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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 11, 2019, 6:30 PM Fire Station 82 Annex 1800 N. BRONSON AVENUE, L.A., CA 90028 Second Floor Conference Room

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Welcome

6:35 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

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

Andrew Chadsey Michael Connolly Fouzia Burfield

Excused

Adam Miller Julia Eschenasy

2. Approval of Minutes

George Skarpelos clarified that the minutes were not produced by the usual minute-taker.

Tom Meredith had several notes: on item 7B, it should be "acknowledge". Also, where Matt Wait asks what the previous business hours were, it should be clarified. And where it says CUB, it should be CUP. On page 6 in 12E, "Tom Coyote" should be "Tom and Coyote".

Brandi D'Amore said that under 4A, what was discussed was that after the council file went through, all the renters that were non-RSO had a huge increase. She added that the "tenancy in common" discussion was not even put into the minutes. Sean said that he spoke about tenancy in common and having HCID track it and a stopgap motion for no-fault evictions. Also, under 7B, the first paragraph: the restaurant used to belong to a former board member, it does not currently belong to a former board member. It is also Ana D'Amato, not "Anne".

Erin Penner said that in item 6C, it does not say who said that the national night out was a successful event. Mr. Skarpelos added that it was him. Also, it says it was recommended by a former treasurer, so they can just put Tom Meredith. In number 4, "form" should be "from". Also, it should be "homeless people are being placed".

Andrew Chadsey said that in 6C, he was saying that it was not their event, and part of the conversation of the letter was that they did not confirm insurance, but it was LAPD's event, so he didn't think that HUNC should be penalized.

Susan Swan said that there should be clarifiers in 13B, about properties being used for production, and this is not allowed in RSO properties.

Motion Made: Motion to approve minutes with changes made.

Motion: George Skarpelos Second: Tom Meredith Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

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

Abstain

Luis Saldivar Sheila Irani

IneligibleFouzia Burfield

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

Susan Collins introduced herself, saying she was running for City Council of District 4. She wants truth and transparency, but also wants programs that generate effective and non-biased community outreach that also creates a pathway back to the City Council office. She believes that council members should not vote based on their opinion, but rather on the views of their constituency. Regarding homelessness, she thinks they need to start addressing the root causes of homelessness, getting them into proper treatment to stem the problem. She is hosting a meet and greet this Friday at Franklin and Company.

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

Sean Starkey introduced himself as a field deputy with Councilmember Farrell's office. In October, the signs for the 201 PPD got hung up, so about 8 blocks got covered in the initial expansion of the 201 PPD. It's the line where the 101 curves up and down Vine Street, with Santa Monica as the southern border. Most of their area is part of a PPD. Planning's website now has a portal to have complaints filed. Their walkability program is in full swing overnight to find and report obstructions on the sidewalk. It will not hamper 1st amendment activities. They will also be starting local voluntary oversight committee to rebuild the Hollywood Rec Center and its field and playground area. In the next coming weeks, they should be announcing a winter shelter for transitional housing for youths 18-24. They'll start with 30 beds for the first year. There are a few final details, so he does not want to jinx it by announcing it early. He also wants to trigger them on Council File 19-1305. One flaw in a new law designed to cap rent increases and stop no-fault evictions is that there is no enforcement apparatus. They filed a motion for the city attorney to do outreach, reporting and an enforcement mechanism.

Brandi D'Amore asked if it matters who the agency is if it's RSO, and Sean says that RSO is already protected, and that there is not agency currently overseeing or protecting.

Lee Thompson asked about the Hollywood Parade, and Sean said that it was happening.

Brandi D'Amore asked about potential closures on Highland coming up for construction, and Sean said that they were almost done. Officer Brian Thompson said that he thinks she is talking about a different thing for pipe work under Highland Avenue, and says it has not happened yet.

Matt Wait asked if there was any way anyone not attending this meeting would know that there is going to be a complete traffic disaster for the parade on December 1st, and Jeff Ramberg said that it happens every year, and that there are banners.

Senior Lead Officer Brian White introduced himself, and said there are no major changes. He tried to keep track of the crime trends over his absence of the last few months. They've seen a small increase in aggravated assaults. He clarified that there are different categories, and most of it gets skewed by the Hollywood Hills West area. There were also a few burglaries from motor vehicles, and residential burglaries, but they are still under numbers for the year. He said that they have been dealing with a chronic trespasser who has been plaguing the Dell lately. SLO White has been working on a trespassing case to file against this individual, to get some stay-away orders and also to transfer his case into the mental health courts. It's all been non-violent so far, but he does find places around residences to sleep at night, and does talk nonsense and display alarming behavior. SLO White said that they have a homesharing enforcement that's now in effect, so anyone experiencing anything related to homesharing should call that hotline in addition to calling the LAPD and emailing/calling their Senior Lead Officer. He thinks this homesharing ordinance has potential, but that the community needs to call that non-emergency hotline as well.

George Skarpelos said that the party-house ordinance was billed as going in conjunction with the house-sharing ordinance, and one of the precepts was that the initial fine is only \$150 and requires that the police cite them. That way they go on notice and will not be able to rent the property for another month. But at the very least, he thinks the enforcement has to be consistent and the citations are key. SLO White said they are still sending a party enforcement detail on Friday and Saturday nights. He has worked a few of them, and that most of the parties he is seeing are one-off parties, although there are a few properties that are chronic offenders. Mr. Skarpelos asked if they compile a list of frequent party houses, and SLO White said that he does frequently check in on ones he knows, but that he relies on the input of the community to identify the chronic ones.

