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# **BOARD MEETING**

# Monday, April 16, 2018, 6:30 PM Fire Station 82 Annex 1800 N. BRONSON AVENUE, L.A., CA 90028 Second Floor Conference Room

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Welcome

## 6:42 PM start

## 1. Roll Call

## Attending

Susan Swan	Chona Galvez	Anji Williams	Robert Litomisky	Greg Morris	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

Tom Meredith Sheila Irani

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Adam Miller Second: Luis Saldivar Vote: Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-4

Yes

Adam Miller Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez Coyote Shivers Erin Penner
George Skarpelos Greg Morris Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Margaret Marmolejo Robert Litomisky

Susan Swan Ineligible

Danielle Paris Jeff Ramberg Matt Wait Violet Williams

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

Kelly Pomerant, president of the LA chapter of The Way To Happiness described The Way and its tenets, and talked about giving their book out to help improve the spiritual life of residents. They do clean-ups every month, and are doing one for Earth Day. It begins at the Church of Scientology celebrity center parking lot at 9 AM, breakfast provided.

Lee Thompson wanted to bring everyone's attention to the expansion of the MTA subways and light rail systems and the decline in Metro ridership. The MTA is conducting a survey for all stakeholders, available through metro.net, the NextGen Metro Bus Survey. It's a chance for stakeholders to give their opinion, but he warned that the survey does not work with Android devices.

Lee Thompson summarized the events of the Joint PSWT and Board meeting on Monday, April 9, and discussed how there were agenda items and strategies left undiscussed. It will head back to committee and be discussed at the next PSWT meeting on May 14th.

Missy also gave public comment on neighborhood cleanup.

Lee Thompson informed the meeting that the light on top of the Capitol Records building has reverted to blinking out "Hollywood" in Morse code now that the Capitol Records 70th anniversary is over.

Matt, a stakeholder, had a proposal for spending for the board, and George Skarpelos explained that as a funding issue, it has to be agendized.

- 4. Jack Humphreville, Budget Advocate (5 minutes)
- 5. Announcements from any City, County, State, or Federal representatives in attendance (5 minutes each)

Shannon discussed updates on City Planning and Land Use committee initiatives. Brandi D'Amore asked to clarify about the nature of RSO properties under new proposals. She also discussed homelessness efforts that had been proposed by City Council, including measures to change some of the definitions and processes to allow them to help people with mental illness or substance abuse problems to get them the help they need.

Permanent Supportive Housing proposal was passed, which will shrink the approval process from 5 years to 1 year. They also passed a temporary motel retrofit proposal that would allow them to be modified to act as supportive housing temporarily.

Lastly, she met with the CORE team specifically for Hollywood division: Coordinated Outreach Resource Enforcement. They are 8 officers assigned to the Hollywood division. They identify wanted suspects among the homeless population and identify vulnerable members of the homeless community to connect them with public services. She described their efforts, including putting together personal property bags for homeless to protect valuable documents for homeless residents.

Lee Thompson asked if she had information on the pilot program for guest houses for the homeless (Accessory Dwelling Units), and Shannon said that she didn't have information but could find out.

Allison Towle introduced herself as Active District Director for Ben Allen, who represents some of this district but not all of it. She dropped off their 2018 legislative package of bills the Senator has introduced this year. Protecting the environment (public lands and open space), investment in public transit, election transparency and ease of voting, and education are all priorities for the Senator. One bill requires that sponsors be disclosed for ballot measures in the interest of transparency.

Anji Williams asked whether any monetary number had been established for the Arts for Every Student initiative, and Allison said that they hadn't attached one yet.

George Skarpelos talked about two properties that were under MRCA, and described how terrible they and Greenspace had managed the properties, and that it was a big issue as to where money goes and how it's being run. Towle asked him to send her information that she would pass on to the Senator. He also talked about SB-827 and the question of pulling control away from local areas and allowing Sacramento to determine what is built in a locality is a big issue. Towle explained that the Senator was opposed to the bill both pre- and post-amendments. The bill is starting the legislative process tomorrow afternoon (April 17th, 2018).

