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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, January 13, 2020, 6:30 PM**

**Fire Station 82 Annex**

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

**Second Floor Conference Room**

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Welcome

**6:37 PM start**

1. Roll Call

**Attending**

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

**Excused**

Susan Swan

2. Approval of Minutes

**George Skarpelos apologized for sending the minutes out only last week, since they are extensive. Andrew Chadsey suggested tabling the approval until later in the meeting to give the board time to go over them.**

**Jim Van Dusen said that on page 7, item c, CEQA is misspelled. Andrew Chadsey said on page 4, item IV.A., under his name, the second line down, it seems to come back that they have to volunteer for that, and he would like to change it to say that "we" have to use volunteers for that.**

**Motion Made: Motion to approve the minutes.**

**Motion:** Sheila Irani      **Second:** Luis Saldivar      **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-3, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

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

**Abstain**

Adam Miller	Coyote Shivers	Michael Connolly
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**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

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

**Raymond Yu introduced himself, and announced that the 2020 Women's March in Downtown LA is taking place this Saturday and**

*marching up to LA City Hall by 12:00 noon. There is also a walk taking place on Saturday at Olivera street. It ends at the LA state historic park, 12:00 noon to 3 PM. Also the Chinatown Golden Dragon parade will happen on February 1st. The LA marathon will also be starting this month in their neighborhood.*

*Mike Greenspan introduced himself, and said that he's been to a lot of HHH oversight committee meetings. He said that the bond only gives them enough to build a little over a thousand units. At the very end of the oversight meeting last month, the board members said that they would need another bond in order to deal with the homeless problem. Herb Wesson has already put the city council and the mayor on record as being for raising citizens' income tax. They are using this homeless issue as an excuse to raise California's taxes.*

*Anna Castro from the Childrens' Hospital of Los Angeles introduced herself and said they conducted their 2019 community needs health assessment, and brought postcards to share a brief snapshot of LA county's health needs. As community leaders, they wanted to share the info with them. The postcard summarizes what the needs assessment is, and provides feedback related to the assessment and where people can find it.*

*Stakeholder Sherry from Kids Voices Matter said that as a community, they have to realize it's communities who make safe passages for children. It's communities who make life comfortable for children, and there are a lot of homeless children out there, and children who are being abused. She has a Kids Voices Matter page that she can update them on, and said that all of us as a community have to come together to make safe passages for kids all around.*

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

*Rachel from Councilmember Ryu's office said that her office encourages NC's to send in locations for beautification. Street vending goes into effect this year; the city created a permitting system, so if you're concerned about a particular street vendor the city will go out and educate them about the requirements for the permits they need. Also, she brought some annual reports from the office that also report on what the office has passed. The 2020 homeless count is also coming up, and they need as many volunteers as possible to get an adequate count every year. Metro also announced its draft of its next-gen bus study; once it gets approved, they'll be holding a series of meetings in February and March. They are taking a look at increasing bus frequency and improving customer experience, so it will be great to get feedback from the stakeholders.*

*Brandi D'Amore asked if they would prefer if people would contact the office directly or go through the 311 app. Rachel said that some items such as large obstructions or debris would be better to contact the office directly.*

*Matt Wait said that the Hollywood Homeless count now says that it now says 1 AM to 3 AM; Ms. D'Amore said that she was able to sign up for an earlier shift, and Mr. Wait said that the website may have been in error.*

*Luis Saldivar asked how the enforcement of the street vendors goes about. Rachel said that the Bureau of Street Services has hired 18 investigators for this program, and that the first infraction only gets a civil citation.*

*Erin Penner said that there was a vendor who was in front of Tommy's harassing people on the street, and how they should address that. Rachel said that they could put in a My311 investigation request.*

*Sean with Councilmember Farrell's office introduced himself, and said that for the Vendor program, they did a walkability program to address obstructions in the way of Hollywood Blvd., and they got them to allocate budget for 4 street investigators who act to remove obstructions on the walk of fame. A lot of the obstructions are 1st amendment issues, so they cannot remove them. Mobile vending cannot be removed as well. The flag vendor is not on the walk of fame, and the citations that apply to him will never escalate into an arrestable offense. Also, the Speedhome program will return on the 29th of January, so if you live on a street with a lot of traffic and not on a hill larger than 7 degrees, sign up at 8 AM on the 29th. It is a completely community-driven process. They also did a motion to change the hours of smaller pocket parks by residential buildings and homes. They did 3 parks in Hollywood to change their hours to from sunrise to sunset. The Academy Awards are coming up, and they will be holding a community meeting on the 22nd at Hollywood and Highland. Street closures start a week out, and the day of, Hollywood shuts down. About the Hollywood homeless count, Hollywood has an active neighborhood, and one area of the count already has over 300 people signed up. But stakeholders can go to different areas to volunteer. The winter shelter opened on December 1st is doing well, they are not at capacity yet. The YWCA should be expanding the number of beds for women by march. Also, the sidewalk program drafted an environmental impact report. For some reason, the closest meeting on it is at Lafayette Park.*

