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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, September 09, 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

**6:33 PM start**

1. Roll Call

**Attending**

Tom Meredith	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					

**Excused**

Susan Swan

**Absent**

Sheila Irani

2. Approval of Minutes

***Numerous spelling and syntax errors were addressed with the previous month's minutes, related to issues about the Villa Carlotta and budgetary matters. Under issue D, the Villa Carlotta issue, numerous parts of the conversation were transcribed incorrectly, including issues related to alcohol consumption on the premises, and the lack of an alcohol permit. There were also corrections regarding the status of valet parking/the lack of parking at the site. Andrew Chadsey said that he wanted to convey that there was a parking/valet parking issue, and that he raised the issue that they are not protecting people who paid commercial rates for property that was zoned as commercial, and they would be letting people raise commercial property in a zone that is residential, so they would not be protecting residential property owners either. Jeff Ramberg also asked to clarify, under item E, page 8, what Adam needs help with.***

***Motion Made: Motion to approve minutes with changes added.***

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

**Yes**

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

**Abstain**

Erin Penner      Luis Saldivar      Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

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

*Stakeholder Megan Choi introduced herself, saying she was here on behalf of Nithya, who is running for councilmember of CD4. Some of the stakeholders may be familiar with her based on her work for the Silverlake Neighborhood Council. She has been involved in founding a coalition to reach out to unhoused citizens of LA and providing mobile shower support for them. They are hoping to send someone on a regular basis to stay in touch with issues that the board is facing and keep aware of local concerns. She said that they could feel free to contact them directly in the future.*

*Stakeholder Zoey introduced herself, saying that her street has become the all-access to the Oaks whenever there are shows at the Hollywood Bowl or The Greek Theater, and this has led to multiple car crashes, including some that have gone hours without police response. They feel unsafe, especially when they are walking with their children or their pets. They have been told in the past by Councilmember Ryu's office that there is no solution, and they are tired of hearing no. They need help before someone gets seriously hurt or killed. George Skarpelos asked if the transportation committee had dealt with this, and they said that they had not been able to make an action item yet. Michael Connolly said that he thinks the issue is also about the quality of the road, and the lack of parking along the route. There was recently an accident that led to the road being blocked from 10:15 PM to 2:00 AM. Stakeholder Zoey said that there were cars turning around in her driveway all night. In the first blind curve down the road, there are tree roots that lead to drivers avoiding it by going on the wrong side of the street around the blind curve.*

*Mr. Skarpelos said that they had very similar problems in The Dell, with trees along blind curves. Stakeholder Zoey said that if she would ask the city to do something, they would need a solution for speed, and to have people slow down. The city has told them that they cannot put in humps or speed bumps. Mr. Skarpelos said he appreciated her bringing the issue to the council, and that they may have to reach out to someone from Street Services about it. Stakeholder Zoey emphasized that she does not want her street to become the main exit for the Greek Theater.*

*Mr. Connolly said that he thinks the larger issue is a neglect of the streets in the area. He said that previous City Council representative Shannon Prior had said that they had come up with a solution for areas with similar road quality concerns.*

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

*Sean introduced himself as a representative for Councilmember O'Farrell's office, and gave updates on preferential parking district expansions in the area. West of the 101 and north of Santa Monica are the areas now covered by preferential parking. They added a new traffic light to Hollywood on Romaine and Vine, which is out of HUNC's area but near a school. It's their 9th added since taking office. They also did a motion to expand the pool hours at the Hollywood Rec Center. They also did a motion to expand the YWCA, and a motion for the city to enter negotiations to take over the lease of the property, which would free up the current owners to expand the number of beds to 120. The Ivar pit stop which was installed in March is growing in usage, and it is now averaging about 80 uses every day. They are looking at putting in a permanent bathroom at Hollywood and Highland, and they would like it staffed, so they are trying to budget that out. He added that the straw ban goes into official effect October 1st, covering all businesses, large and small. Customers are still allowed to ask for a straw. Another big policy thing the councilmember is proud of is Indigenous People's Day, which will be on October 13th. He added that there are two events coming to Vine Street on the 26th of September, where Capitol Records will be closing down Vine during the evening for the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' final studio album. Then on October 5th, they want to close down Vine for a free concert from a K-Pop band named Super N. It will be an all-day closure for Vine starting from 6 AM to 2 AM. Mr. Skarpelos said that there were concerns from businesses and schools around Vine, and that Capitol Records has made adjustments to the proposed closures to address those concerns. Sean added that their office has asked that events prompting closures be free.*

*A stakeholder asked if their office had gotten any feedback on the Salvadorian 1st Amendment parade, and Sean said they had not.*

*Seamus from Assemblymember Friedman's office introduced himself, and said that the legislative session ends this Friday, so he will have more information and updates at their next board meetings. His office had tried to address the housing crisis, and advocated for around \$2 billion to address homelessness and housing across the state. On October 11th, they have a photography competition in Glendale; when the assemblymember was mayor of Glendale, she transformed an old gas station into a park/gallery space. On the 21st of September, the assemblymember will be at El Aqua in Atwater Village to give her first update on the legislative session to members of the public from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Matt Wait asked if the assembly member's bill on a fur ban is going to make it through the legislative session, and Seamus confirmed that it did and will be signed.*

*Fernando introduced himself as a representative of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, and said that they would be holding events to tutor the stakeholders in new voting procedures for the 2020 elections. The new machines will make it easier for stakeholders with disabilities to*

vote. He also added that there will be a Child Car Seat Safety event held at LACCC to inform the public about child car seats. Finally, the courthouse that is on Hollywood Blvd will be opening up at the end of this month, and it will be Court 95, meaning the majority of the cases will be dealing with people who are in conservatorship, so they shouldn't see a large influx of people who hang around after their cases are done. He is happy to follow up on any issues the board has, and will send FAQ's to the board.