Stakeholder Robert asked about the trespasser, and whether they've contacted any of the Hollywood E16 homeless outreach teams to make contact. SLO White said that they may or may not have. The officers have contacted the individual, and SLO White has contacted

the individual himself, and it has been ineffective.

Brandi D'Amore asked if there was a composite profile of the individual, and SLO White said he was male, African-American, 5'8"-5'9", balding on top, very thin, with a beard, maybe 35 years of age. He also discussed the city ordinance about trespassing, and said that the signage that needs to be posted to have the ordinance apply is "This property is closed to the public, no entry without permission 4124 LAMC", and is written in the municipal code verbatim. With some of the properties, they have no signs. Other properties have signs, but the wording is not correct.

Officer Thompson introduced himself, saying he is the SLO assigned to the Hollywood Entertainment District. It intersects on the southwest side of HUNC's area. He reported that they have had a continuation of positive trends: they are down 9% in violent crime and 12% in property crime compared to their stats last year. They did have alarming spikes in street robberies prior to Halloween, and the majority of them were happening in the entertainment district, and mostly cell phones or purses were being stolen. Typically, victims were walking around late at night or early in the morning, and in a lot of occasions they were approached by more than one subject and many subjects used electric scooters to approach and then escape. There have also been some alarming armed robberies. Western Avenue has been particularly subject to armed robberies using firearms. On Marathon and Western, a victim was held up in their car at gunpoint last weekend between 2 AM and 4 AM at a gas station, and he noted that the gas station is known for frequent illicit activity. Typically, jewelry, currency, and cell phones were taken in armed robberies.

SLO Thompson said that at Hollywood and Ivar there was a shooting recently; a subject's girlfriend got into a fight with a group, and the subject could not get her away from the group, so he retrieved an assault rifle from his trunk and fired four rounds into the street. No one was injured. As a result, he was immediately arrested. There was another shooting that happened two weeks before that in front of Star Hookah at 6430 Hollywood Blvd. In this instance, a patron was ejected from inside the premises around 2:30 AM. He was upset with someone inside the establishment. He was with another person, and one of them pulled a handgun and fired at the other individual. 2 street vendors were hit, but are expected to make a full recovery. They are working hard on a nuisance abatement case for that operation, since it is one of numerous incidents associated with Star Hookah. He said that he is very excited to collaborate with HUNC on an upcoming project on December 7th.

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

- 5. Community Updates
 - A) Discussion and possible motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File 19-0600 recommending recommends that the Mayor present his Proposed Budget on February 1st, 80 days earlier than the charter mandated date of April 20th

Jack Humphreyville introduced himself, and said that the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates passed a resolution for the mayor to present his budget on February 1st instead of in April in the interest of transparency. Basically the current situation is the mayor is required by the charter to release his budget on April 20. There is a vast amount of material to go over, usually over 1500 pages. About a week to ten days later, the budget and finance committee starts their hearings. There's about 40 hours of hearings and interviews with various departments. The public comment is a joke, with 1-2 minutes at the beginning of the morning and afternoon sessions. The other thing is between the mayor's proposed budget and the adopted budget it changes about 0.5%. So he believes the budget hearings are a big farce. So they are proposing they introduce the budget 80 days ahead of time to give people time to review it: budget advocates, stakeholders, media. So they are proposing they introduce it on February 1st; they asked the mayor to do this, but he blew them off. Also, regarding the editorial in the LA times, when they started on April 18th with the budget, they were supposed to have a surplus for the next 4 years. Six months later, on October 24th, the city administrative officer filed a financial status report that had a little bit of a difference. This year the budget was supposed to be balanced, but instead, they'll be 2-4 million dollars short. So it seems that City Hall is not doing its homework. Also, labor contracts with city services were negotiated and deals were made behind closed doors. They only got 1 minute of public comment each, and were blown off. In addition to losing a lot of money, they've been through a bull market. They have huge pension liabilities and deficits.

George Skarpelos asked for clarification, whether they need a council vote to change the charter. He clarified that it simply means no later than April 20.

Sheila Irani asked if they can realistically have a full budget to review by January. Jack said that the state puts together a full budget for \$210 billion by January 10. He says they can even put together an incomplete budget just to get discussion going.

Tom Meredith asked, starting July 1 they would see a calendar stretching out into the next April, and that it usually says that they are still doing interviews with organizations and services in February. Jack said that the mayor usually puts out his policy goals in Mid-September. He then requests the departments to come up with their budget memos by November. So they essentially ask them to start working on their budgets seriously in December or January, and he thinks they could move that up considerably.

Matt Wait asked when the council votes on the budget. Jack said that the council is supposed to adopt it no later than June 1st. He added that Budget and Finance has hearings for a couple weeks. Then the committee makes its recommendations in a memo. The difference between the proposed budget and the adopted budget is miniscule.

Mr. Meredith said that he thinks it's a bold, important move that could give the public and Neighborhood Councils more opportunity to have input. Mr. Wait asked whether they should support a change in the charter, and Mr. Skarpelos said that it was a more complicated process. Jack said that the city government is very reluctant to screw around with the charter.