*Sheila Irani asked if the winter shelter served adolescents, and Sean said that the shelter serves males 18-24.*

*Ms. D'Amore asked if Sean could expand on the Gower drinking fountain issue. Sean explained that the one on Gower was put in during peak heat season and they weren't sure how long they would last. They moved the one on Carlos and Tamarind since it was so close to the Gower one.*

*Mr. Saldivar asked if the drinking fountain program was successful, and Sean said that it was, and that it could be said that they need more drinking fountains. Ms. D'Amore said that it was contentious because the Gower fountain was attached to a fire hydrant. Sean said that when their council office puts stuff places, it's weird how they get attacked from both sides.*

*Senior Lead Office Bryan White introduced himself, and said that they had reductions in violent crime last year. This year, there is going to be a new emphasis to solve some of the more quality of life issues regarding crimes like thefts from vehicles and thefts from persons. He said that all of his areas had reductions in crime, but individual issues have popped up that are specific to certain neighborhoods.*

*Stakeholders Sherry asked, regarding the vehicle and purse thefts, if they were in residential areas or parking lots and event areas. SLO White said that they've had both, and have had trending crime towards Lake Hollywood areas. They have had a lot of break-ins there because of holiday traffic. The biggest way to curb that is to keep things that even look valuable out of their cars.*

*Sheila Irani said that Lake Hollywood experienced more break-ins this Christmas for cars than they'd experienced in the last few years, and asked if there was any way LAPD could do a sting operation with Spring Break coming up. SLO White said that it is possible; what typically happens is it takes undercover officers, a chase car, and it is labor intensive. The LAPD address places where they can maximize their return on time, and it has been done in the Hollywood area. There still are higher vehicle theft numbers in the entertainment district. He is happy to put in a request for that.*

*Stakeholder Ryan said that on the westside there's been a big increase in car break-ins, and it's a gang from the bay area that has come in.*

*Andrew Chadsey asked if they could request a camera to put in place in the area. SLO White said that it is another option, but that is a city-wide thing. Ms. Irani said that the Hollywood Chamber already makes money off of licensing the sign and has cameras, and wanted to know if there was any way they could filter the feed to the LAPD, and Mr. Skarpelos said that Ms. Irani should spearhead that effort.*

*SLO White also announced that former SLO Ben Thompson has been promoted to detective in a different jurisdiction, so they will have a new SLO for the Hollywood Hills area. The new officer will be announced Wednesday. Ms. D'Amore asked if SLO White would be dealing with the issues he currently is until completion, and he said that some issues he would, but they are taking a collaborative approach to most issues.*

*Mr. Skarpelos said that they have always appreciated SLO White and Thompson's dedication, and they look forward to seeing their relationship continue.*

*Lorenzo from DONE passed out a handout about the bylaw amendment process; the deadline for submitting amendments will be April 15th for this year.*

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

*Brandi D'Amore said that she attended the Los Feliz public safety meeting on active shooters, and it's something they might want to consider in this neighborhood. The run, hide, fight training was very informative. She also attended the CERT preparation meeting for animals, so they have more guidelines for how to handle preparation for animals, perceived animal cruelty in the homeless committee, and animals in cars. There was an animal care department sweep recently; if they hear or see an animal and the address is not in their registry, they get a citation; however, there is a 30-day correction period.*

*She also attended an Office of Historic Resources HPOZ meeting: they have a zone from canyon to Garfield, and they didn't know that they could be involved with us and we could be involved with them, and they want us to attend their meetings and will be attending PLUM.*

#### 6. Community Updates

##### A) Presentation by Daniel Tamm from LA Sanitation

*Brandi D'Amore said that she would be recording his presentation for the record.*

*Daniel Tamm introduced himself, and thanked the council for giving him time to speak. He has a sense of urgency because they are in the wet weather season in LA, which will go until mid-April. He will talk about 7-8 things, then look at a video.*

*Mr. Tamm said that at LA Sanitation and Environment, they are LA's environmental and public health protection agency. They prepare every year for the wet weather season. They've cleaned about 40,000 storm drains, which are where the catch basins are to catch debris. When it's raining and flooding, those grills go down so they can allow in as much water as possible. They have 4 water reclamation plants to process as much water as possible, and when it's raining they have a team servicing drains as much as possible. They also have a Storm Commander with a war room and cameras everywhere in touch with everyone throughout the city who are servicing storm drains and monitoring flooding areas. [www.lacitysan.org](http://www.lacitysan.org) is where stakeholders should be checking out for tons of information; they also have an 800 number for a customer care center that covers LA sanitation issues.*

*Mr. Tamm then went on to talk about the straws on demand issue. They've tried it for a year; eventually there will be fines, but*

they want to educate vendors about this so they can all cooperate together as far as sustainability is concerned and so they can limit single-use plastics. What they won't be relaxed about is illegal dumping. They have Call it, Curb It: if you wait to put it out until the night before, they will pick up items no matter how huge. But they now have penalties for illegal dumpings: punishable by a fine from \$200 to \$20,000 and jail time. Surveillance cameras are being installed, and undercover and uniformed agents will be helping with enforcement.

