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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 10, 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

**6:34 PM start**

1. Roll Call

**Attending**

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

**Excused**

Sheila Irani Julia Eschenasy

**Absent**

Margaret Marmolejo	Cesar Cervera	Crissi Avila	Angel Izard	Ellah Ronen	Jennifer Davis
Stephanie C. Rowe					

2. Approval of Minutes

**Brandi D'Amore said to indicate that Margaret Marmolejo was late, and that discussion item number 4 should indicate that the speaker is from Councilmember Ryu's office.**

**Motion Made: Motion to approve the minutes from the January board meeting.**

**Motion:** Luis Saldivar      **Second:** George Skarpelos      **Vote:** Yes-10, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield
George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Michael Connolly		

**Abstain**

Susan Swan

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

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

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

*Rachel from Councilmember Ryu's office introduced herself, and said that Councilmember Ryu introduced a motion to take a look at the feasibility of using a site in Sherman Oaks for safe parking; homeless individuals living in their vehicles could park overnight with security and case workers provided. She also invited the board to nominate a Wonder Woman of the 4th district; the deadline is February 21st. Also, there's an afternoon tea and panel discussion that will be celebrating the nominees in March. Some of the legislation the councilmember introduced for hate crime prevention, their office has met with different cultural and religious institutions as the overall amount of hate crimes has risen. They've had about 12 institutions in their district receive funding through discretionary funds that are able to be applied for in case of hate crimes.*

*Sean said that Metro Bike Share should be coming to CD13 in the next couple weeks. Most of them are around Hollywood Blvd, and it's the initial launch of them. They're moving them from the port to Hollywood, so they're already exploring an expansion of the program. Their Salvation Army winter shelter has reached capacity, so they are expanding by 10 beds in the coming month. Also, there's the possibility of a 63-bed shelter in the coming months. Also, the Heart of Hollywood initiative is ramping up, and he encourages stakeholders to go to the initiative's website to look into what they're doing. Also, the city came to CD13's office with the proposition of planting a large amount of trees, roughly 120 of them.*

*George Skarpelos said that he was at the State Of Hollywood address recently, and Councilmember Mitch talked about taking over St. Vincent's Hospital; Sean explained that they are pushing hard to take it over to make it into housing for the homeless or a mental health hospital.*

*Stakeholder Lee Thompson said that a woman had presented about a Trieste project, and wondered if that could be folded in to the St. Vincent's hospital. Sean said that St. Vincent would not be able to be a part of that, but they are working closely to make it into something similar.*

*Stakeholder Christina asked whether the bikeshare bikes are like Lime scooters, and Sean explained that they are docked, so they have to be rented from and returned to the dock.*

*Stakeholder Lee Thompson said that March 3rd is popping up on his calendar as a regional holiday for primary elections, and Sean said that it is not a holiday.*

*Item 6A was addressed, then the board heard from the Senior Lead Officers for the area.*

*SLO Rubalcava said that they are partnered up with local community members for neighborhood cleanups. They are not allowed to take people's property unless they're going to arrest them. They'd like to get volunteers from Neighborhood Councils to go out and pick up bulky items. They're going to try to reach into the pockets of council members as well. They are not in the business of displacement; and over at Gower and the 101 is their biggest issue. They are trying to get the cleanup effort going, and about the RV issue, they are trying to get the red tape away from how long it takes to get the RV's towed. They can always cite, but if they move a couple of inches in 72 hours, they can't tow them. They can't mark the tires because of recent court cases, but they can mark the pavement. SLO White added that that applies to any RV's throughout Hollywood. On a lighter note, he implored stakeholders and board members to go on the Hollywood LAPD twitter and like it and pass it on. Also, next week, on Thursday, they have a Tacos with the Cops event happening on the 20th in front of the Walgreens on Sunset.*

*Erin Penner said that she wants to reapprove the funds for street cleanups, which is on the agenda, but they have so much more illegal bulky item dumping in the area, and she would like to partner with the LAPD for them.*

*SLO White said that they haven't gotten reports of vehicles in the hills; their new SLO is already talking with detectives about a sting in Lake Hollywood. Crime-wise, he does not have any major updates or incidents.*

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

*Brandi D'Amore said that she attended the Oaks meeting last month, and they were happy that the board met with them. They do plan on having the board come up more often. She also went to the Argyle Civic, which will be moving meeting locations so they can have meetings more regularly.*

*Andrew Chadsey said that Ruben, the gentleman who lived in a van on the side of Gelson's passed this week, and Chadsey wanted to say that community holds people accountable, and he appreciates everyone who holds this community accountable to itself.*

## 6. Community Updates

## A) Update on Assistant Chief Oren Saunders' promotion to Assistant Bureau Commander

*LAFD Fire Chief Hogan introduced himself, saying it was an honor to be there. Assistant Chief Oren Saunders will be leaving for the fire prevention bureau, which interacts with all of the council members and the Mayor. With a heavy heart, Chief Hogan bids*

*goodbye to Oren Saunders, and with the permission of the board, he would like to bring in his replacement to the board, Dean Zipperman. He was Hogan's probationary firefighter years ago. He's been exceptional, especially in setting up evacuation exercises. He will still be available to stakeholders; it will be LAFD's loss, but the city's gain. George Skarpelos then asked CD4 rep Rachel to give an award to Oren Saunders, and the entire board helped present it and took a photo to celebrate.*