Ms. Irani asked how many NC's supported this, and Jack said that around 10 so far have.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File 19-0600 recommending recommends that the Mayor present his Proposed Budget on February 1st, 80 days earlier than the charter mandated date of April 20th

Motion: Tom Meredith Second: Luis Saldivar Vote: Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

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 Sheila Irani

Susan Swan Tom Meredith

Ineligible

Fouzia Burfield Julia Eschenasy

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

Margaret Marmolejo said that the LAPD does a wonderful event every year providing presents to children who are likely not to receive presents. They will hold it at Paramount Studios this year, and the community center by the police department will be the receiving station. The party will be December 14 at 9 AM.

7. Executive Committee

A) Report by the President

George Skarpelos said that he has written a response to the admonition letter, and included a copy of the first one in the packet, and the basic premise is, they've had exemplary financial records, and that the NPG was approved, and that they did not spend anything on items not approved. And the issue of the lack of timing for the city clerk to review an expenditure for a dunk tank for the national night out, they did make sure that there was insurance there, and they are trying to promote better communication with city agencies. They felt the abbreviated review time was acceptable. When Mr. Skarpelos talked to the city clerk's office, she said that it was good to receive financial training, and she did not mention that everyone had to do it by October. Mr. Skarpelos said that he is all for the city clerk making sure expenditures from NC's are on the up and up, only that he felt their process was a little severe. They said that for those who weren't able to take the training over the retreat, they could use an online video and Survey Monkey test. Once those people do it, they will have all complied.

Sheila Irani asked if the whole situation was fueled by the patio furniture, and Mr. Skarpelos confirmed that it was, and also that they didn't give enough time for the city clerk to view the insurance for the dunk tank at the National Night Out, despite the fact that HUNC made sure there was insurance, and that they were not the ones putting on the event. He clarified that the money has been paid and that their funding has not been frozen.

Brandi D'Amore asked if anyone has met their new budget rep, and no one had.

Mr. Skarpelos then discussed the Public Records Act request which was in response to Joseph's Café and their conditional use permit from last month. They asked for a lot of documentation. They've put together a list, and Mr. Skarpelos asked people to send him the information, and he will collate the documents into a PDF to send. As of last Monday, he told them that they need six weeks to compile the data. Mr. Skarpelos added that if the board members text about something, it could very well be involved in a public record request.

Andrew Chadsey asked if they need both sides of each conversation as attachments, even if emails show the other part of the conversation. Mr. Skarpelos said that if he or Jim Van Dusen are on the email chain, he should not worry about submitting.

Ms. D'Amore asked Mr. Skarpelos to meet with her to go over what text messages she needs to send.

8. PLUM Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Jim Van Dusen said that they did not have a meeting, and had no projects ready to be heard. There should be a meeting next month.

Stakeholder Lee Thompson asked if they could post a message on the website next time there is no meeting. George Skarpelos said that he takes the meeting off the calendar if there is no meeting. Mr. Van Dusen says that the city planning review board sends the agenda out with a huge message saying that there is no meeting.

9. Outreach Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Tom Meredith said that there was no Outreach meeting.

- 10. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee
 - A) Report by the Committee Chair

Erin Penner said that the last meeting, they talked about the recent fires within HUNC boundaries and ways to help in the area, which was tricky. They did not have a clear way to help with the encampment fires. They did have a few ideas.

Brandi D'Amore said that they considered using sprinklers, doing rounds with firefighters. Ms. Penner said that an LAFD captain had an idea to install sprinklers around the city near homeless encampments to mitigate fire risks, but it was shot down because the homeless residents might damage or tamper with the sprinklers to use them for drinking water or bathing.

Ms. Penner said that the downside of the First Aid class was that the budget did not go through, so she had to spend her own money for lunch. Ms. D'Amore clarified that it was not that the budget didn't go through, but that the Treasurer did not get all the paperwork. George Skarpelos added that board members should follow through with the treasurer on numerous occasions.

B) Update and discussion of upcoming survey (using SurveyMonkey) in regard to crime and LAPD experiences in the HUNC area.

Tom Meredith said that he has been traveling for the past several weeks in a row, but is not going anywhere until the end of the year, which is why he has not implemented the SurveyMonkey survey that is similar to the last crime survey they did a year ago, asking residents about their experiences with crime. Andrew Chadsey asked if they were taking comments on what to include, and suggested asking them if they feel they know how to effectively communicate with the police when they need help. He added that they could also invite the public to learn how to use keywords on the phone with police to get certain types of responses. Ms. D'Amore added that the police officers said that they may be being misled by stakeholders, since dispatch only takes down information.

Mr. Meredith added that they need to promote the survey better when they finally do field it. Ms. Irani suggested using or buying the email addresses from people who voted in the last NC election. Mr. Skarpelos directed Ms. Irani to look into that. Ms. D'Amore said that she thought the idea of using voter emails for this purpose was slightly invasive.

Ms. Penner said that they really need to get the word out to renters in the area. Matt Wait said that in the Renters' Committee, they have a map and a list of all the rental property addresses, and they can bulk mail things if they need to, which can reach renters in their area.

Mr. Chadsey asked if they would consider doing a mailing to everyone in their area requesting them to interact with their local government to have them send email addresses if they want to participate. Ms. D'Amore clarified that the map they have does not have names of people or units, only addresses.