Margaret Marmolejo asked him to clarify "conservatorship", and Fernando explained that people who are in conservatorship are in the care of another person or entity; for example, people who are having a mental health issue, either temporary or ongoing. Mr. Skarpelos added that the opening of the courthouse would activate the section of Hollywood Blvd that it was on, and bring business to surrounding businesses.

Matt Wait asked if the supervisors voted on rent control, and Fernando said that Supervisor Kuehl had led the motion on rent control, but that the motion only covers unincorporated portions of LA County.

Fernando added that they now understand that they are working on new institutions and locations for mental health aid programs, but that the California Mental Health Oversight Board has to accept the funding for it first.

Rachel, field deputy for Councilmember Ryu, invited everyone for a tour of the women's bridge housing site on Gardener at 9 AM being held by the Councilmember. Also, the Recreation and Parks board of commissioners approved their proposed bridge housing site on Riverside. They are hoping to move forward with that and introduce a motion soon. She added that Sheila Irani went to the homeless connect day at Pan-Pacific Park recently, and they will be holding another in Sherman Oaks Thursday, September 19th. They are also very happy because the Bronson Canyon sidewalks were recently repaired, and they managed to save a tree as well.

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

*There were no announcements.*

6. Executive Committee

A) Report by the President

George Skarpelos said that they talked about unfilled board seats. They might possibly have an education rep and are still talking about a renters' seat for area A, and two business area seats. They also decided that they need to submit paperwork to do an event at least 30 days before the event. They will be having a retreat, and will send out a scheduling form soon. They will go over new initiatives, best practices, and decorum. The next issue is HUNC's office cleanup schedules, and he emphasized that they need to clean up the office regularly. There were also issues about committee assignments related to various issues. Adam Miller introduced the issue of beautification projects, and wanted to see if their council office would contribute to them. He also would like to track HUNC projects. He would also like to put together a master list of HUNC area organizations. Lastly, Ron Galperin wants to visit HUNC and make a presentation next month. He is the city controller and an NC member.

B) Discussion and possible motion to appoint Julia Eschanasy as the Youth Representative

George Skarpelos said that Julia Eschanasy has been incredibly involved in local issues, and invited her to speak. Julia said that she has lived here her whole life and loves the neighborhood, and is excited to represent the youth community. She's a senior in high school, and is really interested in community work. She is also involved in community arts programs, and just got back from Kenya doing art education in western Kenya.

Margaret Marmolejo asked how her trip to Kenya came about, and Mr. Skarpelos added that Julia can talk about that in her Youth Representative report, and that she has been a regular member of the Homelessness Services committee.

**Motion:** George Skarpelos      **Second:** Adam Miller      **Vote:** Yes-13, 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
Tom Meredith					
<b>Ineligible</b>					
Julia Eschanasy					

C) Discussion and possible motion to appoint Stephanie C. Rowe as a stakeholder committee member to the Ad Hoc Bylaws committee

Stephanie Rowe said that she has lived in Los Angeles for 7 years. George Skarpelos thought that they would do well to have a lawyer on their Bylaws committee, and Ms. Rowe said that she would be willing to be on it. She would like to be on another committee as well. She has done entertainment and employment law, and is now doing personal injury law. She has been practicing law for 7 years since graduating law school.

**Margaret Marmolejo asked if there was something Ms. Rowe would like to accomplish as part of the NC, and she said she had been involved with the community for a long time, and was interested in getting involved in the NC and attending other committee meetings to find something to do outside the realm of law.**

**Motion:** George Skarpelos      **Second:** Tom Meredith      **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- D) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$750 for additional wireless microphones and other AV accessories

**George Skarpelos explained that when they have a big crowd, they need wireless microphones, and their old ones don't work very well.**

**Motion:** George Skarpelos      **Second:** Luis Saldivar      **Vote:** Yes-13, 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

Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- E) Discussion and possible motion to formulate a board policy regarding board members conduct and communication at public meetings

**Tabled: George Skarpelos said that it was brought to his attention that somebody from HUNC had a very heated interaction with a city official. When they go to a public event, they need to clarify whether they are speaking on behalf of the board, and unless they are speaking on behalf of the board, they should not identify themselves as a HUNC board member, and Lorenzo from DONE suggested having a formulated board policy regarding the issue.**

**Jim Van Dusen said that they will have to carve out an exception for when resolutions are passed by committee and then go to a hearing with the city, since that will happen frequently as a result of PLUM decisions. Adam Miller clarified that the general idea related to board members speaking out on issues that had not been voted on by the board. Mr. Skarpelos added that if they are speaking on HUNC's behalf, they should definitely identify themselves.**

**Brandi D'Amore asked about when board members are speaking as liaisons, and Mr. Skarpelos reiterated that in that case they are still acting in HUNC's capacity.**

**Coyote Shivers asked, if someone goes to a different meeting, and they want to speak about something germane to them as a result of their experience, if they just need to make it clear that they are speaking as an individual. Mr. Van Dusen added that he has been in situations where people know that he is in HUNC and has to voice an opinion, so they have to be careful about the issue, because they could assume that it's HUNC's position.**

**Luis Saldivar said that he could see the issue primarily conflicting in issues interacting with city hall. Mr. Van Dusen said that he did not always have the opportunity to clarify that he was speaking only for himself and not for HUNC.**

**Mr. Skarpelos said that while the demeanor of people on the HUNC board will always be subjective, they should always comport themselves as if they are speaking on behalf of HUNC. Adam Miller added that a lot of members of NC's will talk about their affiliation with their NC, even in the context of saying that they were not speaking for it, to lend their opinion authority.**