B) Report by Lee Thompson on the upcoming elections and the new voting process

*Lee Thompson said that he wants to talk about the upcoming elections and voting process as an election monitor. The community will be voting March 3rd; one of the major changes to the voting process is the voting places have been merged and combined into larger voting centers. To make up for having a smaller number of them, they've increased the primary voting period. They will be open throughout the week from 8 AM to 5 PM. On election day, they'll be open from 7 AM to 8 PM. Previously, you would have to go to the voting center in their neighborhood, but now you can go to any vote center in the county. Lavote.net has additional information about the election. There's also 2 videos, one explains the new districts, one explains the new voting procedure. They will now be voting via tablet. He explained that people have to hit "More" to move to more candidates, and the "Previous" and "Next" buttons go to different issues/offices. On Lavote.net, there's an option for an interactive sample ballot, and when they get through, they can save, then print out the sample ballot which will have a QR code on it that they can take to the voting place. He recommended everyone check their registration status. The voting centers may or may not change.*

*Adam Miller said that if anyone is questioning the order of appearance on the ballot, it's decided in December, and randomized; just because your specific candidate is not number one here, doesn't mean they are not number one elsewhere in the county or state. Lee Thompson said that because this is a primary election, if you have no party preference, you can vote for any party candidate, not so if you are registered for one of them.*

C) Report by the Youth Representative

*Tabled: Julia needed to care for her sick sister who had the flu.*

7. Executive Committee

A) Report by the President

*George Skarpelos said that they had a cleanup of the neighborhood council office over the weekend. They now have more room to buy new equipment.*

B) Approval of Cesar Cervera as a Stakeholder member of the PLUM Committee for a 1 year term

*Jim Van Dusen said Cesar has been on PLUM as a stakeholder for over a year; he is a business owner, and his family has been business owners since at least 1970 in Hollywood. He comes to the meetings and is not afraid to voice his opinion. George Skarpelos echoed Mr. Van Dusen's sentiments, and said he would like to have more stakeholder committee members like Cesar.*

**Motion Made: Motion to approve Cesar Cervera as a Stakeholder member of the PLUM Committee for a 1 year term**

**Motion:** Jim Van Dusen                      **Second:** George Skarpelos                      **Vote:** Yes-13, 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	Michael Connolly	Susan Swan

Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

C) Discussion and possible motion to support transitioning HUNC e-mail accounts to the Gmail platform

*Tabled: George Skarpelos explained that this is Matt Wait's issue, and he is coming late so they will hold off on the item for now.*

8. PLUM Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

B) Discussion and possible motion to forward to the Planning Department and Councilmembers Ryu and O'Farrell: The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council is greatly concerned about the potential use of Sustainable Communities Project Exemptions (SCPE) and Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) to develop hospitality and commercial properties

instead of residential housing that does not have a substantial affordable housing component.

*Jim Van Dusen explained that this came to PLUM from United Here Local 11; they are involved in a project on La Brea that has been fairly controversial. They as a committee did not feel comfortable putting in an opinion on a project outside of their jurisdiction. The Transit Oriented Communities are still new, they're still working on it, but another new project, the Sustainable Communities Project Exemptions allows the same density of development, but the question is they were able to have more of a hotel instead of more residents in the La Brea project thanks to floor area ratio under the SCPE's. The SCPE's and TOC's are on the books to encourage affordable housing, not hospitality and hotels. They will see the same sort of project in Hollywood at some point, and Mr. Van Dusen said that they should have a position on the record as a statement of principle.*

*Adam Miller asked if they are asking for anything directly in the motion, and Mr. Van Dusen said they were not, since they did not have any projects in front of them. This is a policy position to let the city know where HUNC stands.*

*Michael Connolly asked if this was similar to the item that came before the council a few months ago wanting to do a hotel on Vine, and Mr. Skarpelos said that it was not, but that that project could invoke this project's implications.*

*Stakeholder Roselyn said that she lives on 1956 Beachwood Drive, and wants to add her support to this item. She said that the council needs to be proactive in support of affordable housing. She said that a lot of new housing is mixed use, and a lot of the retail space is being taken by chain businesses who can afford high rents. She would say "to ensure" substantial affordable housing component, and to ensure reasonably priced rents for independent businesses.*

*Brandi D'Amore appreciated that somebody understands the importance of this issue; if they allow this precedent to continue, it not only allows for the destruction of affordable housing, but also prohibits independent businesses from competing.*

*A stakeholder said that she used to live in HUNC's neighborhood, now lives in the valley, and with TOC developments, they don't put in enough parking spaces, so it spills out onto residential streets.*

*A stakeholder said that the smallest example of this issue is the Villa Carlotta.*

**Motion Made:** *Motion to forward to the Planning Department and Councilmembers Ryu and O'Farrell: The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council is greatly concerned about the potential use of Sustainable Communities Project Exemptions (SCPE) and Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) to develop hospitality and commercial properties instead of residential housing that does not have a substantial affordable housing component.*

**Motion:** Jim Van Dusen      **Second:** Brandi D'Amore      **Vote:** Yes-13, 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	Michael Connolly	Susan Swan
Tom Meredith					

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- C) Discussion and possible motion to oppose a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and to forward the CUP motion for any potential Zoning Administrator proceedings: 1900 N. Taft Avenue, 5727 W. Franklin Avenue. Project: Conversion of existing single family dwelling into owner occupied 5 room Bed and Breakfast facility. Action(s) Requested: A Conditional Use Permit to allow Bed and Breakfast in the R1-1-HPOZ Zone.