C) Update on Hollywood Hills Evacuation Exercise on November 16

Brandi D'Amore said at that meeting, they had representatives from all the NC's plus Chief Hogan's team, Emergency Management, LADWP, Animal Management, and Parks and Rec. The schedule will be tinkered with, but it will outline the evacuation exercise. There will be three areas: Hollywood Hills west, in HUNC, and nearby HUNC. There will also be a command post. They are going to stagger the notices, HUNC will start at 10:10, and everyone participating in NotifyLA will get the notice that the evacuation has started. Firefighters will be knocking on participants' doors with their go-bags, and they will meet at their designated meeting area. After they have met, they will then be directed to come to the Mears Center where the resource fair will be set up. No animals are permitted, and there will be a park there for the kids, and they are considering having food trucks after the event. It should all be done and broken down by 1:00 PM.

George Skarpelos said that people can participate merely as an observer, and observers will be allowed into the area, though they will probably have to register. Ms. D'Amore clarified that everyone on Notify LA will get the notification, but it will make clear that it is an exercise. Ms. Penner said that she has pushed for people to sign up for Notify LA.

Jim Van Dusen said he was concerned, since his house was in the middle of one of the areas, the fire trucks were set up in front of his house as a fire line, and that his neighbor's house almost burned down. But what impressed him was that the LAFD and the DOT were so prepared and ready to address the fire. His concern is that the neighbors don't know about the exercise, and the

Hollywood Home Association has its own quirky issues. His concern is that in his area, he is not sure how many people know that the exercise is a drill, since there are actively burning fires right near his area and the area is on edge. He would like material to pass out to neighbors to tell them it's a drill. Ms. D'Amore said that only people who signed up for the exercise would get doorknocks. Mr. Van Dusen said that neighbors will still see their other neighbors being evacuated by LAFD. He would like to have very specific information to pass out to people. Ms. D'Amore said that they had already made clear that they will not be printing out fires.

Margaret Marmolejo suggested instructing participants and firefighters to verbally notify people that it's a drill.

Ms. D'Amore said that it has been blasted on Facebook, Empower LA, Sean Starkey's email list, every major homeowner association, every major exposure level there is, and it's frustrating when people don't know about it.

George Skarpelos added that Fernando Morales sent him a motion for the LA Philharmonic to operate the Ford Theater for the year.

- 11. Homelessness and Social Services Committee
 - A) Report by the Committee Chair

George Skarpelos asked for any updates from committee members.

- B) Update by Committee Members on local homelessness and social service related events happening in the HUNC or greater Hollywood area
 - Erin Penner said that there is a hunger and homelessness resource fair at LACC soon, and that the showers are still going in the area, and that Shower of Hope needs volunteers for the showers this weekend.
- C) Discussion and possible motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File 19-1090 Families Experiencing Homelessness / Hotels: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-1090 First: Rodriguez (CD 7), Second: Harris-Dawson (CD 8); Currently in: Homelessness and Poverty; Last Action: 2019.09.18 Summary: Requests the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) provide a report that identifies the services offered across motels currently being used to provide shelter to families experiencing homelessness, and to provide practical recommendations to ensure greater consistency of services in these motels.

George Skarpelos said that according to Adam Miller, it helps provide shelter to families experiencing homelessness and greater consistency of services in them.

Matt Wait explained that participating motels in the program allow homeless to rent a room for the night and be reimbursed by a voucher from the city. There have been reports of substandard conditions, so the CIS will help address them. He said that homeless people deserve safe, clean places to sleep.

Stakeholder Robert spoke in support of this motion, saying that he has helped families involved in this program, and that some of the motels are horrible, and none of the stakeholders or board members would ever want to stay in them. He is not directly involved in the program anymore, but he has been in the hotels and released vouchers, and some of the conditions are disgusting.

Michael Connolly asked if there was any teeth to the CIS, or any penalty. Mr. Wait said that there was not teeth yet, but that the CIS was designed to direct the city to begin enforcing and bring teeth to the enforcement.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File 19-1090 Families Experiencing Homelessness / Hotels

Motion: Matt Wait	Second: Ar	ndrew Chadsey Vo	ote: Yes-28, No-0, Abstain-		
Yes					
Andrew Chadsey	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Coyote Shivers
Erin Penner	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jeff Ramberg
Jim Van Dusen	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Margaret Marmolejo
Matt Wait	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani	Sheila Irani
Susan Swan	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith	Tom Meredith		
Ineligible					
Fouzia Burfield	Fouzia Burfield	Julia Eschenasy	Julia Eschenasy		

D) Discussion and possible motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File 19-1177 Encampment to Home Program / Citywide Expansion: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=%2019-1177 First: Bonin (CD 11), Second: Price (CD 9); Currently in: Homelessness and Poverty; Last Action: 2019.10.02

Summary: Asks for a report on the Encampment to Home program, including an analysis of factors that contributed to its success, recommendations for further refinements, and recommendations for expansion of the program Citywide, including resources needed to do so.

George Skarpelos said that Adam Miller explained that it would be a little more complex to get a report because it is an independent program.

Matt Wait said he was not as familiar with this specific program, but the city has seen the success of this program and wants to know how to replicate the success in their own programs. According to the motion, 93% of those who moved into a permanent unit remain housed a year later.