Mr. Tamm said that regardless of what people have heard, they are not landfilling recyclables. They are dealing with things that end up in recycling by mistake, or because people don't care. He also drew attendees' attention to safe drop-off zones, home composting, and other recycling issues. He then introduced a video giving an overview of the LA Sanitation and Environment roadshow. Mr. Tamm added that purple pipes, as seen in the video, mean recycled water.

Mr. Tamm said that a number of things talked about in the video are out on the table for stakeholders.

Stakeholder Mike said that he's a recycling hobbyist, and asked if they are putting recyclables through a material recovery process, and Mr. Tamm said that they are.

A stakeholder asked if they are drinking recycled water, and Mr. Tamm said they are not yet, but the mayor has set a goal for the city to drink entirely recycled water. He said that there is a pilot program in the valley that is filtering water via ozonation and natural ground processes, and that water will be able to drink. They are charged with reaching 100% recycled water by 2035.

Stakeholder Sherry said, regarding the straw program, Yoshinoya Beef is using a cup that's like a sippy cup for coffee, which eliminates the paper from the straw, and that should be considered.

A stakeholder thanked Mr. Tamm for such an elegant presentation, and making it more popular for young people and more positive. Mr. Tamm said that the young people are also leading this effort too.

Matt Wait said, with regards to illegal dumping, there is an area blocked off for ADA access across from the building, and people keep dumping illegally there. Someone keeps dumping huge piles of dirt there, and he had to put in 2 My311 requests for it. He asked if there is any way he can flag issues as repeat issues, or trouble areas. Mr. Tamm said that he would suggest using 311 and calling the customer care number to report a trouble spot.

Brandi D'Amore said that a lot of people have issues with enforcement of sanitation around an encampment, and asked what the response time was between a My311 request and CARE sweeping an encampment. Mr. Tamm said that they work closely with CARE to address places that need to be tended to; usually it is a couple days, but it depends on what the issue is, what the needs are, and what equipment they'll need. They used to only be in a reactive mode, but now the CARE teams are proactive. If they work with the council office, they can work with the CARE teams to address issues more effectively and on a regular schedule. Ms. D'Amore asked if wet weather poses a contamination problem with the buildup of trash that they're seeing. Mr. Tamm said that they are always monitoring that, and contaminants get into the sewers all the time. The difference is they now have state-of-the-art reclamation technology to clean the water. Ms. D'Amore asked if that includes human waste, and Mr. Tamm said that it does.

Andrew Chadsey asked if there is a particular department if someone was concerned about a pandemic or disease that they should reach out to specifically, and Mr. Tamm said that he did not know the answer, but that they do work with the Center for Disease Control. Mr. Chadsey asked if there's a department to direct people's concerns, and Mr. Tamm said they should go through the customer number. Mr. Chadsey also asked if LA Sanitation and Environment wanted reports of people taking recycling out of bins, and Mr. Tamm said that that was not a focus for their department at this time.

Ms. Penner asked about the Green Alley program, and Mr. Tamm said that it is up to individual councils to make suggestions about where to put them.

George Skarpelos asked about the issue of bulky item pickup, and when they called Sanitation about picking up a large rug they wanted to get rid of, and Sanitation said they'd have to cut it up into two-foot sections. And therefore, the policies currently encourage just dumping the rug and claiming it's someone else's to make an easier pickup. Mr. Tamm said he would look into it, and that they can check it out as well. Michael Connolly said that he had a similar situation with a carpet, and he used My311 with no difficulty. Mr. Tamm suggested binding/bundling bulky items up.

Jim Van Dusen said that there is another option: he's put a lot of stuff out on his curb with a sign that says "free", and it worked in getting rid of it. Mr. Tamm said that he was lucky, and suggested recycling items or giving them to Goodwill before they even get to bulky item pickup.

#### B) Report by the Youth Representative

Julia Eschenasy said that her report is about the tree canopy in LA. At her school and her friends' schools, there's been a lot of conversation about the Australia fires and conservation going into the new decade. The benefits of the tree canopy are that it provides shade, counteracts the heat effects of asphalt and concrete, and provides runoff. Trees only cover 21% of LA, well below the national average. There's also a disparity in the tree canopy, where affluent neighborhoods tend to have more trees. There are

*non-profits that give communities free trees, which they could take advantage of.*

*George Skarpelos said that at The Dell Memorial Day picnic they give out free trees, and encouraged stakeholders to attend.*

## 7. Executive Committee

### A) Report by the President

*George Skarpelos said that the committee had discussed transitioning to a new email system, and about finances. Also, they discussed that they have roughly \$37,000 left in their budget, so they should think about spending money on projects or events. He encouraged the board members to think about non-profits and organizations they know who could use the money, since the end of the fiscal year is coming.*

