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# **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, November 8, 2021, 6:30 PM Webinar ID: 828 3698 1526 https://us02web.zoom.us/i/82836981526

Please see January '22 minutes which addressed November '21 minutes approval agenda item on edits on November '21 minutes.

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 Shauna Frente Thomas Daniels Valls Angel Izard Joseph Hill

**Robert Sexton** 

**Absent** 

Bianca Cockrell Theresa Gio Kasia Mays

# 2. Approval of Minutes

A) Approval of Minutes from October '21 Full Board Meeting

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to approve minutes from October '21 Full Board Meeting

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

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Margaret Marmolejo Michael Connolly Robert Morrison Shauna Frente

Sheila Irani Thomas Daniels Valls Tony Zimbardi

Abstain

Angel Izard Joseph Hill Robert Sexton Tom Meredith

B) Vote to approve minutes from October '21 HUNC Board Retreat

Approve with edits as:

Sheila Irani points out Section 3, roll call: Jim Van Dusen, add "n".

Angel Izard, new board member who was not present at Retreat, Angel Izard had watched the whole video and thanked Robert Morrison for his very thorough presentation.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to approve minutes from October '21 HUNC Board Retreat

Motion: Sheila Irani Second: Robert Morrison Vote: Yes-9, No-0, Abstain-4, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Margaret Marmolejo Michael Connolly Robert Morrison Shauna Frente

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

Stakeholder Ryan Snyder wanted to bring to the board's attention the fact that he has notified the Council District 13 office Field Deputy, Hannah Cho, and LADOT of an issue on Argyle: Grant Parking is parking cars on the sidewalk there, and it's an ADA violation. Brandi D'Amore noted, if it was the lot she was thinking of, that part of it is private property going into the sidewalk that they have had an issue with before. Mr. Snyder noted that they are not leaving the required 36 inches of clear space. Sheila Irani said that she met with Ryan, and there confirmed that there is probably not enough room for one person to walk down it, let alone a wheelchair.

Stakeholder Gerry Hans introduced himself as an Oaks resident and president of the Friends of Griffith Park. He wanted to make sure it is out in public that LA County has continued to use second-generation anti-coagulant rodenticides. LA Rec and Parks stopped using them in 2014, and in 2019/2020 state legislation was moving along to prohibit these anticoagulants. The City supported the legislation, AB 788, despite using bait boxes this year that still utilized second-gen anticoagulants. He thought it does not speak well to the county's ability to "walk the walk".

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

CD4, CD13, LAPD, etc. including:

- DWP, Art Saginian, Headworks
- RAP Stefanie Smith, Griffith Park
- LAUSD Nick Melvoin, School Board
- LA County, Ford Theater Trails

In addition, this coming Saturday is the 125th anniversary of the opening of Griffith Park.

From November 1 to December 31, 2021 one can donate gently used washed and cleaned blankets at CD4 district locations. CD4 will have a blood drive at the Westfield Square in Sherman Oaks as well. Regarding vaccine mandates, CD4 encourages stakeholders to get vaccinated, and the vaccine mandate is also intended to protect small business owners, their workforce, and to ensure businesses can remain open. The vaccine mandate for the City started today, so establishments where food and beverages are served, gym and recreation venues, museums, personal care establishments, City of LA facilities and outdoor events with more than 10,000 attendees will require proof of vaccination. The County's mandate covered the Hollywood Bowl, and the City's mandate covers the Greek Theater. To prove vaccination status, bring a photo ID, a physical vaccine card, a photo of both sides of the card, or a digital vaccination record which can be obtained at myvaccinerecord.cpdh.vaccine.gov. Natural antibodies do not count. Self-testing or religious or medical exemption, one will need to provide a negative covid test taken in the last 72 hours. One is only recognized as fully vaccinated if it has been 14 days since last dose.

Indoor masking will remain mandatory, at indoor locations until federal and state requirements are updated, including in public transit, schools, and indoor settings with more than 1000 people. Beginning November 9, there will be a notice to correct for businesses or buildings with a first violation, then a fine of \$1000 for the second, and more for other violations. City is waiting on an update from the City Attorney for how to report. If a customer does not want to show their vaccination record, an operator may offer alternate methods for service.

Regarding the Franklin/Ivar park security, CD4 is moving forward with MRCA contractors closing the gate at night and locking the gate. It is a short-term solution while CD4 identifies a long-term one and engages City entities during budget season.

Angel Izard asked where in Griffith Park the celebration would be, and Stefanie Smith from LA Recreation and Parks, who was on the call, introduced herself as the superintendent of Griffith Park. She clarified it will be at 30 locations: visitors can do a hike off Fern Dell or do a backstage tour of the Greek Theater among other activities. A map and schedule is at laconservancy.org/griffithpark125. There will also be a main hub down from the merry-go-round having info about the park, and a celebration and cake cutting with Councilmember Raman at 11 AM.

Tom Meredith introduced himself as Vice President of HUNC and a resident of Hollywood Dell, and thanked Ms. Rotolo for her update on Ivar Park. He asked when they will resolve the gate issue on a more permanent basis. Ms. Rotolo said she did not have an answer, but with the budget process beginning for 2022/2023, they want to identify a funding source to ensure the timely closing and opening of the park is included in the next funding cycle. Mr. Meredith asked that she keep HUNC in the loop.

<sup>\*</sup> Council District 4: Helene Rotolo, Field Deputy of Council District (CD) 4 advised on an upcoming renters' rights workshop happening that week, as well summarizing the recently submitted redistricting map and upcoming meetings of an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss recommendations to the full City Council. CD4 also has an upcoming anti-harassment and anti-discrimination housing webinar coming up to discuss tenant's rights that stakeholders can sign up for via the LA Housing Department's (LAHD) websites.

Michael Connolly asked if she could clarify the vaccine mandate for residents 12 and older, asking if that was only Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) or other schools. Ms. Rotolo explained that the LAUSD is enforcing the LAUSD mandate, not the City or County, since the ordinance was passed before the vaccine was approved for people under 12. She would be happy to speak to the City Attorney about that.

\* LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Jesse Rubalcava - explained that crime is still obviously up in his area (Area 49, south of Franklin) about 40% compared to last year, and overall throughout Hollywood up about 18%. Patrol is so thinned out with answering radio calls that they will go to calls that are priority for the public. A meeting tomorrow will clarify new ordinances for 4118 ordinance and will clarify what the LAPD can enforce. He reminded that Cleaning And Rapid Engagement Plus (CARE+) cleanups have occurred in the area, and obviously builds back up after looking okay for a few days. The program will continue to try and handle bulk dump.

LAPD has a toy drive December 4th leading to collect toys from 10 AM to 2 PM in the Gelson's parking lot. The giveaway will be on December 18th.

Brandi D'Amore asked if there were any updates on the stabbing at the Hollywood and Western Metro station on Friday, and SLO Rubalcava said that it was originally sent out by dispatch as a shooting, but responders learned it was a stabbing with two victims: one slashed in the face, one stabbed in the abdomen. The suspect was caught, but the motivation behind the attack was still unknown. Ms. D'Amore asked if there was an update on the car crash into a building on Taft and Franklin, and SLO Rubalcava said there was not yet, as he was not working today. He will update HUNC as soon as he is back at work.