Stakeholder Robert spoke in support of the report, and clarified that CES in the report refers to the Coordinated Entry System. He said that centralizing housing through the CES is making the process slower and more difficult. He thinks they should be talking more broadly about the bureaucracy and delays that the CES creates. He still supports the CIS.

Andrew Chadsey highlighted in the article mentioned in the motion, the people going to interact with the homelessness had housing guaranteed, so it changed the conversation to be more successful.

Michael Connolly asked how many resources were needed and if they really need to spend money to have another report. Brandi D'Amore said that the reports help provide context via demographics. Mr. Connolly said that this was such a desperate crisis that they did not have time for more research.

Stakeholder Susan Collins said that she likes this model, but she wants the communities to have more say, and the piece that's missing is asking neighbors what they think of the newly housed neighbors in order to alleviate some of the NIMBY-ism by highlighting their experiences living near housing for the homeless.

Mr. Chadsey thinks they need to do the report to figure out how to reframe the conversation, and that the report can help highlight factors that gave outreach success so that they can have the data necessary to restructure the system.

Stakeholder Robert supports the report because it will show that Encampment to Home was successful because it bypassed the CES, which is failing, and the report will help show that.

Ms. D'Amore said that the fact this has come up is because enough people in different areas know that they need information to come up with decisions.

Mr. Wait read from the motion, and emphasized that the report will include recommendations for how to expand the program and fund the program, which will take more analysis.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File 19-1177 Encampment to Home Program / Citywide Expansion

Motion: Luis Saldivar Second: Matt Wait Vote: Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

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Tom Meredith **Abstain** Coyote Shivers **Ineligible**

Fouzia Burfield Julia Eschenasy

12. Transportation & Works Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

George Skarpelos said that Adam Miller reported that correct paperwork had been filed for NPGs, so TAP cards and other items should be on their way.

Jeff Ramberg said that the committee will probably dark for the next month, but if there is anything urgent it will go directly to the board.

- B) Update on St. Andrews Stairs; report on current project feasibility and the possibility of alternative locations *Tabled*
- C) Discussion of possible Metro Bike Share locations in HUNC area to pass on to CD13 roll out of Metro Bike Share Program

to Hollywood

Jeff Ramberg said that they were thinking of suggested Franklin Village, Hollywood and Western, Hollywood and Vine, and the Argyle/Yucca triangle as possible locations.

Erin Penner said that there was just a report from Metro that the bikes are being frequently stolen.

Mr. Ramberg said that they have some say, but it is not really up to them.

Stakeholder Robert said he notices that throughout the city, they have removed handicap blue curbs to put metro bike shares in, and he thinks that is not okay, and wants to protect the ones they have.

D) Update on Dockless Transportation Meeting at Durant Library

Brandi D'Amore said that Hollywood Hills West had a meeting with numerous transportation entities: Bird, Lyme, Lyft, Sherpa, and Wheels, and the city had a problem with Uber's data sharing, so they may be pulled. It is becoming clear that multiple neighborhoods are having a problem with dockless transportation and that the communities were never involved in the permit process. There is also no insurance required to ride them, and the increase in injuries was discussed. She said that there was a lot of double speak from the company representatives. It is coming down to the communities to try and educate.

She added that one of the biggest problems is underage riding, with parents setting up accounts and having the kids ride on their accounts. They have asked that the community ask the parents to stop doing that. She said that they need to start pushing back as a Neighborhood Council on the companies. She added that people should be using My311 to report scooters parked in places they shouldn't be, someone riding on the sidewalk, or people wearing earbuds. They need the data, and it will be up to the NC's to push the police to start ramping up enforcement and citation, as well as pushing for regulation. Sheila Irani added that the scooters should at least be as safe as a bike. Ms. D'Amore said that the company reps did indicate that they would be open to learning how to behave in an emergency.

E) Discussion and possible motion in support of a Letter of Recommendation to the Department of Transportation (LA DoT) for the placement of a 'No U -Turn' sign on Eastbound Franklin of Bronson

Jeff Ramberg said that if everyone on the board approves, they will submit a request to LADOT and a letter of recommendation. There have been a number of cars that make a U-turn at the location which unsafe due to pedestrian foot traffic and the narrowness of the street.

Susan Swan said that they will simply make a U-turn at Canyon. Brandi D'Amore said that Uber has frequently made U-turns, and that they were told that they can't ticket unless there is a sign saying "No U-turn".

George Skarpelos said that drivers are only allowed to make a U-turn in an intersection commercially zoned, so a U-turn would be illegal at the proposed location anyway. Ms. D'Amore said that there had been two crashes into the utility pole near the location, so they need to have some kind of warning.

Stakeholder Lee Thompson thinks that it's needed, but that the problem here is that there are stoplights on Bronson and Franklin, and he almost gets hit at least once a week by people making U-turns. Having one in the proposed location serves the same purpose.

Ms. Swan asked if they are recommending a traffic study, and Mr. Ramberg clarified that they may not need a traffic study based on community support, and that a NC letter of recommendation can speed up the process.

