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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, May 10, 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	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Coyote Shivers
Margaret Marmolejo	Erin Penner	Brandi D'Amore	Matt Wait	Andrew Chadsey	Fouzia Burfield
Marshall Cobb	Robert Morrison	Maureen Diekmann	Tony Zimbardi	Bianca Cockrell	

**Excused**

Susan Swan Michael Connolly Theresa Gio

**Left**

Maureen Diekmann: In Attendance: 6:34 PM, Excused 6:34 PM

2. Approval of Minutes

**George Skarpelos asked if there were any edits to the minutes necessary. Brandi D'Amore said that first under number 4, second page, where it starts with a paragraph about her, it's the CDC. Second, she is not sure whether they should vote on removing Matt Wait's requested removal from the past meeting.**

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

**Yes**

Andrew Chadsey	Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani
Tony Zimbardi					

**Abstain**

Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Marshall Cobb

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

**Stakeholder Nadia Taalbi said she was really disappointed at what happened at the old zoo, and just personally walking around and experiencing more following and harassment on the street, and felt it feels like something shady is going on; as far as the NC, she thought it was important to have transparency, and she was really concerned about Councilmember Nithya Raman as a leader at this time. She has emailed her staff multiple times regarding issues, and her staff has been unresponsive.**

**Stakeholder Kerry Morrison from HeartForward LA said she has been meeting with the residents of the Villas at Gower and surfaced some of the issues they want to work on as a community to find their voice. And the issues about the encampments under the Gower overpass surfaced as a prime concern. With the school reopening, it's impossible to walk up to Cheremoya, and there are people jumping fences, etc. so she is wondering if the homeless committee can work with the residents about that. She was hoping some residents would come on to the meeting via phone tonight, but they were not able to.**

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

*Lorenzo Briceno from DONE commented that the department is doing some reorganization and as a result of that HUNC will have a new NEA, and Atziri Camarena will be the new advocate working with HUNC. George Skarpelos said the board has known Ms. Camarena for many years and worked with her in other ways.*

*Ms. Camarena introduced herself, explaining she has worked with this board since 2014, and originally the funding rep for HUNC. She told the stakeholders to feel free to reach out to her at any time if they need assistance. The fiscal year end dates are right around the corner, and the new budget for NC's is 32,000. They will be able to roll over 10,000 dollars from last year. June 1st is the last date to submit a check request, and June 20th is the last day to use their bank card.*

*Josh Kurpies from Assembly Member Bloom's office said stakeholders may have heard this morning the governor made announcements about projected budget surpluses this year, another 36 billion dollars. Last year at this time they anticipated a \$54 billion deficit, and now they have a \$36 billion surplus plus the 26-27 billion they will receive from the federal government. This Friday the governor will make a press statement about how he plans to adjust his budget request for this year. He did announce today he is expanding the \$600 golden state recovery stimulus to more families and dependents. Also, they just had a webinar about how to be appointed to a state board or commission and had a good turnout. Regarding Carrie Morrison's comments earlier she does not know if it's the same spot or nearby, but they have been working with CalTrans on the northeast corner of Yucca and Carlos to secure encampments and fence down the area.*

*Sarah Tanberg from Councilmember Raman's office announced that the city council's budget committee has been reviewing the mayor's proposed budget, and Councilmember Raman's office submitted a letter of priorities. They are looking at Sanitation and Rec and Parks getting their funding back and are hoping a lot of the budget will go to addressing homelessness. Councilmember Raman's office also requested and received an E-6 outreach team dedicated to addressing mental health and substance abuse issues with unhoused residents. In the Ivar tunnel and surrounding areas, she heard about the Carlos underpass, which is CD13's territory. Together, they are working on triaging some of these more complex issues. They are also excited that the ridgeline ordinance is moving forward to the PLUM committee, so after years of advocacy from NC's and community groups, LA City Planning is proposing the LA ridgeline ordinance. Prior to being heard in PLUM, there will be lots of chances to be heard. The councilmember did meet with Captain Hogan and a bunch of LAFD folks last week, toured their Van Nuys operations airport, and talked to them about hillside fire safety which affects a lot of their East of 101 folks in the hills. Brush clearance season starts on May 15th. Councilmember Raman joined Ms. Tanberg to meet The Oaks residents on Canyon Drive to talk about congestion issues, traffic safety, etc. They did have Tracy and Stephanie from Recreation and Parks there.*

*Erin Penner asked, since it has been brought up a lot, if HUNC were to have a special meeting as to issues that happened at the old zoo and since it's a high fire zone, if Ms. Tanberg would be able to come to that meeting, and Ms. Tanberg said absolutely. Regarding stakeholder Nadia, Ms. Tanberg does not have an email from her in her inbox, so offered her email, sarah.tanberg@lacity.org, and said she would love to connect with her and try to figure this out.*

*Stakeholder Kristina O'Neil reminded the board that whenever traffic is mitigated from one area, it goes to another area. Ms. Tanberg said that the councilmember actually brought that up, and she wants a comprehensive solution that does not push traffic to another area.*