\* LA County 3rd District: Rachel Sherrell introduced herself as the east side Field Deputy for Supervisor Kuehl (LA Count 3rd District Supervisor) and explained that for vaccine ordinances like the one Ms. Rotolo explained, the City ordinance supersedes the County ordinance. She also explained the Hollywood 2.0 pilot project to coordinate a homelessness response in the form of employment and mental health services, and the office is excited to partner with the CD4 office and the Hollywood Food Bank. She will follow up with the board later this week.

Fernando Morales from CD3 and Councilmember Blumenfeld's office explained the Ford Amphitheater Scenic Trail Project and that there is not funding secured at this point for it. There have been minor shifts due to soil sample collecting, but the only change that was not solely due to soil samples is the forking around the cross south of the Ford Theater, done at the request and guidance of the property owner, Church On The Way. While the County did have a plan to protect the cross, Church On the Way stipulated they wanted access to be maintained and have security so people can walk around that cross. Currently, in that trail area there is still access, however the Department of Parks at the County feels that regulating and having a park ranger there will be beneficial for that stretch of trail. Their next milestone is to have funding be secured next year with construction to happen in 2023 and opening to happen in 2024. Funding applications are still out, but Third District cannot assume funding will be in place quite yet. He then presented slides with pictures to detail plans for parking and details of the changes.

Jim Van Dusen asked Sheila Irani to send the presentation to board members. Mr. Morales added that their meeting with Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council went well, and it was important for Rec and Parks to address the issues of safety and hear feedback from property owners.

Stakeholder Gerry Hans from Friends of Griffith Park said that he believed that Prop J, the 1 million dollar request, was already turned down. He believed that HUNC had already approved a motion in April 2019 for a modified trail plan that did not approve the southern lake. He asked what the funding is now, and Mr. Morales said he would follow up with that information as he did not know for certain. Mr. Hans believed it was 6.4 million. He asked if after this much time and the discovery of rare and endangered plants on the southern leg they need to go back to the EIR and do supplemental research and review. Mr. Morales said he is happy to go back to the EIR. The first part was related to cost, in terms of the southern trailhead as you can see on the map, there is clear wear and tear on that trailhead, it's not been maintained. In terms of native wildlife and protection of flora and fauna in that area, Parks and Rec maintains there must be access to those trailheads. And if their needs to be a review of the EIR document, then that can happen.

Ms. D'Amore asked how the new Vista Bridge is being budgeted into that project, and Mr. Morales said he can look into that as well. Ms. D'Amore said that there are some potential safety issues on some of the new trails, including along the Cahuenga East Bridge. Mr. Morales said he was not aware of another trail, and that if it was outside the dotted lines of the map he presented, it would be outside County property. Ms. D'Amore said that if the Vista Bridge is going to be added, there needs to be an EIR on traffic impacts, and there are concerns because the plan is designed to create equity but it is being placed outside of where LA needs park space. Mr. Morales explained that the County has different places than the city where they can use park space.

Stakeholder Kristina O'Neill asked if Mr. Morales could forward the presentation to her, and Ms. D'Amore said she would forward it.

\* Stefanie Smith, LA Rec and Parks: said that in the Old Zoo area in Griffith Park a performing arts stage is now under construction. Phase 1 has been completed, and they are on to phase 2. The Tom LaBonge Panorama project is going to the full Board of Commissioners in December which will include improvements at the top of Mount Hollywood. They are also excited about hiring a biologist to work at Griffith Park, that is now out to bid, and bids are due back at the Department December 15. The department is now working with the Friends of Griffith Park as well. A potential snack stand within the pony rides is currently out for bid, and the contract should be awarded very shortly. DASH buses are working and fully in service up to the Observatory. The Fern Dell and Crystal Spring

bathrooms have been removed and will have picnic tables. She also met with Ms. Irani and CD4 about the Mulholland Drive fencing. She also asked any stakeholders interested in the Griffith Park newsletter to email her at stefanie.smith@lacity.org.

Ms. Irani asked Ms. Smith to keep HUNC posted on potential cell phone towers, emphasizing that in the event of a disaster, cell service is spotty.

- \* Assemblymember Bloom's Office: Josh Kurpies introduced himself as a representative from Assemblymember Bloom's office, saying that the legislature will return on January 3rd so now is a great time to submit bill proposals. Assm. Bloom is still working on making his rounds to NC's and is hoping to schedule that in January with HUNC. He is also chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Hate, and they will have a hearing on November 16 to provide public comment. Their office continues to assist the Employment Department (EDD) and getting word about the COVID19 rent relief program. Stakeholders can apply for 100% of outstanding rent owed and utilities at housingiskey.com. It is taking a while, longer than expected, but those applications are being processed. Even if the state hits that 5.2 billion dollars from the federal government, Los Angeles can receive more from other states who haven't used their allocated funds.
- \* Neighborhood Prosecutor Ethan Weaver: introduced himself as HUNC's neighborhood prosecutor, saying he had received emails expressing concern about the Wilcox Triangle tree's health and the health of the shrubs around it. Because of the sensitive nature of this site and the effort the community has put into the tree, he is connecting with stakeholders and doing his homework the best he can. Ms. Irani asked if he felt he knows what it looked like before they took out all the shrubs, and Mr. Weaver said he does and is making sure he has all that history down so he can tell the full story in court.
- A. DWP, Art Saginian, Headworks
  B. BAP Stefanie Smith, Griffith Park

(Covered in Main item, since representatives presented out of order)

C. EAUSD - Nick Melvoin, School Board

Nick Melvoin was late to the meeting and gave his presentation during item 7.a.i.

Mr. Melvoin introduced himself as the LAUSD board Vice President representing District 4 and gave updates regarding student and staff vaccination pushes and percentages. They are also searching for a new superintendent and are engaging with potential candidates among the board. He also explained how the school redistricting will affect the areas of his responsibility. He will retain Hollywood High School, Bancroft Middle School and Gardner Elementary School if the map gets approved in the coming weeks. One of his priorities has been to decentralize the school districts. Lastly, he gave updates on new principals, renovations, and the opening of a new arts integration magnet at Gardner elementary.

Sheila Irani asked when the new district boundaries will come into play, and Mr. Melvoin explained that LA City Council has a few more weeks to approve draft maps which will probably be approved as is and will go into effect in late December '21/early January '22.

Brandi D'Amore asked for more detail about the loss of a 6th grade teacher at Cheremoya Elementary, and Mr. Melvoin said they are trying to expedite the process of planting a memorial tree. He is working to fill the teacher's position, but there is a national teacher shortage because they just cannot afford to live in some places. He also encouraged community members to come to the teacher's memorial when it is scheduled.

D. LA County, Ford Theater Trails

(Covered in main item, since representatives presented out of order)

5. Community Updates

None

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

Brandi D'Amore noted that Rosalind Helfand, liaison to the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA), emailed her saying she has nothing to report. She asked if they were supposed to have an LADWP person at the meeting, and Sheila Irani explained that they were, but the representative thought there was nothing that changed enough to report so he was coming next year. Ms. D'Amore thought that was interesting since LA may have to ration water if they do not get enough this winter because of drought conditions, and because they have also seen people not following the rules about watering lawns. She was also waiting on Terrence McCarthy's presentation.