Motion Made: Motion in support of a Letter of Recommendation to the Department of Transportation (LA DoT) for the placement of a 'No U -Turn' sign on Eastbound Franklin of Bronson

Motion: Jeff Ramberg Second: Brandi D'Amore Vote: Yes-12, No-1, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

No

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

Susan Swan **Abstain**Coyote Shivers

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F) Discussion and possible motion to request the bureau of street lighting to add a utility light across from 1909 N Beachwood Dr. on the Cheremoya Elementary School side of street

Andrew Chadsey said that it's actually DOT since they own the utility pole, and that there is a light across on the other side, but it's engulfed in a tree and is on a curve with a blacked-out fence. There's repeated property crime there, and it's an uncomfortable transition for people walking in his opinion. He also put in a request for Senior Lead Officer White for crime stats, but since he is no longer present, he can't present them.

Stakeholder Lee Thompson asked what he means by a utility light, and Mr. Chadsey said it would be a light attached to the pole, not a new streetlight. Mr. Thompson asked if it would be like the lights in the Cheremoya parking lot, which provide ample lighting and ambient light. He then provided examples of other ambient lighting in the area. He said that there is a streetlight in front of 1909 Beachwood Drive.

Michael Connolly asked if he was opposed to this measure, and Mr. Thompson said he was, since there's already enough light, they just need to prune the tree. Mr. Skarpelos said that the tree is within the city easement, and Mr. Thompson added that the city can ask the property to trim it, and that the cost of trimming can be subtracted from their property tax bill. He added that almost all the apartment buildings along the area have sufficient exterior lighting. Ms. D'Amore says she does not believe it will be sufficient because they have had crime in the area.

Mr. Chadsey said that the property crime in his opinion happens because the cars and the blackout fence on that swerve make criminals feel safe. This light would put light right above that location. The other piece is that he talked to urban forestry and looking into getting the tree trimmed, and they are two years plus out and aren't taking requests. Susan Swan added that it would be temporary since the tree would grow back. Mr. Chadsey said that the reality is the structure of getting the trees trimmed back is not functional. So he thinks they should try to improve the walkability of the neighborhood.

Michael Connolly thinks anything that makes people feel safer at night is what they should do. Also, they could probably get Rachel from the city to give the property a ticket even if they can't get the city to trim the tree.

Sheila Irani said that she knew an LADWP program to attach utility lights to poles, but the homeowner has to agree to pay for the electrical bill. Mr. Chadsey said that they would probably reach out to the school, but that the utility light is a separate thing from the light pole, and that they were told differently by the bureau of lighting.

Ms. Swan said, since the overhang is on public property, the city can trim it, and they can't compel the homeowner or give them a ticket. Mr. Connolly clarified that they can give a ticket if it's encroaching on city property.

Mr. Skarpelos said that he thinks it's a dark area, and that there is not sufficient ambient light.

Jim Van Dusen thinks it is a good idea since parking is more restricted thanks to the PPD's coming, so parking is being pushed into other areas.

Stakeholder Thompson added that he had put in a My311 request in October for the tree trimming issue, and suggested that everyone put in a 311 request about the issue, and that it is streetlight 864.

Motion Made: Motion to request the bureau of street lighting to add a utility light across from 1909 N Beachwood Dr. on the Cheremoya Elementary School side of street

Motion: Andrew Chadsey Second: Brandi D'Amore Vote: Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

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 Sheila Irani

Susan Swan Tom Meredith

Ineligible

Fouzia Burfield Julia Eschenasy

G) Discussion and possible motion to write a letter to CD4 in support of additional light figure and / or tree trimming on Beachwood Dr near Cheremoya Elementary

Jeff Ramberg said that this is just the tree trimming related to the issue.

Andrew Chadsey said that if you go up Franklin near Beachwood, and that there are a lot of lights covered up by trees.

Stakeholder Lee Thompson said that he was all for it.

Sheila Irani said that she was in favor of pruning the trees, and asked why the Neighborhood Council couldn't put funds to hiring a local business to trim the trees there. George Skarpelos said that if that is legal, they should certainly look into doing it.

Motion Made: Motion to write a letter to CD4 in support of additional light figure and / or tree trimming on Beachwood Dr near Cheremoya Elementary

Motion: Andrew Chadsey Second: Brandi D'Amore Vote: Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

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 Sheila Irani

Susan Swan Tom Meredith

Ineligible

Fouzia Burfield Julia Eschenasy

H) Discussion and possible motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File 19-1002 (18-0091) and discussion and possible motion in favor of a Letter of Recommendation to CD 4, the Mayor, and the appropriate Departments requesting a review of feasibility for a similar program in Griffith Park http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-1002 mot 08-30-2019.pdf

First: Martinez (CD 6), Second: Krekorian (CD 2), Rodriguez (CD 7); Currently in: Passed by Council; Last Action: 2019.10.02

Summary: Nine (9) City of Los Angeles parks would be improved to capture and divert up to 2,912 acre-feet of stormwater and urban runoff per year into subterranean infiltration galleries to recharge the San Fernando Groundwater Basin.

Jeff Ramberg said that the first couple of these issues were passed, but they can still submit CIS' on them. Brandi D'Amore said that at the Congress of Neighborhoods, the city said that they did want NCs to submit them in that situation.