Seamus from Assembly Member Friedman's office talked about AB-1971 passing the assembly health committee, and Assembly Member Friedman's trip and press conference in Skid Row to talk about its importance. She introduced 31 bills, but he wanted to bring attention to AB 2363, heard in the Assembly Transportation Committee, which affects how speed limits are created. The bill will allow them to use accident data in creating speed limits, and gave the address of the chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee Jim Fraiser should board members want to write individual letters of support. He described the support the bill has received from City Council members. Their office will be at an LA River cleanup and at a Friends of Griffith Park event. Seamus also said that the text of AB 2363 was online, and he would distribute the fact sheet.

Lorenzo from the Department Of Neighborhood Empowerment announced that he'd be coming to HUNC meetings every month.

6. Introduction and Motion to approve Danielle Paris to fill the vacant Business Area 4 seat for the remainder of term 2019

Danielle Paris introduced herself and explained that she had purchased a business license as an acrylic painter. She said that she would like to be on the neighborhood council because she works from home a lot, and so she would like to get more involved in the area which she has grown to like.

Brandi D'Amore asked if she had ideas on how to encourage more business in the area. Susan Swan said that Greg Morris was working on quarterly meetings, but he would like to hear the answer. Ms Paris said that she would have to see which businesses were in the area.

Second: Coyote Shivers Motion: Susan Swan Vote: Yes-9, No-4, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1 Yes Brandi D'Amore Anji Williams Chona Galvez Coyote Shivers **George Skarpelos** Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Margaret Marmolejo Susan Swan Nο Adam Miller Erin Penner Robert Litomisky Greg Morris

7. Introduction and Motion to approve Jeff Ramberg to fill the vacant Geographic Area 4 seat for the remainder of term 2019

Jeff Ramberg introduced himself and said that he'd lived in Southern California his whole life. He lived Downtown previously, and wished he had been more involved there. He wants to focus on getting more smaller green space in the city, parks and parklets, and as a renter, housing was one of his priorities.

Luis Saldivar asked what his background was. Jeff went to UC Irvine majoring in Political Science, and is now working at a company that does payroll for other companies. Luis asked what his goals were. Jeff wanted to address the parking lots near the Pantages that only fill up for events at night, and are otherwise useless, and he reiterated his desire to bring more green space.

Motion: Susan Swan Second: Erin Penner Vote: Yes-14, 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 **Greg Morris** Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Margaret Marmolejo Susan Swan Robert Litomisky Ineligible Violet Williams

8. Introduction and Motion to approve Matt Wait to fill the vacant Renters Seat for Area B for the remainder of term 2019

Matt Wait introduced himself, and said that he's attended subcommittee meetings already. He wants to get involved in local government and craft solutions to some of the local problems unique to LA. He's very fond of his neighborhood, and he is a renter, so he has an interest in renters' issues and housing.

Chona Galvez asked which apartment he's at, and he replied he's right across the street.

Robert Litomisky asked if he had political experience, and he said he has none, although Wait does follow national and local politics. He's been involved in student organizations and volunteer organizations.

Brandi D'Amore asked if he was comfortable extending himself to renters instead of waiting for them to come to him. He said he was.

Chona asked how much renting and eviction experience he had, and he had never been evicted.

Motion: Susan Swan Second: George Skarpelos Vote: Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2 Yes Adam Miller Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez **Coyote Shivers** Danielle Paris Erin Penner George Skarpelos **Greg Morris** Jeff Ramberg Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Robert Litomisky Margaret Marmoleio Susan Swan Ineligible Matt Wait Violet Williams

9. Committee & Liaison Reports or Announcements on items not on the Agenda (5 minutes, no discussion)

Violet Williams wanted to congratulate her mom Anji Williams for winning the Wonder Woman of CD4, which was echoed by the board. Anji Williams also gave a rundown of Violet's Spring Egg Hunt event, which was a lot of fun and had a good turnout. She hoped more people would come out to her events at

Brandi D'Amore announced that there would be a town hall meeting next week on DWP rates for Hollywood Hills West and HUNC at the American Legion Hall Post 43.