Ms. D'Amore attended Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition (LANCC) and noted that Ron Galperin presented. He presented one of his recent maps about food insecurity and it's interesting to see how many people in Hollywood have experienced that.

He also advised that LA City business tax collected was lower than in year's past and the majority of it came from cannabis sales. The

City has been doing data harvesting without consent of people here, so work is being done to track that.

At the meeting, Commissioner Schaeffer reiterated that NC's will be bound by new LA City Workplace Equity Policy. He also reminded NC's that as long as they are on electronic meetings and governance, grimacing, eye-rolling, laughing, and similar reactions will be a violation of code of conduct. All board members will have to be vaccinated if they come to in-person board meetings. Community members who are not vaccinated will not be permitted in the room.

Multiple NC members in attendance have complained about restrictions placed by DONE and BONC.

Lastly, she explained that when they do the CIS's, board should send them directly to the councilmembers and offices affected, as recommended at meeting.

#### 7. Executive Committee

## A) Report by the President

- Discussion for potential cancellation of December Board and any or all committee meetings.
- Request that each committee during their specified agenda state their mission and outreach strategies.
- By Laws Ad Hoc committee will convene in January '22 and must be completed with recommendations for Board before April 2022.
- 2022 will be an election year for CD13 and Executive Branch for the City of Los Angeles, we should plan on working with LFNC, HSDNC, EHNC, CHNC and HHWNC on candidate forums.
- Hollywood NC Coalition commencement
- Reminder for training, including ABLE, due by end of November 2021 (anti-bias training)
- i. Discussion for potential cancellation of December '21 Board and any or all committee meetings.

Sheila Irani explained that many of the NC's are dark, as are City Council, so she wanted to bring it to the board's attention to possibly make December a dark month. Tom Meredith has asked to maintain the Outreach committee since they missed November.

Jim Van Dusen said that that may work for PLUM; the net result is they could end up with two major projects for PLUM in January if not more in the first full board meeting.

Mr. Meredith said that he is going to hold Outreach, and reminded committees that they do not have to go dark if they do not want to.

Brandi D'Amore did not anticipate having anything significant coming to the board in December for Renters and Housing or Transportation and Works. Margaret Marmolejo said her committee is going to do some business this month and that should handle what they need.

Seeing no objections from the board, Ms. Irani called that the board meeting will go dark and the Social Services and Homelessness Committee will go dark as well.

At this point, Ms. Irani went back to item 4.C so that LAUSD representative Nick Melvoin could give his presentation.

Ii. Request that each committee during their specified agenda state their mission and outreach strategies.

Sheila Irani reiterated the agenda item.

Iii. By Laws Ad Hoc committee will convene in January '22 and must be completed with recommendations for Board before April 2022.

iv. 2022 will be an election year for CD13 and Executive Branch for the City of Los Angeles. HUNC should plan on working with Los Feliz Neighborhood Council (LFNC), Hollywood Studio District (HSDNC), and Hollywood Hills West (HHWNC).

V. Hollywood NC Coalition commencement

vi. Reminder for training, including ABLE, due by end of November 2021 (anti-bias training)

Sheila Irani did not know if anyone had completed that.

1. Vote to correct any Standing Rule referring to myhunc.com and replace with myhunc.org

Motion: Tom Meredith Second: Angel Izard Vote: Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Angel Izard Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Joseph Hill Margaret Marmolejo Michael Connolly Robert Morrison Robert Sexton Shauna Frente Sheila Irani Thomas Daniels Valls Tom Meredith

Tony Zimbardi

2. Discussion and vote to create Standing Rule to allow Executive Committee members in order of succession, or Chair of Transportation and Public Works or PLUM committees to present an official position that has been approved by the President with regards to tree removals, if the full Board cannot meet before the tree removal notice or hearing deadline.

Sheila Irani explained that they have had instances where trees were removed without HUNC being able to have a meeting to notice or comment on it.

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Brandi D'Amore explained that the proposed standing rule would require a potential removal to come to chair of either PLUM or Transportation and Works, who would then take the proposal to Ms. Irani to approve or disapprove.

Tom Meredith thought that this proposal was being forced in, and Ms. D'Amore noted that they brought this issue up last year regarding a Mexican palm tree and former board member Matt Wait was able to get a postponement from the City, but HUNC almost missed the deadline. Ms. Irani also clarified that if she is not available, the issue goes to the VP, and if the VP is not available the approval of the removal goes to the Secretary or Treasurer.

Ms. D'Amore motioned to create the standing rule and Ms. Irani seconded.

#### Motion passed.

Motion Made: Vote to create Standing Rule to allow Executive Committee members in order of succession, or Chair of Transportation and Public Works or PLUM committees to present an official position that has been approved by the President with regards to tree removals, if the full Board cannot meet before the tree removal notice or hearing deadline.

Motion: Brandi D'Amore Second: Sheila Irani Vote: Yes-10, No-1, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Angel Izard Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Margaret Marmolejo Michael Connolly Robert Sexton

Shauna Frente Sheila Irani Tom Meredith Tony Zimbardi

No

Robert Morrison **Abstain** 

Joseph Hill Thomas Daniels Valls

- B) Secretary's Report
  - Training Update
  - Review of DONE newsletter
  - i. Training Update

Brandi D'Amore presented about the compulsory ABLE training, and Rosters are investigating how to transfer over Jim Van Dusen's previous training. Shauna Frenté, Joseph Hill, Bianca Cockrell, Theresa Gio, Sheila Irani, Tom Meredith, Michael Connolly, Tony Zimbardi and Margaret Marmolejo need to complete the ABLE training by the end of the month or they will not be able to vote in upcoming meetings until completed, and if not completed within 30 days after deadline possible additional restrictions. She indicated PLUM training deadlines are extended to the end of December. She recommends that whole board take the training as If they need a special meeting on a PLUM activity, HUNC will not be able to do it unless the whole board completes their training.

Ii. Review of department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) newsletter

Brandi D'Amore summarized that the City is holding HUNC board members accountable for the information that's in the newsletter. She urged the board to look at the City template for bylaws. Also, if HUNC wants to change any of their seating or area designations in the bylaws, HUNC may have to go through special procedure through BONC.

The City is pushing the Neighborhood Awareness Engagement Survey, recommending every board member take the CORE module program. Board members have until December 2021 to take Planning 101 training. If they want to attend the CORE modules, they should go to the report and review for module 2. DONE confirmed at meetings that committees cannot participate in meetings unless they have 3 of assigned committee members present. They are also requesting stakeholder members of committees attend NC funding trainings.

1. Discussion and possible approval of Asher Landau to Non-profit or Faith-Based Seat until election of 2023, seat to run again in '25

Heard out of order. In order to accommodate hearing a Neighborhood Purpose Grant (NPG) for Hollywood Food Coalition, Sheila Irani postponed item and went to 10c. Did 10c and 10d before returning to the agenda as posted.

Returned to this item after NPG heard.