Jeff Ramberg explained the Council File, and to ask that the stormwater capture project also be rolled out to Griffith Park. Sheila Irani and Andrew Chadsey discussed the engineering and infrastructure challenges necessary in expanding that capture program. Ms. Irani said that they were talking about it 20 years ago and it just never happened.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File 19-1002 (18-0091) and a Letter of Recommendation to CD 4, the Mayor, and the appropriate Departments requesting a review of feasibility for a similar program in Griffith Park

Motion: Jeff Ramberg Second: Andrew Chadsey Vote: Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

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

Tom Meredith Abstain Coyote Shivers Ineligible

Fouzia Burfield Julia Eschenasy

I) Discussion and possible motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File CF 19-0986: Micro-trenching for Utilities https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0986
First: Blumenfield (CD 3), Second: Rodriguez (CD 7); Currently in: Passed by Council; Last Action: 2019.09.13
Summary: Decrease the minimum installation depth requirements for substructure utility placement and to make an applicable adjustment to the Street Damage Restoration Fee for substructure utilities placed via micro-trench and other similar installation methods.

Jeff Ramberg said that this council file also passed, but they can use a CIS to express support or condemnation.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File CF 19-0986: Micro-trenching for Utilities

Motion: Jeff Ramberg Second: Michael Connolly Vote: Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-3, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Erin Penner George Skarpelos Jeff Ramberg Jim Van Dusen Luis Saldivar

Margaret Marmolejo Michael Connolly Sheila Irani Susan Swan Tom Meredith

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey Coyote Shivers Matt Wait

Ineligible

Fouzia Burfield Julia Eschenasy

J) Discussion and possible motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File 19-0885 Next Gen Bus Study / Operational and Infrastructure Improvements / Reliable Service https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0885 First: Bonin (CD 11), Krekorian (CD 2), Second: Blumenfield (CD 3); Currently in: Passed in Council; Last Action: 2019.09.18 Summary: LADoT should report back with a list of priority bus-supportive infrastructure projects needed to support the NextGen bus service plan, with an emphasis on near-term improvements that can be implemented concurrently with

each phase of NextGen, and that LADoT form a NextGen Bus Speed Engineering Working Group co-chaired by the Metro CEO and the LADoT General Manager, or their designees, and establish a regular meeting schedule, at least monthly.

Tabled: Jeff Ramberg said that this also already passed, and it is supporting Metro's next-generation bus study to improve congestion and idling wait time. The city is hoping to start this in 2020, and end it by 2025.

Jim Van Dusen said that the issue of the transportation problem is integration of their system, buses with subways, etc. He believes the study needs to involve the relationship with the rail system. Mr. Ramberg said that the study will only cover buses because it was proposed last year when the major issues involved buses. Mr. Van Dusen isn't sure this is going to help.

Andrew Chadsey asked if they can add it into their CIS to encourage the addition of studying integration with the rail system. Sheila Irani said that they already passed it.

K) Discussion and possible motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File 19-0002-S163 SB127 Wiener Complete Streets for Active Living - https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0002-S163

First: Koretz (CD 2), Second: Bonin (CD 11); Currently in: Passed in Council; Last Action: 2019.09.20 Summary: SUPPORT for SB 127 (Wiener), Complete Streets for Active Living, which would make significant changes to Caltrans' programming, planning and capital improvement processes to incorporate complete street elements into projects in specified areas by providing safe mobility for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit vehicles, truckers and motorists.

Tabled: Jeff Ramberg said that it was more controversial, since this one was passed recently, but the city indicated support, the CA state legislature passed it, and the governor vetoed it. It would have CalTrans prioritize not just cars on the highways. So in LA, they can still send a message to the council that they support it. He added that it overwhelmingly passed both houses of the legislature, so they could have voted to override the veto, but for some reason they did not. The governor's reason for vetoing was equally nebulous.

Brandi D'Amore said that the governor supports it, but apparently balked at the prescriptive and expensive approach of the bill. Matt Wait added that it was actually less expensive to do it this way.

Jim Van Dusen asked if it has been re-introduced, and Mr. Ramberg said that it would just be telling the city that they want the city to investigate these things, since they do share some jurisdiction with CalTrans on certain state roads, and could create some pushback. Mr. Van Dusen asked how this would affect community plans.

Tom Meredith suggested tabling it until they get more information on it.

L) Discussion and possible motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File (CF 19-1213) WAZE GPS Navigation: https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-1213 First: Krekorian (CD 2), Second: Koretz (CD 5); Currently in: Transportation Committee; Last Action: 2019.10.08 Summary: Asks the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance that would amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to expressly prohibit the use of digital applications and digital infrastructure to re-route vehicular traffic that is inconsistent with office City street designations.

Jeff Ramberg said that this Council File is still in committee and explained the summary of the Council File.

Brandi D'Amore said that it was not an easy decision in committee, and Mr. Ramberg said he was really opposed to this one because he does not think it's the right solution. The motion is basing their reasoning off of an exception in the CA state law that directing traffic is not covered by the 1st amendment, and this motion is saying that giving directions is directing traffic, so it's making the city able to censor the internet anywhere it involves "giving directions" and "directing traffic". Ms. D'Amore argued that even with 1st amendment rights, there's always been an issue of public safety trumping personal rights.

Michael Connolly said that he thinks the problem isn't necessarily Waze, and agrees with Mr. Ramberg. He likes the ability to complain about Waze coming on his street, but also likes to be able to use Waze to get to where he needs to go.

