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VICE-PRESIDENT Tom Meredith
TREASURER Robert Morrison
SECRETARY Brandi D'Amore



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Angel Izard Bianca Cockrell
Jim Van Dusen Joseph Hill
Kasia Mays Margaret Marmolejo
Michael Connolly Robert Sexton
Shauna Frente Theresa Gio
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 11, 2021, 6:30 PM
Webinar ID: 828 3698 1526
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82836981526>

Welcome

6:33 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

Tom Meredith Sheila Irani Jim Van Dusen Margaret Marmolejo Brandi D'Amore Michael Connolly
Robert Morrison Tony Zimbardi Theresa Gio Shauna Frente Kasia Mays Caroline Johnson
Thomas Daniels Valls

Absent

Bianca Cockrell

2. Approval of Minutes

Jim Van Dusen Page 10 of 13, 3rd paragraph from bottom first sentence: D-Limitations corrections.

Top of notes: entry fix roll

Motion Made: Approval of September '21 Minutes with edit

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Kasia Mays **Vote:** Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Caroline Johnson Jim Van Dusen Kasia Mays Margaret Marmolejo Michael Connolly
Robert Morrison Shauna Frente Sheila Irani Theresa Gio Thomas Daniels Valls

Abstain

Tony Zimbardi

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

No public comments at this time.

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

Fernando Morales from Supervisor Kuehl's office introduced the supervisor's new field deputy Rachel Sherrell for CD-3. He updated that the Board of Supervisors voted to support a motion that furthers LA County's goal to help ease financial burden on phone calls in LA County jails. He said that the county should be removing barriers to connection. The Board also passed a motion supporting Indigenous People's Day, and Mr. Morales asserted that they must also address repurposing lands and remove barriers to Native people getting their voices out. He added that following the assassination of their president, Haitians are struggling to find homes and the Supervisor's office is helping them. They also support National Pronouns Day. Lastly, the Hollywood United community has been interested in the project at the park trailhead.

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LAPD Senior Lead Officer Heather Mata shared a slideshow with crime statistics, citing that last meeting there were questions about current crime statistics vs 2019 crime statistics. SLO Mata explained that she was presenting crime statistics for her car area, which is primarily HUNC territory. Her area drops to Cahuenga and Highland across Hollywood Blvd. Generally speaking, the LAPD goes off of

the year previous for crime stats. This year in comparison to last year, they are up 44%. For 2020 in comparison to 2019, they were down compared to all crime stats. They are still up 31% overall in all crime statistics. She wanted to touch on Hollywood as a whole: in comparison to 2019, they are currently up an average of 5 % in the Hollywood Division as a whole in all crime categories. They went from having 60 officers to about 20 officers. Generally speaking, this is where the majority of violent crime occurs. In 2019, the number of guns recovered from Hollywood Blvd. was 29, and this year it was 60, so they are currently running overtime shifts to deal with the spike in violent crime.

Michael Connolly asked for clarification on some of the acronyms used in the slide show, and SLO Mata explained that the acronyms refer to types of crimes. Sheila Irani asked if the statistics shown were for just SLO Mata's car or all car shifts, and SLO Mata said it is just her car. She added that they are going to be inviting everyone from the board to a community event meeting at the Mosaic Church.

Tom Meredith asked in reference to the first slide that the effort to address homelessness was disbanded i.e., C.O.R.E. unit) if that was permanent, and also asked to confirm if one chart said that grand theft auto incidents had raised by 120%. SLO Mata said that the LAPD was hoping to get more funding, but otherwise their homelessness efforts have been permanently disbanded.

Robert Morrison asked if SLO Mata could stay around for the 4119 agenda item.

Caroline Johnson said that she is hearing a lot of concern about how the vaccine mandate for LAPD is coming up and up to 40% of officers are not going to get it. SLO Mata said that a lot of that is very much in the air, there's a lot of legal issues being worked out with the police union and the city. She highly doubts that's going to happen, but they are still looking at the details of that.

Brandi D'Amore asked what the enforcement would be for businesses who encounter a violent refusal to prove vaccination status, and SLO Mata said it is every business's right to refuse service.

Davis Han introduced himself as a representative of the office of Senator Ben Allen and wanted to introduce himself. He explained that Senator Allen was involved in the proposed extension of the Crenshaw line. The Senator is back in the district because the legislature adjourned, and they are trying to get the word out about the rental assistance program through the state, so the Senator hosted a virtual town hall that is now on their website. And if anyone has any missed rent payments, go to housingiskey.com. It is not first come first serve, and it will go until all the funding runs out. Within the City of LA right now, until the City's moratorium is no longer in place, they can't move forward with eviction.

Shauna Frenté asked what the turnaround was between applications and disbursement of money at this point, and Mr. Han said it is a couple of months. Ms. D'Amore asked if AB832 applied during the assistance application process, and Mr. Han confirmed that the courts will not move forward with the unlawful detainer complaint.