Robert Morrison had recused himself on prior issue of Hollywood Food Coalition because of his potential future professional interactions with the Hollywood Food Coalition. When this item came up, Brandi D'Amore Sheila Irani that Robert Morrison could not return to the meeting yet for Asher as the qualifying employment for Asher Landau to be considered for the seat is Hollywood Food Coalition.

Brandi D'Amore explained that In their Exec Committee meeting he met the qualifications to move forward, he works in HUNC's area, is currently vaccinated, understands the responsibilities, and participated in the HUNC retreat this past Saturday.

Asher Landau introduced himself, explaining his history working in the HUNC area for the Hollywood Food Coalition as development director and as a volunteer for its outreach. He has a lot of experience connecting stakeholders businesses, nonprofits, and housed neighbors to come together. He is hoping to bring that experience to board.

Mr. Landau said he was comfortable having to recuse himself from frequent meeting topics as a Hollywood Food Coalition member. He said he would like to join the Outreach Committee because of his skillset and the Transportation & Works committee because that focuses on quality of life issues related to Outreach.

Mr. Landau generally explained his outreach knowledge, saying that in his role with HFC they work with a lot of businesses in the Hollywood area and a lot of their volunteers are local to HUNC or related areas. His outreach has been related to working with these specific areas: focused on increasing outreach to specific areas, coordinating donations from businesses, food donations, and he has a lot of outreach experience coordinating with encampments and addressing neighbors' concerns with encampments.

Tom Meredith thought Mr. Landau's skillset would be very complimentary to the board and Outreach Committee, and he has engaged with the board over email that shows he has put in personal effort that resonates.

Ms. D'Amore asked what his response would be to community members who say the continued HUNC funding to HFC services leads to the growth of homeless encampment concentration in the area. Mr. Landau said that they see a lot of people who live and work in Hollywood, but also see people who live in Skid Row or South LA, but they leave after being served. He thinks housed and unhoused neighbors' interests are aligned. Perhaps they are declining certain types of services, but he thinks ultimately their unhoused problem is on their government for not providing a social safety net. He dreams of a day when non-profits like HFC do not need to exist and everyone's basic needs are met.

## Motion passed.

When Robert Morrison was returned to meeting from hold, he correctly reminded Brandi D'Amore that she should have allowed him to enter the meeting for agenda item for him to make his formal recusal on the item, and did so at this juncture.

Motion Made: Vote to approval Asher Landau to Non-profit or Faith-Based Seat until election of 2023, seat to run again in '25

Motion: Tom Meredith Second: Angel Izard Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-1, Ineligible-0

Yes

Angel Izard Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Joseph Hill Margaret Marmolejo Michael Connolly Robert Sexton Shauna Frente Sheila Irani Thomas Daniels Valls Tom Meredith Tony Zimbardi

Recuse

Robert Morrison

2. Discussion and possible approval of Lara Zvirbulis to Geographic Area 4 until election of 2023, seat to run again in '25 Heard out of order. In order to accommodate hearing a Neighborhood Purpose Grant for Hollywood Food Coalition, Sheila Irani postponed item and went to 10c.

Brandi D'Amore explained that the Executive Committee made sure Lara Zvirbulis met the minimum requirements and had done the training, etc. The one concern they have is that Lara is not currently vaccinated and at this time she has decided to not become vaccinated so they decided at Executive Committee to determine if they should approve to go forward to Full Board, and if approved leave it to her to step down if they go back to meeting in person. She is a voting stakeholder on multiple committees.

Ms. Zvirbulis introduced herself as a four-year Franklin Village resident, horseback riding instructor, and volunteer at Ronald Reagan presidential library and she wants to write and direct movies. She would also like to get more involved in HUNC.

Jim Van Dusen asked if she did not plan on getting vaccinated, and Ms. Zvirbulis said she was not currently vaccinated but is open to getting vaccinated as more in-person events start. She is very into promoting hybrid meetings to allow the community to be able to watch and also show up. Ms. D'Amore clarified that community members will also be required to show up in person.

Mr. Van Dusen added that City policy is for employees to be vaccinated, which board members technically are. Being vaccinated is also setting an example for HUNC's areas and a way to keep their friends and relatives safe, adding that he is up to seven friends and relatives who have died from COVID 19. He emphasized that the threat is real, and older people like himself would have to be very concerned about it, and they may be in a position where board members might have to leave. Ms. D'Amore added that the City has indicated that if they meet in a City facility Ms. Zvirbulis would not be allowed to attend. Mr. Van Dusen suggested that they wait to see what the City would say regarding meeting in person. He thinks Ms. Zvirbulis' enthusiasm is terrific, but board members also have an obligation to their constituents to present an example of trying to be as safe as they can be. Ms. D'Amore noted that they cannot put it on hold because it is possible someone may apply by next deadline. The conundrum is also that they have other board members who are not vaccinated who are currently board members, and if they had disclosed that info when elected, they might not have been voted in.

Joseph Hill asked to clarify that it is not currently a requirement for board members to be vaccinated, which Sheila Irani confirmed. She added that they will be meeting in person in January on City property and will not be doing hybrid meetings. Ms. D'Amore added that BONC is determining whether or not regardless of where an NC meets their members will still be required to be vaccinated. She also indicated that while DONE is not requiring it yet, the City is requiring it if board returns to meeting on City property.

Tom Meredith noted that in terms of outreach efforts it is so difficult to get enthusiastic prospects into this. He would prefer someone vaccinated, but right now they have someone who is interested in participating in their board and they should get someone they know now because they do not know what will happen in January. He is all for moving forward with this candidate.

Ms. D'Amore asked Ms. Zvirbulis if she is voted onto the board and cannot serve whether she would be open to finding a replacement. Ms. Zvirbulis said she would, and if the vote is "no" tonight, she asked if she would still be a voting stakeholder, which Ms. Irani confirmed.

Angel Izard said that she respected Ms. Zvirbulis' service, but with the fact that over 600,000 people have died from the pandemic, she is candidly not comfortable discussing Ms. Zvirbulis' vaccine status, and would not be comfortable serving with her in person.

Margaret Marmolejo asked Ms. Zvirbulis to clarify her stance, and said it sounded like she was would entertain the idea of getting vaccinated. Ms. Zvirbulis confirmed this, and said she is open to change. Ms. Irani asked if she could not make the commitment to get the vaccine for January, and Ms. Zvirbulis said she could not, saying a lot of change has happened already and a lot of info has come every day.

Stakeholder Kristina O'Neil thanked Ms. Zvirbulis for her service, but as said that as someone who will be attending HUNC meetings in person, she would not attend without board members being vaccinated, and asked the board not to vote to approve on things they are not clear on in the future and once it is defined which way Ms. Zvirbulis is willing to go or not go then they can consider her as a candidate. But as of tonight, she cannot support her.

Mr. Meredith motioned to approve. Ms. Marmolejo seconded.

Ms. D'Amore clarified that if the vote is not to approve now, Ms. Zvirbulis is more than welcome to apply again.

Motion fails.