**Brandi D'Amore asked if they could clarify that the policy will extend to the executive board. By default, when one of them speaks it is considered a HUNC point of view even if they haven't voted on an issue. Mr. Skarpelos clarified that the president's position is such that they are almost always speaking for HUNC.**

**Andrew Chadsey said that from what he understands in the NC system, they are supposed to be working together. As a side comment, he was downtown today and introduced himself as working inside the NC system to speak to his own experience without putting the board into it. From what he gathers, they should be going to other NC meetings and introducing themselves as members of HUNC while still being themselves as stakeholders. He thought the policy could undermine the meaning of the NC's.**

**Mr. Skarpelos suggested talking about this at the retreat, and the decision was made to table the issue.**

- F) Discussion and possible motion to change name of the Homelessness and & Social Services committee to Social Services

& Homelessness committee

*George Skarpelos explained that since social services were the solution to the problem of Homelessness, they should put the solution first in the name. Brandi D'Amore added that it would help clarify the purpose of the committee, especially for stakeholders wishing to bring issues to them. Adam Miller added that it will put the heartfelt portion of the committee at the front.*

*Jeff Ramberg asked if they needed to have the word Homelessness in the name, and Mr. Skarpelos said that the issue is the most salient one in LA right now, so they should have it in the committee name. Brandi D'Amore added that right now, a lot of residents come to the committee meeting looking to address the wrong issue.*

**Motion:** Luis Saldivar                      **Second:** Adam Miller                      **Vote:** Yes-13, 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
Tom Meredith					

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

## 7. PLUM Committee

### A) Report by the Committee Chair

- B) Discussion and possible motion to approve the 1755 N. Canyon Drive project with comment. Project Description: Present Use: Vacant Lot. Proposed Use: 19 – unit Apartment Building over 1 level of subterranean parking with roof deck. Action(s) Requested: North side yard reduction from 8' 0" to 5' 7" (30% reduction); South side yard reduction from 8' 0" to 5' 7" (30% reduction); Height increase from 43' 6" to 53' 6" – Two additional stories up to 22 additional feet. Comment: Due to the intent of the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) program, TOC development is encouraged to add more affordable housing than the current ordinance provides.

*Jim Van Dusen explained the project, a 19-unit apartment with 1 level of subterranean parking and a roof deck, and the actions they were requesting. It is a Transit-Oriented Community development. They are requesting increased heights and reduced yard space around it. The PLUM committee reviewed it, and it is an empty lot, but it is close to the freeway, raising the issue of development within 500 feet of a freeway. PLUM voted to recommend approving the project, but wanted to add that the TOC development is encouraged to add more affordable housing than the current ordinance provides.*

*A representative for the architect introduced himself, saying the architect had a family emergency and could not attend. He explained the basics of the project, and the style of the building. Mr. Van Dusen asked how close they were to the freeway, and the rep explained that the TOC ordinance is more concerned with their proximity to metro and public transit, but that they are within 100 feet or less of the freeway. Brandi D'Amore said that they have discovered that close proximity to the freeway can produce numerous health and child development issues, and that they can deny approval for that reason. The city has also discovered in recent years and prohibited construction along the freeways.*

*Andrew Chadsey asked about the project's TOC status, asking if they really have a place to vote to approve until they know the project's TOC approval status. Mr. Van Dusen said that until the lawsuit is resolved and the group reviewing the project has come to a final determination, what was presented is all they have to vote on. He said that they could add a statement to their approval asking to reevaluate the project if it is within 500 feet of a freeway, but they are not violating any law yet.*

*Brandi D'Amore said that the council can absolutely say based on the most recent planning stuff, that the TOC's are technically not legal, based on her research. She also wanted to know what mitigation steps the property will be taking to offset the effects of the nearby freeway. Jeff Ramberg added that for other projects close to the freeway, they've asked for stronger air filtration systems for units in the building.*

*Tom Meredith asked why Mr. Van Dusen allowed for the 30% reduction in yard, and Mr. Van Dusen said that it was allowed under the TOC guidelines. Ms. D'Amore said that there were multiple allegations of housing violations with Building and Safety that the TOC-granted variances were illegal.*

*Michael Connolly asked what the different "Tiers" of TOC meant, and Matt Wait explained that the tiers governed the amount of affordable housing required for TOC projects.*

**Motion Made:** Motion to approve the 1755 N. Canyon Drive project with comment that there should be more affordable housing, that there should be a review of the project's proximity to the freeway, and that there should be air filtration units stronger than legally required if it is within 500 feet of the freeway. Project Description: Present Use: Vacant Lot. Proposed Use: 19 – unit Apartment Building over 1 level of subterranean parking with roof deck. Action(s) Requested: North side yard reduction from 8' 0" to 5' 7" (30% reduction); South side yard reduction from 8' 0" to 5' 7" (30% reduction); Height increase from 43' 6" to 53' 6" – Two

**additional stories up to 22 additional feet. Comment: Due to the intent of the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) program, TOC development is encouraged to add more affordable housing than the current ordinance provides.**

**Jim Van Dusen motioned, Luis Saldivar seconded.**

**Motion:** Jim Van Dusen                      **Second:** Luis Saldivar                      **Vote:** Yes-10, No-1, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Tom Meredith		

**No**

Brandi D'Amore

**Abstain**

Andrew Chadsey                      Michael Connolly

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- C) 6169 Temple Hill: Discussion and possible motion with conditions to approve the applicants new proposal to add 2 homes to 2 lots (prior proposal was 5 single family homes on lots that do not have a continuous paved roadway). Conditions: 1. No hauling to take place on Fridays due to conflicts with trash truck pickup on the narrow, substandard street.

2. The applicant to work closely with the neighbors directly next to the project and along the haul route on Temple Hill Drive through regular meetings and communications to address their concerns as this is a narrow, substandard street and the safety and fire issues caused by the fact that this street will be completely closed down during the initial stages of construction due to its narrowness and age.