*Brandi D'Amore recused herself, with the right to speak on it as a stakeholder.*

*Jim Van Dusen explained that this project has been before PLUM twice; it's in the Hollygrove HPOZ; the applicant's parents live there and have been running it as a bed and breakfast for some years. The HPOZ board met on it but did not have a quorum. In the process of the second hearing, in the first hearing PLUM came to the conclusion that they did not approve the project. In the second hearing, the applicant said they were pulling the CUP application, and pushing for a ZA decision. In the process of the hearings, the Argyle Civic Association came out and opposed it, the Oaks HOA opposed it. Basically, it is because of the fact that it's a business north of Franklin, and because the Villa Carlotta is already an issue. They have nothing saying the CUP has been superseded, so they can voice an opinion on the CUP. They also request that the motion be presented to any ZAD proceedings. PLUM's position is since they've been using it as a bed and breakfast for many years, there's nothing new, and they didn't see this as something being done to preserve historical buildings.*

*George Skarpelos clarified that PLUM looked at it, listened, and weighed in on it, and they might as well finish it and render some kind of decision on this, but that the applicant should weigh in on it.*

*The applicant said that this is her first time at the full board meeting; she went over the rules and procedures, and wants to remind them that they are representatives of the government, and bound by certain rules. She thinks that as a representative of the PLUM committee, they are bound to represent this to the audience correctly, and is very unhappy with the way the represented this. "At the last PLUM meeting, you recently said it was a motion for reconsideration, we'll leave it as whether the recent meeting was a*

*motion for reconsideration or a second motion." The CUP motion is moved; we never asked for the CUP for bed and breakfast, they were applying under 1224xa2: they are asking for a bread and breakfast with reduced parking. Apparently there was a mistake on the city planning department side, where in the explanation body they mistakenly put a CUP. They are asking for an opportunity to square this out with the city, make the appropriate changes, and come back to the board for their next meeting. She understands that the Oaks people were there and want to put their letter on record, but there is no need to make such a quick decision. She is asking for the continuance of this process. She wants to make it clear that the process within the frames they want to put on it is moot at this point.*

*Mr. Skarpelos said that they've seen nothing about the ZAD hearing, so if they are going to agendize that for a meeting, they need to see it at least 72 hours in advance so the entire community can take note. So to come with an email at the meeting that we've never seen before, that's not fair to the council or the community. The very least we can do is weigh in on the CUP, and if the CUP is moot, they have nothing to worry about. The applicant said that she is giving them a good faith notice, and asking them for a few weeks to get a written notice from the city. She thinks they are using this decision improperly to put on the record their dislike for bed and breakfasts.*

*Mr. Van Dusen said that just to be clear, the Department of City Planning application that they sent was has a CUP application in there, with notary signatures and backup statements. In that packet is a page about CUP's. The CUP comes from the city. The Applicant added that that municipal code section does not require CUPs, and it was a mistake by the state.*

*Stakeholder Christina said that anything that comes in front of this board, they have to vote on what is in your hands. She is against this project because from what she's heard about this property, they've been used as a short-term rental facility. In her opinion, that's kind of sneaky, because it's not what she defines as a bed and breakfast: serving people food, changing their linens, and running tours out of their house. She thinks this is a clever way to guise it.*

*Stakeholder Missy thanked the applicant for trying to explain again what they are trying to do. It seems that what the applicant is trying to do is not permissible within the regulations and codes of the area that they are in. The BCNA board talked about this, and they still oppose any kind of zoning variance or the operation of a hotel-like business north of Franklin that will affect the area north of Franklin. They are fighting their own battles closer to home, and they are seriously fighting several properties like it.*

*Lee Thompson said that he's confused; she said there is no CUP for B and B's, but that they want a CUP for reduced parking. If it's owner-occupied, they have 5 bedrooms for 5 B and B patrons, and there is no parking for them.*

*Brandi D'Amore said that she lives directly across from this property, with the advice from the City Attorney's office she recused herself, but reserved the right to speak as a stakeholder. She said that the property itself has no intrinsic historical characteristics; the applicant asked the HPOZ for approval and they did not give it, and they do not have authority over a B and B. Once the property becomes commercial, that will change and they will need construction, otherwise they will fail to meet CEQA ADA needs. The applicant is asking for this change because she does not want to comply with the new homesharing ordinance. It also fails to meet the five core requirements from planning to meet any rezoning issue; it does not meet the requirements for financial hardship. The HPOZ structure was built before the plans, so it does not have to meet current building requirements, but cannot be enhanced either. Any additional construction would require an EIR. It also has a direct impact on her neighborhood; her building is between 3 Air BnB's. If they were to allow this precedent, they would allow the proliferation of projects like it. Other HOA's have spoken on this issue, as has the community in the case of the Villa Carlotta. It will negatively affect traffic in the area. Additionally, the applicant is choosing not to follow the current housing ordinance. This kind of practice has created such an impact that LA has had to come out with an ordinance. The applicant could register as an RSO property and have 5 long-term tenants. She asks that they urge the applicant to conform to the homeshare ordinance. Continued lack of compliance may lead to additional fines and citations that make it hard to respond at all.*

*The applicant would like to have a copy of that statement.*

*Andrew Chadsey said that he was on PLUM, and what he heard is that she does not want feedback from the HPOZ board, or PLUM.*

**Motion Made:** *Motion to oppose a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow Bed and Breakfast in the R1-1-HPOZ Zone. CUP and to forward the CUP motion for any potential Zoning Administrator proceedings regarding 1900 N. Taft Avenue, 5727 W. Franklin Avenue and the Conversion of an existing single family dwelling into owner occupied 5 room Bed and Breakfast facility.*

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

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Michael Connolly	Susan Swan	Tom Meredith	

**Abstain**

Coyote Shivers

**Recuse**

Brandi D'Amore

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- D) Discussion and possible motion to approve with conditions for a Conditional Use Permit regarding Beachwood Café (2695 Beachwood Drive) : Hours 8 am to 10 pm Monday through Saturday and 8 am to 6 pm on Sundays. No valet parking at any time.