Motion Made: Vote to approve Lara Zvirbulis to Geographic Area 4 until election of 2023, seat to run again in '25

Motion: Tom Meredith Second: Margaret Marmolejo Vote: Yes-4, No-5, Abstain-4, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Margaret Marmolejo Robert Morrison Shauna Frente Tom Meredith

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Angel Izard Jim Van Dusen Michael Connolly Sheila Irani Tony Zimbardi

Abstain

Brandi D'Amore Joseph Hill Robert Sexton Thomas Daniels Valls

## C) Treasurer's Report

### 1. Vote to approve Monthly Expense Report(s)

Robert Morrison screenshared the report.

Michael Connolly left at 9:29PM without advising board. Quorum still reached. As he did not note he was leaving there is no time stamp of departure. However as he was at last agenda vote, he left between that end and this agenda item vote.

Mr. Morrison explained the MER. The only encumbrance is the sponsorship for the LA Congress of Neighborhoods from last month, it was a different kind of expense.

Sheila Irani added that they are at a net available of \$30,000 halfway through their fiscal year, so everyone should start thinking about the organizations that are part of their committees.

Brandi D'Amore added that if HUNC goes back to in-person meetings they will have more expenses, not just meals but printing, as well as a hotspot, and an initial outlay of materials for each board member.

#### Motion passes.

Motion Made: Vote to approve October '21 Monthly Expense Report(s)

Motion: Robert Morrison Second: Sheila Irani Vote: Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Joseph Hill Margaret Marmolejo Robert Morrison Robert Sexton

Shauna Frente Sheila Irani Thomas Daniels Valls Tom Meredith Tony Zimbardi

Abstain Angel Izard

## 8. By Laws Committee Assignment

A) Discussion and Vote for ad hoc Bylaws Committee co chair:

Current Co Chair - Tom Meredith

Open Co Chair position:

Interested board members: Brandi D'Amore, Theresa Gio, Michael Connelly, Sheila Irani possible other members of Board

Sheila Irani said she did not think this will be a huge time-consuming project, saying she is the other co-chair with Tom Meredith (who is resuming his position from 2019).

Brandi D'Amore said that first they have to approve the committee before they approve the co-chair as one cannot determine the chair without knowing who is on the committee to be eligible. Ms. Irani said that is not true, and that in the bylaws it says the HUNC president appoints the chairs. Ms. D'Amore indicated that appointments as chair need to receive a board approval, and that the board needs to follow the agenda items as written.

Mr. Meredith thought that the concept is they want to make sure with full disclosure and full transparency that the co chair position is open to anyone in this meeting who wants to be on the committee or is open to co chair. Ms. Irani said that she has made at least 4 announcements about it, and she asked the board members if anyone feels like they were not asked to join the bylaws committee. Mr. Meredith asked if anyone would like to be co-chair or on the committee, and Joseph Hill said he would like to be on the committee.

Ms. D'Amore said that there are six people interested in being on the committee, and that Michael Connolly is interested in cochairing, but he is not present for this issue. Her point was that if there are only 5 seats, how would one determine who of the remaining 5 is on the committee. Ms. Irani asserted that they need to stop discussing Michael because he was not here and such discussion would be hearsay. She also confirmed that the board will approve the appointment of the co-chair.

Ms. Irani and Ms. D'Amore had heated back and forth over the issue and procedure. Ms. Irani finally asserting that as it stands, the president appoints a co-chair and then the board approves. Robert Morrison called a point of order and suggested that they look at the actual bylaws for committees. Mr. Meredith concurred. Mr. Morrison then said that the bylaws stated all standing and

ad hoc committees shall be established by vote of the board, and the board may create ad hoc committees as needed to deal with temporary issues. He read the text of the bylaws onto the record.

Mr. Meredith said that his interpretation of that is, Ms. Irani is the president, she has proffered her position as a co-chair, now the board gets to vote on that. Ms. D'Amore said that she would also like to be considered for co chair.

Jim Van Dusen raised a Point of Order, saying it was unusual to have the president of an NC be a cochair and asking if the bylaws are silent on that. Ms. Irani said that the bylaws do not address it, clarifying that the last bylaws committee was run by Mr. Meredith, who confirmed that his co chair was then-board-member Susan Swan.

Ms. Irani explained her qualifications for being co chair, saying she has been on the committee before and would like to address holes in the bylaws, the division of labor, and leadership of the committees themselves.

Ms. D'Amore explained her qualifications for being co chair, saying that Ms. Irani is a qualified choice, but she does feel strongly that a president should not be on a bylaws committee which was echoed by DONE that at recent CORE indicated not best practice. She highlighted her discovery of fundamental language issues on representative voting that required changing in 2019. She feels she has more time than Ms. Irani, understands the bylaws process better and may make an equal and functional chairperson.

Angel Izard asked why in some other bodies the president might recuse themselves from a bylaws committee. Ms. Izard said she would prefer if the people running did not answer. Mr. Meredith added that Ms. D'Amore and Ms. Irani made solid points: within the bylaws, roles and responsibilities have been delineated between the Executive Committee positions. Right now, the VP has no responsibility but to take over the meeting if the president is absent or recused. He can understand wanting to spread responsibility around, and is all for putting this discussion in a bylaws committee.

Decision made to vote sequentially on those interested. If Ms. Irani was not approved, Ms. D'Amore would be put up for vote.

Robert Morrison made the motion to vote for both Ms. Irani and Mr. Meredith to co-chair and was advised that Mr. Meredith already maintains his seat.

#### Motion passes.

Motion Made: Vote for Sheila Irani as ad hoc Bylaws Committee co-chair

Motion: Robert Morrison Second: Shauna Frente Vote: Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-6, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Angel Izard Joseph Hill Margaret Marmolejo Robert Sexton Sheila Irani Tony Zimbardi

Abstain

Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Robert Morrison Shauna Frente Thomas Daniels Valls Tom Meredith

B) Discussion and Vote for ad hoc Bylaws Committee members: choose 3, excludes co-chair selection Interested board members: Brandi D'Amore, Theresa Gio, Michael Connelly, Sheila Irani

Tom Meredith summarized that, per earlier in the meeting, the interested board members were Brandi D'Amore, Theresa Gio, Michael Connolly, Sheila Irani, and Joseph Hill. Robert Morrison noted as a Point of Order that committee members should be appointed by the President. Jim Van Dusen raised a Point of Order that he believes the agenda item to be invalid and conflicting with the bylaws since there is no provision in them for discussion and voting on committee members. He suggested they drop it and Ms. Irani can select committee members tonight or in the normal course of committee business. The item was dropped.

9. PLUM Committee - Chair report on Mission and Outreach Strategy

Mission: Facilitate open discussion on Planning and Land Use Management issues for all community stakeholders.

- 1. Prioritize input into city decision-making process during planning and approval stages.
- 2. Educate stakeholders with materials and events.
- 3. Advocate for the importance of Neighborhood Council Feedback in city planning
- 4. Provide platform to elevate community-initiated issues related to PLUM.
- 5. Target stakeholders for PLUM issues using social media polls, electronic surveys and other outreach.

Read the statement in agenda.

A) Discussion and possible submission of letter from HUNC formally requesting an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on Engineering Department NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SIDEWALK AND TRANSIT AMENITIES PROGRAM (STAP).