**Jim Van Dusen asked if any representatives were present, and there were none. He summarized the project, and explained that PLUM had no issues with the two houses proposed. The only issue was the cutting the roadway from Temple Hill Drive. A woman across the street from the property was concerned about the noise and hauling dirt, as well as the fact that they will have to break through part of the wall along Temple Hill Drive.**

**Motion Made: Motion with conditions to approve the applicants new proposal to add 2 homes to 2 lots (prior proposal was 5 single family homes on lots that do not have a continuous paved roadway). Conditions: 1. No hauling to take place on Fridays due to conflicts with trash truck pickup on the narrow, substandard street.**

**2. The applicant to work closely with the neighbors directly next to the project and along the haul route on Temple Hill Drive through regular meetings and communications to address their concerns as this is a narrow, substandard street and the safety and fire issues caused by the fact that this street will be completely closed down during the initial stages of construction due to its narrowness and age.**

**Motion:** Jim Van Dusen                      **Second:** Jeff Ramberg                      **Vote:** Yes-13, 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
Tom Meredith					

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- D) Project remanded to PLUM by HUNC board for further hearing for 6335 Quebec Drive: 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'). Motion proposed: To send a letter to the Planning Department and city councilmember's office outlining the lack of information provided by the applicant after several meetings and their refusal to attend the September 5 PLUM meeting. Motion to include: 1. a denial of the project until the applicant meets with the neighbors to address their concerns due to the extreme safety issues that can result as this project is situated on the cross point of two dead-end streets with narrow substandard streets feeding into them. 2. The fact that the applicant has not been forthcoming with their presentation of the details of the house construction; 3. Proposed haul route information was not provided to the stakeholders; 4. Information about the retaining walls was incomplete which could be problematic as the lot is a steep hillside lot; 5. The general impression that the applicant has deliberately not provided complete information to stakeholders for his own purposes; 6. A request that all potential approvals and hearings be put on hold until the applicant meets with the stakeholders and provides full and complete information for discussion.

**George Skarpelos recused himself. Jim Van Dusen explained that the developers had come before PLUM twice. They said that they were waiting for approval of the haul route, and once they got it they would appear before us. Mr. Van Dusen said that that was unacceptable to appear after a route had been approved with no input. The piece of land they want to develop has two dead-end streets at it. The streets feeding toward the property are narrow and substandard, and the property is adjacent to a cliff. Mr. Van Dusen drafted a letter to notify them of PLUM's concerns, and read over the letter for the board. The letter also requests that**

*councilmember Ryu and his planning deputy review the property.*

*Brandi D'Amore suggested adding to the letter that the street widening might be complicated by the presence of a utility pole.*

**Motion Made:** *Motion to send a letter to the Planning Department and city councilmember's office outlining the lack of information provided by the applicant after several meetings and their refusal to attend the September 5 PLUM meeting. Motion to include: 1. a denial of the project until the applicant meets with the neighbors to address their concerns due to the extreme safety issues that can result as this project is situated on the cross point of two dead-end streets with narrow substandard streets feeding into them. 2. The fact that the applicant has not been forthcoming with their presentation of the details of the house construction; 3. Proposed haul route information was not provided to the stakeholders; 4. Information about the retaining walls was incomplete which could be problematic as the lot is a steep hillside lot; 5. The general impression that the applicant has deliberately not provided complete information to stakeholders for his own purposes; 6. A request that all potential approvals and hearings be put on hold until the applicant meets with the stakeholders and provides full and complete information for discussion.*

**Motion:** Jim Van Dusen                      **Second:** Brandi D'Amore                      **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-1, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

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

**Recuse**

George Skarpelos

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- E) Discussion and possible motion to approved sending a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding digital billboards in Los Angeles. The CIS to include the language prepared by the Coalition to Ban Billboard Blight as attached. The CIS to include as the last paragraph: "Additionally, a study is requested for a Los Angeles city-wide digital billboard ban."

*Jim Van Dusen explained that the Coalition had proposed a CIS to HUNC which was included in the board's packet. Brandi D'Amore clarified that they had not done a CIS on the issue yet, only on mobile billboards. She explained that the proposal is on a much more comprehensive level. They also wanted to add to it that a study be requested for a Los Angeles city-wide digital billboard ban. The CIS is about restricting them as much as possible.*

*Tom Meredith said he was fairly sure he had already written a CIS about it. Ms. D'Amore clarified that the previous CIS had not covered everything that the present CIS does. She said that the issue is back on the table because there is a modified version of this at city council, and they want to make sure the original, stricter version is approved.*

**Motion Made:** *Motion to approved sending a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding digital billboards in Los Angeles. The CIS to include the language prepared by the Coalition to Ban Billboard Blight as attached. The CIS to include as the last paragraph: "Additionally, a study is requested for a Los Angeles city-wide digital billboard ban."*

**Motion:** Jim Van Dusen                      **Second:** Luis Saldivar                      **Vote:** Yes-11, No-1, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

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

**No**

Adam Miller

**Abstain**

Coyote Shivers

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

8. Outreach Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

9. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

- B) Update on the Emergency Evacuation Exercise in November

*Erin Penner said that they would be meeting tomorrow, and asked whether everyone was aware of the Emergency Evacuation Exercise, saying that they were working on getting the ball rolling on it for November.*

- C) Discussion and possible motion that HUNC write a letter to the new LAPD captain and CD4 & CD13 offices to increase resources and bolster the LAPD presence in the HUNC area due to recent incidents in the area.