*Sean Starkey from Councilmember O'Farrell's office reported that the Salvation Army 30-bed shelter has opened. It's not quite at capacity, and they are focusing on the area around Gower, Bronson, and Carlos to fill the shelter. As the city, county and state are changing vaccine rules, he wanted to remind them that his office can bring vaccines to people who are homebound. Also, south of HUNC, they worked with DOT to take the Fountain and Bronson intersection from two contact points at each intersection down to one to help kids who are walking to and from school.*

*Brandi D'Amore said that Ranger Kleckner was planning on attending, but he has been delayed.*

## 5. Community Updates

### A) Report by the Youth Representative

*Marshall Cobb said that following up on the project he was working with earlier, organizing the item drive for unhoused, they are working right now on COVID restrictions with his school. From an ideological standpoint, everyone's doing a lot better since it's not affecting as many as it once was, and the pandemic does not have as much of a grip on their lives, everyone is feeling a little bit better. And in that spirit he thinks it might be a good idea to do a youth activity: a movie on a projector or a carnival or something of that nature. George Skarpelos asked if he was at in-person classes yet at Loyola, and Mr. Cobb said not yet, but he is looking to join those very soon and looking forward to being back.*

### B) Report from the Sustainability Alliance liaison

*No report*

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

**No announcements**

## 7. Executive Committee

## A) Report by the President

*George Skarpelos had no report but did talk to Chief Hogan about when HUNC might have in-person meetings at the Annex, and his response was "when he gets clearance". They will have to push the in-person Annex tour until a few weeks from now.*

## B) Approval of Angel Izard as a stakeholder member of the Renters &amp; Housing Committee for a 1 year term

*George Skarpelos explained that she came to their CERT classes and wanted to be a part of the Renter's Committee. She brings a lot of knowledge and experience, and he cannot recommend more highly to reappoint her as part of this committee.*

*Angel Izard said that she has enjoyed their time on the committee and is happy to represent the folks who live in HUNC's area, and should the board be so inclined, she would be happy to sign on for another year.*

*Matt Wait said he has worked with Ms. Izard on the renter's committee for maybe 2 years now, and she has been such an excellent addition to the committee, with great thoughts as well as enthusiasm and curiosity about policy, so he endorses her for this position.*

*Bianca Cockrell said Ms. Izard is thoroughly lovely and a great addition to their team.*

*Coyote Shivers began being disruptive and Mr. Skarpelos asked that he stick to the agenda topic. Ms. D'Amore has found her to be an excellent asset, and her policy background makes her invaluable.*

*Mr. Skarpelos motioned to approve Ms. Izard as a stakeholder member of the Renters & Housing Committee for a 1-year term, and Ms. D'Amore seconded.*

**Motion Made: Motion to approve Angel Izard as a stakeholder member of the Renters & Housing Committee for a 1 year term**

**Motion:** George Skarpelos      **Second:** Brandi D'Amore      **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Andrew Chadsey	Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani
Tom Meredith	Tony Zimbardi				

**Abstain**

Coyote Shivers

**Ineligible**

Marshall Cobb

## C) Approval of Cesar Cervera as a stakeholder member of the PLUM Committee for a 1 year term

*Jim Van Dusen explained that Cesar Cervera has been a great addition to the PLUM committee, has been very careful to recuse himself from all discussions about the 7-11, and he has brought some perspectives to the committee that the committee did not really see initially. And being a younger guy, he could vouch for how various enterprises actually worked. Mr. Van Dusen can recommend reappointing him highly.*

*Erin Penner asked if it was a conflict of interest to have him, since he has the automotive shop that's been a huge point of contention for the neighborhood. Mr. Van Dusen said it was not, Mr. Cervera cannot attend PLUM as an applicant, and he has been very careful to stay out of any contentions. The 7-11 is really an issue for that property, not any other properties they have handled. If it tied into other properties, Mr. Cervera would have to recuse himself, and he is not the kind of guy to not recuse himself in the proper context. Mr. Van Dusen said he has known Mr. Cervera since he was born. So he does not have any problem with it, and if he tried to insert himself, the rest of the PLUM committee would kick him off PLUM, simple as that. George Skarpelos added that Mr. Cervera is a very smart guy, brings a different perspective, is very well spoken, and he always encourages people with experience to flesh out committees and bring their expertise.*

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

**Motion:** Jim Van Dusen      **Second:** Brandi D'Amore      **Vote:** Yes-13, No-1, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith
Tony Zimbardi					

**No**

Andrew Chadsey

**Abstain**

Matt Wait

**Ineligible**

Marshall Cobb

## 8. Finance

## A) Report by the Treasurer

*Sheila Irani explained that they currently have \$10,872 dollars in their budget, and since \$10,000 can roll over and they have a bunch of NPGs, they are definitely going to be under that. Tonight is the last night for consideration for NPG's: after tonight, there's no more room for that until the new fiscal year.*