Margaret Marmolejo left meeting without notice. Quorum maintained. As she did not announce her departure, there is no time stamp. However as she voted in previous item, this is when she departed.

He explained that the City is going to replace all the bus stops with new ones that will have canopies. Some will have bicycle docks, some will have charging stations for cell phones, and to pay for them, they will put digital signage on the bus stops. At the PLUM hearing, the City has acknowledged there are some problems with the project, but rather than go to a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR), they can go to a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), saying they can fix the problem by doing "x" or that they think the project does not violate any codes or statutes. In this case, there's no dispute or opposition to the bus stops, but it's the rotating digital signs that this issue is all about. For background, a statement was sent by the board in March '20, when it first came up and it was clear the City was bypassing NC's. Mr. Van Dusen then summarized the Community Impact Statement (CIS). PLUM heard from an individual who can speak with more detail about the issue, and came to the conclusion that they support the organization Mr. Van Dusen then explained Scenic LA's summary of their opposition.

Patrick Frank from Scenic LA explained that basically the motion is that the MND is not sufficient and a full EIR is required. He explained that the screens would require power equivalent to the amount used by 1,300 LA homes for a year. The signs would also distract drivers and create traffic problems, and the PLUM committee had agreed.

Sheila Irani asked if there would be information on the screens about stops and times, and Mr. Frank said each bus shelter will have a small screen visible to people at the bus shelter about when the next bus is coming. Ms. Irani asked if the digital ads would support the cost of that information, and Mr. Frank said they would, but the City could abolish the digital ad screens by will and the contractor would have to build whatever type of bus shelter the City demands.

Mr. Frank explained that when requests for proposals went out in February, they wrote it this way to generate more money because the budget was in terrible shape, but they can do the same thing with static ads too, and the CEO for one of the finalists said they could do it.

Angel Izard asked to clarify the static vs moving digital ads, and Mr. Frank explained that it would be a slideshow that would change every 10 seconds with as a static ad, with no digital animation.

Brandi D'Amore said that one of the biggest concerns of PLUM and HUNC was that the bus stops will mine users' data. Mr. Frank said it would be a severe violation of the RFP if they did.

Stakeholder Kristina O'Neil said that one of the things said about the bus stops was users would get a live feed on when the next bus is coming, and asked if that can be done on an app instead. Also, phone chargers were mentioned, if people can charge their phones. She agrees on the digital advertising issue. Mr. Frank said there is already an app called Transit, the official app of the Metro system. And the Public Works Commission still thinks they need a small screen with bus arrival times.

Angel Izard thought the ads are cool and futuristic and likes this kind of ad. She uses public transit all the time and while she does have the app, it is helpful to see info displayed. She would support the stop design the way it is now.

Ms. D'Amore said she is also a public transit user, and reminded the board that they did vote on the initial stages of this project. They also know that people have accidents when they are distracted and there are some concerns with the City permitting private advertisers to track users' location. Also, significant blue-light exposure has a major effect on sleep patterns. And while only 1300 homes' worth of power seems like it is not a big deal in a city as big as LA, the city has put forth a carbon neutral policy, so they cannot support that and put forward this policy. It is possible to create all the best aspects of these things. When advertisers cannot utilize a digital process they will find another way.

Robert Morrison clarified that the vote is to send a letter supporting an EIR, and Mr. Van Dusen confirmed, saying they are not opposing the project with this vote.

## Motion passes.

Motion Made: Vote to submit letter from HUNC formally requesting an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on Engineering Department NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SIDEWALK AND TRANSIT AMENITIES PROGRAM (STAP).

Motion: Jim Van Dusen Second: Brandi D'Amore Vote: Yes-10, No-1, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Joseph Hill Robert Morrison Robert Sexton Shauna Frente Sheila Irani Thomas Daniels Valls Tom Meredith Tony Zimbardi

No Angel Izard

B) Discussion and possible motion for recommendation of a CIS of CF 21-0828, with special consideration of Alternative 1 as outlined in Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan / Environmental Impact Report / Infrastructure and Animal Facility Improvements or 21-0828 (CFMS) (lacity.org).

At some point Margaret Marmolejo returned to meeting without announcing return.

Jim Van Dusen explained the nature of the motion. They put out an EIR, which had several options, the one the City is pursuing is an expansion of the Zoo, which includes convention meeting facilities as well as an entertainment area for rock climbing and a parking garage within the land of the zoo. It's putting more restaurants and displays and a vineyard in there, and this is all in Griffith Park. The Zoo essentially owns it as far as the City is concerned. He added that HUNC has been very consistent over the years with regards to any development inside Griffith Park. The City has tried to put in aerial trams, visitors centers, and take away open land over the years, all of which HUNC has opposed. The park was given to the City as a wildlife preserve. And this is seen as the Zoo not just trying to update itself but make itself a destination center. They did not have anyone from the zoo to present to PLUM, but Gerry Hans from the Friends of Griffith Park (FoGP) organization is present.

Mr. Van Dusen explained that the motion is that HUNC supports the position paper from FoGP and supports alternative 1 which is the recommendation of the FoGP. It was the most environmentally superior alternative. The City will still gain the ability to handle crowds as they gear up for the Olympics.

Gerry Hans said that they had a robust conversation at the committee level. Alternative 1 is really just a compromise to this enormous project. The big issue lies in the California development area and African development area that would be impacted in other alternatives. Specifically these areas would be eliminated or substantially altered. Most of the trees impacted are mature coast live oaks, tayon, and Mexican elderberry. Some of the impact is pushed outside of the Zoo's borders, and some fire buffer areas would have to be created. Alternative 1 would give up one of the fine dining places at the California visitor's center, among other things, and still does the important things that the whole project aims for.

Angel Izard thought Alternative 1 looks like a good compromise and would support it.

Brandi D'Amore noted that the current project without Alternative 1 plans to remove about 220 protected trees, so it seems the best alternative.

Sheila Irani asked if any protected trees were being taken out in Alternative 1, and Mr. Hans said to his knowledge many of their large mature trees will be replaced to make room for a remodel/modernization of their animal care facilities, including putting in ADA accommodations.

Stakeholder Kristina O'Neil asked what the purpose of the proposed vineyard was and whether the Zoo was actually going to produce wine. Mr. Hans said she would have to ask the Zoo, and explained that the vineyard would be taking out chaparral land, though there would be mitigation for all these losses. Trees would have to be replaced on a ratio basis, not on the number of trees.

Mr. Hans clarified that there is no due date for the Rec and Parks council committee.

### **Motion passes**

Motion Made: Vote to write CIS of CF 21-0828, with special consideration of Alternative 1 as outlined in Los Angeles Zoo Vision Plan / Environmental Impact Report / Infrastructure and Animal Facility Improvements or 21-0828 (CFMS) (lacity.org).

Motion: Tom Meredith Second: Sheila Irani Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Angel Izard Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Joseph Hill Margaret Marmolejo Robert Morrison Robert Sexton Shauna Frente Sheila Irani Thomas Daniels Valls Tom Meredith Tony Zimbardi

10. Social Services & Homelessness Committee

## A) Chair Report

Dinner distribution at Hollywood Food Coalition Nov 22 and Dec 22, RSVP to Sheila if you wish to join the committee there, limited openings; Sheila Irani and Thomas Daniel Valls will be Cool Block Leaders to implement climate change mitigation efforts at the local level.