*Also, they have a lot of stuff in their office, and they need to purge some of it. They have set a date for Saturday, February 1st to do a HUNC office cleanup, and asked if Lorenzo could attend, since they would probably be giving things back to DONE. Lorenzo said he could.*

*Mr. Skarpelos added that they talked about food, and thought it was important that other board members should be responsible for getting food for the board meetings besides Adam Miller and Andrew Chadsey. Luis Saldivar, Fouzia Burfield, and Matt Wait volunteered to choose and pick up food for future meetings. Brandi D'Amore said that they should be getting food within the council's neighborhood boundaries.*

*Mr. Skarpelos added that everyone who has an NPG or CIP, whoever brings it to the board should work with the submitter to get that form finalized instead of throwing it on Mr. Miller's shoulders to get it finalized. Mr. Miller said that he will go through the NPG forum and have a discussion on how to fill it out.*

### B) Discussion and possible motion to approve Sheila Irani and Erin Penner as Co-Chairs of the Social Services and Homelessness committee

*George Skarpelos said that he has done a lot of work on the committee and as treasurer, and cannot do both, so suggested Sheila Irani and Erin Penner replace him as co-chairs.*

**Motion Made: Motion to approve Sheila Irani and Erin Penner as Co-Chairs of the Social Services and Homelessness committee**

**Motion:** George Skarpelos      **Second:** Adam Miller      **Vote:** Yes-20, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

#### **Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Angel Izard	Brandi D'Amore	Cesar Cervera	Coyote Shivers
Crissi Avila	Ellah Ronen	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg
Jennifer Davis	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani
Stephanie C. Rowe	Tom Meredith				

#### **Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

## 8. PLUM Committee

### A) Report by the Committee Chair

*Jim Van Dusen said that there was nothing to report.*

## 9. Outreach Committee

### A) Report by the Committee Chair

*Erin Penner said that they talked about things that were already on the current meeting agenda.*

### B) Discussion and possible vote to approve \$1,000 for a direct mail campaign to locate a renter's representative for Area A

*Matt Wait explained that thanks to former board member Chona Galvez, they compiled a list of renters in their boundaries, and found that Area A had only 404 addresses, so it would be cheaper to reach out to them directly with a letter.*

*The motion was amended to say "up to \$1,000".*

*Tom Meredith asked why they wanted to do a letter rather than a postcard, and Mr. Wait said that they could absolutely do both.*

**Mr. Meredith liked the personal nature of a letter.**

**Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$1,000 for a direct mail campaign to locate a renter's representative for Area A**

**Motion:** Adam Miller      **Second:** Tom Meredith      **Vote:** Yes-20, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Angel Izard	Brandi D'Amore	Cesar Cervera	Coyote Shivers
Crissi Avila	Ellah Ronen	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg
Jennifer Davis	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani
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**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- C) Update on the upcoming CD4 candidate forum and current coordination with other NCs

**George Skarpelos said that he had been in discussion with several neighborhood councils about having a CD4 candidate forum. When CD13 had their election, he tried to get other NC's to do a forum, and the result was that Mitchell Farrell did not show up to any of them. He felt that if they want the councilmember to show up, they need to band together and be a part of it. He talked to David Ryu about it, and Councilmember Ryu said if they got others to do it, he would be a part of it. Mr. Skarpelos said that he thinks the optics would be bad if he did not show up to a forum involving multiple neighborhood councils, considering he is head of the community responsible for them. Dan McNamara from the Los Feliz NC has been heading the effort up, and has secured a location for the forum on February 16th at 4 PM. The biggest question is parking; there is some parking there, since it is a Sunday there won't be a lot of other things happening there. Mr. Skarpelos said that they want to do it early enough to make sure it's before the new voting window.**

**Mr. Skarpelos said that they should all plan on coming and being a part of it. Adam Miller said that they will have to get in their sponsorship paperwork quickly as well as the other independent stuff like the budget item, etc. by end of week.**

**Luis Saldivar asks if Mr. Skarpelos is spearheading the event, and he said that he and Erin Penner are heading it up since most NC presidents have endorsed David Ryu and so have recused themselves. Brandi D'Amore added that the proposed venue, John Marshall High School, have allowed the event to take place their as long as one of their students could ask a question of the candidates.**

## 10. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

- B) Discussion and vote to approve funding for up to \$2,500 for CERT Training course beginning in either March, April or May to include, but not be limited to food, beverages, incidentals and branded emergency back-packs

**George Skarpelos summarized the nature and purpose of CERT training. Adam Miller asked if they had any remaining backpacks from the last training session, and Mr. Skarpelos said that they had about 15, and that's why they were asking for \$2,500 instead of \$3,000.**

**Motion Made: Motion to approve funding for up to \$2,500 for CERT Training course beginning in either March, April or May to include, but not be limited to food, beverages, incidentals and branded emergency back-packs**