10. Board Member announcements on items not on the Agenda (5 minutes, no discussion)

George Skarpelos announced that he was at the event where Margaret Ska's graphic novel was given to children at Cheremoya Elementary School who were very excited. He was also at a meeting discussing crosswalk safety.

Luis Saldivar announced that he would be having a baby, and so may be absent here and there in the coming months.

11. PSW&T

**Ineligible**Violet Williams

A) Motion for letter recommending to LADOT/BSS to communicate earlier and more clearly to residents and visitors regarding street improvements and removal of parking

Adam Miller described that there are 1-month warnings, 1-week warnings, and day-before warnings usually before street improvements, but that the agencies don't communicate well with each other. There was an incident where signs had been turned right before sunset when they couldn't be seen, and that around 12 residents had had cars ticketed or towed, and that it was unfortunately common. He thought a letter of support wouldn't hurt.

Motion: Adam Miller Second: Coyote Shivers Vote: Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Susan Swan

Yes

Adam Miller Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez Coyote Shivers Danielle Paris Erin Penner George Skarpelos Greg Morris Jeff Ramberg Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar

Margaret Marmolejo Robert Litomisky

Ineligible

Matt Wait Violet Williams

B) Update regarding joint meeting held 4/9 regarding Dixon Study, next steps

Adam said that they would have to do the back half of the stuff that they'd tabled, and Susan said it might require another joint meeting.

Jim Van Dusen asked how they would do this, and Susan explained that they didn't have a quorum so whatever they did stayed in committee. Susan thought it would follow committee procedure and their recommendations would be presented to the board.

Jim asked if they would have to hear the whole thing again, and Adam said that they would only have to hear what they didn't get to (section 7). Susan wondered too if the committee wanted to wait until recommendations came back from the city.

George said that the main thing with the joint meeting was to have more than five board members attend. Susan asked who was interested in attending the meeting as a joint board and committee meeting. She said they could add a caveat that any recommendatinos would have to come before the full board.

There was general agreement that they should wait to have information from the city departments before making any definitive recommendations, especially since some stakeholders had submitted strategies to Dixon without it being put into the study. Susan thinks they should listen to 7, hear from the stakeholders, wait for the city results, and do it again. Jim emphasized that he didn't want to set up a convoluted process so that the public doesn't feel that they have no avenue for input.

Chona asked if they had to start over next meeting, and was assured they didn't. She recommended that they ask stakeholders who'd been at the previous meeting to attend the next one. Susan said that they had also intended to rank the strategies in importance last meeting, but never got around to it.

Brandi D'Amore added that after Canyon realizes how impacted they will be, they will see more Canyon residents showing up to meetings. Susan said that there was still a lot of legalities and complexities that they did not know, but they will from the city. The consensus was that they would have to have more meetings and numerous updates.

Adam added that the city agencies are given report-back dates.

## 12. PLUM

Project: 1746 N. Garfield Place, Los Angeles, CA 90028: Project Description: 9-Unit Condominium Building (this is a new review of the prior project approved by HUNC in light of changes requested to the plan by the applicant).

PLUM motion passed to approve action(s) requested with the following conditions:

- 1. The CC&R's to include a provision that all units are to be owner occupied units.
- 2. Non-street parking options for workers to be explored so that the area resident's parking is not affected.
- 3. To review the street-front design of the building with a goal to change it to be more interesting and attractive in order to add a positive addition to the neighborhood (Note: applicant has redesigned the front of the building and made it more attractive and interesting since the request in the first motion and the board thanks them for their actions in working with the community).