Project: Beachwood Café (2695 Beachwood Drive). A Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 2,270 S.F. restaurant with 68 seats and having the hours of operation from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily in a C1-1D Zone. Action(s) Requested: A Conditional Use Permit, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12.24-W.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to allow the sale and to allow the sale and dispensing of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with an existing 2,270 S.F. restaurant with 68 seats and having the hours of operation from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily in a C1-1D Zone.

*Jim Van Dusen explained that the Beachwood Café has a new owner as of 8 years ago, and the new owner filed a request for a CUP for the sale of beer and wine. It includes a request for the hours of 8 AM to 11 PM for the restaurant. The representative at PLUM said the owner wasn't clear on the hours he wanted to be open, but he needed to start the process, and CUP's do not transfer from owner to owner. There was concern about the length of the hours, since it was in a quiet residential area. So the compromise was to recommend the approval with the conditions that they close by 10 PM Monday through Saturday and by 6 PM Sundays, and to have no valet parking. It did not come up as a request, but they had seen it come up as a serious and contentious issue in other PLUM projects.*

*Stakeholder Rosalyn said that she and her husband frequent Beachwood Café, and they like the new owner, and say he has done a great job engaging with the community. Also even when the original owner was serving wine late, it was always quiet.*

*Stakeholder Cameron Keyes said that they have many more people who wanted to show up but did not have the time. He and his wife live directly across from the café, and said that he agrees that the owners are nice, but their experience living across from the restaurant was that it was noisy, the patrons and employees would create noise after they left the restaurants. People were tying up dogs outside that would bark, and they would bring their kids who would make noise while their parents ate dinner. This is unavoidably going to have a negative effect on their quality of life. They know from previous experience that having the restaurant open in the evenings that patrons will always extend their conversation out on the sidewalk before and after dining. One thing they have to understand about the location is there's an acoustical issue with the restaurant and everything behind there. There's no traffic to muffle it, and it's just a loud situation. That commercial space was never intended to be open late into the evenings. Before the last few owners took over, it was a huge success only being open in the daytime. He asked the board to imagine someone opening a restaurant in their front yard open into the night, which was their experience.*

*Stakeholder C. Veltry introduced herself, saying she was also adjacent to the café. The neighborhood would be substantially changed if the café was allowed to be open and able to serve alcohol late into the night. She would be open to allowing them to be open for the same hours that the neighboring businesses are. As Cameron said, it really is like an amplifier that makes the noises at the café louder, especially since the canyon itself amplifies sound. They have a right to a peaceful neighborhood at that time. There's also the parking situation; people park in front of houses and driveways in the area. She also has a few statements she would like to read from people in the neighborhood who wanted to be here:*

*Chris O'Brien said that the proposal for the hours is too late, and sets a precedent; the other business properties could ask for the same treatment. The hours change the character of a village community, and they must retain a small-town village character as a community. Also, people live above the café, and it would be a concern for the tenants and apartment owner.*

*Laura Davis said that she sympathizes with the Beachwood residents closest to the café. Chris O'Brien makes a cogent argument about businesses in the future pointing to the decision as precedent. She also would like the hours to be like the hours of surrounding businesses.*

*Stakeholder Christina said that she is here representing the Lake Hollywood Estates Community, which is not right across the street from the restaurant. There were two major concerns, the late-night hours: they are already in the hills and they are concerned that patrons might want to go up to the Hollywood sign while drunk. Whether it's four people inside their house or out at their cars, you hear it, so they are right about the acoustics. Hopefully SLO White can make a comment as to how they'll keep people from congregating after hours in a quiet neighborhood. The community is kind of torn because they would love to have a restaurant in the neighborhood, but they do understand the noise and the parking. The other thing they discussed at PLUM is that something needs to be served with the alcoholic beverage.*

*Stakeholder Missy said she was from the Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association. They took the time to meet the new owners, who were very nice. They do not oppose this request, because number one the hours are general, and 11 PM is still reasonable, and she lives next to multiple bars that are open until midnight. Speaking in general, yes, you can do the idea that there must be a meal. There are two differences; as they spoke to the community and sent a request out to their members to tell them what people who live near there want, and they could not find anyone opposing it. They haven't heard a single complaint, so they are voting to welcome them into the neighborhood.*

*Stakeholder Gilbert said that if they actually keep those hours until 10 PM, that would work. The only thing that may be unreasonable is the noise situation.*

*SLO White said that this is location-challenged; generally they look at crime and public safety issues, and there have been zero issues, so it only boils down to the neighborhood nuisance issue. It's a similar situation to Yamashiro, where most of the neighborhood loves it, but a minority of the neighborhood that's next to it does not. We can't do anything about people on the sidewalk after hours. They also can't require them to serve food; we can condition them to have a kitchen open, but people can order how they want. So the only thing this comes down to is hours, and who's going to show up at the hearing. They are not going to oppose this project, it's just going to come down to what hours they can get so that anyone can be happy.*

*Brandi D'Amore asked if there was any talk of live music, and SLO White said that there was no live music or dancing discussed.*

*A representative for the applicant, Mark Jones, introduced himself and said that he did speak to the applicant over this weekend and he said he has spoken to neighbors and a lot of people have been requesting him to stay open longer. That's driving his request to be open longer. Based on the response they received at the PLUM meeting, he can definitely be open until 10 PM, but would like to be open until 9 PM Sunday so he can serve dinner on the weekend. He would like to continue the same tradition that's been around. He is trying to find his niche that will work best in creating a sustainable business. He's been very involved in talking to people, and he can respond well to future backlash; he thinks a lot of opinions are based on the past operator, and he should get a chance to prove himself as a community business owner. Lastly, he has no intention of creating a bar atmosphere and is definitely here to be a family restaurant.*