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

**Yes**

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

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

## 11. Homelessness and Social Services Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

**Stakeholder Michael asked if Homelessness and Social Services committee members would be attending HHH committee meetings. Mr. Skarpelos said that they always encourage stakeholder input, and encouraged Michael to attend the meeting and report back to the board.**

- B) Discussion and possible motion to have the board write a letter of support for the Kingdom Warriors plan of addressing

homelessness to City Council

*Matt Wait introduced Dr. Desire, CEO of the Kingdom Warriors foundation started in Skid Row with homeless youth. Their main focus is on housing. Currently, they have a CAM/CAD method that can direct a robotic arm to create the shell of the building while reducing manufacturing waste. The method is called contour crafting, and they will be partnering with the creator of the method for the initiative. They are renovating and testing the arm to build multi-level buildings in weeks instead of months. They have applied for rapid rehousing funding, which they were denied. She then introduced staff members who were present; they are a group of people born and raised in LA. They are trying to get funding the right way, but the red tape has stopped them from doing that. They're trying to get a center for mental health, and are now engaging with encampments to deal with issues like typhoid, disease, etc. The encampments have said that engagement is inconsistent. She thanks HUNC for focusing on the needs for housing the homeless, and currently with their proposal, they don't have the money or powers of developers, so it is up to the council and bodies like it to come through.*

*She gave the council a letter that Mayor Garcetti which was sent to Ben Carson and President Trump following the housing committee visit, and said that Kingdom Warriors has direct links to Federal Clearance, but that they need state and local support. Next week, Coldplay is playing for New Way of Life, and frontman Chris Martin will be a sponsor in building a new location. Current on Western and Gage there's a facility that used to be the Hostess bakery, and is next to Nipsy Hustle's building, and they want to turn it into a performing arts center.*

*She added that they also pre-screen homeless individuals, and said that they would like to show homeless people in a different light, and highlight homeless families. The promoters who put the Coldplay show together were supposed to save 300 tickets for homeless youth, and they have now said that they are not allowed to come. This is not something that Chris Martin would have allowed, since he approved the idea for the Hollywood Palladium event. The performing arts center would also give homeless youth a name and a voice, and would help to alleviate mental health issues like depression and suicide. A lot of programs out there are not catered to the youth.*

*Stakeholder Michael asked if they were advocating an increase in the state income tax, and Dr. Desire said that she was not. If people like LAHSA actually does right with their funding, they won't need an increase.*

*Sheila Irani asked if they have engineering studies that show the CAM/CAD method is environmentally sound. Dr. Desire said that with the increase of homelessness, they don't have any other option but to try anything but the complacency that has taken hold.*

*Brandi D'Amore said that they don't necessarily disagree that the method will be cheaper, but they have a responsibility to see if the structure will be actually sound. Dr. Desire said that they are testing the method in Haiti, and had sent a video to the board about it, although the board had not received it. She added that it structures the building stronger. Ms. D'Amore asked if there was documentation to support that, and a stakeholder added that there are buildings that have been constructed already using this method in other cities. Ms. D'Amore asked if they have a deadline when this needs to be submitted. Dr. Desire said that there was not.*

*Luis Saldivar asked if he could see the video.*

*Andrew Chadsey clarified that they are only asking the council for support in looking into a different way of building housing, and that it would need to conform to city building codes anyway. Mr. Chadsey asked if they were asking for funding as well, and Dr. Desire said they were; Mr. Skarpelos said that it would have to be requested in the form of an NPG.*

*Jim Van Dusen asked if the Homeless Committee vetted this item, and why Mr. Wait supported it. Mr. Wait said he agrees with the doctor that the city needs to look at all options to alleviate homelessness, and that it costs half a million dollars per unit using the current process, which will not house all the people that HHH said it would. And the city should at least look at this method, even if it doesn't bear out. There were also no dissenting votes on the committee.*

*Ms. D'Amore said that in the way the letter is written, in the last paragraph, it is assuming that they are encouraging this specific model as the de facto model of construction instead of investigating it as an effective model. She would ask that it encourage research.*

*George Skarpelos said that his biggest question was what the homeless committee thought; if all they are asking is the support of the NC to look at this option, he does not see it as a negative thing. They are not asking the council to give money to this project.*

*Ms. Irani encouraged the change that Ms. D'Amore suggested.*

*Motion Made: Motion to have the board write a letter of support for the Kingdom Warriors plan of addressing homelessness to City Council, with suggested changes to encourage research.*

**Motion:** Matt Wait                      **Second:** Andrew Chadsey                      **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

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

**Abstain**

Coyote Shivers

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

## 12. Transportation &amp; Works Committee

## A) Report by the Committee Chair

**Jeff Ramberg said that their biggest issue did not make it on the agenda: the traffic light at Franklin and Canyon. The city according to a study announced that it warrants consideration for a light. They have asked to hold for a vote for the NC's support until March or April.**