5. Community Updates

Brandi D'Amore said that she attended the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting, and learned that the LAPD is on overtime and are requesting a new officer influx. Gun possession is on a sharp increase and gun possession during crimes has gone up. Catalytic converter thefts are still up, and when they are taken they are taken for the precious metals as well as the device. North of Franklin currently has a prostitution situation, and Vice is aware of that and working on that problem. The HUNC area has lost a bunch of officers, so response times are increased, and there's been a 12 percent decrease overall in response times. She indicated that Hollywood Division has a good response time on 911.

Robert Morrison asked if the LAPD said what the current response time was for the area, and Ms. D'Amore said that they did not.

Stakeholder Jacob noted that the statistics about the decline of property crime might be affected because people in his area on Hollyridge above Bronson just do not think reporting it will lead to anything. Ms. D'Amore emphasized that they need people to report crimes. If it is a non-violent report stakeholders can report it online. Jacob clarified that he was specifically talking about home burglary.

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

Rosalind Helfand introduced herself as HUNC's stakeholder representative to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA) and updated that the alliance took a vote last night to support a motion put forward by LA City Councilmembers Raman and Koretz to put the City towards carbon neutrality. Hand in hand with that motion is to support the Cool Blocks program and leaders for it. She directed stakeholders interested in more info on the Cool Blocks program to the NCSA website. Ms. Helfand noted that the deadline to sign up for the program has been extended and the goal is to reach 200 cool blocks leaders. Ms. D'Amore asked Ms. Helfand if possible to notify the HUNC board about what is up for a vote by the NCSA before the vote is taken.

Sheila Irani suggested they hear about issue at the Homelessness and Social Services Committee. Ms. Helfand said that part of the issue is about emergency preparedness, and there are a few aspects to it.

7. Executive Committee

A) Report by the President:

Call for Board Members and Stakeholders to join AD HOC BYLAWS committee
 Brief redistricting update from attendance at ZOOM meetings
 HUNC Board meetings will be conducted exclusively on ZOOM until end of calendar year

Sheila Irani said they are going to need an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee, and asked the board to send her an email if someone wants to join it. There are a lot of changes they have to work on. She added that CD4 has undergone a drastic redistricting: the newest draft shows that 4 could also be 2, and 2 can also be 4, and they will address the issue later.

B) Report by Vice President

Update on LA Congress of Neighborhoods

Tom Meredith said that LACON was all via Zoom, and ask ed if anyone wants to pipe up with a thought or opinion or something they took away. The importance of subcommittees was emphasized, saying in some ways they are the most qualified to assess information and bring it back to the board. He added here is a City-wide frustration with the length of board meetings. Brandi D'Amore added that if anyone has registered for the event, they can watch the videos on YouTube now.

Theresa Gio added that the public should attend committee meetings as well.

C) Report by Secretary

Update on Vaccine Status of Board Members
 Update of AB361
 Update on required training
 Update on monthly DONE report

Brandi D'Amore explained that the vaccination status of NC's in general is not known, and since HUNC will eventually be meeting on City property its board members need to be vaccinated. The governor made a moratorium on the Brown Act due to COVID and their emergency state was until May. The city has determined that BONC is able to determine whether NC's can meet in p person and will be making that determination on a month-by-month basis as of January '22.

Regarding discussion on AB361, that is not going to happen at this point in time.

The board will be required to do the anti-bias training before the 30th of November.

Also, for the DONE report, she said if board members have any problems getting into Cornerstone to contact her so she can help them get into their new account with a new username.

As of today DONE may have new meetings in the new year in January and February. The Data Liaison program has been suspended with no explanation indefinitely.

Michael Connolly asked about people attending potential in-person meetings and whether they could restrict who could attend, and Ms. D'Amore said that there were concerns about that kind of limiting policy interfering with the democratic process.

D) Report by the Treasurer

1. Discussion and vote to approve pending Monthly Expense Report(s) for submission

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to approve September '21 Monthly Expense Report(s) for submission

Motion: Robert Morrison **Second:** Sheila Irani **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Caroline Johnson	Jim Van Dusen	Kasia Mays	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly
Robert Morrison	Shauna Frente	Sheila Irani	Theresa Gio	Thomas Daniels Valls	Tom Meredith
Tony Zimbardi					

2. Discussion of current fiscal year budget and possible motion for adjustment

Nothing to change

3. Discussion and motion to approve OCTOBER 30th at 9 or 10 am start time for HUNC BOARD RETREAT

Sheila Irani explained that the board has a start time of 9 AM or 10 AM. Robert Morrison said it would last about 3 hours. Michael Connolly, Margaret Marmolejo, and Tom Meredith preferred a 9:00 AM start time. Tony Zimbardi said he would be there somehow. Kasia Mays will be there as well. Ms. Irani suggested to start at 9:30. Ms. Irani motioned to do the retreat on October 30th at 9:30. Robert Morrison seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to approve OCTOBER 30th at 9:30AM for HUNC BOARD RETREAT

