

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT George Skarpelos
VICE-PRESIDENT Tom Meredith
TREASURER Sheila Irani
SECRETARY Erin Penner



BOARD MEMBERS:

Adam Miller Andrew Chadsey
Brandi D'Amore Coyote Shivers
Fouzia Burfield Jim Van Dusen
Julia Eschenasy Luis Saldivar
Margaret Marmolejo Matt Wait
Michael Connolly Susan Swan

HOLLYWOOD UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Certified Council #52,

P.O. Box 3272 Los Angeles, CA 90078

www.MyHUNC.com email us at Info@MyHUNC.com

Find us and Like us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/HollywoodUnitedNeighborhoodCouncil/

Sign up to receive Agendas via links on our homepage

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 09, 2020, 6:30 PM

Fire Station 82 Annex

1800 N. BRONSON AVENUE, L.A., CA 90028

Second Floor Conference Room

The public is requested to fill out a "Speaker Card" to address the Board on any item of the agenda prior to the Board taking action on an item. Comments from the public on Agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the Agenda that is within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction will be heard during the Public Comment period. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, for a maximum of 20 minutes total for Public comment, unless waived by the presiding officer of the Board. Agenda is posted for public review at Counterpoint Records and Books 5911 Franklin Ave, on our website at www.MyHUNC.com, and with EmpowerLA. In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, non-exempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the board in advance of a meeting may be viewed at the scheduled meeting (or location noted in the Agenda item) or by making arrangements with our office (contact information above). As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request, will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and activities. Sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or other auxiliary aids and/or services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of services, please make your request at least 3 business days (72 hours) prior to the meeting you wish to attend by contacting the Neighborhood Council Support Help Line (213) 978-1551 or email info@myhunc.com. Note: Agenda items may be taken out of order or merged as deemed appropriate by the Board. Action may be taken on all items. To subscribe directly to our Agendas go to <https://www.lacity.org/city-government/subscribe-meeting-agendas-and-more/neighborhood-councils> and make your choice.

Welcome

6:39 PM start

1. Roll Call

Attending

Tom Meredith	Sheila Irani	George Skarpelos	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Coyote Shivers
Margaret Marmolejo	Erin Penner	Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Jeff Ramberg	Matt Wait
Andrew Chadsey	Julia Eschenasy	Michael Connolly	Fouzia Burfield	Ryan Snyder	

Absent

Susan Swan

2. Approval of Minutes

Tom Meredith said that he was tardy on the evening of the last meeting, so he was not on the roll call or the approval of minutes.

Erin Penner said that item number 4, it should be Rubalcava. It should also be Oren instead in item 6. In item 8.c., Brandi D'Amore assumes that the last bit at the end of page 4 should be a quote.

Brandi D'Amore said that on page 5, she said that the HPOZ could only give approval for the eligibility.

Andrew Chadsey, Page 5, second stanza from the bottom, he does not remember saying she wants to shut us down.

On item 14 c., Coyote Shivers said that Matt Wait said "to hell with the Brown Act" twice, and when the legal ramifications were explained to him by other board members, he said he welcomed legal challenges. Coyote Shivers said that he would like it on the record that he believes Matt Wait's statements are not an "excited utterance" and are not germane to the conduct of a Neighborhood Council member.

Motion Made: Motion to approve minutes from last meeting.

Motion: Erin Penner **Second:** Andrew Chadsey **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-2, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

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

Abstain

Margaret Marmolejo	Sheila Irani
--------------------	--------------

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy
----------------	-----------------

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

A stakeholder added that, with regards to the coronavirus, there was no soap provided in the bathroom.

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

Rachel introduced herself as a representative for the office of CD4, saying that City Council passed tour bus route restrictions, and the DOT will consider different factors that might make it dangerous for tour buses to operate on certain streets. Another thing that was passed was an exotic animal ban; they had a problem with exotic animals being paraded about at party houses such as giraffes and elephants. The Department of Cultural Affairs is looking for muralists, and people can apply on the website up until March 30th. The Department of Planning started enforcing an AirBnB restriction recently; she encourages stakeholders to keep reporting them on the hotline.

Erin Seinfeld introduced herself as the new field deputy for Supervisor Kuehl for the area between West Hollywood and Atwater Village. Last month the board adopted a motion by Supervisor Kuehl to end the oppressive administrative fees for people being released from the criminal justice system. In 2018/2019 they eliminated all juvenile detention fees for families. She handed out a press release from her office regarding the coronavirus (Covid-19). Last Wednesday DPH declared an emergency out of an abundance of caution. Last week the board passed several motions to have in place adequate funding, plans, and staffing to address the issue. The board also approved a motion that requires each department of the city to develop a plan for employees to be able to telework.

Michael Connolly said that LA County is big, and wondered whether the cases are clustered or spread out. Seinfeld said that one case had recently traveled to Japan; one case was the first case of community transmission.

Brandi D'Amore said that they had recently heard of the LAUSD crossing guard being infected; Ms. Seinfeld said that LAUSD was a separate entity but she could find contacts there for the board.

Fire Chief Hogan introduced Assistant Chief Dean Zipperman, who introduced himself, saying he is looking forward to working with HUNC. He is at their readiness for any of their needs, and will give them whatever he can as far as fire department service or customer service. Fire Chief Hogan said that they are looking to put out a digital version of the posting board so they can publicize upcoming meetings and other events, and to do a stronger outreach for foot traffic in the area. Another fire department officer said that he appreciates HUNC keeping everything clean and maintained in the meeting room. George Skarpelos asked them to send HUNC pictures from the Women's Day event.

New Senior Lead Officer Heather Mata introduced herself, saying she has been in the area for about 7 years. She is very familiar with the issues and concerns of the Hollywood area. Overall, crime is down 17% overall in 6A15's area. Street robbery is still an issue. If you're walking, make sure your head is not down, and pay attention to what's going on around you. Burglary from motor vehicles is also an issue; make sure not to leave valuables in your car, and if burglary does happen, please let the LAPD know so they can track it. Regarding the homicide on Mound Street, the suspect is in custody. It was an isolated incident, and the suspect was known to the victim of this homicide. There was also an attempted break-in on Hargrave that raised concern. The victim of the location is in the music/rap industry, and after speaking with the property owner and neighbors, the suspects were probably known to the victim. Also, they have the Coffee with a Cop event coming up on March 19th on Sunset and Vine at 1 PM. They also have an advisory board meeting on March 18th. She also wanted to touch on trespassing. There have been issues about different trespassers in the hills; she left forms to file to be able to respond and prosecute trespassing.