## 13. Non Profit, Education &amp; Arts Committee

## A) Report by the Committee Chair

## B) Discussion and possible motion to spend up to \$2000 for a mural near the Bronson Canyon Playground

**This item was moved up to after 6B.**

**Sheila Irani said that Sophie Pleshette is the artist they funded for the Lake Hollywood park. The right playground at Bronson is scheduled for an update, the left one is not, and the mural will be for the left one.**

**Sophie said that there is a long, low wall at the park, and she loves the idea of kids being able to interact with a space and make art themselves, so she proposed having shapes on the wall to act as miniature chalkboards for kids to color them, and it will be bordered by her own art. She thought they could also put a mailbox in with chalk for children to draw on the mural in. She would also like to use bright colors to brighten up the playground.**

**Brandi D'Amore said that Jerry Hahn has gotten in touch with her, and wanted Sophie to use flora and fauna for the local environment. Stakeholders had also reached out to her saying that it might be a magnet for graffiti. Ms. Irani said that the process will take months before they can put paint to wall, and that if there's anything the stakeholders want to include things in that process, they can. Sophie said that in her experience taking her son to the park for years, there has been almost no graffiti. Ms. Irani added that the department of Rec and Parks will put an anti-graffiti coating on the mural, and Sophie will be in charge of its maintenance for the next 3 years after installation.**

**Jim Van Dusen said that they are seeing more of people getting upset about increased tourism, and asked if the Oaks board has approved. Ms. Irani said that they have received positive responses from members of the board. Mr. Van Dusen recommended making sure the Oaks was on board.**

**A stakeholder added that taggers want to be seen, and the wall is so far back and low to the ground that it won't make a big target for them. She asked how the chalk would be replenished, and Sophie said that she thought it could be a metal enclosure and that they could have a sign with an honor system asking people to bring their own chalk.**

**Adam Miller asked who they would be funding this project to. Ms. Irani said she had asked Lorenzo from DONE what to do, since it would be for Sophie, who is not a non-profit. Lorenzo said that a Community Improvement Project might be appropriate.**

**Motion Made: Motion to spend up to \$2000 for a mural near the Bronson Canyon Playground**

**Motion:** Sheila Irani                      **Second:** Coyote Shivers                      **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-3, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith	

**Abstain**

Brandi D'Amore	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar
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**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy



## C) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$1,300 for a Tai Chai Association NPG

*George Skarpelos introduced Susan, representing the Association NPG. He said that she had submitted a type of NPG, but would need to resubmit it according to the NPG form and work with Margaret Marmolejo.*

*Susan introduced herself as a representative of the Tai Chi Chuan Association founded over 50 years ago. They have been practicing in the same spot every single morning for over 50 years, and have been recognized by the city and the state of California for their contributions to public health. They are asking for about \$1,266 to pay their insurance, which keeps going up, to provide emergency first aid kits, and to do more outreach. When they do printed materials, they would put the council's logo and name on their materials. They would also like to create a banner and take-home materials for their students with the NC logo on them.*

*Adam Miller asked if this was a non-profit, and Susan confirmed that it was a 501c3. They are entirely donation-based, and they have many people who have come for years who like to donate. Mr. Miller asked that nothing purchased with that money is utilized to raise funding in any way.*

*Ms. D'Amore said that she has an ethics issue about providing money for advertising, because that's providing advertising funding for businesses. She asked what's preventing other people from asking why they did not support other nonprofits or businesses. She wants to make sure that they don't run into trouble with the office of the clerk. Sheila Irani asked what she considered advertising, and Ms. D'Amore said the banner and the cardstock could be considered. Luis Saldivar asked if she would approve it if it was ruled OK by the city, and she said she would.*

*Erin Penner asked if they were allowed to fund insurance, and Mr. Miller said that they could, since this is more of an event, and they have paid insurance for street closures, dunk tanks, etc. for events before.*

*Jim Van Dusen said that he had a sense of unease about potentially funding private enterprise.*

*Matt Wait said that he personally doesn't see a good reason not to fund it, it seems more like a recurring event, and it's a non-profit. He thinks this is exactly the kind of thing they would want to support.*

*Mr. Van Dusen repeated his sense of unease about financially supporting a private enterprise that happens to be held on public land. Sheila Irani added that there is precedent.*

*Andrew Chadsey said that the broadness of it makes him nervous. He thinks it's wonderful, but the buying of excess food to take home gives him pause. He also agrees with Mr. Van Dusen.*

*Jeff Ramberg thinks that it is a compilation of things that the council has done and funded over the years, put together as one event.*

*Erin Penner agrees that it is something an NC should support.*

*Tom Meredith said that he would like to distinguish funding that goes to things like first-aid kits, logos, etc.; he does not have a problem with food except for the fact that it is to take home. He also drew a distinction between paying for things and services, like insurance.*

*Fouzia Burfield asked if there was a way to make a decision after it's been redrafted and verified, and to table it and decide later.*

*Sheila Irani said she was in support of it, especially with the demographics it brings in. If it grows, it's only good for the NC since their name will be associated with it. And there's not a lot of money being requested.*