The Action(s) Requested:

A) The Applicant is requesting a Project Permit Adjustment from the Vermont/Western Transit Oriented District Specific Plan for a 19.99 percent reduction in the required front yard setback in order to permit a 12-foot front-yard setback in lieu of the 15-foot front yard setback required by Section 7 E. of the Specific Plan.

lim Van Dusen described the changes that had been made to the previously approved project, including more parking, the removal

of a rooftop deck, and the height being reduced by 1.88 ft. He also described the conditions that the board had asked for, and explained that the revised planning document as a result needed a new motion. The motion includes thanks from the board for their cooperation.

Changes are: no rooftop deck, sanded backyard, and slightly smaller height.

Matt Wait asked what was on the property currently. There are two houses, and Brandi D'Amore explained that they are not removing any RSO's and would not be Air BnB's.

One of the representatives for the project explained that 7 months to the day they'd gotten their approval, and then waited for the planning department to get back to them, and that the planning director did not want to grant any excuses in Hollywood.

No vote needed.

B) The Applicant is requesting an Project Permit Adjustment from the Vermont/Western Transit Oriented District Specific Plan, Development Standards and Design Guidelines, to permit portions of the common open space in the rear yard to have dimensions of 16-feet 6-inches and 18-feet 9-inches in lieu of the required 20-foot minimum dimension for open space.

Motion: Jim Van Dusen Second: Brandi D'Amore Vote: Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Susan Swan

Yes

Adam Miller Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez Coyote Shivers Danielle Paris Erin Penner George Skarpelos Greg Morris Jeff Ramberg Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar

Margaret Marmolejo Ineligible

Matt Wait Violet Williams

Robert Litomisky

13. Finance

A) Discussion of Budget to date and vote to approve March MER for submission

George Skarpelos talked about how lucky they are to have Tom Meredith as their Treasurer for his diligence and perseverence. Tom had said that they had to get the MERs in, and had George print out the Monthly Expense Report. George summarized the board's spending and net available budget for March, as well as outstanding balance.

He described the community outreach expenditures and remaining money for community outreach and Neighborhood Purpose Grants. He then went through the Board's expenditures, including GoDaddy Expenditures related to email, Fresh Brothers, and expenditures for the updated website and Adobe system.

Danielle asked about the GoDaddy expenditure, and Susan explains that it was for renewing email accounts and six domains.

Motion: George Skarpelos Second: Susan Swan Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-5

Yes

Adam Miller Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez Coyote Shivers Erin Penner George Skarpelos Greg Morris Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Robert Litomisky Susan Swan

Ineligible

Danielle Paris Jeff Ramberg Margaret Marmolejo Matt Wait Violet Williams

- B) Review status of Board member compliance on Funding Training and calendar for upcoming sessions

  Susan Swan recommended that everyone do a refresher on Funding Training. Lorenzo said that there was a relatively new training video from the City as well.
- C) Motion to approve up to \$400 for refreshments and outreach for celebration party at newly-installed Lake Hollywood mural

Motion: Coyote Shivers Second: George Skarpelos Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-5

Yes

Adam Miller Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez Coyote Shivers Erin Penner George Skarpelos Greg Morris Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Robert Litomisky Susan Swan Ineligible

Danielle Paris Jeff Ramberg Margaret Marmolejo Matt Wait Violet Williams

D) Discussion, review and vote to approve reimbursement to Erin Penner for \$14

Motion: Coyote Shivers Second: George Skarpelos Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-5

Yes

Adam Miller Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez Coyote Shivers Erin Penner George Skarpelos Greg Morris Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Robert Litomisky Susan Swan

Ineligible

Danielle Paris Jeff Ramberg Margaret Marmolejo Matt Wait Violet Williams

E) Discussion, review and vote to approve reimbursement to Anji Williams for \$103

Motion: Coyote Shivers Second: George Skarpelos Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-5