Officer Eubanks spoke about Ready Your LA Neighborhood. She said if any stakeholders are interested about having RYLAN come out to help prepare communities to let her know. She explained that the program is designed to help community come together in the event of an emergency to share resources and skills. She would love to have Emergency Management come out and give them a presentation.

Brandi D'Amore asked about Jesse, and Officer Mata said he wanted to update them on the RV, and they are working on getting the RV towed. Jim Van Dusen asked what Officer Mata's email was: 40988@lapd.online.

Erin Penner said that DONE representative Lorenzo emailed about the no-trespassing sign. Ms. Penner said that the city is still ruling on whether it's a liability to fund trespassing signs for the community, and they may be able to pass out signs to the community. Adam Miller said they are not giving them out, but people can come collect them if they would like. George Skarpelos said that they were considering producing signs as part of outreach with their logo on them.

Michael Connolly asked if Officer Mata was taking over for Officer Bryan White, which she was.

Officer Mata clarified that if someone is attempting to break in to an RV, they can be arrested provided LAPD gets there in time to apprehend them.

5. Community Updates

A) Report by the Youth Representative

Julia Eschanasy said that she voted in the primaries, and before she did that, she did some research. In the primary, only 23% of eligible voters actually voted. In Berkeley and in 3 cities in Maryland, 16-year-olds are allowed to vote in school board elections, and she hopes something similar will happen here. Also, participation in Super Tuesday states by voters under 30 did not exceed 20% in any state. She said that she had to do same-day registration because her registration apparently did not go through.

B) Presentation on the CD13 Heart of Hollywood Project

CD13 Representative Dan introduced himself, working with Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell. The Hollywood initiative is focused on the historic core of Hollywood, the walk of fame. They have a high propensity of historic structures, and the area is part of a federally registered national historic district. Their efforts are focused on making that a better place for the Hollywood community at large. They also have a website, heartofhollywood.la. The effort is about improving the ecosystem for people who live, work, and visit Hollywood. He has spoken to residents who have very little connection to their own walk of fame. The experience of being in Hollywood on the walk of fame is very often an underwhelming one. Additionally, he talks to people multiple times a week about the Heart of Hollywood during roundtable discussions; they are open to anyone who is a Hollywood stakeholder as long as they RSVP with him first. They try to engage with people on a regular basis. The engagement process model that they are following now is just like the engagement model he followed when he was the NC liaison and looking to engage the public about the bridge housing on Schrader. Lastly, the other handout is when updates periodically about HOH and the walk of fame. About a year ago, they hired an architectural firm named Gensler to craft a master plan of ideas and strategies for how they can improve the Hollywood walk of fame, and he thanked Erin Penner for being the HUNC representative in the focus groups they did. They really tried to engage with people as much as possible, and all of that boils together into a 91-page concept plan available online. He would encourage the attendees to read it in its entirety. The concept will evolve over time, and he presented preliminary renderings. He is proud of the quality of work, the depth of thought, and collaboration. He then took the attendees through the 91-page concept plan. They are moving out of the concept phase, into schematic design. It is still early in the process, so it's a good reason to come to the roundtables. They organized the project into 6 project principles: 1. Create a place that celebrates the unique identity of Hollywood, 2. Establish a forward-looking framework to address present-day challenges and anticipate future needs, 3. Provide an exemplary experience for pedestrians, bicyclists, and riders, 4. Catalyze economic development and investment, 5. Provide spaces and amenities that accommodate a range of activities, and 6. Protect and preserve valuable historic resources.

He then showed a vintage picture of the corner of Hollywood and Highland, saying it is worth noting that they can accommodate different things, and they have done so over time, and Hollywood has continued to evolve. Hollywood Blvd has 70% of its space devoted to cars, with the rest being devoted to tourists, trees, etc. There is no cohesion to their streetscape: different kinds of trees, lights, signs, benches, etc. So they think they can do better.

Regarding parking, he explained that there's a lot of parking in Hollywood, but only 2% of the parking within a block of the Walk of Fame is ON the Walk of Fame. It's usually improperly signed or poorly priced. They are working on improvements to the Cherokee garage, as well as getting digital occupancy signage at the Vine, Cherokee, and Hollywood and Highland garages.

He then introduced some photos from their focus groups and community open house, to show that their efforts are guided by the input from community members, going over the priorities displayed by community members. All of it boils into the streetscaping concept with the overarching idea that the street should be for everyone.

He then displayed the strategies for the concept design. The first is providing more space for people. The second is to activate the street and sidewalk. They are big on sidewalk dining; over the years he has worked with businesses over the years, and the number one use of the sidewalks by businesses is sidewalk dining. They are into the idea of taking away extra space from parking or taking out a lane to provide space for people outside of the stars. The third strategy is to create a cohesive streetscape design. As they move into the next phases, the art deco motif will be fleshed out more. The fourth strategy is to enhance landscaping; the open house attendees wanted more shade trees. They don't know the species or placement yet. The fifth strategy is to celebrate Hollywood History and Identity. Number six is to increase safety and accessibility for all. Number seven is to simplify access and parking. They are working on digital messaging signage around Hollywood in addition to the parking signage. They have to do a better job of communicating street closures to people. They are working on repairing all existing digital signage. Number eight is improving alternative mobility options, including scooters, bikes, etc. A longer-term idea is for a trolley. Strategy 9 is to augment the experience in a few different ways. One of those ways is lighting. The Hollywood BID is looking into different lighting, and their consultant is working with CD13's consultant to ensure their efforts dovetail. One idea is to have a Hollywood visitor's center, for

tourists to start out from. It could help with the organization of their tour bus and tour van businesses too.

Lastly, he closed by talking about street configuration. Every option that they've worked with is operating from the premise that they should have more space for people, and went over the various options for that. People seemed to be interested in a middling option with an enhanced complete street with flexible event plazas.

George Skarpelos asked if there are additional meetings for public input. CD13 Rep Dan said that they almost have the consultant signed on for the next phase of work, so they don't have the major public input opportunities scheduled yet. He would suggest coming to the roundtables, and also reading through the concept plan and commenting on it.