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

**Tabled**

## C) Discussion and vote to approve the April Monthly Expense Report for submission

*Sheila Irani explained the MER and monthly expenditures, saying she thought they would have about \$4,000-\$5,000 left after NPG's go through. This does not include the Clean Streets money.*

**Motion Made: Motion to approve the April Monthly Expense Report for submission**

**Motion:** Sheila Irani      **Second:** Tom Meredith      **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jim Van Dusen	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith
Tony Zimbardi					

**Abstain**

Andrew Chadsey      Luis Saldivar

**Ineligible**

Marshall Cobb

## 9. PLUM Committee

## A) Report by the Committee Chair

**No Report**

## B) Discussion and possible motion that the board approve the Friends of Griffith Park request of support for Safe, Clean Water Program (Measure W) Technical Resources Application. This grant application seeks funding of \$300,000 for an initial Feasibility Study pertaining to Fern Dell Trail Restoration and Stormwater Capture

*Jim Van Dusen explained that PLUM heard this, and it is a fascinating concept to reclaim runoff water to run it through Fern Dell and recycle it. They wanted to apply for funding through another program, but PLUM was very enthusiastic about reclaiming water and to continue to fix up Fern Dell.*

*Gerry Hans added that Fern Dell is a special place, which is why Friends of Griffith Park is invested in revitalizing it, and has done a number of botanical studies and environmental studies. Some improvements have already been made, but their big challenge has been the hydrology and their desire to circulate water up to the beginning of the stream. And that's where Measure W has come in. So the idea is that runoff water can be collected from the sizeable parking lot, The Oaks parking areas, plus the Dell natural spring water itself. Almost all that water can be harvested, cleaned, and reused. Keep in mind, this is just a grant application at this time.*

*Oliver Galang explained the components of the project, starting with the retention basin, in the parking lot itself the intent would*

*be to create a more permeable surface to claim that rain water and remove the pipes to make the reclamation more natural. There will be an underground reservoir to capture all of those runoff sources that will pump water and recirculate it back through this system to prevent stagnation. Other runoff water gets captured and treated. They will continue to work with neighborhood partners to see what kinds of features they would like to see in this area, and the feasibility study will include seismic analysis and environmental analyses. For the most part, everything in this system will be underground. The pump station will be underground, the most they will probably see will be a manhole. And there can be educational features as well. Mr. Galang added that they can now use the water for irrigation as well, which will require micro-filters. George Skarpelos added that the entire PLUM committee was behind this.*

*Tom Meredith asked if there is any precedent for this system in the city right now where a similar underground reservoir and recirculation system has given them insights as to what works and what does not. Mr. Galang said there is, at Penmar Golf Course and Park: a stormwater capture facility under the park itself. They have a 2 million gallon reservoir and they are putting water through the spray irrigation system. And they have a system that runs that water through additional filtration and purification systems. It meets water quality standards near Title 22 at that point. Mr. Hans added that there are a number of Measure W projects locally, and there's not a lot that bring water features back into a city park.*

*Brandi D'Amore asked how they will bioremediate the parking lot runoff. Mr. Galang said they will remove the asphalt and put in permeable pavers, and there will be depressions between parking spaces that will collect runoff and guide it to be purified.*

**Motion Made: Motion that the board approve the Friends of Griffith Park request of support for Safe, Clean Water Program (Measure W) Technical Resources Application**

**Motion:** Jim Van Dusen                      **Second:** Brandi D'Amore                      **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith
Tony Zimbardi					

**Abstain**

Andrew Chadsey                      Coyote Shivers

**Ineligible**

Marshall Cobb

- C) Update regarding the proposed project at 5600 Hollywood and the joint PLUM committee meeting held with HSDNC

*Jim Van Dusen explained that they have been asked by HSDNC to have some kind of joint meeting on this project, and they held a joint PLUM meeting with the applicant and many representatives there. This is strictly a report that they have had it. 5600 is across the street from HUNC's district, and questions were raised about HUNC's ability to hear this. And there was some kind of NC grouping to share projects that would affect everyone. There was no decision made out of the meeting because there were so many issues and it was such a large project. They've asked for on- and off-menu changes to allow them to be denser and taller than normal in exchange for more affordable housing. There are a lot of significant changes with this building, it's in the Western SNAP which has its own set of rules. They are applying for exceptions under the Sustainable Communities project, in order to not have to go through a CEQA project. It became clear that this is a significant project that will affect HUNC's area significantly especially since it will be a prototype for future projects. There are lots of issues about this project, and questions about whether new regulations apply. So this issue may come back in a hurry. And if they have to issue a separate opinion, they will, and there's precedent for it. Mr. Skarpelos explained that they chose not to make a decision because they wanted to wait for the HSDNC to make the first decision. Mr. Van Dusen said if they are going to wait for the hearing officers to meet, that is not compatible with how HUNC works. No position has been made and no decision made yet.*

10. Outreach Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

*Tom Meredith said that unfortunately his co-chair Erin Penner was unable to make it. Two of the agenda items were their projects.*