*Stakeholder Cameron said that of course this is an opportunity and of course they like Mike, but the past owners did not have it open on Monday and closed early on Sunday. He reiterated that he and his wife have to live with it.*

*Stakeholder Rosalyn said that for a lot of people in the neighborhood, it's a treasured location, and yes there were people having conversations on the sidewalk, but they were never unreasonable. Stakeholder Cameron said that she does not live across for it. Stakeholder Rosalyn said that she understands that they have a different experience.*

*Stakeholder Christina said that the owners have been very responsive and wants to hear and respond to what the community has to say. At the PLUM committee they said it would be great if the owners could come, and asked why they couldn't come. Mr. Jones said that the owner intended on coming but had an emergency.*

*Jim Van Dusen said that they didn't have all this information at PLUM. As he hears it, he doesn't feel comfortable modifying the motion to close at 6 PM on Sundays. He thinks that's a reasonable compromise since that's when the market closes. During the week, he's not sure he's still comfortable closing at 10 PM. He's sure planning will approve the longer hours. It will give the residents more notice to get their opinions in by informing them of the Downtown hearing.*

*Brandi D'Amore said that SLO Thompson had indicated that the latest he'd be comfortable with is 9 PM, due to the way traffic flows on the street. Also, they cannot stay open any longer than the CUP, and they will be locked into those hours once approved.*

*Andrew Chadsey said, being the business rep, they just lost a small business on Franklin. He runs a small business and can tell them that the economics of running a small business are almost not worth doing it; if they have an operator that they feel like he is going to run a good place, you need to give them an opportunity to do that. There is a noise issue, and the reality is that they live in such an amazing neighborhood that when something happens, everybody knows. Also, there seems to be some assumption that he is going to be open the whole time constantly. I think he is asking to have the ability to expand or shrink his hours to make it a success.*

*Luis Saldivar echoed Mr. Chadsey's sentiments.*

*Jeff Ramberg said that for those of them that work and commute, dinner at 8 PM is reasonable. So asking them to close at 8 PM or 9 PM is denying them the ability to do a full dinner service.*

*Erin Penner said that they should be supporting small business owners; there's not people doing Fireball shots at midnight, this is having a glass of wine with dinner. Also, people knew what they were getting when they moved into the neighborhood under the Hollywood sign, it's not a library.*

*Tom Meredith thinks that as an NC, they have a duty to their stakeholders, and those stakeholders are varied: residents and businesses. What he heard out of this conversation is that Mike and Tom are nice guys; on the other hand, he doesn't think that the Beachwood Canyon will ever be the sleepy little Mayberry that it once was. But he did hear a lot of opportunity for compromise.*

*Adam Miller said that he's going to cherry-pick different things that other people said; he understands the plight of the neighborhood, because he lives right next to Franklin Village. His experience is a lot of people living in Beachwood tend to be older, and are not going to be 20-something partiers, and that is going to reflect in the clientele that use the restaurant. Also, like Mr. Ramberg said, he's lucky if he's home by 7 PM. He thinks having it open until 10 PM is reasonable, and 6 PM on Sunday is reasonable.*

*Fouzia Burfield said that she is sensitive to both sides, and that it seems the owners of the café are sensitive to the side effects of their business. Having to get up and confront loud, drunk people is not tolerable. Something to consider about being a business owner is if they have to close at 8 PM, their business will make half of the money they would do because they would just have a lunch, late lunch, and brunch business and that will significantly impact the lifespan of the business. She thinks the 9 PM option is something they might want to consider. Maybe the conversation should be continuing to arrive at a compromise.*

*Coyote Shivers said that he agrees with the conversation; it can be a slippery slope. But the talk seems to be against kids and dogs and laughing, and that is what makes a neighborhood.*

*Michael Connolly said that he has two kids and would never have them out until 11 PM at night. He understands the hatred for noise, but he thinks there's something special about the place. He thinks the owners have to be cognizant of the neighbors directly across from and next to the business. He wondered if there was a security guard who could usher folks along, and make sure that people aren't hanging out. He thinks that the community needs to be heard loud and clear and that they need to stay open to justify the hours. He wonders if there is a way to keep people moving along after they leave.*

*Mr. Saldivar suggested putting signs up to ask people to be respectful of the neighborhood.*

*Stakeholder Thompson said that the Magic Castle had similar signs and that the patrons were reminded to be cognizant of neighbors as they left. Just because they extend the hours until 10 PM they won't have a traffic jam immediately to go there. They will have to build up a clientele, and there might not even be a clientele for that.*

*Stakeholder C. Veltry said that one of the big issues is the parking; they don't use the parking they're supposed to, they park in the residential area.*

*Mr. Skarpelos asked if the owners would be interested in the 9 PM across-the-board closing. Mr. Chadsey asked if he could make a motion to have the hours be until 10 PM except for 9 PM on Sunday. Susan Swan thinks they should do the motion on the table: the motion is until 10 PM Monday through Saturday, and until 6 PM on Sundays. She thinks they should do the motion and if it doesn't pass, they can amend it.*

*Mr. Skarpelos suggested that they can reconsider the motion at the next meeting on March 9, and Mr. Jones confirmed that their hearing is at the beginning of April.*

*Mr. Van Dusen said that they can find a supporter on the council to submit the motion for reconsideration for the next meeting.*

**Motion Made: Motion to approve with conditions for a Conditional Use Permit regarding Beachwood Café (2695 Beachwood Drive) : Hours 8 am to 10 pm Monday through Saturday and 8 am to 6 pm on Sundays. No valet parking at any time.**

**Motion:** Adam Miller                      **Second:** Erin Penner                      **Vote:** Yes-10, No-2, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Michael Connolly	Susan Swan		

**No**

Fouzia Burfield	Tom Meredith
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**Abstain**