*Tabled: This item was brought up to after item 7D.*

*Erin Penner suggested the item, and explained that she drafted a letter, and then found out today that their SLO's are mostly out of town, and she would like to tweak the letter. The general idea was that the Public Safety committee had a lot of people from The Oaks show up who have ACS security because they feel there is zero police presence. That is the idea from many, many stakeholders. Criminal activity has increased in the last two weeks, and citizen apps had a major alert that there was a man with a butcher knife running in traffic. She found out from research on LAPD online today that there is 1 officer for every 433 residents, which is one of the lowest ratios of any city in the country. Erin Penner asked what the general feeling from HUNC was to help with drafting the letter.*

*Stakeholder Zoey described the frustration they had with police officers not showing up, and described some of the incidents that had happened in her area. Recently some squatters had taken up resident in an empty house, but ACS security could not arrest them. Also, attempts to call 911 have basically made them feel as if they're on their own in an emergency.*

*Ms. Penner added that the general feeling is that the crime stats are a joke, and the issue is people are not reporting.*

*Ms. Penner said that she thought her best bet is to talk to a police officer to find out how HUNC can help the police, and Mr. Skarpelos said they should also have someone go to CPAB and present there too, and perhaps then they can bring the issue back and have a more informed letter.*

*Matt Wait commented that he thinks they would be hard-pressed to find a community in LA that doesn't think that crime is a problem and is worsening. It is surprising to him that they have such a low officer to citizen ratio when they spend so much money on the LAPD. He thinks that asking for more resources kind of sounds like shouting into the void.*

*Jim Van Dusen said that for general data for the letter, they were having the same problems in Beachwood Drive. He said that Hollywood has always been a place of opportunity for robberies, with crime cycling through the area over and over again.*

*Brandi D'Amore said that one of the things she thinks is the biggest problem is the 911 dispatcher or line operator does not know how to talk to people, and that there needs to be some training about how to address people that are calling. Empowerment might be knowing where problems fall on the spectrum of dispatch. Since they can't increase the number of police, they have to figure out a way to make sure people feel like they're actually being heard.*

*Andrew Chadsey said he would like some clarity about what people mean when they say police are not responding. Erin Penner pointed to an example of a car accident that happened at 10:50 PM and was not fully resolved until 2 AM.*

*Luis Saldivar said that from what he has seen personally, he has seen a lot more officers on duty and more patrols in the Hollywood area, which is great. He has also been aware of more undercover officers.*

*Adam Miller said that the reason why they only have 9900 officers in the city is because they're set up differently from other cities. They have a council file asking for the LAPD to report back with redesigns of all the BCAs to see if the maps drawn up for cop car distribution in the 70's and 80's were still up to date. Erin Penner added that there was a plan of action on the LAPD website about that issue. Mr. Miller added that they have the most cops out of any division in the city, but most of the cops hang out along Hollywood Blvd because they have to respond to the higher level of crime there. He added that there may be a perception of more crime happening since there are now more ways of being informed about crime through apps, etc. He also suggested that callers to 911 use action words to be prioritized.*

*Luis Saldivar echoed Mr. Miller's statement, saying that Hollywood Blvd does take cops away from the hills.*

*Michael Connolly said that part of him is saying that they pay so much in taxes that the LAPD should be able to hire more cops.*

*Andrew Chadsey reiterated his question about what people mean when they say police aren't coming, and suggested they advocate for a review of response time for each area. The other thing he would like to comment on is the expectation of what the police's job is. He added that their main focus is capturing people who have committed crimes and putting them into the court system, and that other priorities might be secondary to that focus.*

*Mr. Miller added that the city council has put out a request for proposal to hire a consultant to look at all of the BCAs and reorganize them in a better way.*

*Ms. D'Amore added that it doesn't seem unreasonable after a couple of hours after an accident to have someone respond to it.*

*Stakeholder Zoey added that when she first moved here, she was raped at gunpoint at a shop on Beverly, and it was during the*



**daytime hours around 6 PM, and the police came within 25 minutes. Recently, she was out with her dog and a transient jumped towards her with scissors. She called 911, who said they would send somebody, and nobody showed up. The same transient ended up in front of her after she tried to go a different direction. She called 911 again and finally cop cars came to arrest him, and the guy was seen twice after that. It could have been her children with her as well. She emphasized that something needs to be done because she does not feel safe.**

D) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$500 for a First Aid/CPR class in mid October

**Motion:** Tom Meredith      **Second:** Coyote Shivers      **Vote:** Yes-13, 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
Tom Meredith					

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

10. Homelessness and Social Services Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

B) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$200.00 dollars for the "Unf\*\*k the World" Western and Sunset region cleanups

***This issue was moved up to after PLUM item 7B. Mika introduced herself as the representative for the cleanup organization, and explained that the \$200 request was for supplies. Adam Miller added that the committee approved the request, and thinks it's a really good cleanup to do. Erin Penner asked, as far as posting stuff, that they might not be able to since the flyers do not have asterisks censoring the curse word in the title.***

***Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$200.00 dollars for the "Unf\*\*k the World" Western and Sunset region cleanups. Drop-down menus were not working***

**Motion:** Luis Saldivar      **Second:** Adam Miller      **Vote:** Yes-13, 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
Tom Meredith					

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

C) Discussion and possible motion for a CIS to support CF 19-0882: Provision at No Cost / Feminine Hygiene Products / All Restrooms at City-owned Facilities

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0882>

***Adam Miller summarized that the city is acknowledging that it is expensive for women to utilize specific products during specific periods, and the city said they would like to offer those for free in any city building throughout LA. They already have a program in LAUSD and throughout schools in the county that if the school has more than a certain number of students, they have to provide free feminine hygiene products.***

***Motion Made: Motion for a CIS to support CF 19-0882: Provision at No Cost / Feminine Hygiene Products / All Restrooms at City-owned Facilities <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0882>***