Stakeholder Gilbert said that he sees that they want to activate more sidewalk spaces, and asked if that means more alcohol. If they are going to try to make it more family friendly, there needs to be other restaurants and businesses. Dan said that they heard similar sentiments in the focus group.

Erin Penner said that Dan and Gensler were incredibly receptive to public comment and ideas, and the ideas were not all bars and restaurants by any means. Dan thinks that it can be an example of consensus and community building, and thinks they agree more than they think they do about what their street can be.

A stakeholder said he owns a restaurant on Hollywood Blvd, and asked if the bistros, etc. in the rendering are new property, or if businesses can now expand their footprint. Dan said that the revocable permit process will still exist, but pointed out new areas that will become usable, and can be permitted through the city theoretically.

Matt Wait said that he supports the pedestrian plaza version, but either way expanding the sidewalks, he asked what was to stop the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce from expanding the number of stars. Dan said that they have been involved with the project from the beginning, and the intent is to relieve pressure on the stars, not to make room for new stars.

Jim Van Dusen said that Hollywood is a major east-west thoroughfare, and any closures act as a cork in a bottle. So he hopes in his study that they are taking into account the fact that it is a major east-west thoroughfare and looking into plans to redirect traffic that is coming from way east of LA and going all the way to the ocean. Dan said that they are looking at more than just Hollywood Blvd, and that there is some data that once people veer off towards the freeway, the numbers get much lower than they would think.

Brandi D'Amore is concerned if there's going to be enough public restrooms, and if there is going to be enough police enforcement, and it will affect how they consider Conditional Use Permits.

Luis Saldivar had a couple questions; first of all, are they going to work with Joe to start lowering rents and being a nice landlord. He is saying this because they mentioned parks, and a lot of business owners have been giving people a rough time. Dan said that there are a lot of vacancies, and the biggest tools he has in his toolbox are charm and bugging the heck out of people. He's not naïve enough to think that all he has to do is come up with pretty pictures, but it also has been a long time since anyone has invested this much planning and thought into the area.

C) Presentation of the Griffith Park Aerial Transit System Feasibility Study

David Merino and Andrea Conet introduced themselves. Andrea explained that this is a concept, and the study is meant to be a tool for the city to determine if this is something the city can move forward with. They are in the very first stages and haven't established a project yet. Andrea and David are consultants to the engineering firm that was hired to do this feasibility study. She explained the stages of the feasibility research. First, they sat down with stakeholders and asked how they use the park now and what's important to them now, to get a baseline condition of the park. Currently, they are in phase 2, which is the presentation of initial study findings.

She explained that there are four proposed routes. Green is route 1, which is considered the Travel Town station route. The other routes are the Zoo Parking route, the Zoo Magnet route, and the Warner Brothers route. To understand how aerial transit systems work, the first thing to understand is the line has to be bone-straight. To change the angle, there have to be angle stations. The angle station is not somewhere people get off. The viewing platform is contained by a fence, and offers restroom facilities. It allows people to take their photo, and then they have to get back on the car and go back to their origin point. Zoo Magnet allows for a straight route and does not need an angle station. Warner Brothers does not require an angle station either; it would start at their parking lot, go across Mt. Lee, and include a visitor's center a few hundred feet in front of the Hollywood Sign.

Andrea said that there are a few different ways the board can provide input. The website is griffithparkaerialtransit.com. It allows stakeholders to provide input; there will also potentially be a community open house on March 28th. They are looking into doing a webinar, but final notices will be sent to the neighborhood council and stakeholders. They will be presenting on March 26th to the Griffith Park Advisory Board.

Jim Van Dusen asked if their study was also encompassing the neighborhood around the tram route, and the effect of the tram

station already being in a traffic-heavy area. Andrea said that traffic analysis is being prepared to assess the current traffic condition and the effect on it, and said that it will be required that the guests get back on the tram after getting off for the photo opportunity.

Brandi D'Amore asked if they will look at the effect under construction on the animal community, and Andrea said that they have looked at sensitive plants and animal species in the area, and that the findings of the study regarding that will be posted on the website.

Sheila Irani asked how Warner Bros got into this mix; Andrea said that the study is a tool looking at all feasible options, and in initial research the WB route was identified as a feasible route.

George Skarpelos said that he thinks a lot of these questions are part of a larger presentation, and encourages them to go to the Griffith Park Advisory Board.

Andrew Chadsey asked why they can't use a tram model like Disneyland uses that can curve, and Sheila Irani explained that the aerial tram model is run on wires from above.

D) Presentation on the Set the Scene" Pilot Program for the in the Hollywood Entertainment District

Rich from Set the Scene introduced himself, and explained that they have \$20,000 up for grabs for public art and installation projects up for grabs in the Hollywood ED. They are funding projects between the \$1,000 and \$10,000 mark, and the application process is open until March 31st for the first round. They have an online form as well.

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

Tom Meredith said that the HUNC Bylaws Committee for months, going line by line through the current bylaws. They have the opportunity to make changes this year, or else they have to wait two years. It is due on April 15th, so he intends, leading in to the April 13th meeting, he will mail out a draft of the latest version of the bylaws. He would appreciate if everyone could go through it, and they will spend a good chunk of time at the April 13th meeting going through it. Then, they can get board approval, make final changes, and submit by April 13th. There's a lot of words that need to be updated in it, and they will propose 20 seats on the board, adding a utility seat. They are proposing term limits not to exceed three four-year terms. They will propose some more strict monitoring and enforcement of absentee policy. They have a controversial notion here that appointed seats can only be appointed up until the next election. George Skarpelos added that they will be proposing the limiting of the term of the board president to 4 consecutive years.

Mr. Skarpelos said they should also put together a streamlined executive summary on what the changes are, and that a lot of the changes are minutiae.

Brandi D'Amore said she went to Metro's Next-Gen meeting, and said the Metro is going through a county-wide change with how they're going to do buses, subways, etc. She also went to the Argyle Civic meeting, and regarding the Argyle Triangle, the representative from the Beautification Team said that HUNC has no input regarding this beautification project. That is a concern if beautification projects in our community can be done without input from the local NC. Jim Van Dusen said it's an interesting argument they have, but he does not think it's valid.