Luis Saldivar

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- E) Discussion and possible motion to support a 60 day extension for comments to the Sidewalk Repair Draft EIR and specific comments to be added to the Draft EIR and its potential consequences and contradictions to recent tree ordinances, Green and Hollywood Community Plans. Presentation by the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA)

*Joanne D'Antonio from the NCSA introduced herself, explaining that in 2016 there was the Willis lawsuit which used the ADA to sue the city; the city settled and agreed to do a 30-year project to fix the sidewalk. The DEIR was over a thousand pages, and was released December 26, and there is very little environmental consideration. She is the chair of the Trees Committee of the NCSA; trees are very vital for the environment of the city, and their utility bills are affected by the amount of shade they have. None of this was addressed in the EIR, they only addressed the difference the repainting of the sidewalk makes. Nowadays, if trees are to be removed, the NC has an opportunity to hold hearings on taking out the tree or trees. The NCSA wants 60 more days so they can help everyone understand what's wrong with this DEIR. If they don't give them the extension, they will give HUNC what they have.*

*George Skarpelos said that the idea is with these sidewalk repairs, a lot of trees will be removed or killed. Ms. D'Antonio said that it's projected almost 13,000 trees will be affected.*

*A representative for The Birdhouse said that they are going to join a carbon-sponge alliance; also, they say they are going to put in*



*two young trees for every tree they take out, but most of those young trees won't make it. Also, trees support hydrology, which helps keep the city cool. They have state, county, city, and federal laws that don't allow the removal of trees during nesting season. Ms. D'Antonio said that other cities have done so much better.*

*Jim Van Dusen said that there's two parts, the question of the extension, and comments to be added to the Draft EIR. Mr. Van Dusen read a statement onto the record, asking if the process guarantees if the EIR provides for the notice of removal of trees that do not need to be removed, and asked if the EIR can be amended, and asked if the addition could be made to the EIR to have hearings to determine if trees should be removed. These and other questions would be sent in in the event that the motion is approved.*

*Stakeholder Rosalyn said that she's an environmental advisor professionally, and that she reviewed the language in the report and it's very ambiguous; it's still very open in terms of deciding whether to cut down a tree or not. There's no substitute for a fully-grown mature tree. They should have additional time to comment and thoroughly, critically review this document. She would also ask how creative the city is going to be about this redesign. Ms. D'Antonio said that she went to one of the city's projects and said that they have created an environmental justice area; they took out all the shade, they paved over everything and the curbs are all crooked.*

*Adam Miller added that the funding source for curbs is different for sidewalks.*

**Motion Made: Motion to support a 60 day extension for comments to the Sidewalk Repair Draft EIR and specific comments to be added to the Draft EIR and its potential consequences and contradictions to recent tree ordinances, Green and Hollywood Community Plans. Presentation by the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA)**

**Motion:** Jim Van Dusen                      **Second:** Coyote Shivers                      **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

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

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- F) Discussion of events such as the Climate Strike At The Hollywood Sign and the necessity to provide adequate resources to mitigate safety and hygiene concerns

*SLO White said that there was a movement that they knew about in advance, it was not permitted, and the intention of the movement was to go up to the Hollywood sign. The LAPD had a lot of resources as a backline of defense, and tried to work with the group to prevent the event from becoming a nuisance. From their standpoint, there were zero issues. The group was able to get their message out without a confrontation with the LAPD. He got a lot of messages from the neighborhood, some against the movement, but most supporting it as a first-amendment issue.*

*Jim Van Dusen added some feedback: the good news was that everyone supported the idea, and it was a small crowd of about 50. The concerns expressed were that the neighborhood was kept in the dark about what was going on, and didn't know about any management plan. The neighbors' concern was that there were no permits, school buses were allowed to go up and drop them off; the small crowd was good, but it would have become problematic if it was a bigger crowd. The overriding concern is the city could have set precedent for future protest and hikers. He didn't hear a lot about management with regards to the LADOT. He was also thankful that there were no smokers, because of the risk of fire danger.*

*Stakeholder Rosalyn said that she was in Beachwood Café at the window and watched the entire gathering and management of it, and wanted to applaud the LAPD for doing such a great job of managing it. She also wanted to applaud the organizers for how they managed the gathering. It would be great for the NC to seek to ensure that there's more resources to mitigate safety and hygiene concerns for future protests.*

*SLO White added that there was a lot of confusion about whether they could be out protesting if they didn't have a permit. He clarified that permits are generally used when something is taking over and blocking a street. The LA Civil Code doesn't supersede the first amendment; once you start violating various ordinances or laws, the LAPD can declare it an unlawful assembly. They tried to plan for everything they could think of and adjust as they went depending on the level of cooperation they have.*

9. Outreach Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

*Erin Penner gave a report on Outreach items, and said that their DONE representative Lorenzo was looking at whether they could provide signs at HUNC meetings citing LA Municipal Code to prevent sidewalk dumping.*

- R) Update on the CD4 Candidate Forum to be held on February 16 at 4pm at John Marshall High School Auditorium

*George Skarpelos encouraged everyone present to come to the forum, and said that all candidates would be coming to the events, including the write-in candidates. There was some contention about that, but in the end they had to defer to the city attorney. They will have a table there; they will be paying for food, and finalizing the questions. They have seven different neighborhood councils participating, so it's a big deal, and he hopes everyone comes to this event.*

*Brandi D'Amore asked if anyone had been getting emails from Councilmember Ryu's campaign people, and asked how safe it is to have them using their emails when they have not signed up for their campaign. Mr. Skarpelos said that it's like robocalls, and that political emails are similar.*

- C) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$1000 for a possible springtime park event for the HUNC community  
*Andrew Chadsey explained that the original idea was to do an egg hunt, plus face painting and bunny ears for all ages. He looked at Ivar park, with some people thinking Bronson park might be better. They don't have all of the details nailed down, but if they don't do it today, because of the short timespan, they won't be able to make anything happen.*

**Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$1000 for a possible spring outreach event for the HUNC community, details TBD.**

**Motion:** Andrew Chadsey      **Second:** Adam Miller      **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
Susan Swan	Tom Meredith				

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- D) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$300 for food and supplies for monthly street cleanups within HUNC boundaries.