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Robert Morrison **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Caroline Johnson	Jim Van Dusen	Kasia Mays	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly
Robert Morrison	Shauna Frente	Sheila Irani	Theresa Gio	Thomas Daniels Valls	Tom Meredith
Tony Zimbardi					

E) Discussion of Council Redistricting

1. Discussion and possible motion to send CIS to Redistricting Commissioners and applicable Councilmembers on the redistricting needs of Hollywood United NC including but not limited to support or opposition of projected redistricting maps from version DRAFT K 2.5

Jim Van Dusen explained that he sat in on the last meeting when they came out with the maps, and everyone is fighting to pull back the areas. He sees two areas that should be in the CIS. They moved CD13 from Cheremoya to Gelson's, and he thinks that is problematic. Mr. Van Dusen thought the bottom part of Canyon, the entrance is going to be a different council member. Their council member will be of no help. So he thinks that is a very contentious area.

Sheila Irani said she has talked to stakeholders, and their feelings are that stakeholders and apartment residents are happy to go into 4118 and CD4. She displayed the wilderness areas of CD4, noting that Los Feliz had been pushed into CD4. Brandi D'Amore noted that the average mean income of their area gets bumped up by the inclusion of this new area. Ms. Irani added that commissioners are listening to NC's and residents, and that Los Feliz is a much stronger community interest for CD4 than CD13.

Michael Connolly concurred with Ms. Irani's assessment of stakeholders, saying that it appears homelessness is dictating these lines.

Ms. D'Amore thought this commissioner was being very punitive to Councilmember Raman. Ms. Irani noted that Hancock Park and Windsor Square fought to go into CD5, and asked how they would make up for it since 40% of the council district is in the valley. Ms. D'Amore added that west of Ferndale is one community, and to split that up doesn't make sense. Ms. Irani noted that the last time they redistricted was a serious political football.

Michael Connolly said he would have to recuse himself from this vote since it directly affects all of them.

Stakeholder Zoe Bannon is happy they will switch to CD13, and she doesn't like that a tiny part of The Oaks will be switched to CD4.

Theresa Gio asked if there was an idea of what CD4 could look like, and Ms. Irani said there was not, and CD13 has taken a lot of that area. CD2 and 4 are up in the air, and CM Raman could take over the Valley district.

Ms. D'Amore said just because The Oaks is in CD13, the border that HUNC has with Franklin should be retained.

Robert Morrison noted that once the redistricting commission finishes, the city council will vote on it, and asked if it would make more sense to vote on that when they finish. Ms. Irani did not think it would.

Ms. Irani noted that the area south of Los Feliz Boulevard has a lot of families. She explained that the motion is to put out a CIS to the redistricting commission to have Griffith Park and Los Feliz be included in CD4, and another area to drop town to CD4.

Stakeholder Linda Othenin-Girard thought the major issue for The Oaks is they are a community of interest and should be included in entirety in CD4 or CD13. They are advocating to keep The Oaks intact and have already sent letters and outreach to their community.

Stakeholder Peter H lives in the Oaks, and speaking to the Griffith Park element, when they have had transients living there, Councilmember Raman sent people to help them.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to send CIS to Redistricting Commissioners and applicable Councilmembers on the redistricting needs of Hollywood United NC including but not limited to support or opposition of projected redistricting maps from version DRAFT K 2.5

Motion: Brandi D'Amore **Second:** Sheila Irani **Vote:** Yes-9, No-1, Abstain-3, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Jim Van Dusen	Kasia Mays	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani
Thomas Daniels Valls	Tom Meredith	Tony Zimbardi			

No

Caroline Johnson

Abstain

Robert Morrison	Shauna Frente	Theresa Gio
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- F) Board review and appointment by vote of Full Board of candidates for open board seats

Brandi D'Amore explained that the candidates met minimal eligibility requirements. The board will have them speak and if board members have questions the candidates can answer them. All of these candidates will have to run again in 2023.

1. Discussion and vote for possible appointment of Angel Izard to Renter Representative Area B for a term from confirmation until election period of 2023

Angel Izard introduced herself, explaining that she has been on the Renters and Housing committee. She was first introduced by George Skarpelos at a CERT meeting to HUNC. At that time, there were not any seats for which she was eligible. She has been happy to participate in things that affect their community. She does work for the City Council for CD5 and can bring a unique perspective to issues. Ms. Izard talked to the City Attorney's office and DONE, and they said if there's any issues the board should check with them.

Stakeholder George Skarpelos wanted to say he has tried to get Ms. Izard to be on the board for many years, and he is incredibly encouraged that she wants to do it still and will bring a vast insight and congeniality to the board.

Motion passed for appointment.