7. Executive Committee

A) Report by the President

George Skarpelos said that there are some people here for specific motions, so he does not want to force them to stick around.

B) Discussion and possible motion to approve Ryan Snyder as Renter Area A Representative board member

George Skarpelos explained that Ryan Snyder recently moved into the neighborhood, and was introduced by his friend BJ who lives in the Hollywood Dell. He and BJ came to the CD4 candidate forum, and he talked to Brandi D'Amore and expressed interest in being the Area A Representative. He has been on other neighborhood councils.

Ryan Snyder thanked the board for the opportunity to be voted onto the council. He is an urban transportation planner who moved into Hollywood by choice from Westwood. He was on the city transportation commission, and understands how government works pretty well. Hopefully he can plug in here and learn what the council has been doing.

Adam Miller asked if he was still consulting and will be doing so for the city of LA, because that could possibly be an ethical concern. Mr. Snyder said he is still consulting and will be starting up his own practice again, but he has not consulted with the city of LA before.

A stakeholder asked what Area A is, and Mr. Skarpelos said it's south of Franklin, from the 101 to Cahuenga.

Andrew Chadsey asked Mr. Snyder to give an example of projects he'd like to be involved in. Mr. Snyder said he would like to be on the Renters and Transportation Committees, and is interested in homeless issues. He is interested also in the walk of fame project and the possibility of extending the flyaway bus service.

Motion: George Skarpelos **Second:** Adam Miller **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith				

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy
----------------	-----------------

- C) Discussion and possible motion to approve Everett Cobb as a stakeholder committee member for the Social Services & Housing Committee

George Skarpelos explained that Mr. Cobb has come to multiple meetings of the committee, and he is a political science major at Cal State University Long Beach, and currently lives in the Lake Hollywood area.

Everett Cobb introduced himself, and said he is very excited about this position; he has been working with a tech company about the Homelessness Issue. He is focusing on law policy and politics, and has interned with the LA Community Action Network which does outreach with Skid row. He's always been interested in community issues, and wants to learn more about the issue of homelessness. This year, he'll be working to develop an app to improve the communication between people suffering from homelessness and homeless services. He is aiming to close the information gap among homeless individuals, and to discover the needs of the homeless community and act on them.

Luis Saldivar said he is part of the Renters Committee, and said he likes the energy Mr. Cobb's bringing, and thinks the app idea is very forward-thinking.

Mr. Skarpelos said so much of this stuff is about commitment, and Mr. Cobb not only came to the committee meetings but stayed until the end when his name wasn't on the agenda.

Motion Made: Motion to approve Everett Cobb as a stakeholder committee member for the Social Services & Housing Committee

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** George Skarpelos **Vote:** Yes-15, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-1

Yes

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

Ineligible

Julia Eschenasy

- D) Review and verify Board Member compliance with DONE Ethics Training, Financial Training and Code of Conduct.

Tabled: George Skarpelos informed the board members of a new system called Cornerstone, saying if they don't have a login they should email him and they can do all the trainings and code of conduct stuff through that portal. Adam Miller reminded the board to save the results of that.

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

Matt Wait said that he presented this to the executive committee to what he described as a warm reception. Gmail is simpler to use than Outlook and is the same price, which could help make people respond to their emails more and faster. George Skarpelos clarified that this was not about getting a Gmail account, but rather using Gmail as the platform for their email. He explained that they have to make sure their emails and their website are the exact same domain.

Motion Made: Motion to support transitioning HUNC e-mail accounts to the Gmail platform

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

Yes

Adam Miller	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani

No

Tom Meredith

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers Julia Eschenasy

- F) Discussion and possible motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File 20-0053 Houston Astros and Boston Red Sox Penalties / 2017 and 2018 World Series Titles Recall / Los Angeles Dodgers:

<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=20-0053>

First: Cedillo/Koretz (CD 1, CD 5), Second: Krekorian/Lee (CD 2, CD 12); Currently in: Mayor's Office; Last Action: 2020.01.21

Summary: The Los Angeles City Council hereby requests that in addition to the penalties already imposed, the Commissioner of Major League Baseball remove the 2017 and 2018 World Series titles from the Houston Astros and Boston Red Sox; and hereby requests that the Commissioner of Major League Baseball recall the World Series Commissioner's Trophies and award them to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Adam Miller explains that the Astros and Red Sox cheated, and the council file is to order the commissioner to take away the championship trophies from the teams for using illegal agendas.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend a CIS in support of Council File 20-0053 Houston Astros and Boston Red Sox Penalties / 2017 and 2018 World Series Titles Recall / Los Angeles Dodgers

Motion: Adam Miller **Second:** Luis Saldivar **Vote:** Yes-10, No-0, Abstain-4, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Adam Miller	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo
Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith		

Abstain

Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield
----------------	----------------	-------------	-----------------

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers Julia Eschenasy

8. PLUM Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

- B) 6377 W. Hollywood Blvd. Presentation and review of this project for public input at applicant's request. Nothing has changed as this is continuation of an existing CUP. Project Description: Approval of plans to allow the continued sale and dispensing of a full line of alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption in conjunction with an existing 2,795 SF restaurant (Scum and Villainy Cantina) with 58 seats and a 434 covered patio with 16 seats. Requested Entitlement: Conditional Use Permit, pursuant to section 12.24W1, to permit a proposed 1,458 sf addition to an existing 1,337 sf restaurant, add 56 seats to an existing 30 for a total of 86 seats with the sale of full line alcohol, and proposed change of hours of operation to 6am to 1:45am.

Jim Van Dusen explained the property, which is a themed restaurant; they are not asking for new conditions, but they wanted to see if there are community concerns. Other than that, there is nothing on the table. They are not changing anything, and there were no complaints on the table at PLUM. Jim Van Dusen asked if there was any community complaints or input.

George Skarpelos said that LAPD came and inspected the property, and there were no issues. They are not approving anything, and there was no controversy or motion to be made. The property owner said that they try to acquire the most nerdy, non-confrontational people possible.

- C) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS regarding the Citywide Sign Ordinance, Council File 11-1705 (<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/m.clerkconnect/?basicSearch=11-1705.&PriMover=&PendCMTE=&searchType=1#CFIResult&ui-state=dialog>). This concerns regulation issues for citywide digital sign installations. This ordinance was passed by the city council. CIS purpose is to put HUNC on record as to the issues and to add to the public record in case there are any actions regarding the ordinance.