Sheila Irani can see the safety concerns in her neighborhood, as well as added traffic congestion. She doesn't know what's going to happen if there's a fire. Mr. Ramberg clarified that his issue has to do with one sentence in the file.

Stakeholder Lee Thompson agreed with Mr. Ramberg, saying that as soon as technology is created, somebody will find a way to abuse it. But that's that company's problem, not the fault of the technology.

Susan Swan said that she agrees with Mr. Ramberg.

Ms. Irani says that the congestion is proving that the algorithm is failing.

Mr. Van Dusen said that he likes the theory of the idea, but as far as trying to regulate it, he doesn't see how this is going to be regulated by ordinance because an electronic use should be regulated is that if that street is jamming up, you put a sign up to close it down or put up signs to control the traffic. He doesn't think it would survive a court case.

Ms. D'Amore explained that the streets are classified based on what type of passage they think it will be, which determined whether they get stop lights, etc. But people are using the street in a way it was not set up for. Also, when people tune into electronics giving them directions, they tune out and don't have the cognizant ability to recognize if they're not on the right street.

Mr. Ramberg said that cut-through traffic is a big problem, but that this council file is not the right solution.

Andrew Chadsey thinks they are seeing problems between internet technology and their police force and traffic, etc. And trying to get the streets used as they're designed seems like a step in the right direction.

Ms. Irani said that the maps they use in the app come from the city, so they can definitely program that into the app and they chose not to do it. She thinks they do need to limit it.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File (CF 19-1213) WAZE GPS Navigation

Motion: Brandi D'Amore Second: Sheila Irani Vote: Yes-4, No-9, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Andrew Chadsey Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Sheila Irani

No

Coyote Shivers Erin Penner George Skarpelos Jeff Ramberg Luis Saldivar Matt Wait

Michael Connolly Susan Swan Tom Meredith

Abstain

Margaret Marmolejo

Ineligible

Fouzia Burfield Julia Eschenasy

13. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Margaret Marmolejo said that they had a guest speaker come who has been doing murals around the city. She came and explained all the ins and outs of doing a mural around the city. She has the philosophy where if there is art on the street where people can pass by, it can affect people in a positive way.

Stakeholder Lee Thompson said one of the points the speaker brought out was, they talk about the homeless people, but where they're living is their home, and these murals are on the wall, trying to improve the quality of their life. There's a current trend afoot to get away from the "homeless" label, because they are technically unhoused, since wherever they are is their home.

Ms. Marmolejo added that that is going to help them when they want to do more art in the area. Also, youth representative Julia Eschenasy spoke about what she wanted to do on the committee, including getting young people to submit ideas and knowledge to help improve the community.

She added that regarding the CERT class, the earliest they would have one would be in March. She also asked about CERT class level 2, but apparently there's no such thing that the LAFD has, they only provide the beginning class. But there are other groups that provide higher level CERT training.

Stakeholder Thompson asked when they would meet next, and Ms. Marmolejo said it would be not this Thursday but the following Thursday assuming the Annex is available. Stakeholder Thompson asked if Renters' Committee would do the same, and Matt Wait said that Renter's would probably go dark this month as well.

Ms. Marmolejo added that the Tai Chi instructor who they had spoken with previously said that she would be interested in meeting again about collaborating.

Brandi D'Amore said that she confirmed that the LAFD offers CERT 2 training, it just has to be arranged through Red Cross.

- B) Report by the Youth Representative
- 14. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Matt Wait said that they passed some CIS' which will go to next meeting. They reopened their discussion of having a renters' rights workshop, and they decided they would go to a couple workshops that HCID does, audit them, pick one, and invite them to give a presentation here. Also, they presented the map of all the renters' units within HUNC boundaries. The original purpose was for outreach, and they touched earlier about logistical issues involved with that. However, they came up with a pilot program to use this data to target and find someone to fill the Renters Area A seat on the board.

15. Finance

A) Report by the Treasurer

No report from the treasurer.

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

Tabled: George Skarpelos said that the budget had not changed.

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

George Skarpelos displayed and explained the Monthly Expenditure Report for October 2019. He asked the council to think of ways to spend the money that they have.

Stakeholder Lee Thompson asked what was up with the new bulletin board that was supposed to be in, speaking of budgets. Erin Penner said that the bulletin board was purchased, it was sitting in the Annex office. It was finally opened, and is a freestanding bulletin board that requires a post, so now they either use it and buy the post (they can no longer return it).

Motion Made: Motion to approve pending Monthly Expense Report for October for submission

Motion: George Skarpelos Second:		om Meredith	Vote: Yes-34, No-0, Abstain-0		
Yes					
Andrew Chadsey	Andrew Chadsey	Angel Izard	Brandi D'Amore	Brandi D'Amore	Cesar Cervera
Coyote Shivers	Coyote Shivers	Crissi Avila	Ellah Ronen	Erin Penner	Erin Penner
George Skarpelos	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jeff Ramberg	Jennifer Davis	Jim Van Dusen
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait
Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani	Sheila Irani	Stephanie C. Rowe
Susan Swan	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith	Tom Meredith		
Ineligible					
Fouzia Burfield	Fouzia Burfield	Julia Eschenasy	Julia Eschenasy		

- 16. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda
- 17. Old/Ongoing Business
- 18. New/Future Business

Adjournment at 9:38 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.