Yes

Adam Miller Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez Coyote Shivers Erin Penner George Skarpelos Greg Morris Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Robert Litomisky Susan Swan

Ineligible

Danielle Paris Jeff Ramberg Margaret Marmolejo Matt Wait Violet Williams

F) Discussion and vote to approve \$2500 to GoDaddy to cover our 20 email addresses for the remaining period of contract (25 months) for enhanced security/encryption including quarantine and prevention of malicious viruses and antispoofing/hacking mechanisms

Tabled: Matt Wait asked what email system they were using currently, and suggested that Google offers the same price for custom email addresses. Susan replied that they had committed already for a few years under contract (she thinks three years). Brandi said that there were other problems with Google that counteract the privacy concerns.

Michael Christopher, a stakeholder who's worked in tech for 15 years, commented that he didn't want them spending a lot of money that won't have a lot of impact. He explained that there is no good technical solution for this problem, and he doesn't think this particular service will solve it. He thought that the money would be better spent on training. Michael said that he thought there was no digital service that will work as well as training will.

Adam asked if there was any chance that DONE would support access to IT training or informational videos.

George Skarpelos related the story of a client who had been hacked and sent a docusign request, and how the hacker even responded as the person.

Brandi explained that she actually learned that there are innocuous emails that can still transfer malware.

Motion: Susan Swan Second: #Error Vote: Yes-0, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

G) Discussion and vote to approve up to \$2500 for Cheremoya Elementary School Book Faire in June, 2018

Anji Williams explained that it's not a book faire, it's part of the Authors' Series, and will be at the end of May. They will do picture books for all the TK to second graders; it goes slightly over the budget, and the parent's foundation will pay the difference.

Motion: Anji Williams Second: George Skarpelos Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-5

Yes

Adam Miller Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez Coyote Shivers Erin Penner George Skarpelos Greg Morris Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Robert Litomisky Susan Swan

Ineligible

Danielle Paris Jeff Ramberg Margaret Marmolejo Matt Wait Violet Williams

H) Discussion, review and vote to approve funding up to \$3000 for CERT Course beginning June 2018 to include, but not be limited to food, beverages, incidentals and completed- participant branded emergency back-packs

Margaret Marmolejo explained that the last CERT Course was very succesful.

George Skarpelos said that anybody who goes to CERT is impressed with how hard Margaret and Sheila work on it, and say it's the nicest CERT class they've done. He thinks it should be something they should do even more.

Motion: George Skarpelos Second: Adam Miller Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-5

Yes

Adam Miller Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez Coyote Shivers Erin Penner George Skarpelos Greg Morris Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Robert Litomisky Susan Swan

Ineligible

Danielle Paris Jeff Ramberg Margaret Marmolejo Matt Wait Violet Williams

I) Discussion and vote to approve up to \$1000 for 1st Aid/CPR Course, date TBD

Erin Penner explained that they'd had two so far which were very successful. It's a free class for up to 40 people, and they wanted to up the amount because the trainer works hard and doesn't get paid, and the date is May 26th. The money would help buy high-tech dummies that light up to show that someone is performing CPR properly.

Motion: Erin Penner Second: Luis Saldivar Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-5

Yes

Adam Miller Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez Coyote Shivers Erin Penner George Skarpelos Greg Morris Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Robert Litomisky Susan Swan

Ineligible

Danielle Paris Jeff Ramberg Margaret Marmolejo Matt Wait Violet Williams

J) Discussion, review and vote to approve up to \$5000 for HUNC outreach items, to include, but not be limited to HUNC branded; socks for people experiencing homelessness, persona hygiene and/or toiletry kits, lanyard, emergency whistles, LED lights, pens, doggie-waste bags, tote bags, etc.

Brandi asked if they were allowed to up that amount, and George said they could up it next month. He explained that the promotional items are a great way to get people engaged about what the neighborhood council does, and to get them to bring issues to the council's attention. It's a simple way to start a conversation.