The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) opposes the most recent version of the Citywide Sign Ordinance that came out of the PLUM Committee in August, 2019. HUNC supports the basic positions as outlined by the City Planning Commission Recommendations "Version B Plus", Oct.22, 2015. HUNC supports the major positions put forward by the City Planning Commission as follows (this is not an all-inclusive listing):

1. To erect a new digital sign, 10 traditional static signs must be taken down.
2. Digital signs allowed only in 11 sign districts zoned Regional Commercial.
3. Signs must be 500 feet from residential districts.
4. Signs limited in height and size.
5. Prohibits digital signs on city-owned property and parks.

Tabled

9. Outreach Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

B) Discussion and possible motion for HUNC to be a sponsor of the Hollywood Dell Civic Association Memorial Day Block Party and fund up to \$1,500 for various costs

Tom Meredith and George Skarpelos recused themselves from the issue.

Alexa Skarpelos introduced herself as the president of the HDCA, and said that the annual Hollywood Dell Barbecue and Pet Parade will be the 14th annual. It's a money-loser in terms of their organization, but a huge community positive. They dedicate a large portion of their operating budget composed of voluntary dues to the event every year, and last year, they had their biggest crowd with over 200 attendees. Last year was also the first year HUNC supported the event financially. For many years, they've provided HUNC an informational table spot. It's good for them and their outreach. The LAFD usually comes and brings a truck, and their Senior Lead Officers are always invited. Typically, Councilmember Ryu comes, Adam Schiff sometimes comes. Also, there's a free tree giveaway to residents, as well as a raffle. They also continue to support the Pet Strong organization which helps homeless people keep their pets. The event itself is free, although they do sell tickets for food. Mr. Skarpelos is in the band that plays at the event, and kids from the neighborhood sing a song with them. They also have a baking potluck, usually with some sort of prize or award given. The most coveted prize of the day is the pet parade. They will be doing a special Princess Dora Fabulousness Award to commemorate a resident's recently deceased pet.

Luis Saldivar asked if they were inviting Councilmember Ryu, and Mrs. Skarpelos said that they extend invitations to a number of VIPs, and it's up to them and their schedules whether they can come.

Adam Miller said that as long as they get insurance paperwork in for the bouncy house, everything on this list should be good to go.

Brandi D'Amore said that since they're just giving money, they don't need to get the permits for it, and asked to confirm with Mr. Miller; he said they shouldn't have any problems.

Mr. Miller explained that if they are in support of this event, the city might ask to see paperwork whether they are directly involved in the food or not.

Motion Made: Motion for HUNC to be a sponsor of the Hollywood Dell Civic Association Memorial Day Block Party and fund up to \$1,500 for various costs

Motion: Brandi D'Amore **Second:** Luis Saldivar **Vote:** Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-2, Ineligible-2

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	Jeff Ramberg
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani

Recuse

George Skarpelos	Tom Meredith
------------------	--------------

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy
----------------	-----------------

C) Motion to approve the installation of the Little Lending Library in Griffith Park to be maintained by the Girl Scouts of America

Sheila Irani explained that they approved a lending library to be built by the GSA, and thought that they could use the lending library sitting in their office in to be maintained by the Girl Scouts across from the Greek Theater. She said she is not sure where in Ferndale they could build the Girl Scout's lending library.

Tom Meredith said that he would prefer that the library be put in HUNC territory, and George Skarpelos said that technically, all of Griffith Park is HUNC territory.

George Skarpelos said if they can get this thing up and out of their office, it's a win.

Jim Van Dusen asked if they can put it on park land, and Sheila Irani said they can, saying that the Girl Scouts would be maintaining theirs.

Andrew Chadsey asked if there were funds being approved, and George Skarpelos said that they were approving the installation of equipment that they already have.

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Tom Meredith **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith				

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy
----------------	-----------------

- D) Motion to approve up to \$100 for "Provided by HUNC"-type placards for the Lending Library and future HUNC installations

George Skarpelos explained that the point is to have plaques on the lending library and future HUNC installations.

Adam Miller motions to amend the motion to be up to \$250 so he can buy multiple ones at a time.

Matt Wait asked to have the placards say Hollywood United Neighborhood Council, rather than just HUNC.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$100 for "Provided by HUNC"-type placards for the Lending Library and future HUNC installations (Note: Ryan Snyder voted yes)

Motion: Tom Meredith **Second:** Luis Saldivar **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith				

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy
----------------	-----------------

- E) Motion to approve up to \$2000 for additional HUNC swag to include but not limited to thumb drives, reusable straws, hand sanitizer and flashlights

George Skarpelos explained that they are running low on promotional items. Erin Penner added that LAFD have really cool flat hand sanitizer sprayers.

Michael Connolly suggested having a reusable grocery bag, and Mr. Skarpelos said that they have tons of them.

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

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani
Tom Meredith					

Abstain

Luis Saldivar

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy
----------------	-----------------

10. Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

- B) Discussion and possible motion regarding CF 20-0190: Armed While On Duty/Park Rangers/Los Angeles Municipal Code

(LAMC)/Section 63.41: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0190_mot_02-11-2020.pdf

Summary: The City Attorney is directed to prepare and present an ordinance amending LAMC Section 63.41 to allow park rangers to be armed while on duty, in accordance with state law... the Department of Recreation and Parks be directed to report back on the department's plan for Use of Force policies; tactics and training; partnership, if any, with the Los Angeles Police Department on Categorical Uses of Force Investigations; counseling and psychological evaluations following a Categorical Use of force incident; and the budgetary impacts of the proposed program to arm park rangers.

Michael Connolly introduced Park Ranger Klechner, who presented to the public safety meeting, and made a case for why their organization should be armed while on duty. They get the same training as the LAPD, they have to do a lot of the same duties LAPD has to do, yet they are unarmed. Mr. Connolly thinks they should have the same rights and abilities as anyone else who is asked to protect and serve.

Brandi D'Amore said that California Law indicates that any rangers are able to be armed, and the motion is to amend city law accordingly.