**Motion:** Luis Saldivar      **Second:** Adam Miller      **Vote:** Yes-12, 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	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

D) Discussion and possible motion for a CIS to support CF 19-0002-S151: HR 1856 (Waters) / The Ending Act of 2019 / Homeless Housing / Funding <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0002-S151>

***Adam Miller summarized this issue, saying Congresswoman Waters wants to divert money into homeless housing.***

***Motion Made: Motion for a CIS to support CF 19-0002-S151: HR 1856 (Waters) / The Ending Act of 2019 / Homeless Housing /***

**Funding** <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0002-S151>

**Motion:** Adam Miller

**Second:** Luis Saldivar

**Vote:** Yes-11, No-1, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Adam Miller

Andrew Chadsey

Brandi D'Amore

Erin Penner

George Skarpelos

Jeff Ramberg

Jim Van Dusen

Luis Saldivar

Matt Wait

Michael Connolly

Tom Meredith

**No**

Coyote Shivers

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- E) Discussion and possible motion for a CIS to support CF 19-0777 Unaccompanied Homeless Immigrant Minors / Outreach Services <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0777>

**Adam Miller summarized that there are tens of thousands of unaccompanied homeless minors throughout the US, and there are thousands in LA. They have a hard time gauging them since they only do the homeless count once a year. This will provide outreach services to provide better services to them.**

**Coyote Shivers asked if they were actually immigrants or if they were refugees or people who were picked up at the border. Jeff Ramberg clarified the definition as provided by the council file.**

**Motion:** Adam Miller

**Second:** Luis Saldivar

**Vote:** Yes-11, No-1, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Adam Miller

Andrew Chadsey

Brandi D'Amore

Erin Penner

George Skarpelos

Jeff Ramberg

Jim Van Dusen

Luis Saldivar

Matt Wait

Michael Connolly

Tom Meredith

**No**

Coyote Shivers

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

## 11. Transportation & Works Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

**Jeff Ramberg said that they went to an event off of Hollywood Blvd which had a lot of different proposals regarding removing parking along the walk of fame and other parking issues. He added that Adam Miller will be chairing the next transportation meeting since he will be out of the country. Erin Penner added that at the event, they picked people from NC's to act as representatives for the area.**

- B) Discussion and possible motion to draft a resolution or letter of support recommending the City reassess its formula for park and facilities needs and/or requesting a feasibility study for recreation facilities within Hollywood and Los Feliz

**This issue was moved up to right after item 6C. Misty with the Los Feliz NC introduced herself as the secretary and district D representative. The Los Feliz NC has passed two resolutions and a letter in the last 5 months with recommendations to CD4 regarding the park assessment done in 2016. Essentially, it's called the LA County-Wide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, and was released to provide background to support for measure A, which provides funding for park and recreational needs. They have always wondered in Los Feliz why they don't have certain recreational amenities, and the report described why. She pointed the council to the study of area 103, and a comparison study profile of the area which contains Hancock Park. She said that they both point to the area being underserved with recreational amenities because of their proximity to Griffith Park, and the needs of that park mean that they are frequently at the bottom of park priorities. 80% of their amenities are located within Griffith Park, but their accessibility is similar to Hancock Park, where only 47% of residents are within a half mile of park amenities. She explained that the council feels that the studies do not properly weigh their distribution of amenities because of the presence and weight of Griffith Park.**

**At first, they thought it was just Los Feliz, but they learned that it affects pretty much every hillside community from HUNC's area to the 405. They want HUNC's help in building a coalition to get the city to reassess its formula for park and facilities needs, and point out the inequities inherent in their analysis. She had brought two resolutions to the council: the first helped to assign weight to different amenities, and the second was passed by their governing board in August that calls for a feasibility study for putting a recreation center on the Riverside recreational area. It notes that the Olympics are coming, and \$140 million dollars will be going to youth sports in LA that could potentially help fund the recreation center.**

**Tom Meredith asked for clarification about how they will apply different weights to recreational amenities. Misty explained that amenities are equivalent under the current scheme, and if that continues, the Los Feliz area will continue to be underserved. Other communities get additional amenities as a result.**

*Jeff Ramberg said that his committee supported the first resolution passed, and that they had gotten the second resolution only today. Misty clarified that the longer resolution passed in April is the more general one that recommends reassessing the city's formula.*

*George Skarpelos read out the resolution.*

*Andrew Chadsey asked about the relationship between the city's report and their budget allocation, and whether the LFNC was asking for budget reform from the city. Misty said that in essence they were, but because the analysis isn't necessarily amenity-specific, it isn't very well-rounded. They know what is best for their community, for example a rec center, is not necessarily reflected in the report. Their area has 99 amenities, with 77 of them located within Griffith Park, and the amenities are not weighted by what they are. Also, outside of Griffith Park there are zero green spaces in their area.*

*Jim Van Dusen said he thinks the reevaluation is a good idea, but asked if they had done any analysis as to the impact on the neighborhood of adding amenities and how it would affect traffic flow, considering HUNC and Los Feliz' area are tourist destinations. Misty said that the majority of locations they would be interested in are outside Griffith Park and would hopefully not be geared toward or appealing to tourists. Part of the reason why they looked at the Riverside recreation area is that it is accessible to the public via walking and metro.*

*Michael Connolly asked where the new Ferndale park fell into the equation, and Misty said that it would certainly add to their amenities, and that they thought that it was part of CD4 trying to appease Los Feliz residents. Mr. Connolly said that he sympathizes, saying that he has to drive his own sons around to multiple locations for different activities because there's nothing in the area.*

*Luis Saldivar commended Misty for bringing the issue to the table.*

*Tom Meredith added that the language in the resolution, "flawed analysis", seemed judgmental.*

**Motion Made: Motion to draft a resolution of support recommending the City reassess its formula for park and facilities needs.**