Stated in agend item.

B) MissionStatement: Social Services and Homelessness Committee will organize more frequent interactions with people experiencing homelessness and low income seniors.

#### **Outreach Strategies:**

Participate as volunteers with local non profits:

- 1. Hollywood Food Coalition, monthly, packaging and distributing dinner
- 2. Work with Showers of Hope and SELAH to eliminate one use plastics with grant funding of soap dispensers, and large water jugs and paper cups

- 3. Pass out sweatshirts for winter to people in encampments and/or at Hollywood Food Coalition
- 4. Support laundry voucher and shower program
- 5. Work with Outreach Committee to actively engage with senior population, e.g. Silver Crest (Salvation Army), other senior housing in our area

#### Read agenda item for statement.

C) Discussion and motion to support up to \$200 for promoting a holiday socks and underwear drive with collection points at retail stores in HUNC boundaries for the benefit of people experiencing homelessness. Money will be used for posters and large, new plastic bins for collection. Clothing will distributed through our non profit homeless service organizations in HUNC area.

Brandi D'Amore asked how they are determining distribution, and Sheila Irani said once they have collected the materials, they can distribute to a number of area partners like the Hollywood Food Coalition, Salvation Army, and other homeless nonprofits. Ms. D'Amore asked to add the Saban clinic to the list.

Tom Meredith asked if there was an NPG for the item, and Ms. Irani said there was not and it was not needed, and they would be using their HUNC credit card to buy some bins and supplies from Home Depot. The flyers would be printed out at Henry's. She confirmed these assets would belong to HUNC and be stored in HUNC's storage room. Robert Morrison asked if the money would come out of outreach, office, or operational expenditures, and Ms. Irani said she thought they should do this every year, so it should come out of office or operational.

Ms. D'Amore asked if they have actual partnerships set up, and Ms. Irani said that they are assuming they will have them. She does not think Gelson's will partner, but Petco probably will and Marshall's may. Ms. D'Amore cautioned that they have had problems with grabbing and stealing at Petco.

Motion Made: Vote to support up to \$200 for promoting a holiday socks and underwear drive with collection points at retail stores in HUNC boundaries for the benefit of people experiencing homelessness. Money will be used for posters and large, new plastic bins for collection. Clothing will distributed through our non profit homeless service organizations in HUNC area.

Motion: Sheila Irani Second: Angel Izard Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Angel Izard Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Joseph Hill Margaret Marmolejo Robert Morrison Robert Sexton Shauna Frente Sheila Irani Thomas Daniels Valls Tom Meredith Tony Zimbardi

D) Discussion and vote for up to \$500 in NPG for Hollywood Food Coalition to order plain L and XL sweatshirts to be distributed during dinners provided to people experiencing homelessness.

Robert Morrison recused himself since the nonprofit he works for does business with Hollywood Food Coalition. Representative for HFC Sherry Bonanno explained that the item was to request \$500 to purchase hoodies through Amazon that they could distribute to people who are outside and cold.

Brandi D'Amore asked if HUNC required to show the vendor information to confirm the funding, and Sheila Irani clarified that Ms. Bonanno has not purchased the items yet so the best she can do is show the estimate. And HFC is already W9'd, so they are in the system. They are going to distribute them during dinners. Ms. D'Amore asked how many large and extra large sweatshirts they were buying, and Ms. Bonanno assured her the cost stays consistent among sizes, so she might buy larger sizes for their larger clients.

Ms. Bonanno says that normally HFC puts out a wish list, and that the NPG was to request money to purchase items in general. However, Tom Meredith said that they have a responsibility to distribute taxpayer money, and that they need to have an NPG with the amount, details, and specifics. He would like to support HFC, but without an NPG he will not be supporting this, and is disappointed in the board. Ms. Irani noted that Mr. Meredith was co-chair of the Homelessness and Social Services Committee, and Mr. Meredith said that his committee should be ashamed as well for failing to follow procedure.

Ms. Bonanno said that they would put a flyer with the distribution to say HUNC was donating the sweatshirts. Ms. Irani clarified that the sweatshirts would be distributed during meal handouts in November. Ms. Bonanno said she would be happy to pin a flyer to each sweatshirt, and she can send the Amazon Wishlist to the board. Ms. D'Amore asked if they are checking on if there are any issues with the vendors; Ms. Irani said they do not have time for that, and Ms. D'Amore said that they have a community that asks for that.

Angel Izard thanked Ms. Bonanno for coordinating, and asked how much she looked into the price for hoodies. Ms. Bonanno said the one presented was the cheapest she found on Amazon and any donor money they get, they try to respect any dollar we get.

Ms. D'Amore said that applicants have to do the full paperwork to show the unit costs for the NPG to be functional. Ms. Irani said that all Ms. Bonanno needs to do is provide an estimate to go with the NPG to generate the check. Ms. D'Amore said that is why this NPG is not functional. Ms. Bonanno said that the difference from her first NPG to now is previously she submitted her information and HUNC made the purchase. But now she has learned that she has to submit the information and she makes the purchase.

Mr. Meredith reiterated that he loves the HFC, but that HUNC's board are stewards of taxpayer money and they need to make sure it is being spent in the best way possible. He also clarified that they need to submit an Amazon request for this as part of the request, and apologized that the item was not articulated in the agenda correctly, but they will not be able to hear it until the next board meeting in January '21. Ms. Bonanno said that they can resubmit it in January, as it will still be cold then.

E) Discussion and vote for up to \$750 NPG for A Million Drops to offer \$5 Laundry Vouchers to people experiencing homelessness

Robert Morrison shared the NPG. Sheila Irani approached LA Deputy City Attorney Steve Houchin about the item, and he stated in writing that she did not need to recuse herself, she has not been on the board for 2 years and does not benefit financially from A Million Drops.

Maike Both said that the last NPG they got in May '21 was applied to May, June, and July spendings on the laundry vouchers. On the average they had 69 vouchers redeemed each month. They got a washer, dryer, and free laundry detergent. And they end up paying 5 dollars per voucher to the laundromat owner. So they would like to ask for another \$750 to give out vouchers for December '21, January '22, and February '22.

Brandi D'Amore asked if they had the project completion report from the last one, and Mr. Morrison said that they did, and displayed the report and the NPG.

Ms. Both said that she spoke with Andrew at the church and due to the evictions they had twice the amount of people asking for showers, so she assumes the need for vouchers will go up. Ms. D'Amore asked if they do audits on the vouchers given out, and Ms. Both said that they do, since they get the vouchers back from the laundromat at the end of the month so she can check who redeemed them.

Ms. D'Amore asked if they have any data about how many of the people who request vouchers end up using them, and whether they reissue them. Ms. Both said they were handing out the maximum amount of vouchers they can in a month, and 208 vouchers were redeemed in three months. Generally it's people who go to the church for the showers

Jim Van Dusen praised the program and asked if HUNC was giving enough money to them. Ms. Irani asked Ms. Both to keep them in the loop and let HUNC know if they start to run out of vouchers. Ms. D'Amore noted that they had community members who felt that the provision of services is creating more unhoused members in HUNC's community, so she thought Ms. Irani has made her figures more conservative because some people feel such action has been contributing to a problem. Ms. Both thought that when people feel better about themselves in general, it improves the community.