- B) Update on general banner for Cheremoya fence and bus bench PSAs

*Tom Meredith said that through a newly established relationship with Principal Moore, she said they can hang a generalized HUNC banner on the fence in perpetuity. They are waiting on the final art to give to the printer. DONE is in the process of approving their bus bench PSA's. As soon as he hears back from them, they will give HUNC the locations of bus benches they can put them on, and HUNC has approved funding for multiple bus bench PSA's.*

- C) Discussion and possible motion to approve the installation of dog waste stations to be located within Lake Hollywood Park

**Tom Meredith explained that the board has been sitting on these dog waste stations for a couple years now; they were unceremoniously pulled off of a sign they had looking over the Vine Overlook. Sheila Irani has scored approval that they can put in dog waste stations in Hollywood Park. Ms. Irani added that it was a long time coming and it took a while to get through the Rec and Park GPAB and the Rec and Park Board of Commissioners, and they just want to make sure HUNC is okay with it. Brandi D'Amore added it has been many years of trying to find a spot, so it is okay if this is the only kind of spot that worked out.**

**Motion Made: Motion to approve the installation of dog waste stations to be located within Lake Hollywood Park**

**Motion:** Tom Meredith      **Second:** Coyote Shivers      **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-1, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Andrew Chadsey	Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield
George Skarpelos	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Morrison	Tom Meredith
Tony Zimbardi					

**Abstain**

Jim Van Dusen

**Recuse**

Sheila Irani

**Ineligible**

Marshall Cobb

- D) Discussion and vote to approve Little Lending Library to be located within Lake Hollywood Estates and under supervision and maintenance of Lake Hollywood Estates Homeowners Association

**Tom Meredith explained that it has been several years of trying to find a location as they cannot put it on private property. He and Erin Penner tried really hard a couple years ago to get this installed in the new Franklin Ivar Park. They went through trauma because it was transferred from Mount Conservatory to Rec and Parks, and ultimately Rec and Parks declined their request to install it there because of liability.**

**Sheila Irani explained that the Lake Hollywood Estates have a wildlife corridor with a large fence adjacent to Hollywood Park; that has decomposed granite. She thinks they could put it there, they just have to keep it away from the gate since trucks have to come in and clear brush there yearly. Brandi D'Amore asked if the library will have a HUNC logo on it, and Mr. Meredith said they will need placards on both of these items, and will have to come before the board again for those.**

**Motion Made: Motion to approve the Little Lending Library to be located within Lake Hollywood Estates and under supervision and maintenance of Lake Hollywood Estates Homeowners Association**

**Motion:** Tom Meredith      **Second:** George Skarpelos      **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-1, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Andrew Chadsey	Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield
George Skarpelos	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Morrison	Tom Meredith
Tony Zimbardi					

**Abstain**

Jim Van Dusen

**Recuse**

Sheila Irani

**Ineligible**

Marshall Cobb

- E) Discussion an possible motion that the board approve up to \$200 for additional bus bench PSAs

**Tom Meredith explained that apparently, there's a lot more availability than they have had in the past. They actually recommend that NC's should have 5-7 of these bus benches. So he would like to ask the board to approve an additional \$200 for additional bus benches.**

**Motion Made: Motion that the board approve up to \$200 for additional bus bench PSAs**

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

**Yes**

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Luis Saldivar
Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith	Tony Zimbardi

**Abstain**

Coyote Shivers      Jim Van Dusen

**Ineligible**

Andrew Chadsey      Marshall Cobb

11. Homelessness and Social Services Committee

## A) Report by the Committee Chair

*Sheila Irani reported that they have had some good NPG's coming in this month and shared a personal story: she adopted a homeless woman this past week who has been living with her this past week and it has been a joy to get to know her. She is mostly deaf, has been on the streets for a year, and they have secured housing for her just recently. And it was great to become familiar with the services of the city.*

## B) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$1,500 for Community Partners/Heart Forward for building 5 raised garden beds with community volunteers at Villas at Gower and open houses for the public to learn gardening techniques and receive seedlings.

*Sheila Irani explained that Kerry Morrison brought this to the board after a discussion with the Villas at Gower. When Ms. Irani ran it by the city clerk, she said public moneys can only be used for public good. So the idea was they would open up the master gardener to teach public stakeholders who want to show up how to garden.*

*Kerry Morrison explained that there are 125 people at the Villas that are very isolated especially during COVID. With this radical hospitality project she is doing with PATH at 4 facilities, they were doing this gardening program. They have secured the help of a master gardener who has designed these five raised beds, and they have started planting in plastic pots. The residents are super excited, last week they had the kids plant all the seedlings for the open house. When they do the open house for the community they will continue to have volunteers to help.*

*Brandi D'Amore asked if they would provide the information on how they are going to do the regular education component, and Ms. Morrison said they will announce it through the NC and use them as their partners to invite the community in.*

*Tom Meredith asked to confirm that both open houses have passed muster with the city clerk and DONE and other entities, which was confirmed. Ms. Irani added that the volunteers will construct the raised beds, and the public can come to the open house to get seedlings. Brandi D'Amore asked if there will there be any promotion of HUNC in the beds, and Ms. Morrison said they would be happy to do that.*

**Motion Made:** Motion to approve up to \$1,500 for Community Partners/Heart Forward for building 5 raised garden beds with community volunteers at Villas at Gower and open houses for the public to learn gardening techniques and receive seedlings.