*Erin Penner explained that this is just reapproving the same thing they did before. She doesn't know if it will be trickier now, but they still have the cleaning supplies, they really don't need that many supplies.*

**Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$300 for food and supplies for monthly street cleanups within HUNC boundaries.**

**Motion:** Erin Penner      **Second:** Coyote Shivers      **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1, 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	Susan Swan
Tom Meredith					

**Abstain**

Michael Connolly

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

- E) Discussion and possible motion to support an NPG for \$1000 for supplies for First Presbyterian's Winter Shelter

*Adam Miller said that the NPG is filled out and looks good, and is for supplies like blankets that will benefit people in the shelter. Erin Penner says that she thinks it's crazy that they have never provided anything for the only winter shelter in the area.*

**Motion Made: Motion to support an NPG for \$1000 for supplies for First Presbyterian's Winter Shelter**

**Motion:** Adam Miller      **Second:** Tom Meredith      **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

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

**Abstain**

Coyote Shivers      Erin Penner

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

10. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

- B) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 19-1361: Underground Electric Distribution Systems / Department of Water and Power / Feasibility Report. Summary: Requested feasibility report including cost of

undergrounding all LADWP electric utilities in LAFD designated high fire zones to reduce fire risk with a HUNC request that feasibility looks at the environmental impact toward wildlife and the traffic impact during construction and maintenance ([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-1361\\_mot\\_11-05-2019.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-1361_mot_11-05-2019.pdf))

**George Skarpelos explained the proposed CIS, saying he was all for this, saying that they lost power Monday of last month because the winds were so high that they disabled transformers and power lines. He can see a fire happening in these times of high winds.**

**Adam Miller asked if it was in a targeted area, or city-wide, and Jeff Ramberg explained that it was city-wide. Adam Miller noted that it would be incredibly expensive.**

**Andrew Chadsey said he thinks it would be cheaper to have the trees trimmed around the wires.**

**Motion Made: Motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 19-1361: Underground Electric Distribution Systems / Department of Water and Power / Feasibility Report. Summary: Requested feasibility report including cost of undergrounding all LADWP electric utilities in LAFD designated high fire zones to reduce fire risk with a HUNC request that feasibility looks at the environmental impact toward wildlife and the traffic impact during construction and maintenance.**

**Motion:** Jeff Ramberg                      **Second:** George Skarpelos                      **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
Susan Swan	Tom Meredith				

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

11. Social Services and Homelessness Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

**Erin Penner asked if Adam Miller got the NPG for A Million Drops, and Mr. Miller said he is technically in contact with the individual putting it in, and while it was inaccurate at first, he is confident that it will be accurate. Erin Penner clarified that the issue was not on the agenda, but is part of the report.**

B) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$1600 for an NPG from the Hollywood Food Coalition

**John Billingsley introduced himself as chair of the board of the HFC, and said they are looking for blankets, baby wipes, and garbage bags, and that they were advised to not ask for specific items by Adam Miller. Mr. Miller said that specific items could be considered gifts, and that it needs to be generalized. There was debate about it at the SS and H committee. They might have other items that come up and they want to be sure they can use the money for those.**

**Brandi D'Amore asked if they could have biodegradable wipes, and Mr. Billingsley said that they would be twice the cost. Ms. D'Amore said that it wasn't really her call, but she would like them to be biodegradable with how trash has been.**

**Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$1600 for an NPG from the Hollywood Food Coalition**

**Motion:** Adam Miller                      **Second:** Susan Swan                      **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
Susan Swan	Tom Meredith				

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

C) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$750.00 for additional Homeless Resource Guides

**George Skarpelos said that he and Matt Wait had worked on it, updating it for the winter.**

**Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$750.00 for additional Homeless Resource Guides**

**Motion:** Tom Meredith                      **Second:** Matt Wait                      **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
Susan Swan	Tom Meredith				

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

12. Transportation & Works Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

B) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in support of Council File: 17-1115: Tour Bus / Unsafe Route or Street / Restrictions. Summary : Advocate that LADOT produce a list of hillside substandard streets tour buses can be restricted on per new CA law ([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1115\\_mot\\_09-29-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1115_mot_09-29-2017.pdf))

**Jeff Ramberg explained the motion and proposed CIS, concerning tour bus restrictions.**

**Motion Made: Motion to file a CIS in support of Council File: 17-1115: Tour Bus / Unsafe Route or Street / Restrictions. Summary : Advocate that LADOT produce a list of hillside substandard streets tour buses can be restricted on per new CA law**

**Motion:** Jeff Ramberg                      **Second:** Andrew Chadsey                      **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
Susan Swan	Tom Meredith				

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

C) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in opposition to Council File: 19-1349: Virtual Permit System / Preferential and Overnight Parking District Permits. Summary: LADOT would establish a pilot program to use a virtual system to use license plates for preferential and overnight parking districts ([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-1349\\_mot\\_11-01-2019.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-1349_mot_11-01-2019.pdf))

**Jeff Ramberg explained that the motion was to oppose this proposal, monitoring parking by video like in UCLA. The committee determined that it would be a waste of time considering in PPD's most license plates would not be facing the cameras. Adam Miller raised issues of privacy and data use. George Skarpelos added that London Heathrow airport uses a video system like it.**

**Motion Made: Motion to file a CIS in opposition to Council File: 19-1349: Virtual Permit System / Preferential and Overnight Parking District Permits. Summary: LADOT would establish a pilot program to use a virtual system to use license plates for preferential and overnight parking districts.**

**Motion:** Jeff Ramberg                      **Second:** Adam Miller                      **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

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

**Abstain**

Andrew Chadsey	Fouzia Burfield
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**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

13. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

B) Discussion and possible motion to approve an NPG for up to \$2,000 for the East Hollywood Certified Farmers' Market/ Thai Community Development Center

**Tabled: George Skarpelos said that the representative was not here, but wanted to be on the agenda.**

C) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$1,000 more for Cheremoya School murals for a total of \$2,000  
(This item was moved up to right after item 8F).

