

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- John Dotto, Voting Stakeholder
- Steve Alper, Voting Stakeholder
- Kristina O'Neil, Voting Stakeholder
- Chip Clements, Voting Stakeholder
- Jim Van Dusen, Board Member
- Robert Morrison, Board Member
- Augusta Weaver Johnson, Voting Stakeholder
- Sheila Irani, Chair



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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Special Meeting: Ad Hoc Hollywood Sign Committee
Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 6:30 PM
Webinar ID: 826 7268 3564
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82672683564>

Council District 4 (CD4) representative, Mehmet Berker, in attendance.

Welcome

6:32 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

Augusta Weaver Johns	Sheila Irani	Robert Morrison	Jim Van Dusen	Chip Clements	Kristina O'Neil
Steve Alper	John Dotto				

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes edited to include Jim Van Dusen move to approve and Augusta seconded on the approval of October '22 committee minutes. No other edits.

Motion Made: Approval of November 16, 2022 Minutes

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Robert Morrison **Vote:** Yes-7, No-0, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Augusta Weaver Johns	Chip Clements	Jim Van Dusen	Kristina O'Neil	Robert Morrison	Sheila Irani
Steve Alper					

Abstain

John Dotto

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

Lionel Mares – asked about cancellation Renters & Housing committee tonight (12/20). Announced Mayor Bass is moving unhoused neighbors to hotel from Cahuenga Underpass.

4. Discussion and editing of current report to be ready for presentation in January

Discussion ensued by committee.

5. Discussion of Executive Directive 36 issued on December 11, 2022 by Mayor Eric Garcetti with regarding the subject, "Illuminating the Hollywood Sign"

Link: <https://hollywoodunitednc.org/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2022/12/ED-36-Illuminating-the-Hollywood-Sign.pdf>

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John Dotto – Prescription of costs that should be born by lighter of the Sign for security for the neighborhood and other expenses should include community input.

Jim Van Dusen – Good start, but for final decision it was premature without community input. More limit on number of days, reduced from 6 days. Inappropriate to be final directive. This is a discussion and not an action.

Kristina O'Neil – Funds should benefit the community indefinitely since it impacts the neighborhoods. Lighting type should be vetted for quality of image and not harm wildlife or brush.

Augusta Johnson – The use of the word MAY in paragraph 4 is disturbing since Recreation & Parks (RAP) may not share in the funds to neighborhoods. Environmental considerations and risk assessment were not included in the Directive. CD4 should have been involved. Increased signage for No Smoking and Very High Fire Severity Zone. Many visitors from BET lighting were found at Rodgerton and Ledgewood, and Hollywood PD should be involved with creating security zones.

Chip Clements – Courtney McCammon, RAP Urban Ecologist should be included. The prices for the sale of lighting seem to be very low.

Steve Alper – This is an 18-month Pilot and we should wait and see the impact and collect data to make reasonable and effective recommendations.

Public Comments:

Gerry Hans – conversation with RAP appears to be blind sided and will be working with management to respond.

1. Bad ecologically for migratory birds, bats

2. 800 lumens limitation – wildlife ordinance. BET had 6 projectors at 40000 lumens

3. Bad example to put a light show in wildlife area

4. Laser strikes are serious threat to pilots and airspace needs to be protected per AC 70.1B in navigable space. Will pilots be notified beforehand to know that is not available to fly.

5. May require CEQA.

Paul Navaho – do not accept this. What is the timetable for lighting the sign? He would support legal action against allowing this directive to continue. Resident of Lake Hollywood Estates

Susie K – resident on Rockliff near Deronda. She has seen an increase in tourism since the lighting of the sign, traffic blockage and would like to extend PPDs, gridlock has ensued preventing exit from homes.

Lionel Mares – Will it create an increased fire risk? Kristina responded that the producer of the BET lighting show stated that his equipment would not create a fire risk.

Will and Ferrell – 25-year resident is against all lighting of the sign. Pilot will create an expectation that the lighting will continue to the visitors who see it. The tourist issues will now be 24/7 on nights where it is lit. Better and more impactful and bold signage should be adopted in the area at the very least, e.g No Smoking, No Parking, Red Flag Days.

Jonathan and Fritz – Against the lighting of the sign at all due to the dangers from tourism who do not obey the laws, create a more open environment for crime, congestion, etc.

Christine O'Brien – President of Hollywoodland Home Owners Association (HHA), there are many problems with the process of the directive. Sign Trust 501c3 and their mission is for the security and maintenance of the Sign, not governance. Chamber and Trust do not have a contract with the City. Hollywood Sign Advisory Board founded by CM Ferraro should include all the HOAs with the Chamber and should be reinstated as has been requested for years by HHA.

Jean Clarke – an incident on Rodgerton during the BET lighting where a van full of passengers got lodged over the median. There was no security available to assist. Who will be responsible for any damage done to property or person as a result of the lighting. This directive needs to be flushed out before made public.

Barbara – do not let the lighting of the sign occur. Our wildlife needs more respect especially with the wildlife bridge being built to allow more wildlife towards Griffith Park. Let's work with Mayor to stop this.

George – Nonsmoking signs are desperately needed currently. Wildlife will be impacted by light pollution, especially deer and mountain lions and it could create a potentially dangerous situation with people.

Brandon – what is the genesis of this Directive? Who is profiting from this lighting? AD HOC committee has discussed many of the elements in this directive.

6. Discussion of Summary Presentation to Board on January 9, 2022

Schedule next meeting for Dec 27 at 6pm, estimated for 3 hour meeting.

7. Committee Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

None

8. Old/Ongoing Business

None

9. New/Future Business

None

Adjournment at 9:53 PM

Reconsideration: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place before the end of the meeting at which it was considered or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and take an action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Motion for Reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a Motion for Reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Recording Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.