*Michael Connolly added that the committee approved it, and that he hears what everyone is saying, but it goes to a demographic that is underserved in the community.*

*George Skarpelos thinks that they do want to do outreach, and if there is some group that comes to a park in their boundaries that they can introduce the NC to, that's not a bad thing. However, his other concern is, he would like to know who else they have gone to for money, and who else funds them, because if it's only the NC funding it, it isn't sustainable.*

*Ms. D'Amore asked how many months of classes will this funding provide, and Susan said that it is for March until June.*

*Mr. Ramberg added that they have funded ongoing operating costs before for Shower of Hope in the same capacity, and have funded vouchers for it, which gives money directly to businesses.*

*Susan added that the insurance was for the year, and some of the items would be a one-time cost for them, like the first aid kit.*

*Mr. Chadsey asked where exactly the donations actually go, and for transparency about where the money is going and who is in charge of it.*

*Mr. Miller said that when it comes down to it, even if they approve it, if they reach out to the clerk's office and they say it's null and void, then the BAC won't work. He asked Susan to bear in mind that it could still be vetoed even if the NC votes to approve.*

*Susan said that as far as being a business, she is a board member, another board member is their primary teacher, another is the treasurer, who only takes the money, notes it, and puts it in the bank account. They have operated for 50 years without going to any neighborhood group at all; it only occurred to her that since they are operating in HUNC's backyard, they thought they should come to the board and see if they wanted to affiliate with them. HUNC is the first group they have come to. As far as transparency, if DONE wanted to see their bank accounts or donations, they could provide them.*

*Ms. D'Amore said she was comfortable with everything but item 1 and item 5 on the draft NPG.*

*Susan said that with regards to the food, they've had some people who have come into their group who have become homeless. Other people are on a very fixed, limited income. One reason that members will go and buy snacks is that there are people who are in need. The group also provides a sense of dignity as well. Also, DONE guidelines say that when groups hold functions, they are allowed to provide food at that function.*

*Ms. D'Amore said that she was concerned still about the making of the food, and Mr. Skarpelos said that regardless, the city clerk will tell them what they are allowed to do. Ms. Irani said that with fresh food, they might have to get a health permit. Mr. Skarpelos clarified that pre-packaged food was fine.*

*Mr. Skarpelos said, regarding insurance, he feels like they do the insurance up until June, and it's something that's in their boundaries, they can get their name out and connect with groups and stakeholders.*

*Ms. Irani asked if they should add to the NPG to prorate insurance for 18 weeks, and added that they cannot extend an expense beyond their fiscal year. Mr. Meredith suggested they take the insurance part out and come back to them in July to fund the insurance for a year. Susan asked if it would make more sense to come back with the NPG in July, and Mr. Skarpelos said that Susan could do both. Ms. Irani suggested that they go through the steps now in case they hit roadblocks.*

*Mr. Miller said he would send the entire draft NPG to the clerk's office for comment, and would add the note that the insurance is intended to extend beyond the fiscal year.*

**Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$1,300 for a Tai Chai Association NPG as is listed within the handout.**

**Motion:** Luis Saldivar                      **Second:** Sheila Irani                      **Vote:** Yes-9, No-1, Abstain-4, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Luis Saldivar
Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani			

**No**

Tom Meredith

**Abstain**

Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Fouzia Burfield	Jim Van Dusen
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**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

14. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

*Matt Wait said that at the meeting they talked about the Area A outreach and the CIS. They also talked about having HCID come out to give a renters' rights presentation in their district regarding RSO housing. One of their stakeholders, Angel, went to their presentation and brought back materials that the committee thought were pretty good. They wanted to ask Adam Miller if he had a contact at HCID for setting up this presentation.*

B) Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board file a CIS in support of Council File 19-1381 Asset Management Framework / Zoning Entitlement Changes / Affordable Housing Opportunity Sites / Affordable Housing Development / Optimization

[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-1381\\_mot\\_11-08-2019.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-1381_mot_11-08-2019.pdf)

Summary: The Council instructs the City Administrative Officer to integrate into the City's Asset Management Framework a process to initiate proactively and secure any necessary zoning entitlement changes for Affordable Housing Opportunity Sites to optimize housing density, increase certainty and enhance project delivery

*Matt Wait said that this would be basically looking at what they need to do to change zoning to allow more affordable housing to be built. These affordable housing opportunity sites are areas that the city has picked out for city-owned property that is ideal for*

*building affordable housing on, but they might not be zoned for the kind of dense development required for a large affordable housing project. The are basically asking the city to take a look at what kind of zoning changes are necessary to build affordable housing on city-owned land. It would be continuing to send the message to city council to do everything at their disposal to create more affordable housing.*

*Jim Van Dusen asked if this was the same as when they were trying to open the Friends of Waverly property. Mr. Wait said he did not know; George Skarpelos clarified that it was being built on public land, but that the charter of Griffith Park where it was being built specified that it not be used for development. Mr. Wait said that there was nothing about the way the CF was worded that suggests it was designed to weigh in on that issue.*