Ms. D'Amore explained that they will try to get an email account set up for Ms. Izard as soon as possible, and Ms. Izard confirmed that she will you be keeping her seat on the Renters and Housing Committee

Motion Made: Motion to vote for appointment of Angel Izard to Renter Representative Area B for a term from confirmation until election period of 2023

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Robert Morrison **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Caroline Johnson	Jim Van Dusen	Kasia Mays	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly
Robert Morrison	Shauna Frente	Sheila Irani	Theresa Gio	Thomas Daniels Valls	Tom Meredith
Tony Zimbardi					

2. Discussion and vote for possible appointment of Joseph Hill to Geographic Area 5 Representative for a term from confirmation until election period of 2023

Joe Hill introduced himself, saying he has lived in the HUNC territory for 6 years now. A few of his neighbors have similar concerns and interests, and he does not think a lot of them know they can express themselves through the NC. He works for Tesla, definitely believes in clean energy, and he is part of the LBGT community. He ran for election for this position, didn't win, but decided to express his interest anyway after B. D'Amore advised him of vacancy.

Margaret Marmolejo said it was great to have someone representing that area.

Motion passed for appointment.

Mr. Hill said he would like to be identified as "Joe" in his email, and the Renters Committee would be his preferred committee.

Motion Made: Motion to vote for appointment of Joseph Hill to Geographic Area 5 Representative for a term from confirmation until election period of 2023

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Caroline Johnson	Jim Van Dusen	Kasia Mays	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly
Robert Morrison	Shauna Frente	Sheila Irani	Theresa Gio	Thomas Daniels Valls	Tom Meredith
Tony Zimbardi					

3. Discussion and vote for possible appointment of Robert Sexton to Business Area C Representative for a term from confirmation until election period of 2023

Robert Sexton said he has lived in Hollywood for 30 years and been in The Dell for 24 years. A year before COVID hit he decided to get more involved and dip his toes into politics. He's dealt with SLO White, the SLO before SLO Mata, and he knows the shops and restaurants in the area.

Motion passed.

Ms. D'Amore asked Mr. Sexton his preference for his email protocol. He asked to do robert_j@hunc.org for now. Ms. D'Amore added that the Homelessness and Social Services Committee is filled, and asked on which committee he would like to sit. He would get back to Exec Committee.

Motion Made: Motion to vote for appointment of Robert Sexton to Business Area C Representative for a term from confirmation until election period of 2023

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Caroline Johnson	Jim Van Dusen	Kasia Mays	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly
Robert Morrison	Shauna Frente	Sheila Irani	Theresa Gio	Thomas Daniels Valls	Tom Meredith
Tony Zimbardi					

8. PLUM Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

No report.

B) Discussion and possible motion to recommend action on 6100 Franklin Avenue: Project Description: Existing gas station with service bays. Convert existing service bays to foodmart. Action(s) Requested: Zone Variance to convert the existing service bays to full size foodmart in R3-1.

Jim Van Dusen explained the project, saying that the Arco Station is requesting the variance to convert service bays to a full sized food mart. There was a question if one of the members of committee, Cesar Cervera, should recuse himself. They had some discussion on it and did not come to any conclusions: he decided to not recuse himself since he disagreed that he would have to recuse himself. So the committee had their discussion, and he did not participate in the discussion and he did not vote. A stakeholder sent a letter to the attorney asking if he had violated the Brown Act, despite Cervera not voting or taking part in the discussion.

The Arco station has always served some snacks and sodas, so it's not part of the westbound jam trying to get to the freeway. The final vote was to approve the project with two conditions: that the food service would be from 5 AM to 10 PM, and there would be no alcohol sold, which the owner never said he would do.

Building representative Ahmad Ghaderi said that as Mr. Van Dusen indicated, it's an improvement of the existing building, and when he converts the bays into a food mart, the owner just wants to basically utilize the existing building he has. They have agreed to the two conditions from the PLUM meeting.

Owner John Nahas said he has owned this station since the early 90's and been living and doing business in Hollywood for years. So they are just trying to make the store a little bigger, do a bit of sodas, packed sandwiches, etc.

Brandi D'Amore had some concerns, saying the property is technically zoned for residential, and the owner is asking for a precedent that could affect properties that are similar. Mr. Ghaderi respectfully disagreed with Ms. D'Amore, saying precedents do exist on residential properties, and they have submitted documentation for the five points that were brought up at committee.

Ms. D'Amore said just because it is not a new use does not mean anything, and they are not supposed to be enhanced if they were given their issue prior to a change.

Mr. Van Dusen reminded the board that the variance to convert the existing service bays are with the condition that food would be served from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend affirmative action on 6100 Franklin Avenue: Project Description: Existing gas station with service bays. Convert existing service bays to foodmart. Action(s) Requested: Zone Variance to convert the existing service bays to full size foodmart in R3-1 with market open 5AM-10PM and no alcohol sales.

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

Yes

Jim Van Dusen	Kasia Mays	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly	Robert Morrison	Shauna Frente
Sheila Irani	Theresa Gio	Thomas Daniels Valls	Tony Zimbardi		

No

Brandi D'Amore	Tom Meredith
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Abstain

Caroline Johnson

9. Outreach Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Tom Meredith confirmed that the committee met and deferred to Theresa Gio to go through B and C.