**Motion:** Jeff Ramberg

**Second:** Luis Saldivar

**Vote:** Yes-13, 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

Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

## 12. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

B) Report by the Youth Representative

*Julia Eschanasy gave a report on her trip to Kenya, explaining that she and other classmates were invited by a foundation in Kenya to run a program at a community center for youths in Kenya. They traveled four days to and away from the village, and focused on the play Hamlet as a framework for the arts programs. They did a lot of empowerment exercises and community building. She said that everyone was incredibly kind to each other.*

*George Skarpelos asked how old the kids were, and Ms. Eschanasy said the age range was from 9 to 25. They stayed in the community center. Adam Miller asked how the food was, and she said it was good.*

## 13. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

B) Discussion and possible motion to draft a Letter of Concern to management, David Ryu, and other relevant city authorities, compiling tenant complaints at 1950 Tamarind regarding possible stakeholder exposure to asbestos and failure to provide notification.

*Matt Wait explained that they have tenants of 1950 Tamarind that are concerned because the property manager and owner conducted asbestos removal without using the proper licensed contractor, and as a result everyone in the building was exposed to asbestos. Tenants told the renter's committee that the property manager does not live on-site, and would refuse to make the*

required postings for construction work, and postings from the city of LA were removed without authorization. His understanding is that they would not allow USPS postal deliveries because of the asbestos. As a result of hearing the tenants' complaints, they've drafted a letter of concern. Mr. Wait then read the drafted letter, and added that two additional people should be added to the recipients of the letter.

A representative of the owner's legal team introduced herself as Lindsey Tabaian, saying she could briefly speak on the issues.

Tom Meredith asked what the postings were that were removed, and Mr. Wait said that they were postings from the city that were allegedly promptly removed. Stakeholders present who were tenants said that they allegedly have evidence of the postings' removal.

Ms. Tabaian said that they were not invited to the last few meetings in which the 1950 Tamarind property was discussed, and that she is a little new to all of the concerns. She said she is here to listen and take detailed notes of all the concerns and to try to address any of the concerns. She is aware that there are concerns about some of the renovation work, which some have thought was to get the building ready for sale or for units to be raised to market value, and she said this was not the case. She said the owner intends to be a long-term owner and the renovations are to make the building better for current residents. They have an operations and management plan in place for asbestos handling. She said that they could provide a direct point of contact for people who want answers. She also wanted to note that they are already working with the city's AQMD and HCID departments, so the letter won't be starting a process that hasn't already been started.

A stakeholder said that when you do asbestos removal, they have to allow you to have a choice, which the owner never gave tenants. He said there is video and photographs of the owner pulling down HCID notifications. They fired both companies doing the work for doing shoddy work. They have to give tenants a choice to be moved out, stay at your own risk, or be bought out, and the tenants were never given that choice. He said that there is still a contaminated office area and elevator, and he is concerned that the legal representation of the owner is there to see who is complaining and report back to the owner so that they can retaliate.

Another stakeholder said that it has been going on for over a year renovating separate units. She said that they did not file any proper records through AQMD and have been improperly removing asbestos from the units. When they finally tested the elevators, one of them was quarantined for the past 3 weeks. The workers were just wheelbarrowing debris from the apartments around G2 uncovered. There was a giant trash bin on Tamarind that was just uncovered. It's not just the 4th floor or the lobby, and they never told tenants about the renovations.

A stakeholder questioned who the certified contractors were that they worked with.

A stakeholder summarized a letter that they had gotten on July 31st after the city had already put up notices that had been taken down. The letter lists "minor changes" that had to be made to the lobby, and made no mention of asbestos. The lobby had been encased in plastic for a week before they got the letter, so they had been walking through a contaminated area for a week.

The first stakeholder added that the management does not give them rent receipts anymore.

Michael Connolly asked how the law firm can defend the management company pulling down postings, and Ms. Tabaian said that it was new information to her, so she does not have a response. She is here to information-gather.

Brandi D'Amore said that the letter the management had sent contradicted every piece of testimony they had gotten from almost 30 residents. She added that the residents did not know each other, so it was almost certainly not a concerted effort to lie about a problem. She added that Emmanuel had acknowledged to some residents that he made a mistake as to how he handled things. The letter makes mention of certified contractors, but officials from the city had to come shut it down. The fact that mail was withheld also points to the fact that there was a danger. She is concerned with retaliation. Ms. Tabaian assured those present that there would be no retaliation. Ms. D'Amore also hoped that the owners would have the decency to recognize that they had exposed their residents for a year to contamination and would not raise their rent to pay for solving the problem. She would like to add to Mr. Wait's letter that there would be no retaliation to renters who have come forward about the problem, and that their rent would not be raised. She added that the common area was not fixed, and that new renters were not notified about the common area asbestos removal that was not done per AQMD guidelines and led to the elevator being closed for weeks.

George Skarpelos said that item number 10 in the letter should therefore require no retaliation against renters who have come forward. Ms. D'Amore would also request that the owners provide some kind of certified proof of the completion of the work.

Michael Connolly asked if Emmanuel was still the property manager, and tenants present confirmed he was. He also asked if the management company were aware of the things he was doing in the building, and a stakeholder confirmed that there were representatives of Raintree management present whenever there were issues with the tenants that Emmanuel addressed.

Ms. D'Amore asked also to request that all residents be informed of their legal rights of relocation.