Motion passes.

Ms. Both wanted to make sure the board knew that their logo was on all the vouchers.

Motion Made: Vote for up to \$750 NPG for A Million Drops to offer \$5 Laundry Vouchers to people experiencing homelessness

Motion: Sheila Irani Second: Jim Van Dusen Vote: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Angel Izard Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Joseph Hill Michael Connolly Robert Morrison Robert Sexton Shauna Frente Sheila Irani Thomas Daniels Valls Tom Meredith Tony Zimbardi

### 11. Outreach Committee

### A) Chair Report

Tom Meredith reported that they did not have a November meeting, but contrary to the notion of going dark in December, he thinks they need to have a meeting on December 6th. He has a new contact at the Hollywood Farmers Market and wants to discuss the survey they need to do.

## 12. Transportation & Works Committee

#### A) Chair Report

Brandi D'Amore reported that the committee met last month, and one of the things the committee is considering is using the

permission in the bylaws to once a year request a meeting change of duration. She has been working with Ethan on that tree in the Wilcox triangle by Mokuzai, the illegal restaurant: the tree seems to be healthy, but the damages to the tree will be factored into the City's damage assessment. Artificial turf has been put in public parkways illegally, and it has been coming to their attention: A, if you see artificial turf please report it to the Bureau of Engineering. November T&W meeting will discuss the issues of violation of the Residential Parkway ordinance and artificial turf.

- B) Mission statement: building our committee's presence in the community, so all parties remain informed and up to date on conditions for renters in the city -- especially as rents continue to increase.
  - public tabling at Gelson's once COVID regulations allow
  - Mailer with maybe magnet or swag, with Committee info
  - Committee members to do individual outreach to people they come into contact with (especially when there is a critical housing issue happening)

Brandi D'Amore could not find the agenda item in Access at time, and Sheila Irani told board to read it in agenda.

C) Discussion and possible motion for HUNC to write a letter to CD4 to request placement on full City Council agenda to vote to put the Franklin Ivar Park to be put on the Security services Gate Enclosure Program.

Brandi D'Amore explained that Helene Rotolo touched on this tonight; since June, HUNC has received complaints from the residents of the Hollywood Dell and surrounding area that the park has not been closed at night. One of the conditions to permit that park going in was a covenant with the City that the park would have to be secured at night. HUNC was told by Rec and Parks that they were locking it up as a courtesy as the LAPD has a department called Security Services, with the official responsibility to lock it. They said they were not supposed to lock up the park but they continued to do it. In June, a fire happened; Former board member Erin Penner had learned that some people were smoking and throwing cigarette butts in the park. So Ms. D'Amore and Hollywood Dell Civic Association president, Alexa Skarpelos, have been trying to coordinate a meeting between LAPD, LAFD, CD4, Rec and Parks, and MRCA Ranger. The only person who showed up was Chief Losorelli (R&P) and Assistant Chief Dean Zipperman (LAFD). They were told the closing couldn't be done earlier. They discussed the trilogy lock, which remains functioning based on a timer in a box, and after sunset they would need to put a code in to unlock. Committee told it would require a redesign of fencing and not structurally or financially feasible. There are several areas that security services are legally required to maintain. In the interim, SS has no money. So CD4 has contracted MRCA to take care of the property. Ms. D'Amore did connect with Ms. Skarpelos and she wants this motion put through. They drafted a letter to request that CD4 put forth before the City Council but they need to put forth a permanent solution. Ms. D'Amore added that LAFD Assistant Chief Zipperman acknowledged there was a fire risk there. Sheila Irani asked what the cost was to put a trilogy lock on there, and Ms. D'Amore said it does not solve the problem, since they still have to make sure when closing that everyone has been removed from the park.

Ms. Irani said that trilogy locks have helped in several areas within HUNC's borders, and Ms. D'Amore clarified that it would help in this case but the issue isn't solely preventing access after hours, but that staff is still needed to clear the park before closing which is not possible at this time.

Angel Izard asked if it had to be a council motion, saying her understanding was that it can be done administratively. Ms. D'Amore said they can ask the council to do it without a motion but they can refuse the option. Ms. Izard added that Mike Scholl would have to put it on administratively, saying that she had done extensive research on the topic. Ms. D'Amore clarified that HUNC cannot request it, the council has to, and funding is what is preventing the agencies that are supposed to be doing it from doing it. Ms. Izard said she could send Ms. D'Amore the language that confirms it can be done administratively.

## Motion passes.

Motion Made: Vote for HUNC to write a letter to CD4 to request placement on full City Council agenda to vote to put the Franklin Ivar Park to be put on the Security Services Gate Enclosure Program.

Motion: Brandi D'Amore Second: Thomas Daniels Valls Vote: Yes-11, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Angel Izard Brandi D'Amore Jim Van Dusen Joseph Hill Margaret Marmolejo Robert Morrison

Robert Sexton Shauna Frente Sheila Irani Thomas Daniels Valls Tony Zimbardi

13. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

## A) Chair Report

Margaret Marmolejo reported that they met last month and went over a couple of things. One was the database, and they reorganized the people working on it. They want to have a database of all the nonprofits in HUNC's area as well as artists and educational centers. They wanted to find out what the Cheremoya Elementary needed, and they have a project going on in their library which is to update the books in their library. So the school would like it if they could have up to \$1,000 to replenish those books. They will be looking at that next meeting.

She was reminded that this needs an NPG, and to review the documentation needed from the school to submit.

B) Mission and Outreach Strategy

Mission: To provide more exposure to community of the committee's existence Outreach:

- \* Make a data base of HUNC non Profits, schools, artists
- \* Provide an NPG workshop to promote the program
- \*Promotion
- \*Expose the government resources that are available to non-profits, education, and arts (i.e., Department of Cultural Affairs, etc.)

Read from agenda item.

- 14. Renters and Housing Issues Committee
  - A) Chair Report

Bianca Cockrell, Chair, was absent. Brandi D'Amore, Vice Chair, did report. She said that the committee is meeting November 18th and changed because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

B) Mission and Outreach Strategy

Mission statement: building our committee's presence in the community, so all parties remain informed and up to date on conditions for renters in the city -- especially as rents continue to increase.

- public tabling at Gelson's once COVID regulations allow
- mailer with maybe magnet or swag, with Committee info
- Committee members to do individual outreach to people they come into contact with (especially when there is a critical housing issue happening)

Read from the agend item.

- 15. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee
  - A) Chair Report

Michael Connolly, chair, left meeting with no information provided for Brandi D'Amore, vice chair, to provide. She outlined that the committee is moving forward in January with the RYLAN program voted on in Spring, and that an invitation was going to be sent to Captain McGuyre to speak at January '22 committee meeting to answer questions raised by SLO reports in recent months.

B) Mission Statement & Outreach Statement

Provided in previous meeting over summer.

16. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

None

17. Old/Ongoing Business

None

18. New/Future Business

None

Adjournment at 11:34 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.