**The representative for Cheremoya showed off the proposed draft of the mural, saying that they are going to be meeting with 3 local indigenous advisors on the mural.**

**Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$1,000 more for Cheremoya School murals for a total of \$2,000**

**Motion:** Michael Connolly      **Second:** Brandi D'Amore      **Vote:** Yes-13, 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	Michael Connolly	Susan Swan
Tom Meredith					

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

## 14. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

## A) Report by the Committee Chair

B) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 19-1556 Eviction Prevention and Homeless Prevention Services / Homeless, Housing Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAPP) / Funding ([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-1556\\_mot\\_12-06-2019.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2019/19-1556_mot_12-06-2019.pdf))

Summary: City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee for review and approval a funding request totaling \$6 million in HHAPP funds to augment the "Eviction Prevention and Homeless Prevention Services" line item in the City Budget.

**Matt Wait explained that the CIS is intended to expand the eviction defense program by providing more funding for it.**

**Motion Made: Motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 19-1556 Eviction Prevention and Homeless Prevention Services / Homeless, Housing Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAPP) / Funding**

**Summary: City Council instruct the City Administrative Officer to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee for review and approval a funding request totaling \$6 million in HHAPP funds to augment the "Eviction Prevention and Homeless Prevention Services" line item in the City Budget.**

**Motion:** Matt Wait      **Second:** Luis Saldivar      **Vote:** Yes-12, No-1, Abstain-1, 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	Susan Swan

**No**

Michael Connolly

**Abstain**

Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

C) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0047 Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (SB 330) / Tenant Protection / Standards of Compliance ([http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0047\\_mot\\_01-14-2020.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0047_mot_01-14-2020.pdf))  
Summary: The City Council instructs the City Administrative Officer to submit to the Homeless Strategy Committee for review and approval a funding request totaling \$6 million in HHAPP funds to augment the "Eviction Prevention and Homeless Prevention Services" line item in the City Budget.

**Tabled: Matt Wait explained that this bill states that LA does not have an enforcement mechanism to support the new law.**

**Adam Miller explained that the summary of the motion was accidentally the same as the previous one, and that they have to vote on what's in the agenda. He suggested moving to amend.**

**Brandi D'Amore said that there could have been people who would have showed up for this item if the summary had been different. George Skarpelos suggested tabling to the next meeting.**

**Susan Swan said that it was a Brown Act issue. Mr. Skarpelos said that this is why it's important to get items to him in a timely manner.**

## 15. Finance

## A) Report by the Treasurer

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

**Tabled**

## C) Discussion and vote to approve November 2019 Monthly Expense Report for submission

**Adam Miller introduced the MER and said that the Clerk has been giving them a lot of trouble and rejecting some of their NPGs. They are a couple months behind because of technical difficulties.**

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

**Motion:** Adam Miller                      **Second:** George Skarpelos                      **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
Susan Swan	Tom Meredith				

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

## D) Discussion and vote to approve December Monthly Expense Report for submission

**Adam Miller summarized the MER, saying they had another NPG rejected this month, and the Clerk is coming down on what they will and will not accept for the verbiage of the NPG.**

**Motion Made: Motion to approve December Monthly Expense Report for submission**

**Motion:** Adam Miller                      **Second:** George Skarpelos                      **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
Susan Swan	Tom Meredith				

**Ineligible**

Julia Eschenasy

## E) Discussion and vote to approve January Monthly Expense Report for submission

**Tabled: Adam Miller explained that they wouldn't let him generate January's since they hadn't approved November and December's MERs.**

## 16. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

**Erin Penner said that the center is launching with Saban Community Clinic to provide a health clinic providing Medi-Cal enrollments on a weekly basis.**

**Adam Miller said that March 21st is the Hike for Homelessness, also put on by the Center of Hollywood, and he would be circulating the flyer.**

**Brandi D'Amore attended a hearing on the Villa Carlotta, which was found to be not in compliance. They are not permitted to have valet parking or parking on the front lawn. Speaking to an inspector today, the property may have to go back to being an RSO property within 10 days. The other thing is that lately in their committees, there have been people not acknowledging that the Brown Act matters. It potentially jeopardizes them. She is still dealing with a PRA from Joseph's when she had done everything correctly. She knows it's frustrating and seems tedious, but unless you're the person having your email gone through, you don't know how important it can be.**

**Susan Swan suggested that it might be helpful to have Lorenzo come and go over the rules.**

**Erin Penner said that when there are two co-chairs, they have to be on the same page. George Skarpelos said that they also have to make clear if there is a board member who wants to attend a committee meeting that they have to make arrangements prior. Usually there's no problem. But PRA's can be horrible, and cause numerous hours of work redacting names, etc. This is why he will not text anyone about issues coming before the board.**

**Susan Swan said that they need clarity on personal notes.**

## 17. Old/Ongoing Business

## 18. New/Future Business

Adjournment at 10:07 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.