B) Discussion and possible motion to submit a letter of support on behalf of the Thai CDC for its application to Beautify LA to receive replacement base plaques of the Apsonsi in Thai Town.

Theresa Gio explained that the statues at the location have been defaced and damaged, the plaques taken out, so they asked HUNC for a letter of support to get funding to replace that.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to submit a letter of support on behalf of the Thai CDC for its application to Beautify LA to receive replacement base plaques of the Apsonsi in Thai Town.

Motion: Theresa Gio **Second:** Tom Meredith **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Caroline Johnson	Jim Van Dusen	Kasia Mays	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly
Robert Morrison	Shauna Frente	Sheila Irani	Theresa Gio	Thomas Daniels Valls	Tom Meredith
Tony Zimbardi					

C) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$750 funding support for the next planned Congress of Neighborhoods occurring in this FY:

Silver (\$500 - \$999): Name recognition in the print/online program, individual shout-out post on Congress social media accounts (Facebook/Instagram/ Twitter), quarter-page ad in the print/online program

Daniel Perez, representing LACON, noted that it sounds like a few of the board got to go to LACON; hopefully next year they will get to hold it in person. The conference costs about \$50k a year, so they look forward to the contribution from HUNC.

Tom Meredith explained that they discussed this in committee, and Daniel responded: while the event was up in terms of those who applied for it, they did not know at the time if the actual attendance was up. T. Meredith indicated that in the past, when it was an event downtown, and it provided breakfast and provided lunch expenses are understood, yet he did not understand in a Zoom environment where the money was coming from and going to. Nonetheless he did vote to support this funding. In the past they have given 500 to 1000 dollars. Mr. Perez noted that the average contribution list was from 18 neighborhood councils.

Sheila Irani asked if they want to qualify this motion at all, and Mr. Meredith did not. Theresa Gio added that the committee said this is a separate issue and the board can encumber funds.

Robert Morrison noted from the treasurer's standpoint that HUNC has \$2200 approved for event sponsorship. So this is pretty much all of this unless they change it later. He asked if there was an urgency to approve this now, and Mr. Perez said there is not an urgency and most of their funds come in at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$750 funding support for the next planned Congress of Neighborhoods in '22 Silver (\$500 - \$999): Name recognition in the print/online program, individual shout-out post on Congress social media accounts (Facebook/Instagram/ Twitter), quarter-page ad in the print/online program)

Motion: Tom Meredith **Second:** Shauna Frente **Vote:** Yes-10, No-2, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Caroline Johnson	Jim Van Dusen	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly	Shauna Frente
Sheila Irani	Theresa Gio	Tom Meredith	Tony Zimbardi		

No

Robert Morrison	Thomas Daniels Valls
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10. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Michael Connolly gave the report as committee chair, saying that Gelson's has brought in a second security guard, and there's not a whole lot of people wanting to bring in security on the encampment. He thinks they have brought in a laissez-faire approach to it. He also noted that they discussed the following issue at the meeting.

B) Discussion and possible motion to recommend to full Board a Community Impact Statement (CIS) for CD 13 Resolution Council File 21-4118-S1 as it pertains to City Ordinance 41.18 to determine recommendations for implementation and potential expansion of area designated of the Council File:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-4118-S1>

At the start of the agenda item, Sheila Irani asked Brandi D'Amore to explain a possible issue of conflict of interest of Caroline Johnson and this agenda item. Because of her affiliation with Ground Game and as a journalist for Knock LA - which has a defined position on both Councilmember O'Farrell and homeless relocation - an issue of her potential conflict of interest had been raised. Additionally, David Gadd, President of Argyle Civic Association, had sent a letter to the City Attorney on a potential financial interest that if she was a paid staff member of the organization that may require recusal. C. Johnson vehemently denied receiving payment for her work.

Ms. Johnson said she could leave if bias is an issue about Ground Game, but she was distressed that she had not been advised of an issue before the meeting. Stakeholder Matt said he would still like to hear what Caroline Johnson has to say. Sheila Irani opened the floor to Ms. Johnson.

Ms. Johnson said she might take this opportunity to leave this board. Ms. Irani asked if Ms. Johnson has any bias with Councilmember O'Farrell and Robert Morrison brought up a point of order, asking if it was not up to every board member to determine if they have a conflict of interest. Brandi D'Amore said that was not accurate: when the City Attorney decides if a board members actions are protected, they are not protecting the board member as an individual, they are protecting the action of the board member in terms of protecting the board.

Theresa Gio asked if a vote isn't by definition a bias, to which Ms. D'Amore indicated that it is probably true that board members are informed by a certain bias but that they are required to remain open and also to consider the point of view of the area they represent, not determine the point of view that should represent the area.