**Motion:** Sheila Irani                      **Second:** Robert Morrison                      **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-1, Ineligible-2

**Yes**

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Luis Saldivar
Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith	Tony Zimbardi

**Abstain**

Jim Van Dusen

**Recuse**

Coyote Shivers

**Ineligible**

Andrew Chadsey                      Marshall Cobb

## C) Discussion and possible motion to approve an NPG presented by the Covenant House for up to \$1500

*Sheila Irani introduced Anthony Conley who works at Covenant House and is on the HSDNC. Since HUNC supported Covenant House with two other NPG's through Eyikes, he has modified it. It is a \$1000 request, and he told Ms. Irani that they go into the Gower encampments and recruit people for job training.*

*Mr. Conley explained that about 70% of the area's young people lost their jobs, and with their job training center they are trying to make sure their young people are just as strong getting back into the workforce. They also go on outreach as Ms. Irani mentioned five nights a week to adults and young people. Also he wants to build a stronger partnership with HUNC. Ms. Irani encouraged Mr. Conley to look to HUNC in the new fiscal year to support you Covenant House financially. And she wanted to mention the original motion does say up to \$1,500, and she would like to say they continue to vote on the up to 1500 and Mr. Conley can modify the NPG accordingly.*

*Tom Meredith asked what the \$1,500 was for. Ms. Irani said it is for job training for the youth, and they go to the encampment on Carlos Way and Gower to recruit youth they can help. Mr. Conley explained it is listed in their budget and is going towards program supplies, which is \$12,000 total for their budget, so they are trying to bolster that and get it quicker.*

*Mr. Meredith added that an NPG is supposed to be public funds put toward things that are equal opportunities to everyone in the community to access. Mr. Conley said that anybody who walks up to their door looking to get training or requirements or interview training for a job, this will cover fees and costs to make sure they're equipped for that position. Mr. Meredith asked if the money was then paying an individual to train? Or is it paying for workbooks? He asked what the tangible item was. Mr. Conley suggested a tangible item could be if someone needs a binder or notebook to hold their resume. It's pretty much endless possibilities, it's accessible to all the youth who walk through their door. George Skarpelos showed the breakdown of what the program expenses*

*will support. Ms. Irani said to her, this is the best use of the board's money. Mr. Meredith clarified that he is not saying it isn't, but rather thinks they owe it to themselves and their stakeholders to make sure their money is going to specifics and not generalities.*

*Brandi D'Amore asked how this would provide HUNC brandin, and Mr. Conley said there definitely will be acknowledgement via social media platforms and newsletter.*

*Margaret Marmolejo asked if he had an estimate with how many kids would be helped with the \$1,500; if they use it to help kids get food handling cards and guard cards, how many kids can be helped? Mr. Conley said they have about 300-500 touchpoints every month in Hollywood but also downtown and as far away as Venice Beach recruiting young people. George Skarpelos asked how many of these cards are secured each month, and Mr. Conley said he could say offhand last week that 5 young people got employed. Ms. Marmolejo asked how much security guard cards cost, and Mr. Conley said between \$30 and \$50.*

*Coyote Shivers said he has spent a couple nights sleeping at Covenant House as part of their fundraising efforts, and thinks they raised \$40,000 at the last one, and he was with a friend who was a former client/resident of Covenant House. He was there sleeping with them and all of his employees were too. Covenant House gets results and they've been there for a long time, and he has witnessed those results.*

*Erin Penner said she is all for this because Mr. Conley is so great and she has seen him out doing the work and thinks he is a great person to support.*

**Motion Made: Motion to approve an NPG presented by the Covenant House for up to \$1500**

**Motion:** Sheila Irani                      **Second:** Coyote Shivers                      **Vote:** Yes-12, No-1, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

**Yes**

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Coyote Shivers	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Sheila Irani	Tony Zimbardi

**No**

Robert Morrison

**Abstain**

Tom Meredith

**Ineligible**

Andrew Chadsey                      Marshall Cobb

12. Transportation & Works Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

*Brandi D'Amore said there was an EV workshop sponsored by the NCSA program, they considered it to be a success, we had about 30 people attend, half hours and half people from all over LA. We are requesting from NCSA a recording so we can post it for people who couldn't attend. It seemed that it did provide people with more information that made them want to tell other people about it. Also discussed blue curb parking in front of Villa Carlotta which is becoming problematic. We are going to be meeting about Franklin and Ivar. Want to make a statement that perhaps I completely lack credibility on this board, and if I am called lacking in credibility or if anyone calls Erin Penner lacking in credibility, I will consider that a code of ethics violation.*