Chief Locerelli said that he thinks this is a topic that's been coming for a long time. Rangers are trained identically as LAPD, and now 70% of their work involves law enforcement work. Their cars are equipped with police lights, and are charged with enforcing the law in every city park. He has 35 years of service with the LAPD, and was recommended for this position by Chief Mike Warren, and stepping into this position, it was just like stepping into an LAPD unit. The park rangers for the state of California and federal park rangers are armed, and LA County park rangers do the exact same duties they do. He has spent a lot of time with the LAPD, and a lot of officers in that come in in their early 20's, and are still issued weapons to use on the street, whereas LA park rangers tend to come into the ranger organization more mature since they have to have a 4-year degree. Their rangers will continue to be trained in the current model of training, with the police academy. LAX and LAUSD police, trained at the LA police academy, are still armed despite the limited scope of their jurisdiction. He added that LA Park Rangers are expanding, and these rangers are going to be required to work in other areas of the city. They have parks where there are homicides in and around those parks every month. He cannot expand their force without the proper tools they need to stay safe.

Ranger Klechner introduced himself, and said he comes to the board as a ranger for the community who works right in Griffith Park, and explained that he and his fellow rangers are the community's rangers, not National Park rangers. One of the things his organization finds is they have rangers who love their job and want to be able to perform their job safely. All the rangers and their union which also includes LAX PD officers is on board with this.

Matt Wait gave background on his perspective, saying he had concerns about the issue. Due to the rules about the Brown Act, they are still sorting through it, and he does not believe he had a conflict of interest, but he was only allowed to make a public statement. He just does not know if he feels that the benefits, as the Rangers' union has explained, outweigh the risks. His primary concern is the more people who are armed in a law enforcement agency, the more potential there is for death at the hands of law enforcement. In particular, they have a large population of unhoused people who live in these parks. Echo Park Lake has been subject to weekly sweeps, and there have been altercations with park rangers that have turned violent. His concern is there's a possibility of bias against certain populations in the park after hours, and there is always the possibility of accidental death regardless of training. He asked how situations are handled with the park rangers with incidents where someone is armed. He mentioned at the committee that he was supportive of non-lethal tools for rangers to use such as tasers. He also questions whether the lack of being armed was a primary reason for the transition of park rangers to the LAPD. He thinks for the vast majority of cases you could point to where a park ranger wants to be armed, there's already procedure in place to solve those issues, or non-lethal tools could be used to solve them.

Brandi D'Amore would like to clarify a misrepresentation, asking Chief Locerelli to remind of the crime statistics, saying there is an increase on attacks of park staff and park visitors. Chief Locerelli said that there have been an increase in staff that have almost been attacked with knives or sharp bottles. Currently, the response time for LAPD in the park has been from 7-10 minutes, and rangers have to sit by and wait for their backup.

He said that recently, they came across a body being dumped in Griffith Park, and the arming of the rangers isn't just for the safety of the citizens, but to make sure the rangers go home safely. Brandi D'Amore asked him to confirm that part of the reason they stay safe is that there is the perception that they are armed. The chief described a real-life incident where park rangers apprehended gang members who were armed.

Andrew Chadsey asked if they have a delineated escalation force, and asked if they would also have non-lethal options if they become armed. The chief described the escalation training that LAPD officers and rangers get, and the options for non-lethal force, and said that they have those non-lethal tools now.

Luis Saldivar asked what kinds of weapons the rangers would be using. The chief said that they have chosen to stay with the LAPD police academy training, and they are looking at the MP9, which the LAPD uses and trains their officers for 6 months, in addition to requiring their officers to re-qualify 4 times a year. Mr. Saldivar asked who would pay for the weapons and the training. The chief said that the cost to arm the rangers, including the holster, magazines, and weapons is about \$20,000 to arm all 50 rangers. Mr. Saldivar asked if the rangers were trained in martial arts or ways to handle situations. The chief said that in the academy, they're trained in techniques involving batons and fists, but not technically in martial arts, although some rangers go out and get

additional training. Mr. Luis Saldivar asked how many rangers were lost in recent years. The chief explained that they recently lost Ranger Torres, and said that in addition to being law enforcement officers, they're also partly fire fighters, and most of their trucks carry firefighting equipment. Also, there were two use of force incidents recently, one involving a person with a felony warrant, the other with a person who was given a ticket for smoking.

Mr. Wait asked if being armed would have prevented those incidents, and the chief said that it wouldn't have, but more than half of the officers lost nationwide per year are lost in situations involving unknown dangers or unknown situation calls. And those incidents happen all the time.

Adam Miller had a point of clarification, the chief was asked whether they have some kind of distance non-lethal force, and whether they carry them around at the moment. The chief said that they carry everything LAPD carry for nonlethal force.

Tom Meredith asked if there were any circumstances in the country/state where rangers were unarmed, then armed, and whether crime stats went up or down. The chief said he looked at major cities and states throughout the country, and NYPD came closest to the type of training the LA rangers have. Even after their training, by their penal code the NY rangers can't be armed, but they are not tasked with responding to law enforcement situations. Most cities around the country don't have rangers required to be trained in law enforcement. Santa Ana is figuring out their MOU to arm their rangers, but their rangers don't have the qualifications to act as law enforcement in the parks. In most cities, law enforcement patrols the parks.

Michael Connolly asked if the rangers will wear cameras like the LAPD. The chief said they are looking at it, but are not there now.

Ryan Snyder said it was all a new issue to him, but when he thinks of a ranger, he thinks of someone who understands the botany, wildlife of a park and interacts with tourists. This is a law enforcement function now, and he wonders if they're still going to preserve that ranger function. The chief said that they would, and that their rangers are required to have certain degrees before coming into the ranger program, such as in biology, botany.

Brandi D'Amore said that her understanding is that the rangers are known as peace officers, and are first and foremost law enforcement officers with a possible deviation into biology, etc., and the chief confirmed.

Stakeholder Everett Cobb commented about living in an era of mass shootings, and in the event of a similar incident in the Lake Hollywood area, he would personally want the rangers to be armed, since the response time from LAPD would be so long.

A stakeholder asked if anyone in the room identified as black, and said that 43% of unhoused people in the city identify as black, and non-black officers violently arrested an unhoused person recently.

Mr. Snyder said he would probably abstain, but he would feel better if there were body cameras on officers.

Mr. Wait said that there were 36 officer-involved shootings with the LAPD last year; in his mind, the very small chance of a mass shooting does not outweigh the risk of an officer-involved shooting.