Ms. D'Amore indicated that the potential for bias was valid based on the Special Board meeting in June and her first board meeting's aggressive response C. Johnson was asked if her known feelings on CM O'Farrell could be held aside to consider the motion without prejudice or if that was not possible. Ms. Johnson said it sounded like there was a problem, and said she would pretend she had not done any research on this. She indicated that she was there to represent the unhoused. She was reminded that she also represents all of Area 4, which contains housed people as well.

C. Johnson did not recuse.

Michael Connolly explained that City Councilmember O'Farrell wants to submit a list to the City Council for locations that will be prohibited from camping as per 4118, and as part of HUNC's location there are areas that surround preschools, freeway underpasses and overpasses, and should not be open to the homeless. Michael Connolly thought that the nature of the encampments were changing. There is no adequate solution on dispersing these groups, there is a challenge there, but there needs to be a compassionate solution to it. He noted that "a lot of unhoused folks don't want housing, a lot of these folks have been asked, and not all homeless camps have been created equally." Mr. Connolly also talked about the need to clean streets in Hollywood. They are not trying to get to the roots of homelessness and drug addiction, and there needs to be something done. He also noted that he did not appreciate eye-rolling from Ms. Johnson, saying the board has an important job to do. He noted that there was nobody who came forward who said this was a bad idea. Brandi D'Amore said that was not fair, as Robert Morrison spoke out against it at committee. Robert Morrison said there was one person who spoke against it, and he voted against it for several reasons, and in terms of sites, there are a number that are schools or public transportation sites.

Ms. D'Amore noted that the sum total of the resolution was they are talking about locations they are putting in front of the City Council to approve. She reminded the board that they were not weighing out the value of 4118, but CM O'Farrell's list which included the Bronson Overpass for his list of selections to go before City Council.

Mr. Morrison asked if they could ask questions of SLO Heather Mata.

Sheila Irani said there are a lot of questions that need to be answered, noting the LAPD have not developed a procedure for addressing no-sleeping zones. SLO Mata confirmed this, and said that everyone will have to be offered resources at each location. Ms. Irani asked if social workers be brought onto LAPD's workforce, and SLO Mata said that SLO's will not be able to tackle that

issue.

Robert Morrison said that encampments might relocate to another nearby area. The Bronson location listed as an underpass in Councilmember O'Farrell's motion was actually an overpass. It's still unclear how many resources will be committed. With the resumption of the CARE Plus sanitation efforts, it's unclear how the zones interact with that.

Ms. D'Amore said that if they cannot support the file, there is no point in doing this. There needs to be quantification about offers to the unhoused.

Mr. Morrison said that "if amended" is one of the positions that a board can take. And this is about ameliorating HUNC's position, so these are basically folks who are not following through so he proposes postponing this until they have answers.

Ms. Irani said it appears their stakeholders are frustrated that the Gower underpass was not included, as she was as well. It was not included but fully cleaned a week ago. She was confused by the CIS. Mr. Connolly clarified that it should be they are in support of the file. Ms. Irani asked what if the answers the board wants come back in a way they are opposed to, and Mr. Connolly clarified that they are still in support, but would like to add the locations listed including the Gower pass.

Jim Van Dusen thought that the motion itself from Councilmember O'Farrell makes no sense, and it just says "move 'em". They need to add that this needs to stop, and the City needs to provide a mental health program. Ms. Irani clarified that the current motion is not about that, they are discussing if 4118 will be enforced in the HUNC area. Mr. Morrison added that this motion seeks to designate areas in CD13 it will apply to.

Michael Connolly said there is a fundamental break where the city's concerned, 4118 says sensitive areas, schools, etc. And the stakeholders came out in force. Mr. Van Dusen said his problem is, they are going to add a bunch of folks to a motion to move them.

Ms. Irani said that they do find that there are people resisting. And Councilmember Raman has not selected any 4118 spots.

Stakeholder David Gadd wanted to make an apology to Caroline Johnson, saying his understanding was she was being paid by Knock LA, and if she wasn't being paid, then he withdraws his objection. The Argyle Civic Association would love to see people drive by Bronson.

Stakeholder Matt Wait noted that they spent a lot of time at this discussion arguing if Ms. Johnson is able to talk, and if that's true they should not be able to allow Michael Connolly to say what he did. LAPD is not going to enforce calls in the neighborhood, and by voting on this item, HUNC wants someone to do something and does not care about their residents.

Stakeholder Veronica Huerta said she frequents the HUNC area and community and is also the Homelessness Liaison for the Glassell Park NC. She wanted to share an experience about Mitch O'Farrell's unhoused neighbors. The LAPD showed up at 6 in the morning and started rattling their tents in a cruel and aggressive way, saying "GET UP, GET OUT, YOU'RE MOVING OUT". She has been privileged enough to not be unhoused in her lifetime, but there seems to be a lot of aggression towards their renter constituency, and to hear LAPD say they don't have a plan is worrisome.