*Mr. Miller said that he was still trying to figure out how to connect with the relevant parts of HCID.*

**Motion Made: Motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 19-1381 Asset Management Framework / Zoning Entitlement Changes / Affordable Housing Opportunity Sites / Affordable Housing Development / Optimization**

**Motion:** Matt Wait                      **Second:** Sheila Irani                      **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

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

**Abstain**

Coyote Shivers

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

15. Finance

A) Report by the Treasurer

*Adam Miller said that they have a couple items; if he had an NPG or paperwork on it, it has been submitted to accounting, and it should be paid out soon. This includes the shower vouchers, money for metro cards, and other projects. The problem is in reviewing other funding items, nobody submitted NPGs, so he will need people to take the lead on trying to get the NPGs and make sure they are correct. They have also decided to ask for more documents on their purchases for Triangle Square.*

*Mr. Miller read out NPG items for people to take the lead on:*

*George Skarpelos volunteered to take the lead on the money provided for new microphones and audio equipment.*

*Erin Penner volunteered to contact the End Homelessness people to get them an NPG.*

*Mr. Skarpelos volunteered to contact Angie about book money.*

*Brandi D'Amore volunteered to take the lead on the Cheremoya mural NPG.*

*Regarding Family Radio, Mr. Miller asked if they were paying them via check or credit cards, Ms. Penner said that that was through Amazon, and required them to purchase FCC licensing, and she was not sure if they were allowed to do that. Mr. Miller said that it was a city clerk question. Ms. Penner said she will email Mel about submitting an NPG.*

*Mr. Miller said that they have approximately \$38,000 left to spend, and that the MERs did not generate because the city funding website is experiencing technical difficulties. The website has been having loading issues and receipt issues. The MER issues had to be tabled as a result.*

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

*Tabled: Tom Meredith raised concerns that they had to spend \$38,000 in four months; Adam Miller added that they can carry money over into next fiscal year and next year is an election year.*

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

*Tabled*

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

*Tabled*

- E) Discussion and possible motion to update the Standing Rules Financial procedures ([http://hollywoodunitednc.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Standing\\_Rules\\_12-17-18.pdf](http://hollywoodunitednc.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Standing_Rules_12-17-18.pdf)) item number 2 to say:

The Treasurer may spend at his or her discretion up to \$350 for Board Meeting Outreach per Board Meeting

**George Skarpelos explained that once they figure out the money for food for 20/25 people, if they have a big issue where 30/40 people come or they need to print a bunch of stuff, \$350 gives the council more room to spend. Adam Miller added that everywhere they get food has raised their prices, so there is no way they can get the food necessary for only \$200.**

**Motion Made: Motion to update the Standing Rules Financial procedures ([http://hollywoodunitednc.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Standing\\_Rules\\_12-17-18.pdf](http://hollywoodunitednc.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Standing_Rules_12-17-18.pdf)) item number 2 to say:**

**The Treasurer may spend at his or her discretion up to \$350 for Board Meeting Outreach per Board Meeting**

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

**Yes**

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

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

16. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

**Matt Wait said that he brought up the need to possibly update their homeless outreach guide to include food on foot; if there are other service providers in the area or if hours have changed, and maybe winter shelter hours; if anyone knows of services to add, let him know.**

**Brandi D'Amore said that at the HPOZ meeting, they were not concerned if the balustrade was replaced, only what kinds of materials were going to be used since it is a historic object. Adam Miller said that if you look at the map in the council file, they drew a line around the stairs to exclude them. Ms. D'Amore said that they said the base of the stairs is in it.**

**Tom Meredith said that they did talk in the Exec Committee meeting that they would change the website domain to .org, so they would need new cards, etc. George Skarpelos said that they had not approved anything yet.**

**Michael Connolly said that the Oaks annual HOA meeting is March 10th, which will have food, and anybody can go to it. It will be about homelessness.**

**Sheila Irani said she met with the Hollywood Food Coalition; they're still situated at Salvation Army, and she's trying to coordinate with them to do weekend feedings. They are going to put together an NPG for blankets, trash bags, and a third item. She asked if they have anymore of those resource guides, and Mr. Miller said that they were almost out. Mr. Connolly asked if the resource guide includes My311. Mr. Skarpelos suggested adding an additional panel to the guide.**

**Luis Saldivar said that he was doing some cleanup, and he bumped into the earthquake kits, and noticed that all of the stuff was expired. He said that they probably shouldn't be giving those out. Also, maybe they should get some more for the community since they need to spend the money. Mr. Skarpelos added that they will have to change branded things anyway to reflect the new domain name, and that they will retain the original .com domain, which will redirect to the new one.**

17. Old/Ongoing Business

**Erin Penner said that she had made a list of five options for voting on food for next month; board members could vote for two options.**

**Al Wazir was voted as the food for next month.**

**Mr. Chadsey said that the pole on Beachwood was not tall enough to put a light on.**

18. New/Future Business

Adjournment at 9:53 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.