B) Discussion and possible recommendation regarding CIS for CF 19-0604 Parked Vehicle Idling Regulations / Parking Restriction / Ordinance <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0604>

*Brandi D'Amore explained that they were asked by the NCSA to consider this because it's sundowning, and they need more people to have input for it to be revived. The city has issued an ordinance about people idling their vehicles, and there is discussion in the motion about how the fine structure will work. George Skarpelos read the CIS. Bianca Cockrell had specified the fine structure, and the board reviewed the fine structure. Ms. D'Amore said that she did not know Ms. Bianca was going to be indicating that she felt uncomfortable with the New York model of citizens being rewarded, I actually like that. Ms. Cockrell said they talked about in the meeting how it felt like it was encouraging people to snitch on each other. Ms. D'Amore thought there needs to be a reporting function though, and suggested that the financial incentive part can be removed.*

*Sheila Irani asked how this impacts valet parkers who leave the cars; sometimes there are multiple cars waiting to be parked and it takes minutes. Ms. D'Amore suggested there is no reason for people to be idling when they know they're going to be waiting and it will affect the postmates people.*

*Coyote Shivers does not think there is a question whether people should be mindful of how much they waste whatever. One issue is how much the government should interfere with their lives, and he agreed with Bianca that it should not incentivize people to snitch on their neighbors.*

*Andrew Chadsey added there will have to be an exemption for trucks that have to idle for refrigeration, and Ms. D'Amore thought that was part of the original motion.*



**Robert Morrison asked if there was any insight as to how this enforcement would work and who would write these tickets, and Ms. D'Amore said it would be parking enforcement officers and/or LADOT. They will be doing a huge PSA program to remind people not to do it. Mr. Morrison confirmed it would likely be the DOT and they would have to request an officer and they would have to see the person idling to write a ticket. Ms. D'Amore confirmed. Mr. Morrison wanted to point out that people might have to idle with their air conditioning on because of a disability.**

**Stakeholder Kristina O'Neil said that they deal with DOT all the time, and they can only ask idling people in their car to move or shut off their engine. Ms. D'Amore clarified that if they are in a red or blue curb zone they can absolutely ticket. Ms. O'Neil said if this is a PSA to make people alerted to not idle in general, then she thinks LADOT might not be the place to go to. Right now you can't get a police officer to arrest people for anything. She is just trying to make a point that there are a lot of other things the city could be looking at.**

**Stakeholder Cesar Cervera said he completely understands how they don't want emissions affecting their environment but speaking as someone who works in an auto repair shop and has seen a lot of hard data on this, a cold start produces the most emissions to any car. Idling produces the least other than restarting and starting a car. And going with what Mr. Shivers was saying, how are you going to regulate someone sitting for a minute and a half vs. someone starting and restarting their car over 10 minutes?**

**Matt Wait supported the language currently in the CIS and Mr. Morrison's statements about adding a qualifier about disabilities.**

**Tom Meredith found this discussion intriguing and would appeal to everyone to think about the net carbon emissions. If they call LAPD or LADOT to enforce this, they will arrive in a net carbon emitting vehicle. This doesn't seem to be looking at this net effect. Ms. D'Amore clarified that they would not be dispatching LAPD.**

**Jim Van Dusen said he has seen the same survey Mr. Cervera was talking about, and this is not new. Turning a car off then back on again produces more pollution than idling it. One, he does not see how this is enforceable. Two, he thinks it's a good thing to support an education program to teach people to keep their car turned off as much as possible. Also, he is not sure they would want to pay for the extra police to enforce it and they are paying for an educational program that would help with this issue. I think this is going in the wrong direction and will make it hard to achieve the goal that they're after.**

**Ms. D'Amore said the reports that were done on idling and cold stops indicate that that's primarily for heavy and medium duty diesel idling. Most reports have ignored passenger vehicles. The USDOE Clean Cities Program indicates that passenger idling is still a problem. As far as enforcement goes, it's the same as enforcing stuff like a person illegally parked in a driveway. It's a civic citation LADOT enforcement, and they are already out dispatched in areas. As far as government, they ticket and enforce as it's seen. As far as the language goes, she would want to see an ability to report, but they can take out the financial incentive issue.**

**Mr. Cervera said he was not sure what data Ms. D'Amore was reading from, but he was basing his on data from the Argon National Laboratory, that's what I'm basing it on. This is not talking about diesel, but about all vehicles. Again, he is not for pollution, in the same way Mr. Van Dusen said, the numbers have shown that turning it off is typically worse.**

**George Skarpelos suggested taking out the last one there, which Ms. Cockrell approved. Mr. Skarpelos edited the document to refer to unhoused neighbors and people with disabilities, as well as emphasizing a focus on education.**

**Motion Made: Motion to approve a CIS in support of CF 19-0604 Parked Vehicle Idling Regulations / Parking Restriction / Ordinance**

**Motion:** Brandi D'Amore      **Second:** Bianca Cockrell      **Vote:** Yes-4, No-7, Abstain-4, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