Stakeholder Jacob appreciated all of the voices of compassion and concern for the unhoused population, and in terms of volume, the homeless population has grown. That population is not the same population; to clarify for people, it is a transient community, and on its merits right now, the motion is about putting something in place and addressing something that's there. She hopes folks understand that these are important concerns being raised tonight.

Stakeholder Peter H noted that this was a stressful meeting, well handled, and thanked the entire board for their time. For him he appreciated Mr. Connolly saying he speaks for the people of the neighborhood. His focus is on the handicapped accessibility: his best friend is in a wheelchair, and for some reason ADA compliance is not a priority. So everyone who isn't advocating to maintain at least 36 inches of clearance should be ashamed of themselves.

Angel IZard noted that she works for the City and wanted to clarify about 4118, saying there is not any required offer of housing. And 4118 is all about the public right of way. This is not an ordinance meant to solve this problem at any level.

Stakeholder Zoe Bannon wanted to say that Gower and Bronson are affecting them in The Oaks. They walk with their dogs or their kids, and they have meth heads following them.

Mr. Connolly motioned to approve the CIS. Mr. Morrison said if this list of designated enforcement motions is out of 4118 it doesn't need any of them. Gower is already in there and does not need a special zone.

Mr. Connolly clarified he would like to make a motion that they make a CIS in support of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell's motion, clearly designating that Bronson is an underpass not an overpass. Ms. Irani seconded.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: ~~Motion to write Community Impact Statement (CIS) for CD 13 Resolution Council File 21-4118-S1 as it pertains to City Ordinance 41.18 to determine recommendations for implementation and potential expansion of area Gower Underpass, Yucca/La Baig/Carlos area designated of the Council File:~~

~~<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-4118-S1>~~

Motion: Michael Connolly **Second:** Sheila Irani **Vote:** Yes-9, No-3, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Kasia Mays Margaret Marmolejo Michael Connolly Sheila Irani
Thomas Daniels Valls Tom Meredith Tony Zimbardi

No

Caroline Johnson Robert Morrison Theresa Gio

Abstain

Shauna Frente

1. Confirmation of which designated board member to file CIS if approved by deadline of 10/13/21

Mr. Van Dusen was not sure if he could create the CIS for submission. Ms. Irani directed Mr. Morrison to get a completed CIS to Mr. Meredith to file.

11. Transportation & Works Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

LADWP Emergency Repair work on Franklin update

B) Discussion and possible vote to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in the affirmative with recommended additions on Council File 21-0073 Wire Basket Trash Receptacles / Homeless Encampments / Sanitation Crisis / Public Spaces Council File <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=21-0773> Motion https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0773_mot_7-01-21.pdf

Brandi D'Amore said she was a little flummoxed because she has a CIS at the request of Bianca Cockrell.

Brandi D'Amore explained that the motion was presented by Councilmember Raman. The committee also realized that there are some problems with it. The issue is that the motion requested multiple green wire baskets be put into the homeless community. Right now all of the green baskets that have been put in since September have not been attended. She displayed an incomplete blurb from Bianca Cockrell with additions from Ms. D'Amore, saying if anyone needs a physical example she will try to pull one up for them.

Sheila Irani said the City needs to be equally concerned with the bulk dump component especially where it interferes with trash and bulk dump pickup. Ms. D'Amore said that they have people bringing down things that contribute to a bulk dump location. These baskets are not in the system, and they are not being taken care of.

Robert Morrison explained that the motion is to direct the Bureau of Sanitation to report back within 60 days. Ms. D'Amore said it was, but they have already implemented the bins. Theresa Gio said that it was explained at committee like they are testing the baskets out. Ms. Irani asked to confirm that CD4 issued the motion, and asked if the wire baskets were funded by CD4 and placed in CD13. Ms. D'Amore said CD4 wrote the motion but was unclear who was funding, but the baskets need to be in the system.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to file a Community Impact Statement (CIS) in the affirmative with recommended additions on Council File 21-0073 Wire Basket Trash Receptacles / Homeless Encampments / Sanitation Crisis / Public Spaces Council File

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Motion: Brandi D'Amore **Second:** Sheila Irani **Vote:** Yes-12, No-1, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Caroline Johnson Jim Van Dusen Kasia Mays Margaret Marmolejo Robert Morrison
Shauna Frente Sheila Irani Theresa Gio Thomas Daniels Valls Tom Meredith Tony Zimbardi

No

Michael Connolly

12. Social Services and Homelessness Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair - Hollywood Food Coalition/ SSH volunteers, vaccine clinic update

Sheila Irani said that their entire committee went to the Hollywood Food Coalition (HFC). They put together the meal, and they served 250 meals as a committee. They will open it to the board if they would like to join them.

B) Discussion and possible vote to appoint Linda Othenin-Girard by 2/3 board vote to be a voting stakeholder on Social Services & Homelessness Committee for one 1-year term.