Susan would like to say since they have new board members, that she commends the outreach committee for continuing to do outreach at the farmer's market. George said that they do it once every other month, and if they could get a few more people to come or do it more often, that would be good.

Motion: George Skarpelos Second: Luis Saldivar Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-5

Yes

Adam MillerAnji WilliamsBrandi D'AmoreChona GalvezCoyote ShiversErin PennerGeorge SkarpelosGreg MorrisJim Van DusenLuis SaldivarRobert LitomiskySusan Swan

Ineligible

Danielle Paris Jeff Ramberg Margaret Marmolejo Matt Wait Violet Williams

K) Discussion and vote to approve up to \$2000 for (revised) Self-Defense Classes on May 19 and June 16

Sheila had submitted the motion, and George explained that there was an issue with liability with Emmaculate Heart. They don't want to take any liability. George said to vote to approve it, and that people are really interested in it. Chona said that the annex isn't big enough for that, and George explained that they might be able to do it at Cheremoya. George said that he wasn't as clear as to what's transpired.

Motion: George Skarpelos Second: Brandi D'Amore Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-5

Yes

Adam Miller Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez Coyote Shivers Erin Penner George Skarpelos Greg Morris Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Robert Litomisky Susan Swan

Ineligible

Danielle Paris Jeff Ramberg Margaret Marmolejo Matt Wait Violet Williams

L) Discussion, review and vote to approve funding up to \$1000 for Free-Tree/Potted Plant Give-Away sometime in late in June or May 2018 to include, but not be limited to food, beverages, incidentals, plants, pots, soil amendments, etc

Erin Penner had discussed the motion with Tom Meredith in Outreach, and said that it might be better to do it in June since they have stuff coming up in May. It was suggested that they partner with Tree People, the Korean Association, or any number of organizations that sponsor free tree giveaways. Erin also explained that they could do a kids outreach event where they can paint their own pots for plants.

Motion: Erin Penner Second: Adam Miller Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-5

Yes

Anji Williams Brandi D'Amore Adam Miller Chona Galvez **Coyote Shivers** Erin Penner George Skarpelos **Greg Morris** Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Robert Litomisky Susan Swan

Ineligible

Danielle Paris Margaret Marmolejo Matt Wait Violet Williams Jeff Ramberg

14. Community Impact Statements

A) Motion to approve a CIS stating that HUNC supports the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and their 2018 White Paper and approve the filing of a Community Impact Statement for Council file 18-0600

Brandi asked when CIS's were due and whether previous CIS's were done. Erin Penner had a question regarding Brandon as a budget advocate.

Brandon, the budget advocate, explained that every year advocates come up with a theme based on what they want to stress to the Mayor and City Council and schedule meetings with managers and elected officials that have to do with different city apartments: LAPD, Sheriff's Office, LAFD, Building and Safety, etc. Homelessness was a big thing in the White Paper, as well as city's liability for the pension of city employees. The city will be on the hook for 30, 40 years for pension benefits that were negotiated years ago. The advocates meet and investigate things that can be removed or reduced from budgets, or added. And based on the interviews and meetings they've had, each budget advocate has different committees and puts together an overview and outline with their opinion on what to expect.

The City Council reads it and communicates back and forth with the budget advocates, and they also distribute it to neighborhood councils to look at. Usually the Government Affairs committee looks at it, and a motion is put together to support or not.

Luis Saldivar, who had attended some budget advocate meetings, added that there are some issues that people will like and some they won't, but he recommended supporting it as a liaison. Brandon added that the White Paper could be found at ncbala.com for those who hadn't read it. Susan thanked him for his hard work, and Brandon added that there is also a "voice your opinion" option on the website.