Jim Van Dusen said that living up in that area, they rely on the rangers as a police force since it's difficult to get LAPD up there. There's been increased crowds, increased road rage, and increased smokers' rage, and increased tagging. They're still trying to get the ranger force to where it was. In this day and age, with gun culture, increased development, etc., it's critical that they allow the rangers to be armed given that they have the same training as the police, and body cameras at some point might be a good idea.

Brandi D'Amore said she would like to correct Mr. Wait's statement; he had to leave because he was the sixth board member at a five-member committee, and it would be a violation of the Brown Act. She said what people are forgetting is that Griffith Park is not the only park that they are dealing with. Rangers are responsible for the parks and recreation areas from Santa Monica to Eagle Rock. They are often solo, without a partner. As of 2004, the police department took rangers, trained them, and put them back in, and because of attrition they are not there anymore.

Andrew Chadsey said that given the increase in violence and mental illness, the remoteness of their duties, and the fact that they would often be the first responder at shooting events, he would support them having weapons. It is also easy for the board to be critical or judgmental since they are not involved in the situations the rangers are.

Tom Meredith said that currently the LAPD has 9000 sworn officers, giving LA one of the lowest officer/resident ratios, and he applauds this opportunity to basically increase the force.

Adam Miller said that when it comes down to it, they have non-lethal force on hand, and in the period of time they call for the police department, it requires a regrouping, a moment to consider. He can't help support the militarization of any other organization.

Fouzia Burfield supported Andrew Chadsey's statement.

Sheila Irani said that she is in support of rangers being armed because living in the Hollywood area, she has seen how slow LAPD's

response time can be.

Coyote Shivers said he agrees with Michael Connolly, and thinks this is a no-brainer, having grown up in law enforcement and being forced to wonder if their father, brother, etc. will be coming home after a shift. Further, the area they have to patrol is more remote with less cameras than other Hollywood areas.

Michael Connolly said he thinks a law enforcement agency in LA with the same training as the LAPD has the same job, and should be armed accordingly.

Motion Made: Motion in support of writing a CIS regarding CF 20-0190: Armed While On Duty/Park Rangers/Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC)/Section 63.41

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

Yes

Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg
Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith

No

Adam Miller	Matt Wait
-------------	-----------

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy
----------------	-----------------

11. Homelessness and Social Services Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

B) Discussion and possible motion to request that the city provide a report on the effectiveness of HOPE teams and Clean Streets clean ups pertaining to CF 19-0609: Illegal dumping/Backlog/Homelessness Strategies/Clean Streets LA/HOPE

Tabled: Matt Wait explained that this was born out of other neighborhood councils making resolutions about the enforcement approach of the CARE teams, and at the beginning of this year, they had no transparency about how effective the enforcement model was, so this is asking the city to look into how effective the CARE and CARE+ teams were. He thinks the language here is from the council fire, and the actual council file they'd be commenting on was for the sweeps in general.

George Skarpelos asked if it would be possible to prepare the request with the language they would be filing, and Mr. Wait said it would be.

C) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$3,300 for an NPG from the Hollywood Food Coalition for tap cards and laundry vouchers and other items for outreach to people experiencing homelessness

Sheila Irani said that the HFC is feeding 200 people on average every Friday, and they have had so much difficulty in getting these TAP cards since they are technically like gift cards, which they can't legally do. This is a godsend for them, so they were more than happy to put the NPG together which would include \$1,000 for tap cards, \$1,000 for laundry vouchers, and the remaining \$1,200 to make up for a drop in food donations. The drop has been over 1,000 pounds of food, so they need money to potentially create bags of food as an emergency measure. She added that the NPG for blankets previously submitted was only just recently cleared, and Adam Miller explained that this is one of the ones where they had computer problems.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$3,300 for an NPG from the Hollywood Food Coalition for tap cards and laundry vouchers and other items for outreach to people experiencing homelessness

Motion: Sheila Irani **Second:** Luis Saldivar **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith				

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy
----------------	-----------------

D) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$2,500.00 for End Homelessness California, to be utilized for 8 weeks of shower services in May and June for people experiencing homelessness

Adam Miller explained that it's the same one they normally do, and they've given them \$2,500 already for this fiscal year. They have an NPG in.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$2,500.00 for End Homelessness California, to be utilized for 8 weeks of shower services in May and June for people experiencing homelessness

Motion: Adam Miller **Second:** Andrew Chadsey **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith				

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy
----------------	-----------------

- E) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$600 for an NPG from the My Friends place for tablet and phone charging stations

Matt Wait introduced My Friend's Place representative Susan, who explained that they are asking for support to put in tablet and phone charging stations for young people. Having phones charged is super-critical to keep young people connected with services that will help them transition out of homelessness. They come to My Friend's Place already, and they see 60-80 young people a day already, and it's a way for them to not have their phones/tablets out in the open charging, which can leave them vulnerable to theft.

Brandi D'Amore asked if Susan has gone to East Hollywood NC for funding, and Susan said she had not. Adam Miller said that he would need their 501c3 letter and board member signature.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$600 for an NPG from the My Friends place for tablet and phone charging stations

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Adam Miller **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith				

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy
----------------	-----------------

12. Transportation & Works Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

- B) Discussion and possible motion to approve a letter from Hollywood United Neighborhood Council to the City in support of Wheels in regards to seeking a license to operate their micro-mobility e-bikes in the City of Los Angeles after the 1-year pilot program expires

George Skarpelos said that there was an example of that letter in the board members' packet. Jeff Ramberg explained that Wheels is like the electronic bikes, which are more stable and involved in less accidents than electric scooters. This is why the city and the council is more receptive to them continuing after their pilot program.

Andrew Chadsey commented that their new model is going to have a built-in helmet with a removable liner, and they did a great job about taking in and being responsive to community feedback. Also, their turnaround for My311 requests is two hours.

Ryan Snyder said that he's in favor of this sort of transportation, but his only reservation is riding on the sidewalks, and he doesn't know what the status of discussion is on that. Brandi D'Amore said that this has been a pet thing of hers for several months; unfortunately the enforcement issue she hasn't been thrilled with, and they are trying to get the industry in general to get insurance. She has noticed that because they're bikes, people are more willing to ride them in the streets than the scooters. They're trying to get docking in the street rather than the sidewalk.

Jeff Ramberg said that he needs to change some of the language in the draft letter.