Linda Othenin-Girard was eager to join this committee. She lives in The Oaks and is on the board of Friends of Griffith Park and has done volunteer work on homelessness issues. She was a senior producer for AirTalk at NPR for 20 years, and she was okay with the digital media policy she was sent.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to appoint Linda Othenin-Girard by 2/3 board vote to be a voting stakeholder on Social Services & Homelessness Committee for one 1-year term.

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Michael Connolly **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Caroline Johnson	Jim Van Dusen	Kasia Mays	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly
Robert Morrison	Shauna Frente	Sheila Irani	Theresa Gio	Thomas Daniels Valls	Tom Meredith
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C) Discussion and motion to approve NPG of up to \$750 for A Million Drops to pay for 150, \$5 value laundry vouchers for the people experiencing homelessness distributed over a 90 day period. Distribution can include through Showers of Hope, Hollywood Food Coalition and passing out by Board members to people in encampments. Voucher will cover wash, dry, and detergent at Wash on Western.

Sheila Irani explained that she was on the board of directors on A Million Drops two years ago. She is no longer on their board, but recused herself at this point. She asked Brandi D'Amore to take the meeting, and Ms. D'Amore indicated that Tom Meredith should do so as he is co-chair of committee. Tom Meredith took over running the meeting.

Robert Morrison asked if they have the NPG available to review. Sheila Irani said she would find it and put it on the screen, as the rep is not here.

Mr. Meredith asked how many times they have done this item, and said he is 99 percent confident that an NPG will be prepared and prepared correctly. Brandi D'Amore said there have been some issues raised by the community about volunteers. Jim Van Dusen said they know this is a great program. Ms. D'Amore clarified that there have been some volunteers who have witnessed bad behavior from the organization. Mr. Meredith noted that this discourse is a back and forth, and the issue is are they going to make a motion to approve \$750. Robert Morrison noted that this is talking about the money HUNC provided in the past, not about the money they are giving them this time.

S. Irani popped into the conversation at multiple points, and was advised that she needed to remain "out of the meeting" while discussing the topic. Mr. Meredith postponed the item, saying it is just not together. The board knows this is a good program but they are also responsible to follow protocol and procedure.

13. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

Update on Data Base Project of non profits impacting the HUNC region.

Margaret Marmolejo explained that they had an unusual situation where many on committee could not be at the meeting, and Sheila Irani ran it.

Theresa Gio explained, regarding the database, people need to do the portions they said they would do. The committee split up this by section.

B) Discussion and motion to approve Deborah Brosseau as a voting stakeholder on Non Profit, Education and Arts Committee by 2/3 vote for an additional 1-year term.

Deborah Brosseau was not present to discuss. She is renewing her seat.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to approve Deborah Brosseau as a voting stakeholder on Non Profit, Education and Arts Committee by 2/3

vote for an additional 1-year term.

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Tom Meredith **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Caroline Johnson	Jim Van Dusen	Kasia Mays	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly
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- C) Discussion and motion to approve Lara Zvirbulis as a voting stakeholder on Non Profit, Education and Arts Committee by 2/3 vote for 1 one-year term.

Lara Zvirbulis explained that she has lived in Franklin Village and would like to be more involved.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to approve Lara Zvirbulis as a voting stakeholder on Non Profit, Education and Arts Committee by 2/3 vote for 1 one-year term.

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Margaret Marmolejo **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore	Caroline Johnson	Jim Van Dusen	Kasia Mays	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly
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14. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair Update on new smoke free multi-unit housing initiative by Koreatown Youth and Community Center

Brandi D'Amore reported as the Vice Chair, saying they almost did not make quorum. There were two CIS's presented, and Angel IZARD had to recuse herself because of her relationship with Councilmember Koretz; as he wrote them and she is his Field Deputy she confirmed with City Attorney that she needed to recuse. Ms. D'Amore reminded the board that it had also agreed it will not hear Council files that are supporting the City to support a County, State or Federal policy

The committee also heard from Jazmin Garcia Ariel Williams-Lewis of ACA Angelenos for Clean Air Coalition regarding making homes free of second-hand smoke and to give tools to make social change and improve lives of LA.

15. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

Brandi D'Amore noted that they have had some problems with firemen not coming in because of the vaccination mandate, and reiterated something mentioned before that under AB 361, board members cannot ask attendees to identify themselves by name, but they can require registration.

Sheila Irani announced that My SafeLA provides smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to people who are low income and seniors, and the LAFD will distribute and install those detectors. Ms. Irani indicated that is for single-family homes only.

Tom Meredith noted that they still have three board seats to fill. The Outreach committee has been flying high target locations in the regions, and he will send an email to the board with their PDF file of the flyer. He thanked Tony Zimbardi and Bianca Cockrell for aiding in outreach efforts and helping with some faith-based and nonprofit issues, and said he really wants to get all of their board seats filled by the end of the year. Ms. D'Amore added that newly appointed member Joe Hill also offered to take flyers to his area.

16. Old/Ongoing Business

None

17. New/Future Business

None

Adjournment at 10:40 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.