Vote: Yes-9, No-0, Abstain-6, Recused-0, Ineligible-2 Yes Brandi D'Amore Chona Galvez Covote Shivers George Skarpelos Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar Margaret Marmolejo Robert Litomisky Susan Swan Abstain Adam Miller Anji Williams **Danielle Paris** Erin Penner Greg Morris Jeff Ramberg

Ineligible

Motion: Luis Saldivar

Matt Wait Violet Williams

15. Committees and Elections

A) HUNC Board elections in 2019, seats available: http://www.hollywoodunitednc.org/contact.htm 2019 Election Ctte to be selected July 1

Susan Swan explained the information in the board member's packets, including a list of board members to be edited with new members, and what seats are up for re-election and when. They will be electing an election committee on July 1st in the new fiscal year.

B) Executive Committee elections

After the fiscal year ends, they will be doing a new Exec Committee election, all seats are open.

Second: Susan Swan

C) Committee missions and definitions, possible renaming. Boardmember assignments to Committees and as Liaisons Susan said about committees that when they first started, they mimicked the city council format, but that's not necessarily the optimal way to do things. She asked people to consider what they see their committees changing into.

Violet asked if someone else wants to be the youth representative, will they be put on the ballot, and it was confirmed that the position is appointed by the board. Susan added that the Education Committee should set up a process for helping new future youth reps when Anji is no longer here to guide them.

Susan asked the chairs of committee to, when they contact board members about the next meeting, ask board members if they're

attending and ask the new members, Jeff, Danielle, Matt if they want to attend since they are limited to a quorum of five.

Anji asked, since Violet is non-voting, would she be allowed to attend, and the consensus was that she doesn't count towards quorum, so can attend.

Jim also wanted to cover for the new folks, non-board-member stakeholder committee members, and each committee can have one or more stakeholders as members. Jim added that having two stakeholders had worked out well for PLUM.

Brandi asked if they had discussed moving the Renters Committee meeting to not conflict with the Public Safety meeting. Adam thought that they were getting through things fine every month, and suggested making an ad-hoc committee on transportation alone. Susan suggested putting the issue back on the Public Safety agenda for discussion.

16. Standing Rules: http://www.hollywoodunitednc.org/Standing%20Rules%20December%202017.pdf

Update correct Standing Committee names and missions; update and add emphasis on Treasurer prior approval of all funding items before being agendized for Committee approval and then Board approval

Susan explained that the standing rules allow to change the names and missions of standing committees readily. She said that none were set in stone, and advised the board members to go back through, see what worked, and what didn't.

Adam suggested PSWT could be divided up or spin off ad-hoc committees. Susan said to make sure you agendize it for committees as to what could become an ad-hoc that reports to the committee.

Anji asked: Violet got approved for funding for three small outreach events at park, didn't file paperwork to become an official HUNC-sponsored event. Susan said that the problem was what the agenda item said they'd approved a certain amount of money for activation events at Franklin-Ivar, and it wasn't specific enough, and they'd had to fill out event forms. They need to nail it down with DONE to get it approved. George explained that they have to file a form 30 days before an event, but if the date moves around, it sometimes precludes councils from taking advantage of some specific things.

Susan's reckoning was that it could be a Dell event, and they just pay for refreshments and treat it as outreach. Lorenzo said that that would be fine. Susan thought that naming it as an event was where they went wrong. Lorenzo said that if you name something as an event, the city is going to want more paperwork and 30-day notice.

Susan cannot urge people more strongly to talk to Tom and get his approval before anything hits the board agenda. She recommends getting I's dotted and T's crossed with him, and recommended reading the recently-sent updated Treasurers/Financial handbook.

## 17. Old/Ongoing Business

Chona Galvez wanted to make an announcement that she was appointed effective yesterday as the director and direct liaison of the Minister at the consulate of the Philippines, so she may not be able to make some future meetings.

Brandi D'Amore talked about how they had only one month to spend money, and asked if this was the time to start doing more outrageous, expensive things for outreach. George and Susan advised her to talk with George and put it on the Outreach Committee agenda.

## 18. New/Future Business

Adjournment at 9:01 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.