Jim Van Dusen asked how it works, and Mr. Skarpelos said that they are dockless. Mr. Van Dusen said they are seeing more and more of the scooters and the bikes being left in the middle of the street in the hills since they can't make it up them with the battery. Ms. D'Amore said that they are trying to consider docking stations.

Sheila Irani said it seems like a lot of homeless are trying to use this model to foot pedal through, and Andrew Chadsey said that they have changed to lock it when not paid for in use.

Mr. Van Dusen asked why they are supporting a private enterprise, and Mr. Skarpelos clarified that they are giving a letter of support towards the company getting a permit.

Ryan Snyder suggested a friendly amendment to add language to make sure they're taking steps to prevent people from writing

on the sidewalk.

Coyote Shivers added that he has been hit twice with scooters in traffic.

Motion Made: Motion to approve a letter from Hollywood United Neighborhood Council to the City in support of Wheels in regards to seeking a license to operate their micro-mobility e-bikes in the City of Los Angeles after the 1-year pilot program expires

Motion: Jeff Ramberg **Second:** Brandi D'Amore **Vote:** Yes-12, No-1, Abstain-1, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	George Skarpelos	Jeff Ramberg
Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly	Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith

No

Jim Van Dusen

Abstain

Fouzia Burfield

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers Julia Eschenasy

- C) Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board file a CIS supporting Council File CF 19-0846: Installation of Hydration Systems / Small Business Incentive Program <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0846>

Summary: The Department of Water and Power will report to the Council on the feasibility of providing an incentive program to encourage small businesses to install hydration systems.

Matt Wait explained that this is a council file for a prospective study of the feasibility of a program requiring businesses to install hydration stations so people can refill water bottles, reducing plastic waste. Andrew Chadsey wanted to make sure it specifies that the hydration stations are not so sparse, and water is distributed all over the city.

Brandi D'Amore wanted to add to see what the water infrastructure is on this.

Motion Made: Motion to for the board to file a CIS supporting Council File CF 19-0846: Installation of Hydration Systems / Small Business Incentive Program

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Sheila Irani **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith				

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers Julia Eschenasy

- D) Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board co-sign Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council's and file a CIS in support of CF 17-1125 calling for better infrastructure to support dockless scooters and bikes. Status: Approved March 4 subject to reconsideration. Original motion: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccfi.viewrecord&cfnumber=19-0846> Koreatown CIS: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f4s0t40igcxwoJrY9uziZi7vTOJTbr5I/view>

Tabled

- E) Discussion and possible motion to recommend the board co-sign a multi-NC and multi-organization letter to LADWP and the City of Los Angeles calling for renewable energy for the new LADWP Utah Intermountain power plant, which will replace the existing Utah Intermountain power plant. https://drive.google.com/file/d/11LJuZyMa6A_Tu1DfeJ8GdZTnd8xCO94/view

Tabled

13. Non Profit, Education & Arts Committee

- A) Report by the Committee Chair

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

Tabled: Marqaret Marmolejo said that the representative was not here.

14. Renters and Housing Issues Committee

A) Report by the Committee Chair

B) Discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$500 for rentals, food, beverages, flyers, and other items for a Renter Rights Information Session

Matt Wait said that they have talked about it for a long time; they need to set dates, which he will handle in the next day or so, just want to have a vote to get the ball rolling. It's really just to get the word out and provide food.

Motion Made: Motion to approve up to \$500 for rentals, food, beverages, flyers, and other items for a Renter Rights Information Session

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Luis Saldivar **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith				

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy
----------------	-----------------

C) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0197 Social Housing / International Models / Construction / Government-Owned Properties / Funding Sources: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0197_mot_02-12-2020.pdf

Summary: The Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst will prepare a report on the types and models of social housing used internationally and how it can be implemented in Los Angeles.

Matt Wait explained the council file, about a report on social housing that can be brought to LA.

Motion Made: Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0197 Social Housing / International Models / Construction / Government-Owned Properties / Funding Sources

Motion: Matt Wait **Second:** Jeff Ramberg **Vote:** Yes-14, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-2

Yes

Adam Miller	Andrew Chadsey	Brandi D'Amore	Erin Penner	Fouzia Burfield	George Skarpelos
Jeff Ramberg	Jim Van Dusen	Luis Saldivar	Margaret Marmolejo	Matt Wait	Michael Connolly
Sheila Irani	Tom Meredith				

Ineligible

Coyote Shivers	Julia Eschenasy
----------------	-----------------

D) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0200 Rent Stabilization Ordinance / Consumer Price Index / Rent Increases / Rent Freeze / Amendment: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0200_mot_02-12-2020.pdf

Summary: Request for a draft ordinance that would amend the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance to limit the allowable rent increases to 60% of the Consumer Price, eliminate the 3% floor for allowable rent increases and report back with recommendations to implement a rent freeze for tenants whose rents have climbed faster than inflation in previous years.

Tabled

E) Discussion and possible motion to file a CIS in support of Council File 20-0047 Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (SB 330) / Tenant Protection / Standards of Compliance: http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2020/20-0047_mot_01-14-2020.pdf

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

Tabled

15. Finance

A) Report by the Treasurer

Tabled: Adam Miller said that they do not have MER's, and the computer program will not allow them to generate it. It has been stuck with one unapproved cost for weeks now.

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

Tabled

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

Tabled

D) Discussion and vote to approve the February Monthly Expense Report for submission

Tabled

16. Board Member announcements of items not on the Agenda

Jeff Ramberg said that now that they have time and have tabled it, please read item 12E.

Margaret Marmolejo said that there is a CERT class starting on May 6 and lasting until June 17 on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:30 PM; it will have food and be at the Fire Annex.

Coyote Shivers said that he will be stuck in Hawaii again next month, and will not be at next month's meeting.

Andrew Chadsey said that the health inspector said she wants people to be aware that they don't want sick people in public or in restaurants, and say that the owners/managers should politely ask sick people to leave.

Erin Penner said that because they weren't able to fund First Presbyterian, if anyone wants to donate blankets or sweatshirts, please bring them to her.

Michael Connolly added that The Oaks HOA meeting tomorrow is cancelled.

17. Old/Ongoing Business

18. New/Future Business

Brandi D'Amore said that apparently now they can livecast meetings.

Adjournment at 10:14 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.