**Yes**

Bianca Cockrell      Brandi D'Amore      Matt Wait      Robert Morrison

**No**

Andrew Chadsey      Coyote Shivers      Fouzia Burfield      George Skarpelos      Sheila Irani      Tom Meredith

Tony Zimbardi

**Abstain**

Erin Penner      Jim Van Dusen      Luis Saldivar      Margaret Marmolejo

**Ineligible**

Marshall Cobb

- C) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$4,000 from Clean Streets Award to fund efforts of the Hollywood Orchard

**Brandi A'more explained that they have worked with the Hollywood Orchard before, they are 501c3, have done a lot with Cheremoya, and because Erin Penner has a significant chunk of money awarded to her, and didn't know if HUNC could keep it, they reached out to Hollywood Orchard to help them.**

**Representative Angela Gygi added that there was confusion about whether this was best to be presented as a NPG. She worked with Ms. Penner to create programming that would be appealing to HUNC and worked with Cheremoya to do greening efforts and**

*school events. She broke school projects out by amount. LAUSD decimated one growth project this September, who thought it was overgrown. The great Moreton bay fig that was in the Cheremoya schoolyard died this summer, but there's a monster planter for it, and they were approached by the Cheremoya Foundation for advice and recommendations. They would like to do supportive understory planting and seed to support the growth and health of the new tree. Also on the beachside they would like to do supplementary soil sponging and ground coverage. They have two mini groves as well; the community is involved and welcome to nearly everything they do, and the food is going to help underserved citizens of Los Angeles. They got about 9,000 pounds of fruits during the shutdown, but drought conditions have ruined the orange crop.*

*There was no public comment.*

*Ms. D'Amore clarified that although they have to approve it at Ms. Penner's discretion, Ms. Penner approved all of her funds to go to this.*

*Ms. Penner thanked Ms. Gygi and Ms. D'Amore: Ms. Gygi is such a huge asset and the knowledge she has for their area about anything involved with nature is a huge asset as well. Ms. Penner said there is no way every dollar of this will not be well-spent. She recommends doing this for the benefit it has for their community and recommends next fiscal year working with Ms. Gygi and her organization.*

*Sheila Irani asked if there was room for her to consider donating their fruit to the Hollywood Food Coalition. Ms. Gygi said she does not know about them; it is possible, but that is a lot of volume for them. Ms. Irani added that on their NPG it says the work does not begin until October, which is next fiscal year. It may be a problem. She said they should vote on it, submit it, and see if it's approved. They may have to vote on it again next fiscal year. Worst case scenario is it gets delayed for a month and we need to reconsider it then.*

*Tom Meredith asked Ms. Camarena to speak on what the timeframe is for starting a project with current fiscal year funding approval. This NPG is requesting funds from this fiscal year budget, but the project doesn't start until October. Ms. Camarena said that would be an automatic denial. Their start date or funds incurment date has to fall in this fiscal year. George Skarpelos said there are parts of these things that could begin now. Ms. Camarena said they could modify the application to start some of the work this fiscal year, and Ms. Gygi said they could do planter boxes and some fruit trees at the school. Ms. Irani said if they change the start date, she will submit this immediately.*

*Ms. D'Amore asked how HUNC will be branded on this, and wants it known that she is a friend of Ms. Gygi's, but went to the city attorney who advised that Ms. D'Amore does not need to recuse herself from this vote. Ms. Gygi said they can give HUNC recognition on social media and the website, and can create mounted signage on the fence outside the school.*

*Jim Van Dusen asked, on the Cheremoya school planning, who is going to be responsible to maintain it. Ms. Gygi said there is some existing irrigation. It is their intention to create a better cycle of support and communication between the school administration, Hollywood Orchard, Cheremoya Association, and LAUSD. They are not going to cut down trees they put in; it's more of the shrub layer that got leveled.*

**Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$4,000 from Clean Streets Award and NPG to fund efforts of the Hollywood Orchard**

**Motion:** Erin Penner                      **Second:** Brandi D'Amore                      **Vote:** Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

**Yes**

Bianca Cockrell	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen
Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith

Tony Zimbardi

**Abstain**

Coyote Shivers

**Ineligible**

Andrew Chadsey                      Marshall Cobb

13. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

*Matt Wait reported that they have gotten approval at last month's meeting to do this renters' presentation on Wednesday of this month the 26th with HCID. Last time they did that it worked out well, now HCID is telling us that due to furloughs or budget cuts, they are no longer able to authorize overtime, which was apparently needed, to do evening sessions. And daytime sessions during working hours are not going to be beneficial. So they are reassessing, there was another renters' rights presentation hosted by CD4. He asked if they would be able to give another presentation at their NC to give folks another opportunity to hear the information, and has not heard back yet. They got lucky and had another conflict with the data liaisons program, so they are meeting on the third Thursday of the month, the 20th from 6:00-7:00.*

B) Discussion and possible motion to approve a CIS in regarding council file 21-0310: Motion (Bonin, Koretz) for CLA, HCID,

CAO, and HACLA to report on the feasibility of developing a citywide Community Land Trust (CLT) program, including the resources needed to acquire land, enter into long-term leases, or partner with existing CLTs to develop multifamily housing that would be maintained affordable in perpetuity, and include a review of CLT best practices.