Luis Saldivar asked if they have RSO postings at the entrance of the building, and the tenants said they did not. He asked it to be

*added to the letter, since the postings were required under HCID on the entrances of the building.*

*Tom Meredith asked Mr. Wait/Ms. D'Amore if they still hold to the part of the letter that lists asbestos removal by unlicensed contractors, and Mr. Wait asked tenants for clarification. A stakeholder said that they performed the work poorly. Mr. Wait said that points 1 and 2 in the letter might be better phrased by replacing the word "unlicensed" with "negligent". A stakeholder added that the removal contractors never filed with AQMD before starting their work.*

*A stakeholder added that the work the contractors admitted to was saying they were removing "popcorn ceilings" and said nothing about asbestos.*

*Ms. Tabaian said that because this is an asbestos building, they tested it and were aware of the asbestos, and because of that, they have an approved operations and management plan to remove it as necessary. They started the renovation work in compliance with that plan. They don't have to restart a new AQMD process or notice as long as they are complying with their operations and management plan. Because of the issue with the contractor and resident complaints about that, AQMD and the city were called in. The city issued a stop work until they submitted a tenant habitability plan, which they did not know they were required to submit. They are now in the process of submitting that to the city. That's where they stand procedurally, and they are responding to the things that have happened through proper channels.*

*Mr. Skarpelos said that this is not really the place to work this issue out, and that they are focusing on the letter they are going to send with the changes made. The board can be present at a meeting between the tenants and their management.*

*Andrew Chadsey commented that it seems that the lawyer was upsetting people. The city came in and tested the air, found it unsafe and they have exposed all the people that were here, the rest of the people in the building, and all of the guests that tenants had brought into the contaminated building*

*Jeff Ramberg clarified that the point of the letter is to take complaints brought to them and amplify it and make sure they are heard.*

*Mr. Connolly added that they should add that the management seems to have a lack of ownership about not following proper procedures and that they seem to be playing catchup after the fact.*

*Erin Penner said that she has a close friend in the building, and she is constantly texting that she doesn't know if she should still be living there. A stakeholder added that the problem is worse than a lot of tenants even know.*

*Mr. Skarpelos added that perhaps Ms. Tabaian can help the management do the right thing in this case. Mr. Wait added that he recommends the tenants come to meetings about this issue with their own legal representation.*

**Motion Made:** *Motion to send a drafted Letter of Concern to management, David Ryu, and other relevant city authorities, compiling tenant complaints at 1950 Tamarind regarding possible stakeholder exposure to asbestos and failure to provide notification.*

**Motion:** Matt Wait                      **Second:** Luis Saldivar                      **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-1, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

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

**Recuse**

Adam Miller

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- C) Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 19-0718: Statewide Eviction Protection Laws / City Implementation <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0718>

**Matt Wait summarized the agenda item; the council file was a motion from councilmember Farrell designed to report to the council statewide eviction protection laws to potentially safeguard renters' rights in LA. They are looking for other laws they can adopt.**

**Motion:** Matt Wait                      **Second:** Luis Saldivar                      **Vote:** Yes-12, 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	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- D) Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 19-0623: Empty Homes Penalty / Vacant and Habitable Housing Units

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0623>

**Matt Wait explained that the council file is essentially a vacancy tax instructing HCID to report on the amount of vacant habitable housing units in LA, since they don't have numbers for how many units could be housing people. The second part of it is for the chief legal analyst to look at different forms of vacancy taxes for a potential ballot measure. Because it's California, it has to go to a ballot. It is asking the city attorney to draft a legal ballot measure for voters to vote on. He added that part of the reason they have a housing crisis in LA is because of real estate speculation, where foreign buyers will buy property and sit on it.**

**Brandi D'Amore added that previously, owners would lower their rents to increase occupancy, whereas now, its advantageous to sit on the property.**

**Michael Connolly asked if this was for individual homes or large buildings, and Ms. D'Amore clarified that it was for all properties. Mr. Wait said that the final ballot would probably carve out exceptions for certain types of properties.**

**Ms. D'Amore asked if they knew how they were measuring the vacant units. Mr. Wait said that currently no one is measuring anything, but that it will probably follow past models of monitoring.**

**Motion:** Matt Wait                      **Second:** Jeff Ramberg                      **Vote:** Yes-12, 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	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- E) Motion to submit CIS in support of Council File 19-0002-S109: Refundable Tax Credit / Individual Rent Payers / Exceeds 30 Percent Taxable Year Gross Income

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0002-S109>

**Matt Wait said that the council had voted on this before, but the difference is one CIS was voting on a more local law than the other. A lot of these are new supplemental council files. He explained that the CIS was to support a bill proposing giving a refundable tax credit for individuals who pay more than 30% of their income on rent. So basically if you are considered to be rent-burdened by this condition, you are given a tax credit by the state of California.**

**Michael Connolly said that he feels that the federal proposal would burden California less, and the federal bill would even out rent burdens across the board.**

**Motion:** Luis Saldivar                      **Second:** Matt Wait                      **Vote:** Yes-7, No-3, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar
Matt Wait					

**No**

George Skarpelos	Michael Connolly	Tom Meredith
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**Abstain**

Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner
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**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

14. Finance

- A) Report by the Treasurer

**Adam Miller summarized HUNC's remaining budget ballot and the expenses they've incurred, including printing, catering, and mailing expenses.**

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

- C) Discussion and vote on August Monthly Expense Report for submission

**Motion Made: Motion to approve the August 2019 Monthly Expense Report for submission**

**Motion:** Adam Miller                      **Second:** George Skarpelos                      **Vote:** Yes-12, 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	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

D) Discussion and possible motion to reimburse Luis Saldivar \$40 for keys he purchased

**George Skarpelos explained that for some reason it had not happened during the last fiscal year, and that he has clarified that it was okay with the city.**

**Motion:** George Skarpelos                      **Second:** Adam Miller                      **Vote:** Yes-12, 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	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

15. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

**Brandi D'Amore announced that someone had intentionally shut off access to the meeting location twice today by closing gates.**

16. Old/Ongoing Business

17. New/Future Business

Adjournment at 10:32 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.