters. Since they have had a DUI on a scooter in their neighborhood; police arrested him, and other scooter companies are now going to be working with LAPD to prevent sidewalk use, underage use, and parking infractions. She welcomed input on scooter issues and said to let her or Jeff Ramberg know.

Adjournment at 9:24 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.