[https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0310\\_mot\\_03-17-21.pdf](https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2021/21-0310_mot_03-17-21.pdf)

**Matt Wait explained that this is a request for a report from several city agencies to look into developing a community land trust. It is a concept where you have something difficult for anyone non-corporate individual to purchase, so you give people a legal mechanism to purchase that land and use it for housing. Mr. Wait thought this is an interesting idea looking at ways of making their city more affordable that is worth their city taking a look at and might lead to a future authorization for a CLT program.**

**Sheila Irani added that this whole philosophy was employed in the Marina Del Rey area, and it certainly didn't keep it affordable and as it gets closer to the 99-year land lease end, the price on the condo or house goes up even as the land price goes down. She asked where these structures are going to be, and where they will get the inventory. Mr. Wait explains that this motion does not deal with those granular details. Ms. Irani said the MDR community idea is a specific part of the county that is a marina and they have built high rises on it. It is getting close to that 99-year end. The only problem she would say with this is because housing prices have soared in the last 6 months: if they get in and buy land now, they will only increase the prices.**

**Bianca Cockrell thought that those were important issues to point out, but since this is just developing a report, that report will hopefully provide answers to all of your questions. George Skarpelos thought if they can take an opportunity to bolster their affordable stock in perpetuity, they should do it. Mr. Wait said his understanding of CLT's is, where the affordability covenant is more of a deal the city strikes with the developer, a CLT is collectively owned by a group or nonprofit.**

**Motion Made: Motion to approve a CIS in in support of council file 21-0310: Motion (Bonin, Koretz) for CLA, HCID, CAO, and HACLA to report on the feasibility of developing a citywide Community Land Trust (CLT) program, including the resources needed to acquire land, enter into long-term leases, or partner with existing CLTs to develop multifamily housing that would be maintained affordable in perpetuity, and include a review of CLT best practices.**

**Motion:** Matt Wait

**Second:** Bianca Cockrell

**Vote:** Yes-13, No-1, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

**Yes**

Andrew Chadsey

Bianca Cockrell

Brandi D'Amore

Erin Penner

George Skarpelos

Jim Van Dusen

Luis Saldivar

Margaret Marmolejo

Matt Wait

Robert Morrison

Sheila Irani

Tom Meredith

Tony Zimbardi

**No**

Coyote Shivers

**Abstain**

Fouzia Burfield

14. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

**Erin Penner reported that last meeting they talked about the incidents and concerns around 1800 North Bronson and discussed a major incident at the old zoo in Griffith Park; she thinks it does warrant a special meeting. They talked about the RYLAN event with senior officer Eubanks and will partner with HHWNC and Los Feliz NC. They also discussed a possible community park cleanup surrounding Mother's Day.**

**Brandi D'Amore added that she does not think everyone knows what happened on April 12th. George Skarpelos said they can discuss it at the special meeting when they can get stakeholder comments.**

**Ms. D'Amore reported that at their meeting, they had a member of the homeless encampment attend. Ms. Penner added that Ms. D'Amore never stops working for their community, and she had an unhoused member attend their meeting on speaker, and he testified to gang activity and gangs kicking out the unhoused on Bronson. She is hoping he can keep attending this meeting. Ms. D'Amore said unfortunately, there seems to be some retribution for his attendance. They still want to come, they just have to make sure they protect them.**

15. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

**Margaret Marmolejo reported that they had their last NEA meeting and determined it would be better all around if the one gentleman with the puppets waited until the new fiscal year, and he agreed. So that one has been set aside. And then they really did not have any other things on the boards right now. They will be having their next meeting on May 27th to come up with ideas for the new fiscal year.**

16. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

**Andrew Chadsey wanted to make a comment about the community and neighborhood and clarify and put out a little thinking; what seems to be being addressed as a housing crisis, yes, it is a housing crisis, but increasingly it seems they have a gang/criminal problem, a mental illness problem, and they have a drug addiction problem. A lot of what the problems are that he is seeing and dealing with, people are telling him they are actively involved in gangs, or in horrible mental states. And drug use leads to mental illness, so the fact that they are not doing much to stop the drugs that are coming into their neighborhoods is causing even more of a mental crisis. And the problem is getting worse week by week.**

**Brandi D'Amore said she was asked to remind their community that the hearing for the 6201 Franklin Blvd. is happening May 18.**

**Tom Meredith asked if the low-income senior citizen income card was mailed and how the mailing went. Matt Wait said that thanks to Sheila Irani's diligent work, they were able to get all the approvals for that passed through, the postcards were printed and sent out.**

17. Old/Ongoing Business

**No old/ongoing business.**

18. New/Future Business

**No new/future business.**

Adjournment at 9:58 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.